



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

Enlarge My Territory

1 Chronicles 4:10 says, "Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me. And God granted him that which he requested." (KJV) The Bible also includes Jabez was more honorable than his brethren. We love the way this sounds and believe that God will magically and abundantly bless us, in an instant, with no temptations or trials. But, something has to be tested, before God can see you fit to handle more. If you are considered honorable, how honorable are you under pressure? Are you willing to pay the price to prove you are ready for increase in your life?

Increase comes with a price called obedience. I want to ask you this question, Can God trust you to be humble and patient when things are not going our way? Paul says, "All things (good and bad) work together for the good of them who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose." We find it's not the good things that happen to us that test our Christian character, but it's the bad things as well. It's not the arrogant Peters in life that test our character, but the backstabbing Judases. Do you have the capacity to love when love isn't coming your way?

As we go through life, we find that God gives us daily opportunities to love our enemies, pray for the ones who abuse us,

and to help those in need, even if they stole from us. 1 Corinthians 10:13 says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (KJV)

Let's put this together. When we ask for increase, we are asking God to give us more opportunities to show Him obedience, by being humble, loving, and appreciative to God that He is using our everyday lives to win souls. God uses all trials and temptations to develop our Heavenly character. The exit God gives us from trials and temptation is obedience. Think about it, did Jesus have quick and easy exit from the cross, or did He go through it with God? What price are you truly ready to pay for God to give you increase in your finances, your marriage, your ministry, or your relationship with others? What are you willing to go through with God, to prove your obedience to Him?

Jeff



PW Cookbooks for Sale

There are still PW Cookbooks available for sale!

Besides being a wonderful addition to your kitchen, they make great Christmas gifts for the cooks on your list.

Each cookbook contains 299 recipes with a special section for International recipes you won't want to miss.

The cookbook is priced at \$12. Please contact the church office to reserve yours.

Women's Bible Study

Hello to the ladies of the Sarah and Agape Circle Bible study groups.

Fall is upon us full force with the power of God sending a mixture of sun and rain and cooler weather. Hope you are enjoying it all! The Sarah Circle will hold their next meeting on November 13 at 7:00 pm at the home of Nancy Bergman, 1063 Fairmeadows Circle, Duncanville. The Agape Circle will hold their next meeting on November 14 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Both groups will be reading Lesson 3: "God with Us in Our Discouragement" from "God's Promise: I Am With You" by Amy Poling Sutherlun. 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!

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November 2018

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Thanksgiving Dinner

November 18, 2018, 6:00 PM

Join us in Celebrating Thanksgiving this year! Turkey, bread, and drinks provided. Please bring two of the following: salad, vegetable, or dessert. Each choice should feed 12 people. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office at 972-298-3043.



Choir Performance at Carnegie Hall, New York

As our choir leaves with the Duncanville Community Chorus to sing Handel's Messiah at Carnegie Hall, we send with them our prayers for a safe trip and successful performance.

The choir has worked to learn some of their most challenging music this season specifically for this performance. We are thrilled to be a part of this experience and to have the opportunity to bless others through our music. This is a great ministry of the church. We hope it brings joy to all participants and listeners alike.



I will sing to the LORD,
Because He has dealt BOUNTIFULLY
with me.

Psalm 13:6

As we approach Thanksgiving,
what are you grateful for?

GRATEFUL FOR...

- 1 Early wakeups
= Children to Love
 - 2 House to clean
= Safe place to Live
 - 3 Laundry = clothes to wear
 - 4 Dishes to wash
= Food to Eat
 - 5 Crumbs under the table
= Family meals ♥
 - 6 Grocery shopping
= \$ to provide for us
 - 7 Toilets to clean
= Indoor plumbing
 - 8 Lots of noise
= People in my life
 - 9 Endless questions about homework
= Kids' brains Growing
 - 10 Sore + tired in bed
= I'm still alive!
- 77 Amen

Worship Volunteer Schedule November 2018

November 4	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery End of Service Ministry Communion Servers Jaime	Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy Dub Guthrie & Eddie Cowand Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy Jason Cordova Jeff Thorpe & Joan Brown Cordova, Diane Pegues, Paul Griffith, Joan Brown, Dick Bergman
November 11	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Doris Metzger & Jocelyn Bolles Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Logan Russell Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman
November 18	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Vanessa & Jason Cordova Jack Pegues & Albert Teel Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova
November 25	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sharon Ingram Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

— 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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November 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.

Mary Huttar, November 3	Elyssa Kezar, November 11
Teresa Reed, November 6	Charlie Glover,
Dub Guthrie, November 9	November 15
David Hertenstein,	Rylee Reed, November 16
November 10	Angel Kezar, November 17
Armelia Jimmerson,	Rachelle Benitez, November 25
November 11	



2018 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
September	\$23,095*	\$36,241**
Jan - Sept	\$189,295***	\$223,003****

*\$7,650 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$15,445 for budget
**\$8,975 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$27,266 for budget
***\$48,997 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$140,298 for budget
****\$47,999 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$175,004 for budget