



# First Presbyterian Church

## EPISTLE

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

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Youth Director

**Nyadia Thorpe,**  
Choir Director

**Brittany Tucker,**  
Accompanist

**Sean Russell,**  
Sound Room Technician

**Ana Ortiz & Tricia Reiman**  
Nursery

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### *From your Session*

As usual, I have been struggling to think of what to write about for some time and I can't seem to get my mind out of all of the difficult scenes that have filled our screens lately. From political divisiveness and unease to hurricanes and a major earthquake, it is easy to be overwhelmed with information and a feeling of helplessness.

Then, this afternoon, we were doing some cleaning and had to have a "family meeting" to address a particular issue. We talked it out, and at the end of it, Tristan suggested we end with a prayer which he led. Ending the prayer, he asked that "Jesus help to keep things calm and get us through rough times".

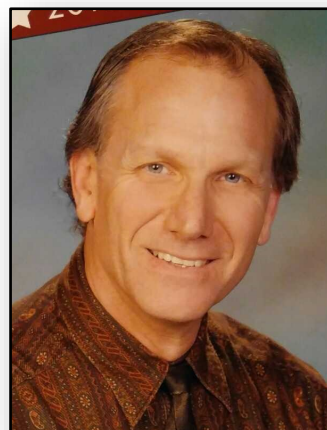
What an eye opener that was. I immediately thought of the verse in Mark where Jesus calmed the storm for the disciples.

As we are all His disciples, and experiencing our own storms in this ever turbulent world, let us remember (as Tristan did) to pray and look to Jesus to help calm our storm.

*He rose and rebuked the wind,  
and said to the sea, "Peace, be  
still!" Then the wind ceased and  
there was a great calm.*

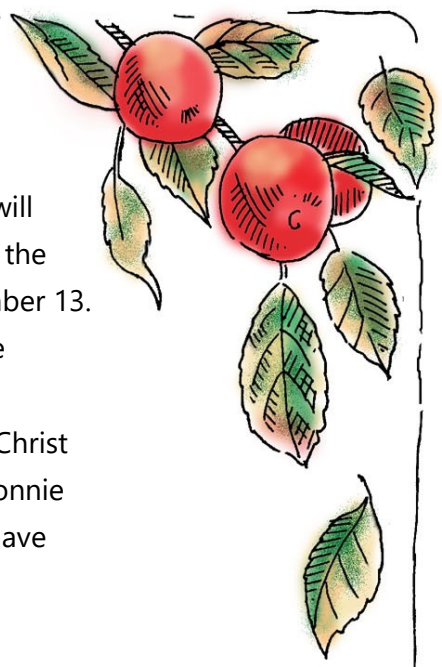
*Mark 4:39*

*Sean*





### Agape Ladies Bible Study



The Agape Ladies Bible Study will hold its first meeting at 1:00 at the church on Wednesday, September 13. This year's lessons are from the Horizons publication "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." Please contact Connie Steger at 972.741.7932 if you have any questions.

Help the youth raise money for activities and  
2018 Summer Camp. Enjoy a

**Sundae on Sunday**

**Sunday, September 17**

**after Deacons Lunch**

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September 2017

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# FPCD *monthly* PRAYER CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 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 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 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

## **Worship Volunteer Schedule September 2017**

September 3	Greeters Ushers Tellers End of Service Ministry	Vanessa & Jason Cordova Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger
September 10	Greeters Ushers Tellers End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Jocelyn Bolles & Janet Stahl Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown Dick Bergman, Doris Metzger, Irving Kezar, Jocelyn Bolles & Adelmo Ruiz
September 17	Greeters Ushers Tellers End of Service Ministry	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Dick & Nancy Bergman
September 24	Greeters Ushers Tellers End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova

— 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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## 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.

Charlotte Fithian, Sept 1	Edelmira Ruiz, Sept 19
Fanny Se Penaloza, Sept 2	Caden Thorpe, Sept 21
Danielle Reed, Sept 4	Sharon Ingram, Sept 22
Cyleigh Kezar, Sept 7	Beau Gaskins, Sept 26
Gail Haynes, Sept 10	Aiden Gaskins, Sept 26
Ana Ortiz, Sept 11	Hailey Reed, Sept 26
Ginger Hertenstein, Sept 14	Marlene Skinner, Sept 26
Jack Pegues, Sept 14	Margaret Lewis, Sept 28
Miguel Penaloza, Sept 19	Gary Malone, Sept 30



## 2017 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
July	\$35,674*	\$16,862
Jan - July	\$143,955**	\$119,908

\*\$14,974 plus \$20,700 for roof fund

\*\*\$122,255 plus \$21,700 for roof fund