



# First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

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Accompanist

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Sound Room Technician

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Nursery

*From your Session*

## **New Year, Same God**

A new year is a great time to make resolutions and start all of those routines, habits, diets, etc. that you want to do to make a new and better you. But, in the same breath, doesn't it give you great comfort that God is the same God in 2018 as He was in 2017? He is the same, sovereign, patient, compassionate, loving Father that He has always been. He doesn't need to change, but maybe/possibly/definitely we do! We should spend more time thinking of others instead of self. Serving others more instead of self. Spending more time with God instead of more time on and for ourselves. We should \_\_\_\_\_.

Fill in the blank with many more ways we can be better in 2018.

can still catch up!) Maybe it's to give more of yourself or your time or your tithes to First Presbyterian Church of Duncanville or to Duncanville Outreach Ministry or any of the other worthy organizations that need people and funding. If you can't give any more financially, you can pray for those organizations. If you can't physically help out there, you can pray for them and pray for others who are able to step up and help. If we all do our part, 2018 will be a great year and we'll all be a better US!

We are fortunate to have a patient Father who gives us His power to enable us to accomplish all of these New Year's resolutions, but it takes a willing heart to want to be a better you. He will help us be that. All we have to do is ask.

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How can you be a *better you* in 2018? I can't tell you, but you may have an idea. If you don't have an idea, ask God to show you how you can be a better you in 2018. Maybe it is taking up Ross Shipman's challenge of reading through the book of John in 28 days. (If you didn't start on Monday, January 8, you

Happy New Year!  
*Sharon*



## A Special Thank You

Thank you, once again, for providing when there was a need in 2017. You all have been a very caring, giving congregation this year with your contributions to:

FPCD for our new roof  
Clear Springs High School (Hurricane Harvey)  
Santa Cops (Toys for Tots)  
Helping Hand for Seniors (Christmas gifts)

May you all have a Blessed 2018!



There are 50 more points of light to guide the way ...



Celebrate with us that 50 more languages have the New Testament this Christmas.

# FIRST Presbyterian Church

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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# FPCD <sup>monthly</sup> PRAYER CALENDAR

*Remember each other in Prayer*

**JANUARY 2018**

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  Christy & Brandon Cowand	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  Carol Orwing	8 Scott & Kathleen Hartless J.R.  David Hertenstein & Evelyn	9 Bobby & Teresa Reed Matthew & Rylee  Pat Sparr  Glenn Favors	10 Jeff & Nyadia Thorpe Vincent & Caden  Albert Teel	11 David & Sandy Gaskins Alexander, Aiden Beau & Blake  Ana Ortiz	12 Miguel & Fanny Penaloza  Susan Murphy Anna Murphy	13 Doris Metzger  Ross Shipman  Clint Benfold
14 Billie Cowand  Gary & Nita Malone  Barbara Notari	15 Eugene & Armelia Jimmerson  Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz	16 Bob Harrison  Darrell & Sharon Ingram	17 Gary & Linda Simons  Dick & Nancy Bergman	18 Paul & Claudia Griffith  Jennifer Johnson	19 Roy & Wendy Jensen  Gary & Candice Morris	20 Dennis & Susan Walters Dale, Evelyn & Andrew
21 Kent & Lori Glover Taylor & Charlie  Sam & Charlotte Fithian	22 David & Katherine Liddle Caleb & Jonathan	23 Brittany & Joseph Haywood  Tricia Henderson	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 Julia McConnell  Donna To	31  <b>Pray for our Church, and our City.</b>			

## Worship Volunteer Schedule January 2018

January 7

Greeters  
Ushers  
Tellers  
End of Service Ministry  
Communion Servers

Donna To & Wendy Jensen  
Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand  
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett  
Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger  
Irving Kezar, Anna Murphy, Adelmo

Ruiz,

Diane & Jack Pegues

January 14

Greeters  
Ushers  
Tellers  
End of Service Ministry

Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy  
Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar  
Teresa Reed & Joan Brown  
Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown

January 21

Greeters  
Ushers  
Tellers  
End of Service Ministry

Doris Metzger & Eddie Cowand  
Jack Pegues & Albert Teel  
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis  
Dick & Nancy Bergman

January 28

Greeters  
Ushers  
Tellers  
End of Service Ministry

Youth  
Youth  
Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy  
Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova

**“In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.”**

John 1:4 NRSV



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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.**

## January 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.

Darrell Ingram, December 4	Darlene Cowand, December 25
Eddie Everett, December 21	Joan Brown, December 26
Valerie Cordova, December 22	Lucy Russell, December 26
Dean Hertenstein, December 22	Janet Stahl, December 28



### 2017 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
November	\$12,009	\$24,241
Jan - Nov 2017	\$223,678*	\$223,677

\*\$30,550 for roof fund, \$193,128 for budget