



First Press

Living to Make Jesus Visible



Making Jesus Visible to ...
VBS Kids

We're Here for a Reason, Regardless of the Season

By Rev. Trey Little, Senior Pastor



It seems like yesterday that we were talking about the summer and how excited we were about all the fun activities we were going to participate in; the family vacations we were going to take; the break from school and studies; and the much needed rest we were going to get. And now, here we are, the last 30 days of Summer 2013!

I suppose this means it is time to begin talking about the school supplies we are going to buy; the dates we will move our college students back; the goals we will set for ourselves this school year; and how tired we are from summer and how we can't wait for school to start back up so we can get some rest. However, it is also time to begin planning for an exciting "re-entry" into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

In this issue of First Press you will find information to assist you and your families as you prepare for the Fall at First. Once again we will have a **BIG Kick-off Sunday celebration on September 8**—I hope you will make plans to join us. Likewise, there is information about a **NEW format for Wednesday nights at First**—I believe this will provide us with a wonderful time of fellowship while at the same time being very informative. Be on the lookout for information regarding new Sunday

School offerings as well. And finally, be sure and check out our **NEW** website—I am confident you will find it very accessible and helpful. In case you haven't noticed, we have been busy this summer and we look forward to having the First family back together soon.

In the meantime, I wanted to share with you something I came across in my studies (see below). The original author of this list is unknown but my hope is this will be helpful to you as you enjoy the end of summer and prepare for fall. Quite frankly, you may even want to place this list on your refrigerator door—reminding you that, regardless of the season—you are here for a reason!

Friends, summer may be ending but God's love for you will never end. Therefore, remember to live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, make Jesus visible—and leave the rest to God.

I look forward to seeing you soon—by the way, being your Pastor is at the **TOP OF MY LIST!**

Keep smilin' and keep lovin'.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "T" and a cursive "rey".



Ten Spiritual Points to Ponder

1. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.
2. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
3. One may ask: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" One may answer: "Yes, losing your vision!"
4. When God solves your problems you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems He has faith in your abilities.
5. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says: "Relax, it's just a bend, not the end!"
6. Old friends are gold. New friends are diamond. If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold—because to hold a diamond, you will always need a base of gold.
7. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
8. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
9. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because although it is important to be able to see our past; we must have a wide view of our future. So, look ahead and move on.
10. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.

Is a Small Group for You?

By Mary Norris

Each week many members and some "regular attenders" of First Presbyterian Church gather in personal homes. We are called "small groups". It may be difficult to understand in this age of social media why a group of normally clear-thinking adults make a week-by-week commitment to meet with others face to face. A story told by Buckner Fanning, long-time pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, may help to explain.

A little boy was afraid of the dark. Each time he would cry out, his Mom would try to comfort him by saying, "Don't be afraid. Jesus is right here. He is taking care of you." After many times hearing the same words from his Mom, the small boy declared, "I know Jesus is taking care of me, but I want someone with skin on!"

That, friends, is the secret. Small groups have skin on. The members of my small group use social media. We e-mail, tweet, post entries on Facebook pages and text. But more importantly, we are with each other week by week to visit, eat, study and PRAY with and for each other. Pray is in all caps because, for me, it is the most compelling reason to participate.

Below is our group's list of concerns from last year. It is a real list even though it is in general categories. The list is not specific nor are names included because we make another commitment to our small group: what's shared in small group stays in small group. The purpose of this commitment is not to be exclusive but to be sensitive to members wanting, or needing, discretion about their concerns.

Illness, including the "C" word:

We pray for skillful doctors and mercy.

We rejoice in good reports.

Mental Pain from unfounded criticism as well as **Physical Pain** from illness and injury:

We pray for relief, both mental and physical.

We are thankful when God shows us how he can work through the pain to reveal himself in us and in others.

Exhaustion from care giving:

We pray for rest.

We thank God for joy in extra time spent with loved ones.

Death:

We celebrate lives lived making God visible to others and us.

We pray that those who are left find courage to face each day without a loved one.

We thank God for the comfort of knowing the "Good-bye" is not forever. We will have a joyful "Hello".

Children:

We pray for lives filled with meaning.

We pray for relationships that are fruitful and directed.

