



First Presbyterian Church

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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On March 11th during the worship service, FPCD greatly surprised me with a celebration of my tenth anniversary as your pastor. You gave me beautiful cards and gifts, a gorgeous cross necklace from James Avery, a lovely reception, and even brought Steve Netniss from California to preach. Every bit of it was a total surprise. Thank you, again and again! I greatly appreciate you all. You are the best! Let me tell you why.

The church has been ordained with the following gifts:

Some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers (see Ephesians 4:11-16)

The gifts are quite daunting, right? Who knows how to do them? Some might expect the pastor to do all these things. But to think that these gifts are bundled into one person would be a tremendous misinterpretation of the Scripture. Actually Peter tells us we are all considered "priests" who are "holy and set apart" for God. As God's own people, we are to become united, learn to walk by faith so as not to be deceived by things that are not true. We are to speak the truth in love to others, and build others up in love. While we go about ministering for God, we become mature ourselves. It's the process—the doing—that brings maturity.

Now if we think this ministry of outreach is ONLY for each other in the church we are badly mistaken. These gifts are meant to flow OUT of the church to the community around us. Thus over the past ten years, we have a history of public ministry; public storytelling; public worship through music; public generosity to the poor;

public prayer in public places like the schools, the city government, business organizations, altruistic organizations, and with friends and neighbors.

Do you realize how many times we are asked to lead public prayer in this community? These opportunities grow us and give us great joy.

As we reflect this Easter season, *why is Jesus' church still alive after 2,000 years?* The church is here because He lovingly lives in us, not so that we live unto ourselves, but so that we shine with the Holy Spirit as His spiritual leaders, wooing people in the community to God, ministering to them, teaching them, witnessing to Christ's power in our lives, and praying for them, as we do for each other. FPCD does that beautifully, making the Lord—and me as your pastor—very proud.

Pastor Ginger



Recipes Needed for New Cookbook

The last time we published a church cookbook here was in 1988 so it's time to put a new one together for 2018 and there should be lots of recipes to share. We need to fill the book with recipes in the following categories:

- Appetizers, pickles, relishes
- Soups, salads, vegetables
- Main dishes
- Bread, rolls, pastries
- Cakes, cookies, desserts
- Candy, jellies, preserves
- Beverages, gravies, sauces
- Miscellaneous

We've added an "international" category so for all of you who have lived and worked overseas, please consider sharing some of those wonderful recipes you learned to prepare.

In addition to your recipes, we could use your help. Please consider joining Joan and me as we work to put this cookbook together. We'd like to get it done as soon as possible since all the proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will benefit the trip to Carnegie Hall in November by our Duncanville Community Chorus.

Please send your recipes to the church email address (info@fpcd.org) and please submit as many as you would like. Remember they don't need to be just your own recipes; they can come from family, friends and neighbors as well.

Thank you.
Jocelyn

PW Plant and Bake Sale -- Sunday, April 29

Don't forget our annual plant and bake sale. This year the proceeds will go toward the Carnegie Hall trip. We welcome donations of baked goods. We also welcome plants, too, though for the most part we purchase plants to sell.

Thank you!





Women's Bible Study

The Agape Ladies Bible Study will hold its April meeting at 1 pm at the church on Wednesday the 11th. The Lesson for that day is #8 from the Horizons publication "*Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*" entitled "In Community with the Household of Faith." The Bible passages to read in preparation are Hebrews 3:1-6; Hebrews 13:1-6; Numbers 12:7; and Psalms 127:1-2. Call Connie Steger at 972.291.0922 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

Sarah Circle will meet on April 10 at 7 pm in the home of Candace Morris. We will be studying Lesson 8 in our Cloud of Witnesses study book. We welcome any woman who would like to attend.



OPERATION CLEAN DUNCANVILLE 2018

April 7, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. James Collins Blvd.

Don't mess with Texas

TRASH-OFF

APRIL 7, 2018

**Sign in at Armstrong Park to
clean litter around town.**

COME BACK FOR FREE LUNCH!



Recycle your old electronics.

(No hazardous waste, or light bulbs accepted. There is a charge for tube style televisions.)

**Clean out clutter from your home and bring gently
used household items to Goodwill.**

(No bulky furniture accepted)



PAPER SHREDDING

(Limited to 3 boxes/bags per vehicle.)



Dumpsters will be available for bulk trash and brush.

Call Jessica Smith 972-780-4900, Vickie Glass 972-707-3830, or visit www.duncanville.com for more information.

