



February



# First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

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### ***From our Session***

## **The Storm**

When I think of the word storm, I think of rain, muddy shoes, wet clothes, and bad traffic. The rain comes and then the next day, it's sunny again, as if it never even rained. When victims of Hurricane Katrina hear the word storm, they probably flashback in their minds to flood waters, and missing family members. They may think of their homes, possessions, and animals that were lost. For them, that storm most likely changed their lives forever.

Some storms are predictable, and we have plenty of time to prepare. Other times, the storm may come unexpectedly without any preparation time, and we have to just "weather" our way through it.

In life, storms can hit at any time, in any area of our lives: in our finances, health, family life, or work. In my own life, I would say that I have had some unpredictable storms with my health. The storm began unexpectedly in 2008 and felt like it never stopped raging. For the first time in a long time, I feel as if I have reached a calm in the storm. The most important thing is what I have learned on the latter part of this journey.

## **Miracles**

I arrived at First Presbyterian in 2014 and had been on dialysis for just over six months. I was blessed to have a live donor, and surgery was scheduled for May 2015. Unfortunately, I had unexpected complications after the surgery and had a disgruntled summer recovery.

I just couldn't understand why God would bless me with a new kidney, and then allow so many complications to arise. Of the six years I have had my first kidney, five were filled with multiple hospital stays. This sadly took a toll on that kidney.

But something happened along the journey. I realized that when I was on dialysis, I had prayed for God to bless me with a kidney and keep me healthy enough to avoid having to do dialysis again: and He had done that! It might not have looked the way I wanted, but God's plan never does. Even as my first kidney began to lose function, I remained healthy enough to avoid dialysis. Years later, God is still answering that prayer. There are many who wait years for just one kidney, and here I stand with two.

A song was shared to me that says: "I've got miracles on miracles, A million little miracles..... One, two, three, four, I can't even count 'em all."

It's more than just the big miracles. He blesses me daily with more than my mind can even conceive. In the midst of your storm, can you see the miracles?

*Brittany*



## PW News

### *Thank you!*

Thanks to one and all who contributed to the PW annual Christmas auction (on-line). We raised \$2,319 and another \$108 from the spaghetti supper to go. We couldn't have done this without your support – whatever your contribution – donating items, purchasing items, working in the kitchen, sharing the workload, whatever! We appreciate it all.

Most of the funds we raise are donated to various charitable organizations. Here's a list of the organizations we supported in 2021:

• PW National Mission	\$300.00
• PW Least Coin	25.00
• Heifer Foundation International	800.00
• Presbyterian Pan American School, Kingsville TX	300.00
• Mission of Good Shepherd Children's Home, Belize	250.00
• Bridges Safehouse, Cedar Hill TX	100.00
• FPCD Duncanville for landscape and gardens	650.00

### *PW Prayer Request*

Please remember in your prayers the Mission of Good Shepherd Children's Home in Belize. This is one of the organizations we support and they are asking us to remember their children in prayer. While part of Belize is well known as a luxury resort, behind the fancy hotels and elaborate entertainment venues, lies a great deal of poverty. As is almost always the case, it's the little children who suffer most. Thank you for remembering them.

### **From Property – Missing Wet/Dry Vac**



After all the work was finished in the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and adjoining office and classroom areas, and everything put back in place (which didn't happen until November), we discovered we have a big empty box, a few parts and an instruction manual, but no Wet/Dry Vacuum! It was last used, to our knowledge, to help remove the water from the sanctuary in February and then the water from the CE classroom in March. Then, of course, everything got moved around and somewhere in the process, it has gone astray. It was purchased in July of 2020 so it's fairly new! We hope never to have need of it again but ..... in the meantime, if you know where it may be, please let us know.

Thank you.



