



November

First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

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Community Conversations

As most of you know, over the last few weeks members of our church have been meeting with leaders from business, government and school for conversations to make Duncanville a community in unity. The goal is an attempt to unite one community and serve as a model for other communities to follow in uniting themselves. The long-range goal is to reduce the division in our country.

The first session, we looked back to the beginning of our country. We saw that the Pilgrims landed 250 miles from their intended landing sight. As a result, they found an abandoned settlement and an Indian who spoke English. This led to the Indians helping them grow crops and to a treaty between the tribe and the Pilgrims. We also looked at events of the Revolutionary War and the Continental Convention. Benjamin Franklin expressed the need for unity by saying "We must indeed hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately." In the three stories we saw people who had faith in God, were willing to sacrifice self for good of all, were able to join with another ethnic group and had a common goal.

We looked at the stories told in the stained-glass windows in the National Cathedral during the second session. The windows mix religious themes with those of government and of working people. This emphasizes how different spheres of the population must work together to make a country successful. The Duncanville mayor talks of a four-legged stool comprising the city. The legs are the school, city government, business, and churches. We talked about how all four have to be involved for the city to be in harmony. We discussed the problems that arise if one becomes dominant. There have been times that business, government, or the churches have become dominant over the society. In every case, corruption occurred and freedoms were curtailed. Another thing needed for society to function is for everyone to feel that they belong. A person cannot feel united to a group if they don't belong. The whole system works best if God is over all the other spheres. We also discussed "Sheilaism" where each person is their own god with their own idea of what is right or wrong. This means people don't unite.

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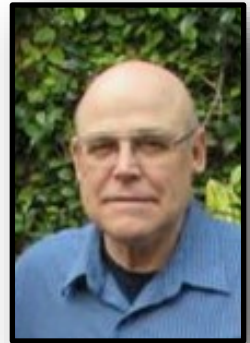
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Community Conversations

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The third session involved three Bible stories and a story from a book. The stories were "The Widow's Mite", "The Rich Young Ruler", "Elisha and the Widow", and the book *The Hole in the Wall*. In three of the stories the main character did something for the group of which they were a part. In the last two, the community provided help to the main character that led to a favorable outcome. Comments included finding meaning is not all about money, true riches come from investing in others, sacrificing, and humbling yourself. In the story of the rich young ruler, his failure to contribute to the good of others left him on the outside. In *The Hole in the Wall*, the main character, who was handicapped, was challenged by being told by a mentor that "anyone can not do it." Sometimes it takes courage to do the right thing.

In these meetings we are discussing how we can make a difference in our community by thinking more about what is good for the community than what is best for us, thinking "we" instead of "me". Part of the process is to get to know others in the community and develop respect for each other. Part of respecting each other is to listen to people that we don't totally agree with, without being disagreeable. Too many groups today can't have a discussion because anyone who disagrees with them is given a negative label which polarizes them. Learning to actually listen to each other, and realize that having different opinions does not make him/her a bad person, should be a goal of every Christian.



Dub

Women's Bible Study

The **Agape** Ladies Bible Study will hold its next meeting at **1 pm** at the **church** on **Wednesday, November 8**. The Lesson for that day is #3 from the Horizons publication *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*, entitled "In Community with the Living God." The Bible passages to read for preparation are Hebrews 1:1-3a; Genesis 1:1-5; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 1:1-5, 14 and Hebrews 4:12-13. Call Connie Steger at 972.291.0922 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

Sarah Circle will meet **November 14**, 2017 in the home of Nancy Bergman at **7 pm**. We welcome anyone who has an interest in an evening Bible Study.

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 19, 2017, 6:00 PM

Join us in Celebrating Thanksgiving this year! Turkey, bread, and drinks provided. Please bring two of the following: salad, vegetable, or dessert. Each choice should feed 12 people. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office at 972-298-3043.



