



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 Admin Assistant

This Season of Lent has caused me to pause and think a lot about our need 'to be in constant relationship with God, being intentional about getting to know Him better and walking with Him, not just when it's convenient or we have a specific need we want Him to come through for, but every day, by reading His Word and through prayer. It has been neat working in the office getting to support various groups as they begin ministries that work towards this very thing – better relationship and connection with God.

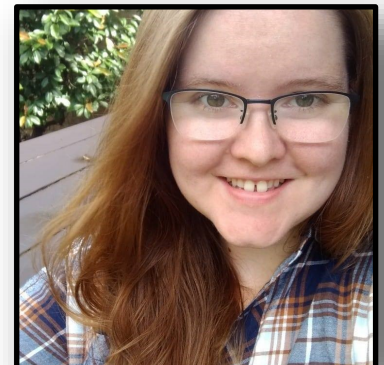
In March I saw two new Bible studies begin, one a 6-week Lenten Study that meets Wednesday nights through April 17, and the other, a new monthly Bible Study for younger ladies and teen girls that meets every 3rd Monday of the month. I joined the new Ladies Bible Study and went to the first session on March 18. Our study group is using a book called *Seamless* that goes through the whole Bible and tells the seamless story of Scripture. This has further encouraged me to be in and to study the Word, and though the study does not require it, it inspired me to put together a Scripture reading plan that will take me through the whole Bible by the end of the study in November.

In the last few months our Session of elders began spearheading a Prayer Initiative for all of Duncanville to help our community learn about prayer, bringing them closer to each other and to God. Separately from the elders, the deacons began a new outreach in our parking lot, specifically to encourage the families who use the lot in the afternoons to pick up their children from school. As part of this ministry, they decided to hang a mailbox at one

of the visitor spots so anyone could drop by and drop off a prayer request and we could know how better to pray not just for our community as a whole but the individual needs within it. They purchased two boxes, one to hold pen and paper for writing the prayer requests, and the other to accept the requests. The boxes have been painted and will be put to use beginning this month!

As we begin to pray for and with our community, it is only fitting that we have another community-wide event coming up this month for Good Friday. In 2016, 10 churches joined together to put on TGIF: A Good Friday Event at Duncanville High School. This year, we are repeating the event, but with 9 churches at Centro Familiar Cristiano, and slightly different music. I am continually blessed to work at a church that puts community outreach and involvement so high on our priority list, because it's not just you and I who need to be in close relationship with God, but the community we live in needs to come to know Him and be in relationship with Him. Can you imagine what would happen if all of Duncanville knew Jesus and shared Jesus with everyone they knew?

Jennifer



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PW Plant and Bake Sale

Sunday, April 28, 2019

(before and after worship service)



FPCD Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21 at 10 AM

Attendance in Sunday School at 9:15 is encouraged.

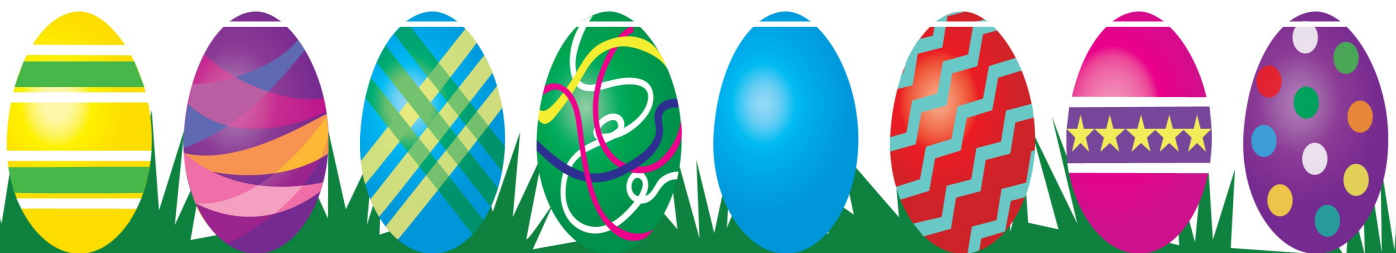
Donations of wrapped candy or small Easter prizes will be accepted through Palm Sunday, April 14.

These may be placed in the Narthex outside the Sanctuary or in the Church office.

NO plastic eggs are needed.

Contact a Deacon if you have any questions.

Thank you!