We pray for reconciliation when wills collide.

We pray for term pregnancies and healthy new babies.

We give thanks for the miracle of birth.

Careers:

We pray that God will work all things together for good in his timing.

We pray for insight and patience.

We pray for courage to act on God's call.

Relocation:

We pray God's safekeeping for members when they must, or decide, to relocate.

We continue to pray for each person's safekeeping.

Be a little selfish as you read this list and think about how a small group could support you. Then be a little unselfish and think about how you could support someone else. Ask God if this is the time for you to put some "skin on". It's up to you if you choose to join a small group. I'm just sayin'!

Church-wide sign-ups will be on Kick-off Sunday, September 8. Groups begin meeting for the fall semester the week of Sunday, September 15, and run to the week of Sunday, November 17. For more information contact either Stacie Rodriguez 210-226-0215, ext. 259, smallgroups@fpcsat.org, or Kay Gerfers, 210-479-9773, kgerfers@flash.net.



Big Thoughts about Small Groups

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
(Phi 1:3-6 NIV)

Paul wrote these words from prison to his church in Philippi, a group of people he dearly loved. Just the thought of them brought prayers to his lips. They were his partners in the most important thing to him: the gospel. They partnered by becoming followers of Jesus and then demonstrated their

faith as they stood firm in a pagan world. They sent both hands and money to meet his needs in prison.

It is hard to find a place in church life where this partnership is more keenly observed than in small groups. Here people meet together to study and pray in order to become stronger followers of Jesus. They serve together to make Jesus visible in a culture not unlike that found in Philippi. They care for one another offering help to alleviate the pain of fellow members. Members of small groups bear witness to the good work begun by God in each other. As a group, they proclaim with Paul's same confident hope that God will carry the good work on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Stephen Ministers Help During Trying Times

For the second year in a row, First Presbyterian Church will partner with Alamo Heights United Methodist Church (AHUMC) in sponsoring a class for new Stephen Ministers. Following is a testimonial on this ministry by Mary Anne Barber of AHUMC. She will be coordinating the class, with teachers from the two churches.



"There are times in our lives when we may need a Christian friend. I know there have been such occasions in my life – challenges in the workplace, best friends moving away, illness in my family. We just need someone to walk with us during a trying time. A Stephen Minister is just that – someone to listen and provide distinctively Christian care during or after a crisis; someone who can offer God's comfort and strength. I have learned so much and have received such joy from my involvement with this ministry. Every-

one is truly blessed in these special Christian relationships. Experience God's love through Stephen Ministry. Being a Stephen Minister has given me the opportunity to serve the lord, reflect his Love, and see hurting people restored."

Mary Ann Barber

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry that provides loving care for those in need of someone to listen to their needs, matching women with women and men with men on a one-on-one basis. Stephen Ministers never divulge the names of their care receivers. If you would like more information on the new Stephen Ministry class to begin the last weekend of September, and continuing each Tuesday through 50 hours of instruction over four to five months, or if you have a recommendation of a person who would benefit in being provided a Stephen Ministry, contact the Rev. Scott Simpson, 210-271-2712, or scotts@fpcsat.org, or one of the church's two Stephen Leaders, Karin Gabrielson, at 210-333-4239, or Karin_gabrielson@hotmail.com, or Joe Rust, at 210-824-5948, or texwriter@grandecom.net. Information also can be found on bookmarks in the pews in the Sanctuary or in the Mauze Lobby.



Trey Little Surprised with Anniversary Honor

To Senior Pastor Trey Little's surprise during a worship service in July, he was presented with a special stole to mark the 10th anniversary of his ordination. He later said on Twitter that he was "richly blessed and incredibly surprised in worship...at FPC. Thank you for the love."



Church
Register

DEATHS:

Albert R. Orsinger
June 14, 2013

Jean Smith
July 6, 2013

BAPTISMS:

Robert Christopher David Browning, Jr., son of Robert Christopher David and Michaela Constance Browning
June 16, 2013

Charles Yeaton Williams, son of James Yeaton and Amanda Rittenhouse Williams
June 23, 2013

Grace Elizabeth Koury, daughter of Michael and Melissa Koury
June 30, 2013

Deacons Ministry

How to Use the Care and Concern Line

By Gordon Smith

According to our church directory, the deacons “are specifically charged with caring for and ministering to those who are sick, in need, friendless or in distress. The Deacons’ office is one of sympathy, concern and compassion for those members who need such attention.”

