



First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

From your Session

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God's Purpose

Have you ever wondered what God's purpose for you really is? Of late, I have been giving it a lot of thought.

Overall, I have had a wonderful life. I was raised in a fine Christian home with 5 other siblings. We were constantly joshing with each other about superior baseball teams (Yankees vs Dodgers vs Giants). I especially remember family meals together when most of the teasing was done. This was a daily occurrence with Dad riding herd to ensure we stayed civil to each other. Home with family was a good thing. War, graduations, more schooling, jobs and career opportunities eventually interfered with this simpler life, but we stayed close even after some got married.

For me, I joined the Marines out of High School and started my career. I was placed in many positions where I touched a lot of lives over those 20+ years. I know I had many opportunities to shape and mold many a young person. Even during my civilian hiatus I was in management and helped and trained other young people. Is that God's purpose for me?

I was blessed with somewhat of a voice to share in choirs and choral groups. And I have done that for over 60 years. Surely, that can't be his purpose when it is I who gets the enjoyment for participating.

Thirty-five years ago Jocelyn and I joined FPCD and while we were active in our former church in New

Jersey, we found a new family and a new church home. I know we have made a contribution to the Church, but again, the blessings we have received far outweighed what we have given. Within the Churches we have served, we have been Deacons, Elders, Treasurer, Clerk of Session as well as serving on and chairing numerous committees. Again, all a blessing to us who served.

So what is his purpose for me? Don't have a clue! I pray, ask for guidance and direction constantly.

Plain answers are not forthcoming. I always knew He was a mysterious God. I was taught to pray to Him, ask of Him and trust Him and He will provide. Guess what? He has done just that! He has blessed me with a great family, wonderful friends and a wonderful life. I guess it is really not for us to question His purpose but rather to enjoy the blessings he has bestowed on us.

Continue to live a righteous life, working faithfully to expand his Kingdom here on earth and sharing his word with others less fortunate.

Someday He will reveal the answer!

Blessings,

Dave



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Most of you know the Stahl's for they have participated in our services from time to time. Their latest letter describes the extent of their work around the world. They not only teach Biblical storytelling, but also enable believers to minister to others.

Dear Friends,

Thanks for your effort in helping to grow the Bible storytelling ministry. One of the items we enjoy hearing in Wycliffe each year is a report from news around the world concerning Bible translation efforts. So, here is some exciting news items regarding Bible storytelling from many scattered parts of the world. We hope you enjoy reading updates of people and projects that have carried on with Bible storytelling after we trained them.

At this moment, a Bible storytelling introductory workshop is underway in New Caledonia, being run by a Papua New Guinean colleague, New Caledonians, and some Seed Company staff. The question for future workshops is whether we will need to be part of the training, or will trained Bible storytellers from the region be able to run them.

Within Papua New Guinea, Papua New Guineans continue to run Bible storytelling efforts for groups of languages without scripture, especially in the Sepik region, which has many small languages.

After our workshop in June in the Philippines, Wycliffe Philippine members are also beginning to use our Bible storytelling approach in their ministries for various language groups there. Similarly, Ethiopian Bible storytellers are starting their own Bible storytelling projects, training people in their communities, and even giving Bible storytelling courses in Bible institutes. Early next year we plan to travel back to Ethiopia and help Ethiopian women start a Bible storytelling project, similar to the Esther Project in S. Asia.

Fortunately, I think we have reached or are close to reaching a tipping point for Bible storytelling as a valuable part of the Bible translation effort. We continue to explore new uses for the Bible storytelling, like helping to form healing communities around the Bible stories and encourage creative ways to tell more of the Bible, like telling the Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Prayer as an anger management and reconciliation tool.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

Jim and Janet Stahl

Oral Bible Storytelling Coordinators



P W CIRCLES

Agape Circle

Agape Women's Circle will have their first meeting of the year on WEDNESDAY September 23 at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. (Please note: After this, our meetings will be on the third Wednesday of the month.) This year's study is called "*Come to the Waters*." It is an exploration of some of the Bible's more than 800 references to water, including the delivery of God's people through the parting of the Red Sea to the adoption of people of God thru baptism. We study, learn, enjoy fellowship and pray together. Please call Connie Steger at 972.291.0922 if you have any questions.

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will meet on September 10 at 7:30 pm in the home of Joan Brown 810 Rock Canyon Drive, Duncanville. We will begin the 2015-2016 PW/Horizons Bible study, *Come to the Waters*. We extend an invitation to any woman in the church and her friends who would like an evening study to join us. Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month, September through May.



Thank You

Leo and Marlene Skinner would like to thank all of the church family for your concern, prayers and cards after our daughter Brenda's unexpected death.

Assistance Needed Please!

Dean generally does most of our mowing and sings in the choir. Since he will be out of commission for a couple of weeks. We need help with the following.

We need someone to do the church mowing for a few weeks.

Since it is so dry and rain not really in the forecast, the grass may not need mowing, but we need to monitor, so we don't get a citation.

Also, if some men would step up and sing in the choir that would help as well.

Bless you in advance for your help!

Reception to Honor Ruth Yingst

After worship, Sunday, September 13, FPCD will hold a reception for long-time member Ruth Yingst. As she moves to be near her daughter, let us surround her with our loving presence and well wishes. Cards are appreciated.

Back to School Bash

First Presbyterian Church Duncanville participated in Duncanville's Back to School Bash on August 15. We were able to share the gospel message with 70 children as they made "Power Bracelets" at our booth. We handed out spirals and goodie bags and spoke to several people about joining our Community Chorus.

