



# 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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Choir Director

**Brittany Haywood**  
Accompanist

**Sean Russell,**  
Sound Room Technician

**Ana Ortiz**  
Nursery

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### ***From your Session***

Tough times. Yes we can probably all say we are going through tough times, or the country or the world is going through tough times. "Don't know what this world is coming to." I think that's probably something our grandparents said about the time when we were growing up. And now here we find ourselves saying the very same thing. What is happening in this world? We have been fortunate to be spared some of the violence that has occurred here in America but it still happens and it impacts everyday people, just like you and me. On the other hand, lots of good things happen every day. But instead of hearing about the good, all we hear is the bad. Good news doesn't make headlines (or social media) is what they say.

Even though we know everything isn't all that bad, there are times in our lives when we experience pain or grief, when things look pretty bad to us. Perhaps an illness, the loss of a job, or just a disappointment. Then again, it can be something personally devastating such as the loss of a loved one. But for us, as Christians, we have our faith and the love of God to carry us through. Yes, there have probably been times in our lives when we have asked, "God, where are you?", or "Where were you when I needed you most?" We let our faith slip. I think we all know the story of the "Footprints in the Sand" where the author asks God why there was only one set of footprints when He was alone and desolate walking along the beach. God's response was to say,

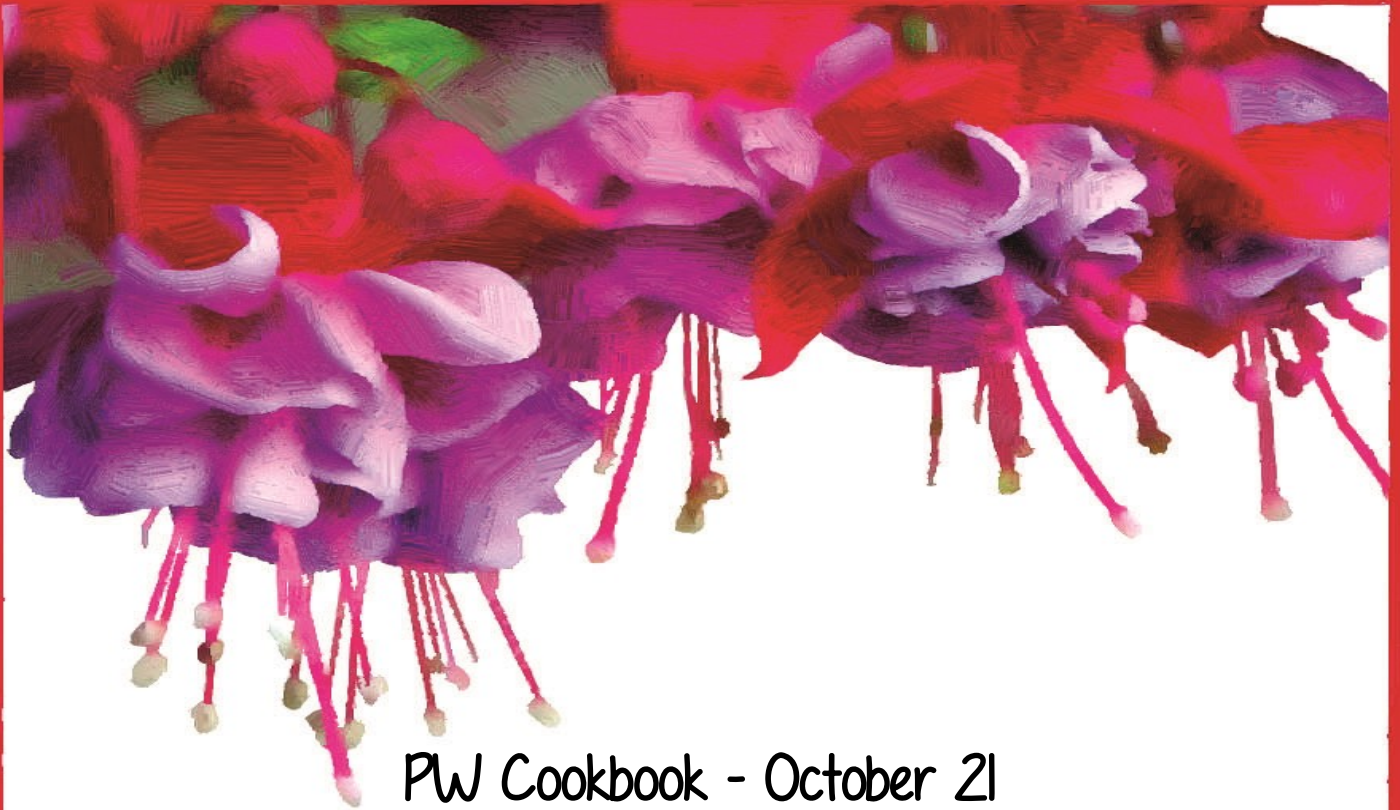
"That's when I was carrying you." He is here, with us, all the time, in good times and bad. You can't see Him but He's with us. Hasn't there been a moment in your life when you couldn't see Him but you could feel His presence? So real. Right next to you. Holding your hand, or carrying you. And it might have been in a moment of joy, not necessarily one of sadness.

