



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

"In Over My Head"

Recently Pastor Ginger preached a sermon with a similar title. I found myself thinking of times in my past when I've been in over my head. One in particular stands out in my memory as a pointer to Jesus' involvement in my life.

It was my third year in college, and I still did not know how to swim. Two earlier attempts at learning had been failures. Time for another try: physical education courses at my school included swimming. I signed up.

After a couple of sessions doing the usual beginning steps, I was not making progress. The teacher noticed this and said, "I want you to stretch out, lying on top of the water." I gave it a try. In a few seconds I was not only in over my head, I was in over my entire body, lying on the bottom of the pool! After I'd got my head back above water the teacher said to me, "Oh! I see – you're a sinker. You'll just have to work more."

The teacher's work reminds me of Jesus. Here are some parallels that I find helpful:

The teacher is interested in my problem(s) – and so is Jesus.

The teacher knows me better than I know myself – and so does Jesus: a *lot* better!

The teacher wants to help me – so does Jesus, and He will help me more than the human teacher

The teacher has a plan for me – so does Jesus: it may be difficult but is what I need.

Fast forward to the present. Lately I'm reminded that more than ever I need to look to the Teacher – Jesus – for every aspect of life. It seems that in earlier years His path for me was more often than not "beside still waters" (Ps. 23). Today the path involves "new normals" every so often. Energy is lower, and things get done more slowly. I'm inclined to feel a little like Paul the apostle must have felt as he listed his difficulties including being lashed, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, adrift at sea, and facing danger (2 Cor 11:24-26).

But Jesus remains the same! He still wants to hear me pray. He still sends grace my way. He speaks as I read the Scriptures, worship, and receive encouragement from fellow believers. He sends me to give out cups of cold water in His name. He encourages me after bottom-of-the-pool experiences! He accepts my thanks.

Paul



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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

Meets Tuesday, October 15

Study for ages 16 and up!

Required Book: "Seamless" by Angie Smith

Book Cost: \$13

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JEREMIAH 29:13, NIV



**Worship Volunteer Schedule
October 2019**

October 6	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery End of Service Ministry	Darlene Cowand Jack Pegues, Sean Russell Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Sharon Ingram Jeff Thorpe & Joan Brown
October 13	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry Communion Servers Communion Preparer	Doris Metzger & Jocelyn Bolles Eugene Jimmerson, Irving Kezar, Brenda Everett Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Candice Morris Jocelyn Bolles & Nancy Bergman Dub Guthrie, Brenda Everett, Eugene Jimmerson, Nancy Berg- man, Vanessa Cordova Kathleen Hartless
October 20	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Vanessa Cordova & Jason Cordova Dub Guthrie, Paul Griffith, Sean Russell Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova Jocelyn Bolles Paul Griffith & Dub Guthrie
October 27	Greeters Ushers Tellers Nursery Volunteer End of Service Ministry	Youth Youth Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Doris Metzger Sean Russell & Darlene Cowand

— 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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October 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.

Zephyr Lewis, October 2	Barbara Notari, October 19
Diane Pegues, October 3	Andres Benitez, October 22
Carlos Benitez, October 8	Brandon Cowand, October 24
Grant Everett, October 9	
Sean Russell, October 14	Lorraine Cordova, October 30
Jonathan Liddle, October 18	



2019 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
Aug	\$16,731	\$20,056
Jan - Aug	\$171,499	\$174,119