

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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From your Session So quick to forget...

I'd like to share some of my experience in following Jesus. No, this is not about my aging memory for things like names – you can tell I'm showing signs of aged memory when I don't greet you by name, even though I've known you for years! J

This IS about (not) forgetting the things Jesus has done, His promises and gifts, and that He is never far away. Paul the apostle writes in his letter to the Romans that he struggles with his "old nature". He has been freed from the influence of his old, or human, nature by faith in Jesus's death and resurrection, but the old nature keeps trying to get back in control (Romans 7:14-25).

For me, part of following Jesus instead of my old nature is not forgetting all He's done up to now. Seems that is part of what Jesus was saying when He said I'm to "remain in Him" (John 15:4,5).

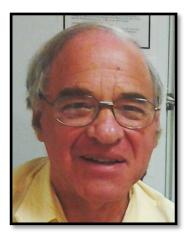
But I'm so quick to forget how He has provided for every need, through difficult times and through good times. It helps me to remain in Jesus to remember some of those provisions, especially the surprises!

I'm quick to forget the times when He has healed us – my wife and me. I know that I'm "promised" to return to dust one day. In the meantime, memories of the healings He's provided, sometimes not on my schedule but on His, help me remain in Jesus. In fact, I'm quick to forget that God's view of time is not like my human view of time. Peter talks about a day being like a thousand years, and the reverse (2 Peter 3:8). It helps me to remember that God is in charge of when anything happens to me and that He doesn't view time like I do.

When I've completed a task, especially one that was challenging, I forget that Jesus did that task and chose to let me participate. I'm quick to pat myself on the back and congratulate myself on my ability, forgetting that Jesus said that apart from Him I can do nothing (John 15).

Do I have any ideas on how to remember? Paul the apostle comes to my rescue in 1 Thessalonians 5:16, where he says I should always be doing three things: rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks. (Perhaps Paul found himself forgetting, like I do.) It's certainly easier to remember if I do what Paul says. And I'm sure the Holy Spirit will help me to rejoice, pray, and give thanks if I ask Him!

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PW Garage Sale Saturday, August 25, 2018



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Need Your Items for the PW Garage Sale Will hold a garage sale in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 25, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. to benefit the choir trip to Carnegie Hall.

> Please take this opportunity to part with those items you no longer need or use but could be used by others. We all have some "stuff" sitting in various places taking up space and collecting dust.

Some of that "stuff" could be put to good use elsewhere. Let's keep it moving along and raise some funds for the choir.

If you need assistance in getting your stuff to Fellowship Hall, please call Jocelyn Bolles at (972) 296-2715 or (972) 679-4089 and arrangements will be made. Items can be brought to Fellowship Hall beginning Monday, August 20.

Thank you.

Jocelyn Bolles



Benefiting the Community Choir trip to

Carnegie Hall

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Worship Volunteer Schedule August 2018

August 5	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Armelia & Eugene Jimmerson Dub Guthrie & Eddie Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Anna Murphy Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger Dick Bergman, Connie Steger, Irving Kezar, Margaret Lewis & Marna Bayless
August 12	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Jason Cordova Dub Guthrie & Joan Brown
August 19	Greeters Ushers Tellers	Doris Metzger & Jocelyn Bolles Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy

Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry

Logan Russell **Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman**

August 26

Greeters Ushers Tellers **Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry**

Youth Youth **Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova**

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in" Matthew 25:35

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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August 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.

Wendy Jensen, August 5 Kathleen Hartless, August 6 Sydney Russell, August 6 Brenda Everett, August 17 Donna To, August 18 Eddie Cowand, August 20

Lori Glover, August 23 Eugene Jimmerson, August 23 Jaime Cordova, August 24 Dale Walters, August 28

Scott Hartless, August 29 Doris Metzger, August 29



2018 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

Receipts Expenditures

June Jan - June \$19,847* \$120,213***

\$16,386** \$128,313****

*\$8,500 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$11,347 for budget **\$1,604 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$14,782 for budget ***\$24,007 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$96,206 for budget ****\$19,744 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$108,569 for budget