Unfortunately, He can't make everything right. He can't do away with the hurt that all of us will experience at one time or another. Part of that is our responsibility. To go out and make this world a better place, whether it is swinging a hammer for Habitat for Humanity, donating time or money or blood when needed, sharing a moment with someone suffering or making sandwiches for the homeless. There is much we can do even in little small steps.

And what does He ask for in return? Our love, faithfulness and prayers. And a commitment, too, that we will spread His word to others. Not too much to ask. Thank you, God, for getting me through this day ..... Thank you, God, for the beautiful sunrise or sunset ..... Thank you, God, for always being with me.

*Jocelyn*





## PW Cookbook - October 21

The PW Cookbook is now in print and ready for sale shortly. Officially we will launch the cookbook at our third Sunday potluck luncheon on October 21<sup>st</sup> where we will encourage our chefs and bakers to provide samples of their recipes to taste. The cookbook contains 299 recipes ranging from apples to zucchini and everything in between. Recipes can be boiled, baked, browned, braised, bottled or served al fresco, whatever you wish. The recipes were contributed to us by 44 chefs/bakers and we are thankful to one and all for sharing them with us. We are especially thankful to Jennifer Johnson for all of her work in compiling the recipes into this great cookbook. The cookbook is priced at \$12.

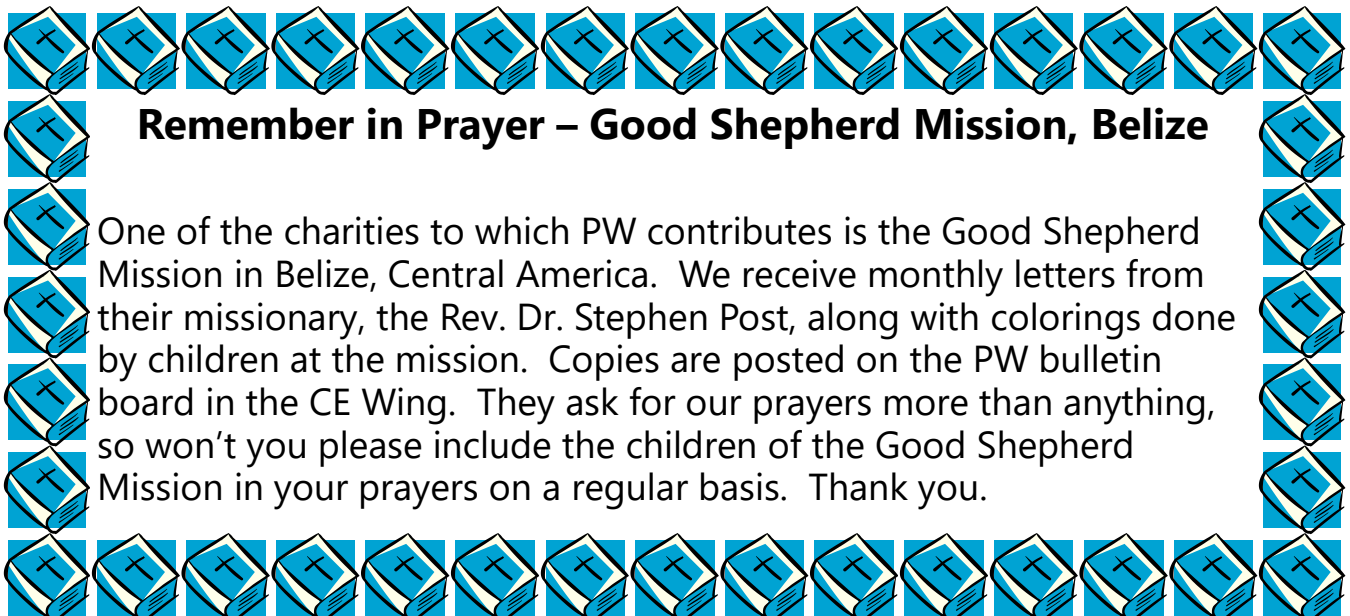
During the course of the year, PW has held several projects to raise funds for the Duncanville Community Choir's trip to New York in November to participate in the singing of Handel's Messiah at Carnegie Hall. We held two plant sales, one at church and one at the Duncan Switch market, where we raised \$1,200 together; a garage sale in August at the church which we extended from one Saturday to the next in which we raised \$950; and now the cookbook. We are especially thankful to our church family who have supported all of these endeavors in one way or another and most generously with your time and/or money. We could not do this without you. Thank you!



