

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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Train Up A Child

Proverbs 22:6 is one reason why I became a teacher and a mentor. The verse says, train up a child in the way they "should" go and when they get older they shall not depart. During my years as an automotive technician, I noticed a wide range (age and race) of technicians that were in the shop that had little to no training. Either they took a class and didn't understand the teacher or there was a lack of money to go to school, so they learned by watching others. But they still didn't quite understand what they were doing as a tech. Therefore, the idea of becoming an automotive instructor drew closer to my heart. I wanted to be a teacher anyway, although not this soon, but the thought of being a teacher would not escape my mind.

As the years passed, I lost interest in the automotive field due to money hungry bosses and having to fix messy jobs that other techs messed over while trying to make quick money. So, Nyadia took me to Duncanville High School where a job fair was taking place; she sent me in to ask for a teaching position. To make a long story short, I ended up at a job fair at Irving ISD and was hired on the spot by Shawn Blessing. In my mind I thought, "IMPOSSIBLE!" I knew I was not qualified for the position, but I was qualified by God. No matter what the excuse I gave Ms. Blessing on why I would not be a good fit, she had a comeback. Finally, I shut my mouth and took the job.

As I worked in the school district, I was amazed at how wide of a range as an instructor I had to give instruction. I could teach anything from handshakes to brakes. I was training the next auto technicians, lawyers, construction workers, and the list goes on (only 2%

out of an auto graduating class goes into the field). At that point, scripture "train up a child" not only opened my eyes to morals and values that a teenager should learn, but also soft skills, such as how to manage finances, handshakes, helping them learn who they are and what their gifts are, so they can become successful. So, I thanked God for allowing me to teach and for showing me not all ministry has to happen in the church.

Proverbs 22:6 means more than throwing God at students all day. It means also showing them how to live that lifestyle that is pleasing to them and God. One of the hardest things I ever had to do as an instructor was to apologize when I messed up, but I learned it brought trust between the student and I. At that time, being vulnerable was not a cool thing for me, but it is an important tool when training others. To earn respect, people have to know you are human (make mistakes).

As we move forward, let's create a buddy system with the youth and allow them to shadow elders, pastors, and various committees to train our future leaders. One thing that hurts the church is when one person does nine things in a church, trains no one, then leaves, leaving others with pieces to put together. I want you to think of the effect it would've had on Israel if Joshua was never mentored by Moses. Who can you train or mentor to benefit the body of Christ?

Jeff



July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	2	(No Youth) 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 (Office Closed) Happy Independence Day!	5	Youth Mission Trip
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	8	9	10 (No Youth) 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	12	13
Youth Mission Trip to Navajo Nation, AZ						
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	Newsletter Articles Due!	16 Kids for the Nations	(No Youth) 10 AM Finance 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	18 6:30 PM Session Meeting	19	20
21 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3rd Sunday Potluck	The Sandwich Project Bring your Sandwiches for the Homdess	23	24 5:30 Confirmation Class 6:30 Closet Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	29	30	31 5:30 Confirmation Class 6:30 Closet Youth 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal	Jun 2019 S M T W T 2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11 12 13 16 17 18 19 20 23 24 25 26 27 30	1 7 8 4 5 11 12 21 22 18 19	Aug 2019 T W T F S 1 2 3 6 7 8 9 10 13 14 15 16 17 20 21 22 23 24 27 28 29 30 31

Youth Group — 6:00 p.m.

MEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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July 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.

Linda Simons, July 2 Caleb Liddle, July 8 Peggy Kezar, July 10 Matthew Reed, July 14 Larry Lewis, July 28



2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
May	\$13,301	\$22,423
Jan - May	\$100,747	\$101,109