



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

God's Got Your Back

Do you have any pets? We recently added a kitten to our family. Her name is Duchess. She's four months old, playful, curious and simply adorable. It's so cute to see her play with her toys or stare at the turtle tank or even just take a nap in the living room chair where she looks extra small. She's brought so many smiles to our days. There's just one little thing - Duchess is a scaredy-cat. She scares so easily with just sudden noises or movements, and I wish she'd be more confident, but who am I to be so harsh on her? Sometimes I can be a big scaredy-cat ... sometimes I feel like the disciple saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" (Matthew 8:25) Sometimes I act like the disciple of little faith, afraid. I forget that "God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." (2Timothy 1:7). You know a really cool thing about that passage is Jesus calms the storm "he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm." And he does that in our storms today.

Jesus tells us that "if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible." (Matthew 17:20)

One of the things we did as a session was attend a workshop conference where the focus was on the path to connect two realms: Earth and Heaven. The visible with the invisible, our 5 senses with the Holy Spirit, Common Sense and the Bible, Reason and Faith. Paul Maconochie often referenced Hebrews 11, Faith in Action / Great Examples of Faith, and I think that most of us strive to be more as the warriors than the worriers.

So I encourage you to engage in more trust falls with God. Increase your offering and trust that God will provide what you need. Reach out to a member in your community whether that's a colleague, a neighbor or stranger - don't be afraid to connect with others. God has our backs; He tells us to not be afraid. He is with us and He strengthens us and He helps us and He holds us in his righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Vanessa



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50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Jack and Diane Pegues invite you to join them for cake and punch in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Saturday, October 6, 2018

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Come and Go

First Presbyterian Church Duncanville Fellowship Hall

No gifts, please. Your presence will be our gift.



Ladies Bible Study Group Meetings

Are you looking for a place to spend a time of spiritual study, prayer and fellowship with other Christian women? Perhaps you would like to consider this opportunity. The ladies of First Presbyterian Church Duncanville Bible Study groups are making plans to begin their 2018-2019 year which extends from September through May. A daytime and nighttime study group is available. The Agape Circle meets in the afternoons on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Their first meeting will be September 12. The Sarah Circle meets on the second Tuesday of the same months at 7:00 pm in the homes of their members. Their first meeting will be on on September 11 in the home of Joan Brown.

This year's study is called "**God's Promise: I Am With You**" by **Amy Poling Sutherlun**. Amy is the daughter of a former FPCD pastor, Reverend John Poling. More information about it may be found at www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/gods-promise.

If you have any questions please call Joan Brown (972.742.7997) about the evening group or Connie Steger (972.741.7932) about the afternoon group.

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September 2018

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Worship Volunteer Schedule September 2018

September 2	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Vanessa & Jason Cordova Dub Guthrie & Eddie Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sharon Ingram Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand Jack Pegues, Doris Metzger, Darrell Ingram, Jocelyn Bolles, Adelmo Ruiz
September 9	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy Anna Murphy Vanessa Cordova & Doris Metzger
September 16	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Jason Cordova Marna Bayless & Connie Steger
September 23	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Logan Russell Jeff Thorp & Joan Brown
September 30	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Candice & Gary Morris Larry Lewis & Jaime Cordova Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Candice Morris Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman

Yes, my soul, find rest in God;

my hope comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation;

he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Psalms 62:5-6 (NIV)

September 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.

Charlotte Fithian, Sept 1	Edelmira Ruiz, Sept 19
Fanny Penaloza, Sept 2	Caden Thorpe, Sept 2
Danielle Reed, Sept 4	Sharon Ingram, Sept 22
Cyleigh Kezar, Sept 7	Beau Gaskins, Sept 26
Ana Ortiz, Sept 11	Aiden Gaskins, Sept 26
Ginger Hertenstein, Sept 14	Marlene Skinner, Sept 26
Jack Pegues, Sept 14	Margaret Lewis, Sept 28
Miguel Penaloza, Sept 19	Gary Malone, Sept 30

— 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

— 9:15 a.m. Christian Education
— 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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2018 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
July	\$21,159*	\$17,160**
Jan - July	\$141,372***	\$145,473****

*\$6,620 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$14,539 for budget
 **\$0 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$17,160 for budget
 ***\$30,627 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$110,745 for budget
 ****\$19,744 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$125,729 for budget