But how do the deacons know which church members would benefit from care, concern and compassion? One of the most important ways is through the church’s “Care and Concern” line. The Care and Concern line is a recorded message that lists church members who are either in a hospital or a rehabilitation facility; it is updated as necessary as the information changes. In addition, the Care and Concern line lists prayer requests for church members or church groups experiencing some particular need or event, such as an upcoming surgery or mission trip. Deacons use this information to know who to visit in medical facilities, as well as who to pray for.

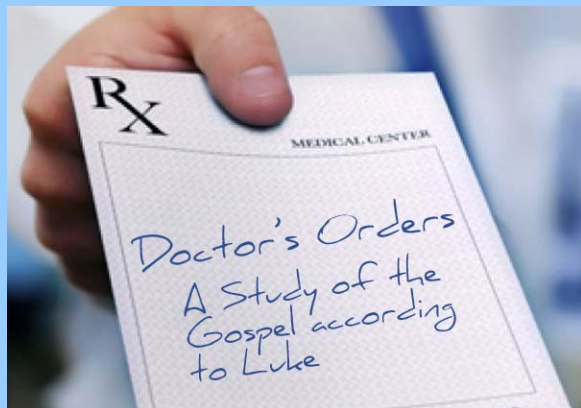
In addition to hospital/rehabilitation information and prayer

requests, the Care and Concern line also includes a verse from scripture, reminding us that God is present always, in

the midst of whatever we may be experiencing or whatever concerns we have. What a blessing to have that assurance!

But of course, the Care and Concern line is for the entire church family, not just the Deacons. Accessing it is easy—just let your fingers do the walking: (210) 222-CARE (2273). It is also possible to leave a message if you have a need or know someone who might have a need for the Care and Concern line. Please take advantage of this important tool!

A recent Bible verse from the Care and Concern line: “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God.” (Isaiah 41:10)



**Thursday Bible Study
for men and women**

Led by Rev. Trey H. Little

**September 12-November 21, 2013 and
January 9-April 17, 2014**

Perhaps you are feeling “lost” on your spiritual journey? Perhaps you have been “hiding” from the Lord—not intentionally, but instead as a result of the busyness in your life or simply due to the circumstances in your life? Perhaps you need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ afresh in your life?

Some have called Luke’s Gospel the “loveliest book in the world.”

Make plans to join us for a weekly appointment with the “doctor.” You never know—it just may change how you live your life!

Small Groups

Each Bible Study participant will be placed in a small, cohesive discussion group to allow time for answering Bible Study questions and personal sharing. Group composition will be based on various factors, including group size, age, experience in Bible study and length of time at First Presbyterian Church (if applicable), in order to bring together a variety of backgrounds and experiences in each group.

Small discussion groups meet from 9:30–10:30 a.m. The lecture by Pastor Trey is in Covenant Hall from 10:30–11:15 a.m. (Note: this schedule is REVERSED on the first meeting date, September 12; the lecture is at 9:30 and the small groups are at 10:30.)

Pick up a brochure at the church and register today. Contact Stacie Rodriguez at stacier@fpcsat.org. Childcare available! RSVP to Carrie Jowers (carriej@fpcsat.org; 210-226-0215, ext. 220) no later than two days prior to class date. Unfortunately, drop-ins for childcare cannot be accommodated. Questions? Contact Ann Smith at 210-822-2440.

Just What the Doctor Ordered

What is it about “Doctor’s Orders” that have a way of impacting our daily practices? There is something about the wisdom of a doctor that seems to have a direct impact on how we live our lives.

Such is the case of the wisdom of a physician named Luke. Luke was a Gentile who cared deeply for people and desperately wanted everyone to know of the life changing Messiahship and mission of The Great Physician, Jesus Christ. This is evident by his words as recorded in Luke 19:10: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”



Reading Buddies: Get Ready for a Fantastic Fall!

By Kirby Carpenter

First Presbyterian Church has been making Jesus visible at local public schools! But the work is far from over: tutors are needed for children who are reading behind their grade level.

