

## 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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#### From your Session



Duchess is my pet cat. I adore her so much, almost everything she does is precious. She can just lay next to me and I'll see her tiny paw and just freak out over how cute

she is. I have so many favorite moments together with her and she just keeps growing, and sometimes I look at her and am just in awe to recognize that growth. I didn't know I could love her so much. It hit me the other night when I was looking at her, she looked at me and she blinked, and it's like my heart squealed with joy.

Although almost everything she does is precious to me, she does rattle me sometimes. Like when she scratches my face or randomly attacks my ankles when I'm walking. (I think it's just the language barrier between us.) I probably upset her and I didn't read the signs, and that's why she scratched me. I like to pretend that she's trying to play tag and that's why she jumps on my ankles and legs when I'm walking.

Or when she climbs onto the table where she knows she's not allowed. She's just a young rebel cat exploring ... how could I be mad at her for being



adventurous? Even when she climbs on my laptop when I'm trying to finish writing a certain newsletter. (She probably just wanted to read all the good things I wrote about her.) Despite all these frequent upsets, my love for her does not change. I immediately forgive her whenever she does something and when we look at each other, my love for her overpowers any other feeling.

What's even stronger and cooler than my love for Duchess is God's love for us! It's

big and amazing and enough. When we mess up, he doesn't love us any less either. The even cooler thing about our relationship with God is that we don't have a language barrier. We can talk to God through prayer and He answers!

Imagine the joy God must feel when we come to spend time with him in prayer. It's probably like how excited I get when Duchess comes to be next to me but times ten! When we pray, we are connecting with God, and when we teach others about prayer, we are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and his love for us with our community. I encourage you to recall a time in your life that prayer has made a difference for you. Reflect on the emotions you felt before and after you prayed.

Let us thank God for his goodness! What a wonderful gift it is to have prayer and be able to come to God honestly, as we are, and share with Him the truths of our hearts.

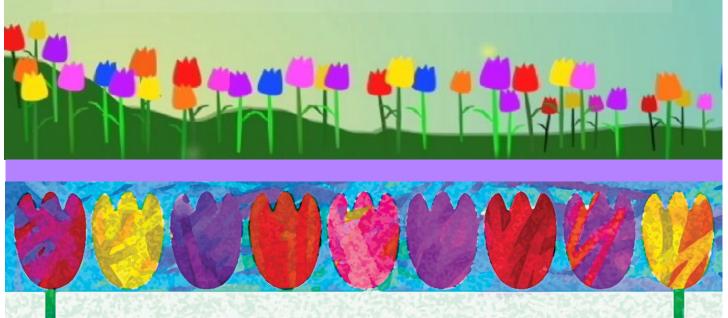
You actually can read a handful of Testimonials from our community members at <u>duncanvilleprayer.com</u> and if you'd like to share your own story please email an elder.

## Vanessa



## Women's Bible Study

The ladies of the Sarah and Agape Bible Study Circles will gather in May for a time of study, fellowship and prayer. Each will be reading Lesson 9 from "God's Promise: I Am With You" by Amy Poling Sutherlun. The place and time of the meeting(s) will be announced early in the month. 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.



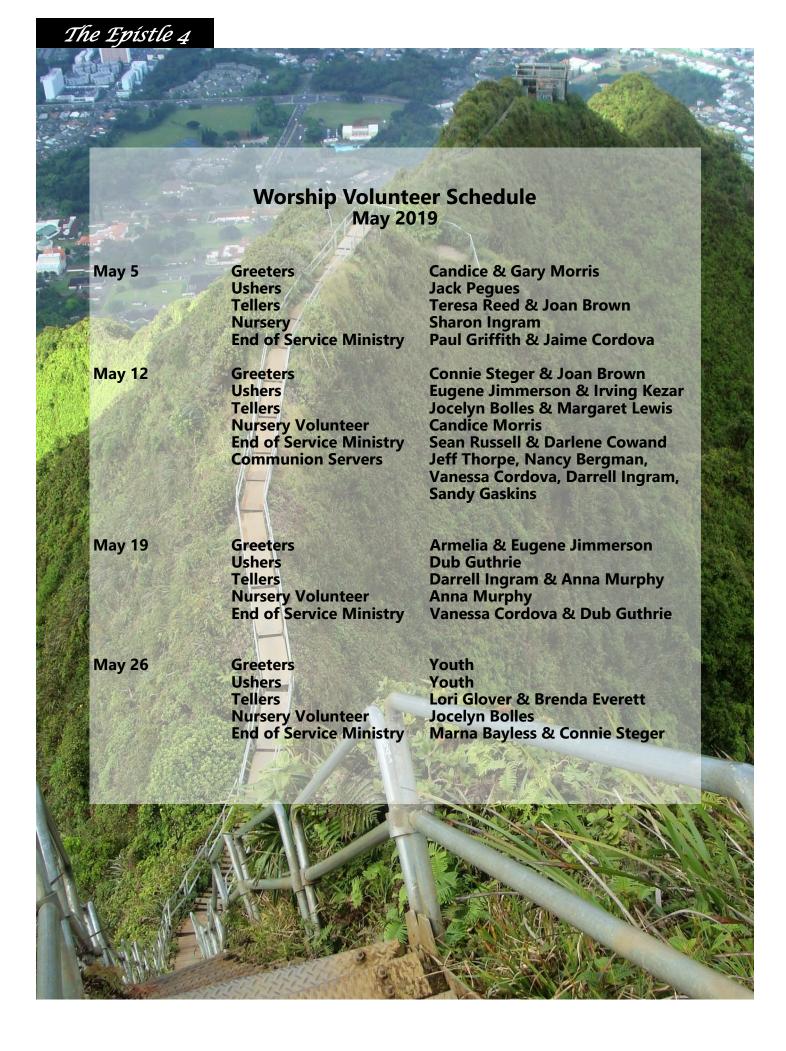
Ladies Seamless Bible Study will meet at Panera in Cedar Hill at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 20. It's not too late to join us!

Sign up online at: www.fpcd.org/seamless-bible-study or by calling (972) 298-3043

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May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	7	8 1PM Agape Circle 5:30 Impact Youth 6:30 Closet Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	13	14 7 PM Sarah Circle	10 AM Finance  Newsletter Articles Due!  5:30 Impact Youth 6:30 Closet Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	16	17 6-8 PM DOM Party for Anita & Tony at Hilton Garden Inn	18
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3rd Sunday Potluck	20 6:30 PM Seamless Study at Panera	21	5:30 Impact Youth 6:30 Closet Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	23 6:30 PM Session Meeting	24	25
26 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	The Sandwich Project  Bring your Sandwiches for the Homdess  ~Office Closed~ Memorial Day	28	5:30 Impact Youth 6:30 Closet Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	30	31	



Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.

## **MEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

Christian Education — 10:36 a.m. Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE** 

## **ВЕТИВИ SERVICE REQUESTED**

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## **May 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.

Clint Benford, May 5	Marna Bayless, May 22
Steve Bayless, May 7	Gary Walters, May 22
Sam Fithian, May 7	Alexander Gaskins, May 31
Lucy Russell, May 13	



## **2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE**

	Receipts	Expenditures
March	\$17,097	\$20,322
Jan - March	\$38,008	\$55,556