



First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

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From your Session

Earnestly keep praying. I believe that's a quote from the Bible in Corinthians, though I'll need to look up its exact whereabouts. As part of our church's involvement in Duncanville and surrounding communities, we've declared that 2019 is the year of prayer so to "*earnestly keep praying*" is a noble goal. You've probably seen a booklet and heard about the website too. It's what we want everyone to do. Come to God in prayer whether it's viewed as a conversation with God or joining with a friend or neighbor in prayer or taking a quiet moment alone with God. Our challenge is that we especially want to reach those who don't have a relationship with God and that's where our mission becomes a bit more complicated.

Did you ever set out with a goal in mind and then somewhere along the way run into an obstacle or a difficulty that makes achieving that goal seem almost impossible? All of a sudden you find yourself saying, "What am I doing here?" or "Why did I ever think I could do this?" Of course we have. Sometimes all we need is a little encouragement to get back on track; sometimes we need to redefine the goal or challenge; and sometimes we may need to take a step back and rethink the entire process. And that's not the way

we planned it.

Yes, discouragement and disappointment have a way of getting in our way. Of messing up our plans. So here is where you can help. We need your encouragement and support and certainly your prayers. We have a challenge in front of us and it's a big one. We want more folks in our communities to know God and to come to God in prayer. Leaders in our communities want the same thing. And yet, as believers, we know that prayers aren't always answered the way we expect. So it's a rough row to hoe sometimes. Support us, encourage us and then take it a step further. Could be someone sitting next to you who needs a word of encouragement or perhaps a word of prayer right now. Pass along God's blessing to them.

And earnestly keep praying.

Jocelyn



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Celebrating our Graduates!

On May 26, FPCD held a reception to celebrate our graduates: Randy McLeggan, Emmanuel McLeggan, Logan Russell, Jason Cordova, Destiny Woods, and Vincent Thorpe.



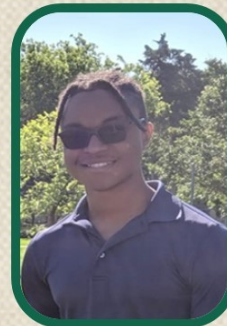
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 CONGRATULATIONS 

PARKING LOT MINISTRY (PLM)

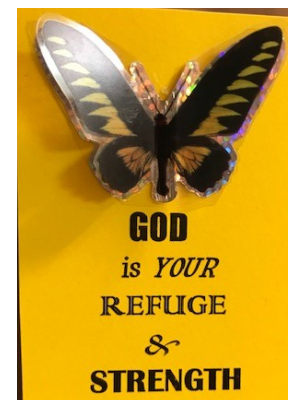
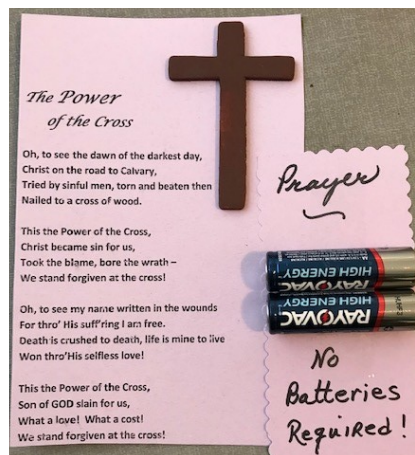
In February, the Deacons launched a once-a-month community outreach effort to those who use our parking lot to pick up students from Reed Middle School. Our aim is to bless, encourage and pray for them. Manny McLeggan and Ross Shipman assisted me in handing out some treats for Valentine's Day. Recipients were quite surprised and pleased that we weren't asking for donations or anything! And we were able to pray with several.

Jennifer used her God given artistry to paint two mail boxes, which you've probably noticed on one of the posts outside the playground by our parking lot. In March, Dean Hertenstein and Joan Brown assisted in handing out cards telling about the "Prayer Mail" box, a pen, blank cards for writing prayer requests on, and granola bars. This time, one person submitted a prayer request!

By April 17th our "Prayer Mail" box was up, thanks to Dub. He helped hand out cards with a small cross on it and a couple of verses of *Power of the Cross*. On the backside was the announcement card about the TGIF event and a couple of new AA batteries on a card, "**PRAYER – no batteries required**". We received four prayer requests that day!

During the first week of May the same prayer request was left in the mailbox three times – for health/recovery. Then on May 13th, there was a request for students who didn't pass the STARR test and need to go to summer school, especially for Q, struggling with math. On the last day of school, May 22, the Griffiths helped hand out butterfly magnets and a new prayer request form that has a tear off part so they can let us know about answers to prayer. Six prayer requests were submitted that day. Each month we have been able to connect a little more with folks and pray with them.

It isn't likely we will get a lot of "Prayer Mail" requests over the summer but we will keep checking the box. Any of you are welcome to join in handing out items and praying for folks after school starts in August.



PRAYER MAIL REQUEST	PRAYER MAIL RESPONSE
Date: _____	Date: _____
Your name: (first name only is fine) _____	Your name: (first name only is fine) _____
Please Pray For: _____	I requested prayer for: _____
<p>If you'd like to talk to someone, text Nancy at 972-880-9888 and/or call First Presbyterian Church Duncanville 972-298-3043</p> <p>Do let us know how/when God answers this prayer request by completing the Prayer Mail Response form and putting it in the Prayer Mail Box. Prayers will continue for 30 days. Thanks!</p>	
	Update on Prayer Request.. _____

Women's Bible Study

Ladies Seamless Bible Study will meet at Panera in Cedar Hill at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 17. It's not too late to join us!

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

The Agape and Sarah Bible Study Circles will not meet in June, July or August. They will resume their time of study, prayer, and fellowship in September. Enjoy your summer!

That's Not My Job!!

This a story about four people named:

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and

Everybody was sure that **Somebody** would do it. Anybody could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

Caring for **FPCD** is **Everybody's** Job.

If you are the last person to leave the church, please check to make sure all lights are turned off and doors are locked. If you see a job that needs to be done...just do it and don't think **Somebody** else will do it.

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June 2019

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Worship Volunteer Schedule June 2019

June 2	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery End of Service Ministry Communion Servers	Darlene Cowand & Anna Murphy Jack Pegues Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Sharon Ingram Jeff Thorpe & Joan Brown Dub Guthrie, Margaret Lewis, Eugene Jimmerson, Anna Murphy, Jaime Cordova
June 9	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Doris Metzger & Jocelyn Bolles Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Candice Morris Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman
June 16	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Vanessa & Jason Cordova Dub Guthrie Darrell Ingram & Anna Murphy Anna Murphy Paul Griffith & Dub Guthrie
June 23	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Lori Glover & Brenda Everett Jocelyn Bolles Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand
June 30	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Leo Skinner & Billie Cowand Larry Lewis & Jaime Cordova Teresa Reed & Joan Brown Sharon Ingram Vanessa Cordova & Brenda Everett

June 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.

Vanessa Cordova, June 11	Ross Shipman, June 16
Kent Glover, June 11	Nita Malone, June 21
Katherine Liddle, June 11	Devon Kezar, June 22
Caius Thorpe, June 14	



2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
April	\$17,127	\$23,130
Jan - April	\$87,447	\$78,686

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.