### **Ladies Bible Study Group Meetings**

Hello to the ladies of the Sarah and Agape Circle Bible study groups. We are so glad to have begun a new year and to have you join us in our endeavors. The Sarah Circle will hold their next meeting on October 9 at 7:00 pm at the home of Diane Pegues, 302 N. Venice Drive, Duncanville. The Agape Circle will hold their next meeting on October 10 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Both groups will be reading Lesson 2 from "God's Promise: I Am With You" by Amy Poling Sutherland. 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. God be with you!





### **Remember in Prayer – Good Shepherd Mission, Belize**

One of the charities to which PW contributes is the Good Shepherd Mission in Belize, Central America. We receive monthly letters from their missionary, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Post, along with colorings done by children at the mission. Copies are posted on the PW bulletin board in the CE Wing. They ask for our prayers more than anything, so won't you please include the children of the Good Shepherd Mission in your prayers on a regular basis. Thank you.



Sunday, October 14, is Pastor Appreciation Day.  
Take some time to thank our pastor for all she's done for us.



Then Hannah prayed and said:  
"My heart rejoices in the Lord;  
in the Lord my horn is lifted high.  
My mouth boasts over my enemies,  
for I delight in your deliverance.

"There is no one holy like the  
Lord;  
there is no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.  
1 Samuel 2:1-2

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## **Worship Volunteer Schedule October 2018**

<b>October 7</b>	<b>Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery End of Service Ministry Communion Servers</b>	<b>Connie Steger &amp; Joan Brown Dub Guthrie &amp; Eddie Cowand Darrell Ingram &amp; Anna Murphy Jocelyn Bolles Paul Griffith &amp; Jaime Cordova Dub Guthrie, Brenda Everett, Eugene Jimmerson, Nancy Bergman, Vanessa Cordova</b>
<b>October 14</b>	<b>Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry</b>	<b>Armelia &amp; Eugene Jimmerson Eugene Jimmerson &amp; Irving Kezar Lori Glover &amp; Brenda Everett Sharon Ingram Sean Russell &amp; Darlene Cowand</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry</b>	<b>Donna To &amp; Wendy Jensen Jack Pegues &amp; Albert Teel Teresa Reed &amp; Joan Brown Anna Murphy Vanessa Cordova &amp; Doris Metzger</b>
<b>October 28</b>	<b>Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry</b>	<b>Youth Youth Jocelyn Bolles &amp; Margaret Lewis Jason Cordova Marna Bayless &amp; Connie Steger</b>

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

— 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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## October 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.

Diane Pegues, October 3	Andres Benitez, October 22
Grant Everett, October 9	
Sean Russell, October 14	Brandon Cowand, October 24
Jonathan Liddle, October 18	Lorraine Cordova, October 30
Barbara Notari, October 19	
Taylor Glover, October 21	



## 2018 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
August	\$24,828*	\$41,289**
Jan - Aug	\$166,200***	\$186,762****

\*\$10,720 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$14,108 for budget

\*\*\$19,280 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$22,009 for budget

\*\*\*\$41,347 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$124,853 for budget

\*\*\*\*\$39,024 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$147,738 for budget