# FIRST Presbyterian Church

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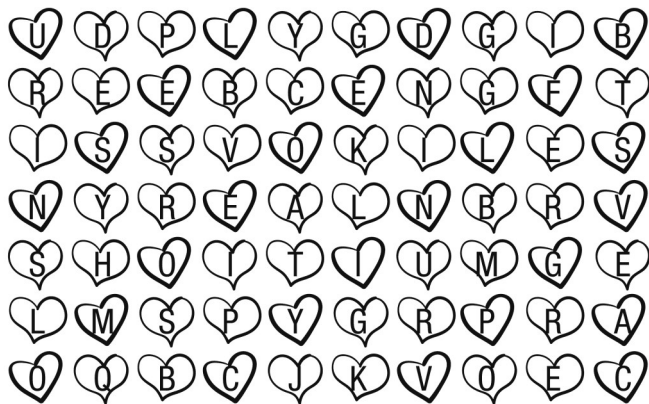
# Puzzle Page



## The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

**Directions:** Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other D \_\_\_\_\_, because love

\_\_\_\_\_ over a multitude of \_\_\_\_\_. Offer

\_\_\_\_\_ to one another without

\_\_\_\_\_. Each of you should use whatever

— — — — — you have received to — — — — — others, as faithful

stewards of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace



Answer each statement (based on Matthew's gospel)  
True or False by circling the letter in the correct column.  
Then write each circled letter on the appropriately  
numbered line below to discover why Jesus died.

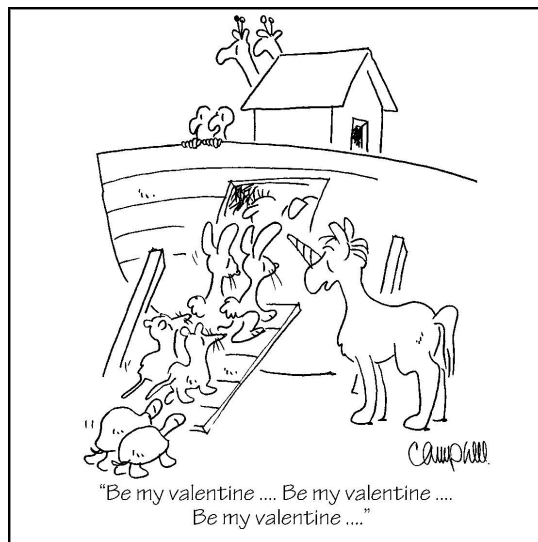
	TRUE	FALSE
1. Jesus healed Peter's wife ( <i>Matthew 8:14</i> ).	E	<b>N</b>
2. Jesus fed the 5,000 with two loaves and five fish ( <i>14:17</i> ).	R	A
3. At Jesus' Transfiguration, Peter saw Jonah and Elijah ( <i>17:3</i> ).	M	S
4. The rich, young ruler decided not to follow Jesus ( <i>19:22</i> ).	T	C
5. Jesus said the temple had become a "den of robbers" ( <i>21:13</i> ).	I	G
6. Famines and earthquakes are signs of the end of the age ( <i>24:7</i> ).	V	D
7. Jesus tells a story of the six wise and six foolish maidens ( <i>25:1-13</i> ).	F	A
8. Judas betrayed Jesus with a secret handshake ( <i>26:48</i> ).	P	L
9. The Roman governor Polonius interrogated Jesus ( <i>27:11-14</i> ).	W	O

**N**

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Answer: N, A, S, T, I, V, A, L, O; salvation



## **Worship Volunteer Schedule February 2022**

<b>February 6</b>	<b>Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation Communion Servers</b>	Dudley Austin Jaime Cordova Sean Russell & Brenda Everett Jimmy Cordova Dennis Walters & Diane Pegues
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation</b>	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Brittany Haywood & Dub Guthrie Jennifer McWilliams
<b>February 20</b>	<b>Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation</b>	Connie Steger & Joan Brown Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Darrell Ingram & Joan Brown Allen Conley
<b>February 27</b>	<b>Greeters Tellers End of Service Ministry Sound Room Rotation</b>	Sharon Ingram Joan Brown & Teresa Reed Paul Griffith & Diane Pegues Logan Russell

“But I say to you that listen,

*Love*  
your enemies,

*do good*  
to those who hate you,

*bless*  
those who curse you,

*pray*  
for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28, NRSV

**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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## February 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.

Glenn Favors, February 2	Claudia Griffith, February 16
Candice Morris, February 2	Lee Austin, February 21
Carol McKinney, February 4	Susan Walters, February 22
Christy Favors, February 6	Nadine Daum, February 23
Triston Russell, February 8	Gary Simons, February 26
Paul Griffith, February 12	Gary Morris, February 28
Leo Skinner, February 15	



### 2021 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
Dec 2021	\$71,295	\$23,962
Jan-Dec 2021	\$420,795	\$413,021