



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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From your Session

Recently, Pastor Ginger referenced my son Tristan in her sermons illustrating the power of prayer and how we should never give up because things look impossible. You may now be familiar with his accident but may not be familiar with our experience when he was transferred to Our Children's House Dallas for inpatient therapy.

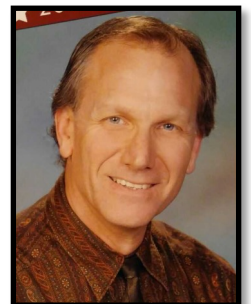
Tristan had been in ICU for 2 weeks and then in a regular hospital room for 2 days and was still in the process of coming out of a drug induced coma when he was transferred. It was late in the afternoon and we were being introduced to all of the therapists and doctors that would be working with Tristan. In the middle of that, a person came to the door saying they were with the animal therapy program and were about to leave but wanted to see if it was OK if they came in since we had recently arrived. We of course said yes and in walked a pony, which is amazing because Tristan loves ponies. They are his favorite. The pony, whose name was Spirit, came in and nudged Tristan's foot and nibbled on his sock. Of course Tristan was still non-responsive at that time, but we all thought it was pretty awesome. Megan, who we learned would be his occupational therapist, said she had seen therapy dogs but never a therapy pony. Lucy took that as a sign that we were in the right place for him to get better.

Soon after that she had to go home to get clothes because only one parent could stay at a time and she was going to stay first. The other kids were staying at home with my sister, and when Lucy got there, she said she told the kids about the pony and Logan told her, "That's what I prayed for!" She asked him, "What do you mean?" He told her "I prayed that God would let Tristan see a pony in real life".

During the rest of his stay we always hoped to see the pony again, especially after Tristan came out of the coma completely and started talking and interacting with others. After Tristan was released from inpatient therapy he continued outpatient therapy for several years and was able to keep Megan as his occupational therapist (she still tells us Tristan was her favorite patient). Tristan was eventually released from outpatient therapy but continued to return every 6 months for Neuro Psych Appointments. Sometimes we were fortunate enough to see Megan who told us that there had never been another pony that came through as a therapy animal.

Sometimes in our moments, God allows a little ray of sunshine to remind us that things aren't always impossible.

Sean Russell



Worship Volunteers Needed!

Worship Volunteers are needed for the following duties:



Greeters-1 Team (2 people) needed to greet members and guests as they arrive for worship service. This duty is for once every 8 weeks (every other month).



Nursery- assist in the nursery with older children (toddlers-4 year olds). This volunteer is needed to assist in the nursery with older children (toddlers-4 year olds), while Ana cares for the newest member of the church family. We are looking for **3 volunteers**, so that our rotation is once every 8 weeks (every other month).

Please contact Anna Murphy (972-977-1172) if you can volunteer for either of these positions. Thanks

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July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	2 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	3	4 (Office Closed for 4th of July)	5 6:30 PM Worship Planning Mtg	6	7
8 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	9	10	11 6:30 PM Closet & Impact Youth 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	12 8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering at Ben Franklin	13	14
15 <div>Newsletter Articles Due!</div> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3rd Sunday Potluck	16	17	18 10:00 AM Finance Meeting 6:30 PM Closet & Impact Youth 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	19	20	21
22 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	23 <div>The Sandwich Project Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless</div>	24	25 6:30 PM Closet & Impact Youth 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	26 8:30 AM Community Prayer Gathering at Ben Franklin 6:30 PM Session Meeting	27	28
29 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	30	31	<div> <div> Jun 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div> <div> Aug 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div> </div>			

Worship Volunteer Schedule July 2018

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

July 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.

Linda Simons, July 2
Bill Jackson, July 5
Lois Harmon, July 8
Caleb Liddle, July 8
Peggy Kezar, July 10

J.R. Hartless, July 14
Matthew Reed, July 14
Neal Guthrie, July 19
Larry Lewis, July 28



2018 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
May	\$13,931*	\$25,553**
Jan - May	\$100,367***	\$112,099****

*\$2,528 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$11,403 for budget

**\$3,000 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$22,553 for budget

***\$15,507 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$84,860 for budget

****\$18,140 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$93,959 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.