Everyone who participated thought that our efforts were successful. We did incur a small cost of \$361.15 for the supplies and have thus far received \$265 to offset that expense. If you have not already helped and if you are able to give above and beyond your tithe, we ask you to share in covering part of the expenses for this worthy outreach.

Cook's Corner

Two delicious offerings from Anna Murphy

Impossible Hamburger Pie

1 lb ground beef
1 Cup chopped onion
3/4 tsp salt
1 Cup shredded Cheddar cheese
½ Cup Original Bisquick
1 Cup milk
2 eggs
Chopped broccoli (optional)

Heat oven to 400°. Grease 9" pie plate. Cook ground beef and onion until beef is brown, drain, stir in salt, Spread in pie plate, sprinkle with cheese.

Stir remaining ingredients until blended. Pour into pie plate, over meat.

Bake about 25 minutes or until knife inserted into center comes out clean

Prep time: 13 minutes

Bake time: 25 minutes

Yields: 6 servings

High Altitude: Bake 30-35 minutes

Pineapple Angel Food Cake

1 (16 ounce) package angel food cake mix
1 (20 ounce) can crushed pineapple with juice
1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13 inch pan with vegetable oil spray.

In a large bowl, combine cake mix and pineapple (with juice). Mix until well blended.

Pour batter into prepared 9x13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool.

Serve with whipped topping

Original recipe makes 1 - 9x13 inch pan

FPCD PRAYER CALENDAR

September

2015

REMEMBER EACH OTHER IN DAILY PRAYER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Dub & Gwen Guthrie Neal Bill & Vangie Jackson	2 Connie Steger Joan Brown Dudley Austin Julia McConnell	3 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie Sam & Charlotte Fithian	4 Sean & Lucy Russell Lucy, Sydney, Logan, Weston, & Tristan	5 Jaime & Lorraine Cordova Vanessa, Valerie, Jimmy & Jason
6 Miguel & Fanny Penaloza Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	7 Doris Metzger Tom & Lois Harmon	8 David Hertenstein & Evelyn Eddie & Darlene Cowand	9 Nadine Daum Ariel, Leah, Aeris & Benjamin	10 Carlos & Caryn Benitez Andrés & Rachelle	11 Winfred Cook Larry & Margaret Lewis, Heather, Erin & Christian	12 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R.
13 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee John Alsop	14 Jeff & Nyadia Thorpe Vincent & Caden Wanda Shipman	15 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake	16 Billie Cowand Gary & Nita Malone Barbara Notari	17 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	18 Bob Harrison Darrell & Sharon Ingram	19 Gary & Linda Simons Dick & Nancy Bergman
20 Paul & Claudia Griffith Dorothy Cleary Carol McKinney	21 Roy & Wendy Jensen George & Mary Huttar	22 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew Gary & Candice Morris	23 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb & Jonathan Paul & Helen Barton	24 Eric & Erin McGinnis Ashlee & Michael Mickey & Betty Jespersen	25 Dave & Jocelyn Bolles Pat Sparr Steve & Marna Bayless	26 Jack & Diane Pegues Ruth Yingst Dean & Ginger Hertenstein
27 Charles Tyer Eddie & Brenda Everett Grant	28 Jim & Janet Stahl Donna To Leo & Marlene Skinner	29 Paul & Jen Schaefer Caleb, Micah, Josiah, & Sarah	30 Irving & Peggy Kezar Angel, Brandon, Cyleigh, Devon, & Elyssa	1	2	3
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Remember...



September 2015

First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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6 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Communion	7 Labor Day Office Closed 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	8	9 6:30 PM Youth Group 6:45 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering - Location TBD 7:30 PM Sarah Women's Fellowship	11	12																																																																																											
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27 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM 4th Sunday Worship with the Youth Help Support Duncanville Outreach — Bring non-parishable items to donate	28 The Sandwich Project Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless 6:30 PM DCC Rehearsal	29	30 6:30 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<div> <p>Aug 2015</p> <table> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div> <p>Oct 2015</p> <table> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1 2 3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table> </div>			S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1 2 3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 2015
10:30 A.M. SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 6

Greeters:	Billie Cowand, Leo Skinner
Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Darlene Cowand
Tellers:	Jocelyn Bolles, Margaret Lewis
Communion Servers:	Leo Skinner, Anna Murphy, Dub Guthrie, Diane Pegues, Darrell Ingram, Joan Brown

SEPTEMBER 13

Greeters:	Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson
Ushers:	Eddie Cowand, Dub Guthrie
Nursery Overseer:	Erin McGinnis
Tellers:	Darrell Ingram, Leo Skinner

SEPTEMBER 20

Greeters:	Jaime & Lorraine Cordova
Ushers:	Irving Kezar, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Jocelyn Bolles
Tellers:	Lori Glover, Brenda Everett

SEPTEMBER 27

Greeters:	Donna To, Wendy Jensen
Ushers:	Dub Guthrie, Jack Pegues
Nursery Overseer:	Anna Murphy
Tellers:	Teresa Reed, Joan Brown

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.

September Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Charlotte Fithian, September 1	Edelmira Ruiz, September 19
Fanny Se Penaloza, September 2	Sharon Ingram, September 22
Danielle Reed, September 4	Beau Gaskins, September 26
Cyleigh Kezar, September 7	Aiden Gaskins, September 26
Gail Haynes, September 10	Hailey Reed, September 26
Ginger Hertenstein, September 14	Marlene Skinner, September 26
Jack Pegues, September 14	Margaret Lewis, September 28
Miguel Penaloza, September 19	Gary Malone, September 30



2015 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
July	\$32,246	\$16,746
Jan - July 2015	\$145,162	\$129,483