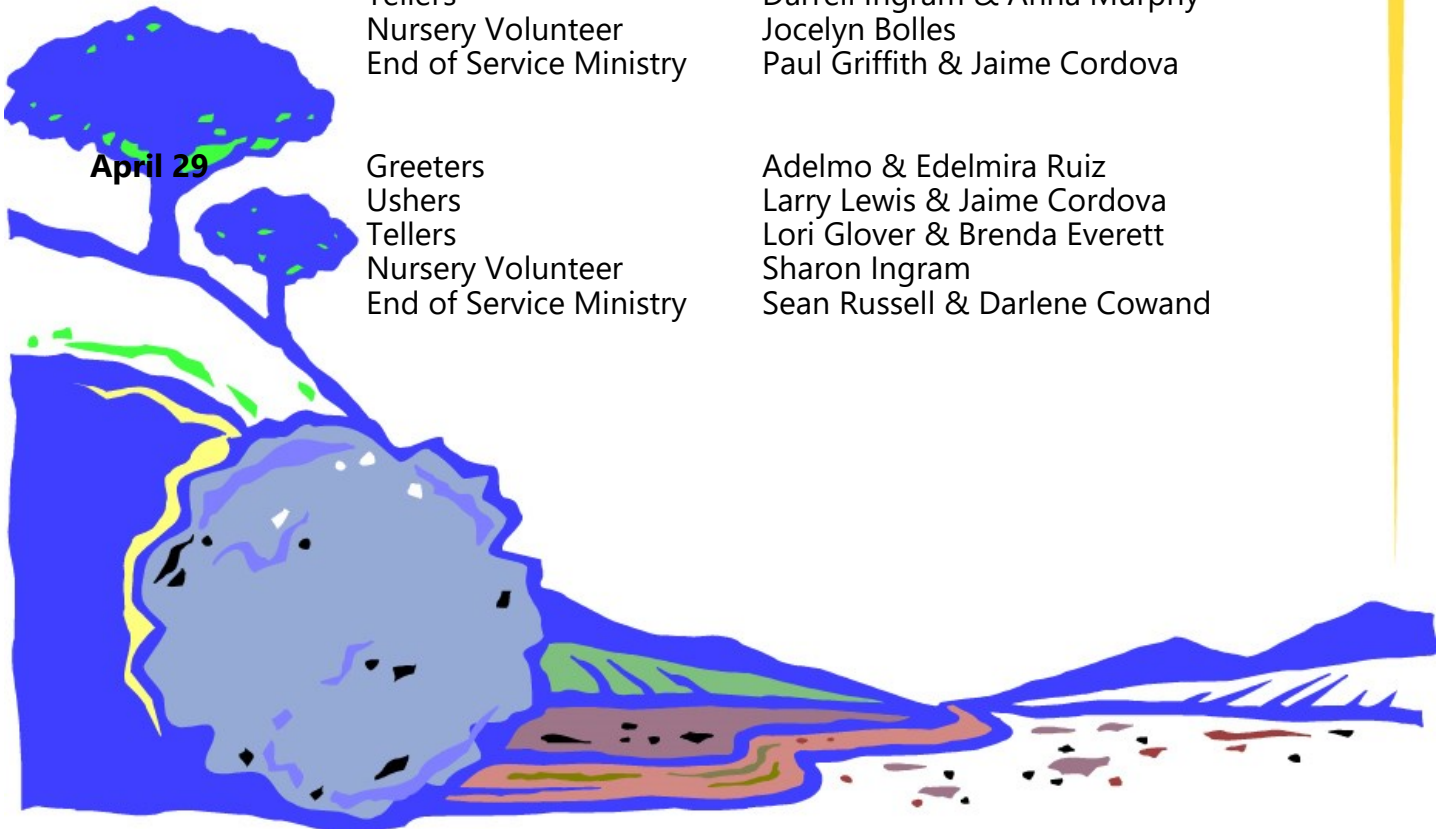
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April 2018

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1 7:00 AM Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast followed by Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM Worship Service <i>Easter Sunday</i>	2 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting	3	4 5:30 PM Impact Youth Group 6:30 PM The Closet Youth Group	5 6:30 PM Worship Planning Mtg	6	7																																																																																											
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22 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service - 4th Sunday	23 <div>The Sandwich Project</div> <div>Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless</div>	24	25 5:30 PM Impact Youth Group 6:30 PM The Closet Youth Group 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	26 8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering at Ben Franklin 6:30 PM Session Meeting	27	28																																																																																											
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Worship Volunteer Schedule April 2018


April 1	Greeters Ushers Tellers End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Doris Metzger & Eddie Cowand Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger Irving Kezar, Marna Bayless, Dick Bergman, Doris Metzger, Jocelyn Bolles
April 8	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Vanessa & Jason Cordova Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Susan Walters Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown
April 15	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Jocelyn Bolles & Susan Murphy Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Logan Russell Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman
April 22	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy Jocelyn Bolles Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova
April 29	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Larry Lewis & Jaime Cordova Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Sharon Ingram Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand



April 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.

Anna Murphy, April 2	Evelyn Walters, April 15
Weston Russell, April 2	Sandy Gaskins, April 16
Bob Harrison, April 7	Brandon Kezar, April 27
Adelmo Ruiz, April 13	



2018 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
January	\$21,937*	\$22,230
Jan - Feb	\$37,663**	\$43,839

*\$6,425 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$15,512 for budget
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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.