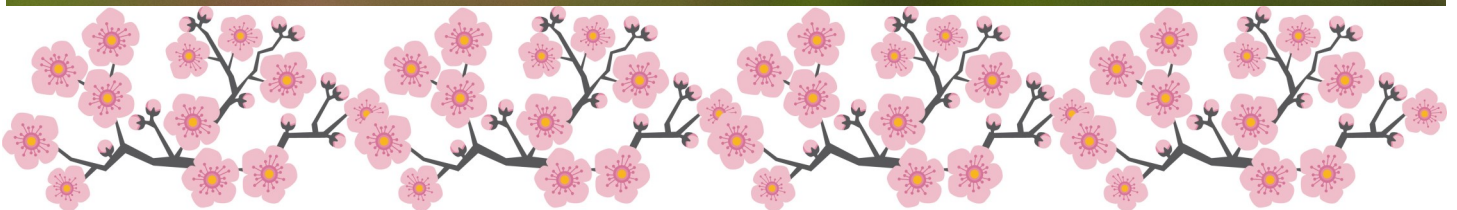


Women's Bible Study

The ladies of the Sarah and Agape Bible Study Circles will gather in April for a time of study, fellowship and prayer. Each will be reading Lesson 8 from *"God's Promise: I Am With You"* by Amy Poling Sutherlun. The Sarah Circle will hold their meeting on Tuesday evening, April 9th, at 7:00 pm at the home of Diane Pegues.

The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday afternoon, April 10th, 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.



Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:10-11 (NIV)

Revised Schedule Announced

TEEN & LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Seamless

Understanding the Bible as One Complete Story



Meets 3rd Mondays at 6:30 PM
at Panera Bread in Cedar Hill

Begins Monday, March 18

Study for ages 16 and up!

Required Book: "Seamless" by Angie Smith

Book Cost: \$13

Sign up online at:

www.fpcd.org/seamless-bible-study

Or by calling: (972) 298-3043



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**Teen & Ladies Bible Study
for ages 16 and up!**

Led by: Brenda Everett,
Nyadia Thorpe, and Sandy Gaskins

Meeting on 3rd Mondays at

6:30 PM @ Panera Bread, Cedar Hill
416 E Pleasant Run Rd, Cedar Hill, TX 75104

Please register online for this Bible study at:

www.fpcd.org/seamless-bible-study

Or contact the church office:

(972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org

Study Materials:

Required Book: "Seamless," by Angie Smith

Book Cost: \$13 for Adult version

\$12 for Teen version

Study Schedule:

Mar. 18 - Intro/Why Study?

Apr. 22 - The Beginning

May 20 - The Patriarchs

Jun. 17 - The Exodus

July/August - (No Meeting)

Sept. 16 - The Messiah and The Disciples

Oct. 21 - The Messiah and The Gospels

Nov. 18 - The Letters and Group Celebration

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April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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21 6:45 AM Sunrise Service 8 AM Pancake Breakfast followed by Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM Worship Service Christ is Risen!	22 The Sandwich Project Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless 6:30 PM Seamless Study at Panera	23	24 5:30 Impact Youth 6:30 Closet Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	25 6:30 PM Session Meeting	26	27																																																																																											
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Worship Volunteer Schedule April 2019

April 7

**Greeters
Ushers
Tellers
Nursery
End of Service Ministry
Communion Servers**

**Doris Metzger & Jocelyn Bolles
Jack Pegues & Albert Teel
Teresa Reed & Joan Brown
Sharon Ingram
Vanessa Cordova & Doris Metzger
Jeff Thorpe, Doris Metzger,
Jack Pegues, Jocelyn Bolles,
Brenda Everett**

**April 14
Palm Sunday**

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

**Vanessa & Jason Cordova
Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar
Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
Candice Morris
Marna Bayless & Connie Steger**

**April 21
Easter Sunday**

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

**Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand
Dub Guthrie
Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy
Anna Murphy
Jeff Thorpe & Joan Brown**

April 28

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

**Youth
Youth
Lori Glover & Brenda Everett
Jocelyn Bolles
Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman**

April 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.

Anna Murphy, April 2
Weston Russell, April 2
Bob Harrison, April 7
Adelmo Ruiz, April 13

Evelyn Walters, April 15
Sandy Gaskins, April 16
Brandon Kezar, April 27
Destinee Herstenstein



2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
February	\$17,104	\$20,322
Jan - Feb	\$32,313	\$38,459

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.