



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

Finding Opportunities through Faith and Prayer

The Session is nearing completion of our study of the book, "All the Places to Go, How Will You know". It has proved to be most interesting, due in part to its humor and lightheartedness but also because the subject of open doors, or opportunities provided by God, are part of our daily lives. We come across them every day. Doors are everywhere. Some are big; some are small. Some we will recognize right away and act upon; others we will hesitate about and perhaps not accept. Some open doors may turn out to be closed to us instead.

How do we respond? That's where our faith comes into play. Yes, our faith. Listen to this description of Faith from "Apples of Gold":

"Faith is a gift of God. It is not a material that can be seen, heard, smelled, tasted, or touched; but is as real as anything that can be perceived with these senses. One can be aware of Faith as easily as one can be aware of earth. Faith is as certain as the existence of water. Faith is as sure as the taste of an apple, the fragrance of a rose, the sound of thunder, the sight of the sun, the feel of a loving touch. Hope is a wish,

a longing for something not now possessed, but with the expectation of getting it. Faith adds surety to the expectation of hope."

In the Bible, Hebrews 11:1-2 tells us that Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Where would we be without our Faith? What keeps it strong? If our Faith is waning, how do we strengthen it? The answer is through our love and faith in Jesus and prayer. God is waiting to hear from us. Our joys and sorrows, our trials and tribulations. Nothing is too big or too small. The author of our study points out to us that prayer is the primary way we communicate with God, and that's why prayer is so closely associated with seeking and discerning open doors. Dear Lord, what opportunity do you have for me today?

Jocelyn



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Rain Drops Keep Falling on Our Heads...

As many of you know, we've had roof leaks in various parts of the church for many years. It seems as though as soon as we'd get one repaired, another one would show up. There have been times, when we thought we for sure knew Noah's pain! We've had a very rainy July, so the drips continue...especially in the Pastor's office.

An ad-hoc group, headed by Dick Bergman, was created to look into several options. The group brought their findings back to session with the recommendation to utilize DURALAST vinyl roofing to cover all the flat roof of Fellowship Hall building and the roof covering the walkway from Fellowship to the Sanctuary (approximately 5,500 square feet), and increase the insulation from ½ inch to 1 ½ inches. The company that will install the system is an authorized installer of DURALAST. There is a DURALAST Warranty that covers labor and material for 15 years. The proposed cost of the project is estimated at \$28,600.

We are now in the process of raising funds for the project so that we don't have to take out a loan. After only a couple of weeks, we have been blessed with approximately 31% of the funding needed. If you would like to contribute to this project, checks can be sent to: First Presbyterian Church, 543 E Freeman, Duncanville, TX 75116, by using our PayPal account or by selecting Online Giving on our website.

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

~Matthew 7:25

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August 2017

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FPCD ^{monthly} PRAYER CALENDAR

AUGUST 2017

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 Penalosa 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 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 NEEDS		

AUGUST 19 2:00 TO 6:00 p.m.

Worship Volunteer Schedule August 2017

August 6

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry**

**Vanessa & Jason Cordova
Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand
Susan Murphy
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
Dick & Nancy Bergman**

August 13

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry
Communion Servers**

**Jocelyn Bolles & Janet Stahl
Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar
Darlene Cowand
Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova
Jaime Cordova, Connie Steger, Paul
Griffith, Margaret Lewis & Marna Bayless**

August 20

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry**

**Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz
Jack Pegues & Albert Teel
Jocelyn Bolles
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Sean Russell & Edelmira Ruiz**

August 27

**Greeters
Ushers
Nursery Overseer
Tellers
End of Service Ministry**

**Youth
Youth
Anna Murphy
Teresa Reed & Joan Brown
Anna Murphy & Doris Metzger**

— 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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August 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.

Wendy Jensen, August 5	Lori Glover, August 23
Kathleen Hartless, August 6	Eugene Jimmerson, August 23
Sydney Russell, August 6	Jaime Cordova, August 24
Brenda Everett, August 17	Dale Walters, August 28
Donna To, August 18	Scott Hartless, August 29
Eddie Cowand, August 20	Doris Metzger, August 29



2017 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
Jun	\$14,799	\$17,652
Jan - Jun	\$108,281	\$102,889