



First Presbyterian Church

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

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Things to Get for 2021

I certainly hope to get out of face masks. But regardless of the current round of difficulties, I believe God will make FPCD a blessing to our community as we get more of these four things:

Get Real. As a teenager I found that God was really FOR me and not against me, and that being forgiven changed my heart. Unbelievable! God wants to be friend and companion and life source for Dennis. This new life is strong enough, wise enough, good and brave enough to make a good difference wherever God takes me. And this new life is really all I've got for ministry. Without it, skills, education, and experience go sour. So I want to look for Jesus daily and drink of the living water. Then I will find that God is at work all over the place and that I get to have a part in it.

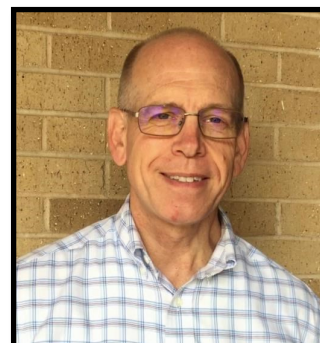
Get Curious. Connecting with people requires that I ask questions, listen, and understand them. Having understood, I may be able to do something helpful. Sometimes, the listening by itself does a world of good. FPCD's ministry of prayer in our parking lot is a good example of this. By talking with people, listening to their needs and hopes, and praying with them, we understand our community better, and we begin to do them good. Let us cultivate this curiosity and find what else will be life-giving for our community.

Get Together. We do well, and we do more, and we enjoy it more, when we operate as a team. As an individual, I can do a couple of things and maybe even do them well. But I can't do everything well and I can't do them all at once. I'm so grateful for the people in our church who are gifted for things I don't do so well. Thank you for your energy and your many acts of service! In the coming year, let us be grateful for chances to work together, and to become better friends and teammates. And this will make a good difference in our wider community.

Get Going. To make a difference in a broader way, I have to try new things. A coworker once told me that the only way to enlarge my comfort zone was to get outside of it and pull! This is true for ministry outside my home culture, but it is also true in Duncanville. As a church and as individuals, it will do us good to get outside our comfort zone sometimes, to fail, or to need help, to be uncomfortable, in order to do what is needed.

May God lead us and let us be a blessing to our community in 2021!

*Dennis
Walters*



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Thank You from PW

Thanks to one and all for making the on-line auction such a great success! Whether you donated items, purchased them, just made a donation, or came to help, we greatly appreciate your gift. We raised just over \$2,000 which enables us to continue our support of the following organizations:

PW National Mission
Heifer International
Pan American Presbyterian School, Kingsville TX
Bridges Safe House, Cedar Hill TX
Mission of Good Shepherd Children's Home, Belize
as well as FPCD

In addition, we served 35 spaghetti and meatball suppers "TO GO" on Saturday, December 4 and with your support, brought in an additional \$200.

Thanks for shopping with us and letting us provide your Saturday night supper!!

You are the best.

Jocelyn Bolles and Joan Brown for PW

**Worship Volunteer Schedule
January 2021**

January 3	Tellers	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed
January 10	Tellers	Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova
January 17	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons
January 24	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
January 31	Tellers	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed

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We do not make requests of you because
we are *righteous*, but because of
YOUR GREAT MERCY.

from Daniel 9:18 (NIV)

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Impact Youth
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.
— 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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January 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.

Jocelyn Bolles, January 1	Nyadia Thorpe, January 12
Gwenn Guthrie, January 4	Jason Cordova, January 13
Jim Stahl, January 5	Connie Steger, January 16
Brittany Haywood, January 7	Logan Russell, January 25
Jeff Thorpe, January 10	



2020 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
November	\$26,526**	\$15,260
Jan - Nov	\$253,313*** + \$28,541*	\$249,949

*PPP loan from government

**\$10,054 of this for building fund

***\$29,026 of this for building fund