



First Presbyterian Church EPISTLE

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

From your Session

At the end of last school year, Duncanville ISD hired its first ever Director of Fine Arts. This is something all of us who work in the Fine Arts Department at DHS have been advocating for since 2013/2014. We were all extremely happy and noticed an almost immediate change. Things started happening, concerns were heard, and noticeable action was taken. By the end of the school year we were more than excited about the years to come.

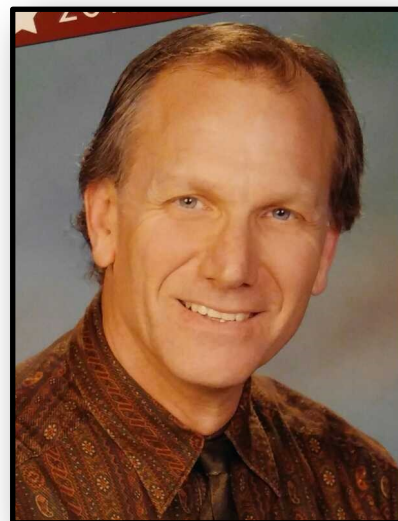
Then, we got the news. We were to do a major clean-out/cleanup of two costume storage rooms, prop storage and scene shop. Oh, and absolutely nothing could be kept backstage at Alexander Auditorium. Now understand, we are theatre teachers. It is a struggle for us to get rid of anything! But the harder we worked, the more we began to realize that we now had a Fine Arts Director who was working to increase our budget, improve our facilities, and infuse our professional development with things directly related to our discipline. We realized it was OK to get rid of some old baggage and clutter we had been hanging on to.

God is like your Fine Life Director, working to give you a better life. But it is expected that you put work in, too. The work of prayer and forgiveness. Raise your needs and concerns in prayer. Forgive yourself and others. Let go of that life clutter holding you back and blurring your vision or direction.

In three weeks, we filled four large dumpsters and a sixteen-foot donation truck. At times when you get discouraged and feel overwhelmed by all the life clutter, remember Philippians 4:13.

***"I can do all things through Christ
who strengthens me."***

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FIRST Presbyterian Church

August 2019

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Ladies Bible Study

Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments

is the name of the Bible study which will be used by First Presbyterian Church Duncanville Ladies' Bible Study Groups for the coming 2019-2020 year beginning in September.

Learn about the study:

What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. "Moral behavior matters, not simply because immoral actions can anger or disappoint God, but because principled behavior is how love becomes real, both toward God and in community." Love Carved in Stone is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

Why the Ten Words? The author notes that nowhere in the Hebrew text does the word for "commandment" appear. She says, "In the Bible, these utterances are called just what they are: 'words.' I've chosen to use the term 'Ten Words' because it is the biblical form and opens us up to looking at the Ten Commandments in fresh ways."

Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

If learning more about this sounds intriguing to you, and you would like to study with a group of women who as friends support, pray and study together, please consider joining either the Sarah Circle which meets in the evening or the Agape Circle which meets in the afternoon, once a month.

Books will be ordered around August 26th so please contact Joan Brown, 972.742.7997, if you are interested in the evening group or Connie Steger, 972.741.7932, if you are interested in the afternoon group. All ladies, whether members of the church or not, are invited.

Worship Volunteer Schedule August 2019

August 4	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery End of Service Ministry	Darlene Cowand Jack Pegues Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Candice Morris Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand
August 11	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry Communion Servers Communion Preparer	Doris Metzger & Jocelyn Bolles Eugene Jimmerson & Irving Kezar Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Jocelyn Bolles Vanessa Cordova & Brenda Everett Irving Kezar, Vanessa Cordova, Jeff Thorpe, Connie Steger, Marna Bayless Connie Steger
August 18	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Vanessa Cordova & Jason Cordova Dub Guthrie Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Sharon Ingram Marna Bayless & Connie Steger
August 25	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Candice Morris Jeff Thorpe & Joan Brown

August 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.

Wendy Jensen, August 5	Lori Glover, August 23
Kathleen Hartless, August 6	Eugene Jimmerson, August 23
Sydney Russell, August 6	
Lori Staalsen, August 11	Jaime Cordova, August 24
Brenda Everett, August 17	Dale Walters, August 28
Donna To, August 18	Scott Hartless, August 29
Eddie Cowand, August 20	Doris Metzger, August 29



2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
June	\$18,221	\$22,368
Jan - June	\$118,968	\$123,477

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.