



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

Well, it's my turn to write the article again, and as always, I'm having a difficult time coming up with a topic to write about. So, I pause and say a little prayer for guidance and it dawns on me that maybe I should write about prayer.

For the past several months, the elders have been focusing on prayer as we have been tasked with helping our community to pray more. Now, I am probably the last one that needs to be instructing anyone on prayer and the first one that needs to be praying more. As we have been discussing prayer and the obstacles people may have towards it, I have found myself thinking more about prayer at different times of the day throughout each week, and I believe that is a good place to start: taking note of the different things you think about.

What does your inner dialogue consist of during your day?

What went through your mind as you got cut off in morning or evening traffic, or were stuck on

a particular task at work, or were surprised by an unexpected kindness?

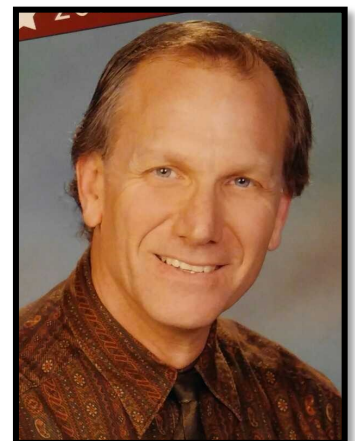
Make God part of that dialogue, asking safety and awareness for the driver, focus and guidance for the task and thankfulness for the kindness.

I believe this is what Paul had in mind when he said to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We will all benefit from bringing God into our daily thought process. Like Jeff said in his sermon, "Just start talking, (thinking) God will hear you".

Sean



**Congratulations to Pastor Ginger on receiving
the 2018 Duncanville Woman of the Year award!**



Women's Bible Study

This month we remember that God gave us the best valentine ever when he promised so long ago to always be with us! How blessed we are that he shows us his love by daily keeping that pledge!

With that in mind, the ladies of the Sarah and Agape Bible Study Circles will this month again gather for a time of study, fellowship and prayer. Each will be reading Lesson 6 from "God's Promise: I Am With You" by Amy Poling Sutherlun. The **Sarah Circle** will hold their meeting on **Tuesday evening, February 12, at 7:00 pm** at the home of Diane Pegues. The **Agape Circle** will meet on **Wednesday afternoon, February 13, at 1:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall of the church. If you'd like to join them or have any questions, please call Joan Brown (972.742.7997) about the evening group or Connie Steger (972.741.7932) about the afternoon group.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Thank You

FPCD received the following letter from Help to Heal

On behalf of Help to Heal I would like to thank First Presbyterian Church for being a donation location for our "Gifts to Seniors" program. Your support helped us collect 2,561 gifts and gift cards. We were able to then bless 1,066 Senior Citizens in 39 nursing, hospice, memory care, in-home care and assisted/independent living communities in 13 cities with a Christmas gift and a handmade card from a child. Additionally, our Secret Santa Christmas cards surprised 175 working Seniors with gifts cards to local businesses and restaurant's. With your support we were able to serve a total of 1,241 Seniors this Christmas.

The support of our local businesses like yours makes it possible for our organization to exist and to make our community a great place to live.

Thank you again for your support!

Blessings,
Linda Dean Miley
Founder/President
Help to Heal, Sharing Christ's Love

A Thank You to FPCD *from Teresa Reed*

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and calls during our extremely difficult time. My family and I were overwhelmed to see so many people from our church at my dad's service. The love that we felt was so comforting. I always knew my church loved us, but to actually see it was heartwarming!!

Love to All,

Teresa Reed & Family

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

I Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

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February 2019

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Worship Volunteer Schedule February 2019

February 3

Greeters

Ushers

Tellers

Nursery

End of Service Ministry

Communion Servers

Vanessa & Jason Cordova

Jack Pegues & Albert Teel

Lori Glover & Brenda Everett

Jocelyn Bolles

Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman

Eugene Jimmerson, Joan Brown,

Jaime Cordova, Lori Glover &

Paul Griffith

February 10

Greeters

Ushers

Tellers

Nursery Volunteer

End of Service Ministry

Adelmo & Edelmira Ruiz

Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar

Teresa Reed & Joan Brown

Sharon Ingram

Paul Griffith & Jaime Cordova

February 17

Greeters

Ushers

Tellers

Nursery Volunteer

End of Service Ministry

Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand

Dub Guthrie

Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis

Anna Murphy

Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand

February 24

Greeters

Ushers

Tellers

Nursery Volunteer

End of Service Ministry

Youth

Youth

Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy

Jason Cordova

Vanessa Cordova & Doris Metzger

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us
alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by
grace you have been saved.*

Ephesian 2:4-5 (NIV)

February 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.

Candice Morris, February 2	Leo Skinner, February 15
Carol McKinney, February 4	Claudia Griffith, February 16
Christy Cowand, February 6	Susan Walters, February 22
Triston Russell, February 8	Nadine Daum, February 23
Helen Barton, February 10	Gary Simons, February 26
Billie Cowand, February 10	Gary Morris, February 28
Paul Griffith, February 12	

— 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
December	\$17,900*	\$24,259**
Jan - Dec	\$273,818***	\$295,209****

*\$0 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$17,900 for budget

**\$4,596 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$19,663 for budget

***\$55,006 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$218,812 for budget

****\$54,737 for Carnegie Hall Trip, \$240,472 for budget