



JULY

First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

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From your Session

Racial Prejudice

For a number of years, I have felt that many or even most white American Christians have not completely left racial prejudice against black people behind. At a conference last month at the George Bush Center, one professor said, "Racism is a normal aspect of American Society." Racial prejudice takes many subtle forms and dies hard. We may think we are not prejudiced but it can suddenly show its ugly head. We must take the initiative to deal with it.

Here is some of my journey: I grew up in rural ND and never even met a black person until I went to college in Minneapolis, MN. My father was a proud Swede and was even prejudiced towards southern Europeans. When a white classmate in college became engaged to a dark East Indian, I felt she was creating complication for her future children.

When I was in Ghana from 1962 – 64, I got to know a Ghanaian who was the director of Christian work among college students in the country. He was a Godly and wise Christian leader. His wife was white and from England. Their family was a lovely and strong thing to see. Over the years after that, I got to know several other solid racially mixed marriages and realized that compatibility and commitment are the important things in a marriage.

One acid test of my attitude came when my daughter was in High School in Kenya. Her first "Prom" date was a black young man from Jamaica. I had to think about the possibility of having a black son-in-law and decided that if I am not racially prejudiced, it could not matter at all what color of skin my grandchildren have. When my cousin's 6'6" blond son married a tall black lady from St. Louis in 1990, I drove to the wedding with my son for the beautiful occasion and have watched their family grow. Through adoption and marriage, we now have other black and Asian members of the Bergman family. My niece and her husband had two girls and

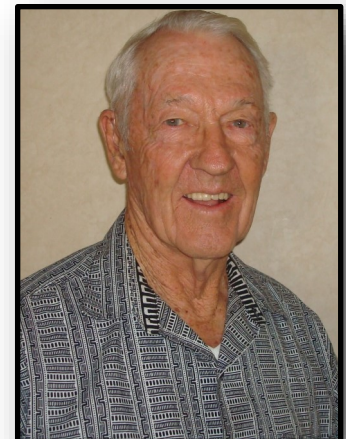
then adopted two black baby boys from Houston. One day when they were teenagers in Mpls, one of the boys was at a swimming pool with his sister. A black friend of his asked why his sister was white and he replied, "Oh, she's adopted!"

We white Christians today need to weed out any remaining prejudices towards black people. Let the love of Christ flow through you. God is color blind. Think, "Black is beautiful!" Make time to be with black friends and learn to understand their perspective and values. As I go about Dallas each work day, I try to actively do my part to improve race relationships. I am friendly with the black man filling his car with gas next to mine; respectfully deal with the black ladies at the DMV who transfer car titles; thank the black postman for his work; visit with the many black drivers that I ride with as I move about large auto auctions.

In these days when there is a resurgence of racial prejudice, we Christians should actively redouble our efforts to purify our own attitudes towards people who are different from us.

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God doesn't show partiality." (Acts 10:34)

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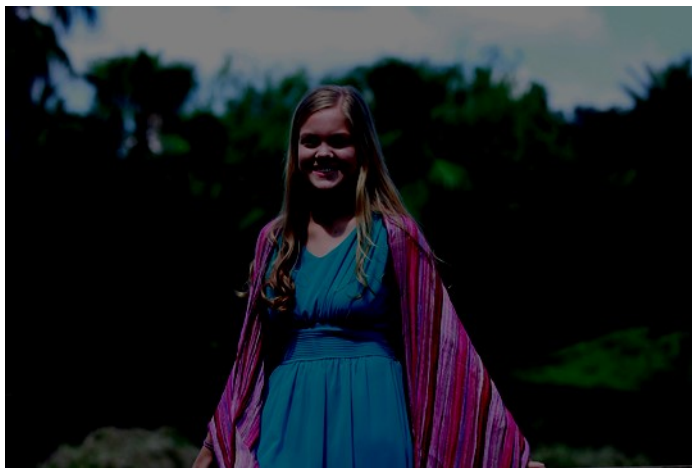


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About My Plans.... *A note from Eva Walters*

First Presbyterian Church has been a part of my life for a long time. When my mom first arrived in Duncanville to study linguistics, she attended church here. After my parents got married, they continued as part of this congregation until they were sent out by the church to work in East Asia. Over the years, although I haven't always been here, I have felt a part of this church. Whenever we have been back in Duncanville, I have participated in Christmas pageants and Sunday school, and occasionally contributed to the music at the church. Now I am eighteen years old. I have graduated from high school, and am getting ready to move on to the next stage of my life.



For the next two years, I will be serving on the Logos Hope, a ship that does ministry and outreach around the world. Its work includes sending volunteer teams to support local churches and ministries, running special Gospel-centered events and workshops onboard, and providing people with high-quality Christian and educational literature at affordable prices through the onboard book fair. The operation is run by a team of 400 crew members from many countries. As one of those volunteers, I will spend the next two years living on the Logos Hope and helping with both the daily running of the ship and its ministry programs. My jobs may include cooking and cleaning, working in the engine room, or helping visitors in the book fair, as well as going ashore with teams to paint buildings, install water purifiers, spend time with disabled children, or do other projects to help the local communities.



My plan is to join the ship ministry in mid-August of this year and travel with it for two years, during which time Logos Hope will be serving in the Caribbean islands and South America. After I get off in the fall of 2019, I expect to go on to university.

To be part of this unique ministry, I need to find partners to share this work with me by pledging monthly support. In order to join in August, I need \$1,300 pledged in monthly giving by July 10. God has sent many generous people to my team already, so right now my need is down to about \$800 per month for two years.

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First Presbyterian Church, Duncanville, Texas

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FPCD *monthly* PRAYER CALENDAR

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

Worship Volunteer Schedule

July 2017

July 2	Greeters Ushers Nursery Overseer Tellers End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand Anna Murphy Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova Dub Guthrie, Lori Glover, Leo Skinner, Sandy Gaskins, Edelmira Ruiz
July 9	Greeters Ushers Nursery Overseer Tellers End of Service Ministry	Donna to & Wendy Jensen Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Susan Murphy Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sean Russell & Edelmira Ruiz
July 16	Greeters Ushers Nursery Overseer Tellers End of Service Ministry	Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Darlene Cowand Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy Anna Murphy & Doris Metzger
July 23	Greeters Ushers Nursery Overseer Tellers End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Jocelyn Bolles Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger
July 30	Greeters Ushers Nursery Overseer Tellers End of Service Ministry	Doris Metzger & Eddie Cowand Larry Lewis & Jaime Cordova Anna Murphy Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Dub Guthrie & 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.

July 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.

Linda Simons, July 2	J.R. Hartless, July 14
Bill Jackson, July 5	Matthew Reed, July 14
Lois Harmon, July 8	Neal Guthrie, July 19
Caleb Liddle, July 8	Larry Lewis, July 28
Peggy Kezar, July 10	



2017 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
May	\$15,094	\$16,817
Jan - May	\$93,481	\$85,263