Save the Date Upcoming Events

November

Sunday, November 19	6pm	Thanksgiving Dinner
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December

Saturday, December 2	9 – 12pm	Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, December 10	10:30am	Children's Christmas Musical
Sunday, December 17	6pm	Handel's Messiah Performance
Sunday, December 24	TBD	Christmas Eve Service

Inviting You!

Singers, we need you to sing for your community! We need you, whether you know *Handel's Messiah* or not! There is plenty of practice time should you need it. If you already know the *Messiah*, and you cannot make all the practices, that is okay.

All attendees will be invited to sing along with us on the *Hallelujah Chorus*. Come to this time of community celebration and bring your friends!

Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Performance will be Sunday, December 17, 6:00 pm
Come support your community!

The performance will be accompanied by the *Steve Bayless String Quintet*.

Rehearsals and the performance will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 543 E Freeman Street, Duncanville, TX. We hope you can join us! For more information, call the church office at (972) 298-3043 or send an email to info@fpccd.org.

THANK YOU!! You all are AWESOME!

With your generous donations, we collected over **577** items for Clear Springs High School. The items were organized and boxed according to item type, i.e. 3-ring binders, note book paper, clothing, etc., and delivered to the high school. Below is a list of the items received, as well as pictures.

35 reams copy paper (approximately 3 ½ cartons)
21 backpacks
35 3-ring binders
34 composition books
30 packages-ball point pens (various quantities)
44 Elmer's glue
3 canisters disinfecting wipes
17 boxes facial tissues
2 dry erase kits
60 dry erase markers
16 packages highlight markers
1 package push pins
1 box staples

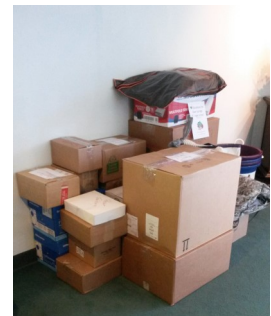
7 lunch bags
4 beverage bottles
108 pocket folders
79 spiral note books
2 packages construction paper
22 pkgs notebook paper (various quantities)
32 packages pencils (various quantities)
4-packages pencil erasers
10 pencil bags
4 pair shoes
4 containers of women's clothes
1 bag boy's clothes
1 container of new underwear (donated from another organization)

THANK YOU, CLAUDIA & PAUL GRIFFITH FOR TRANSPORTING ITEMS TO CLEAR SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL!



Items sorted....

Items boxed....



Delivery
at
Clear Springs
High School



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FPCD ^{monthly} PRAYER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 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	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
November 2017

November 5

Greeters
Ushers
Tellers
End of Service Ministry
Communion Servers

Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand
Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand
Anna Murphy & Darrell Ingram
Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova
Brenda Everett, Joan Brown, Dub
Guthrie, Darrell Ingram &
Eugene Jimmerson

November 12

Greeters
Ushers
Tellers
End of Service Ministry

Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson
Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Sean Russell & Edelmira Ruiz

November 19

Greeters
Ushers
Tellers
End of Service Ministry

Donna To & Wendy Jensen
Jack Pegues & Albert Teel
Teresa Reed & Joan Brown
Anna Murphy & Doris Metzger

November 26

Greeters
Ushers
Tellers
End of Service Ministry

Youth
Youth
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger

For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter
under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, ESV

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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.**

November 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.

Mary Huttar, November 3	Elyssa Kezar, November 11
Teresa Reed, November 6	Charlie Glover, November 15
Dub Guthrie, November 9	Rylee Reed, November 16
David Hertenstein, Nov 10	Angel Kezar, November 17
Armelia Jimmerson, Nov 11	Rachelle Benitez, November 25



2017 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
September	\$12,280	\$46,038*
Jan - Sept	\$175,929**	\$184,037***

*\$28,600 for new roof and \$17,438 budget expenses

**\$30,550 for roof fund, \$145,379 for budget

***\$28,600 for new roof, \$155,437 budget expenses