Last fall, eight tutors from First Pres started working with San Antonio Youth Literacy (SAYL). The first school was W.W. White Elementary on the east side. Some of the second graders needed tutoring help to be able to move up to reading at grade level before entering the third grade. The old adage is that "children must learn to read by the second grade so they can read to learn in the third grade and beyond." By the end of the academic year the program had grown and 23 FPC members and friends were tutoring 45 2nd graders weekly at several elementary schools. The students have progressed much more quickly with the individualized attention of the FPC tutors. Students tutored by FPC members reading proficiency improved an average of 1.6 grade levels! Relationships have developed between the students and the FPC members, with the FPC members attending some of the children's school parties and dance competitions. Senior Pastor Trey Little attended a reading celebration with the entire 2nd grade at WW White and explained to the students how we are all making Jesus visible with everything that they are accomplishing.

We plan to continue at the current schools and also expand into new schools this fall. Many more tutors are needed. Our strategy has been to choose specific schools so we can share the experience with each other as we build relationships in the school and in the community. For this coming academic cycle we will be returning to WW White again where 27% of third

graders are reading behind grade level, and to Barkley-Ruiz on the near west side 25% deficient. New schools are Las Palmas, an Edgewood ISD school on the west side, where 46% of students are behind, and Highland Hills, east of I-37 off of Southcross, where 40% of third graders are not reading on grade level. If another school, or another program, is your preference, then please join and participate. It's all about making Jesus visible.

Attend SAYL Training August 25

SAYL will be at FPC on Sunday August 25 immediately following the 11:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services in Room 224, for a one-hour training session.

Tutoring begins the third week of September and training may be arranged at other times and places if you are unable to attend on August 25. A background check and your commitment to follow through are the other requirements. Reading Buddies tutor two students for 30 minutes each, once a week. Days and times are flexible to accommodate your schedule. This is a great activity for your Life Group, Sunday School class, or Circle to share. We have lots of couples that tutor together. You can make Jesus visible to an unchurched friend by inviting them to tutor with you. Several tutors have gotten their co-workers involved as Reading Buddies.

Contact Kirby Carpenter (210-287-0247 or kirby@ascoeq.com), or Alyssa Payne (210-271-2742 or allysap@fpcsat.org) or Claire Plantenga (210-271-2724 or clairep@fpcsat.org). You may also call SAYL at 210-299-1533.



Lunchtime Learning with Love

By Kirby Carpenter

Make Jesus visible on your lunch hour by tutoring reading or math!

KIPP Schools are charter schools with an amazing record of sending most of their graduates to college. They are free public schools; students at KIPP are mostly SAISD students who come from areas where few students attend college. KIPP Camino is a public junior high school at 128 S. Audubon Dr, which is on north central side of San Antonio near Olmos Park just off of San Pedro. Students enter KIPP Camino from other public schools in the fifth grade; they are often 2+ years behind grade level when they begin KIPP. These students have a tremendous amount of catching up to do in the fifth grade and FPC tutors are greatly needed for reading and for math. You will work alongside a KIPP teacher in their classroom. Times are from 12:20 until 1:06PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 3:45 to 4:45 PM after school is also available on the same days.

Attend Tutoring Training September 19

A one-hour training course will be held at the school on Thursday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. Tutoring begins the week of September 23, and we ask that volunteers commit for at least an 8-week period to be able to achieve meaningful results. All adults working with children must have a background clearance by the school. If you would like to find out more, please contact Hal Zesch (210-260-6789 or hal.zesch@gmail.com). You may also contact or Alyssa Payne (210-271-2742 or alys-sap@fpcsat.org) or Claire Plantenga (210-271-2724 or clairep@fpcsat.org)

Several FPC tutors kicked off the program at KIPP Camino by attending the annual Vocabulary Bee at the end of this school year. As a tutor, you will be making Jesus visible in many tender and loving ways and will impact these children for the rest of their lives. You will accomplish more than you previously thought possible. Please consider joining us.

There's a Place for You to Serve!

School Affiliation:	San Antonio Youth Literacy	KIPP Camino Public School
School Locations:	East, South, and West Sides (of Downtown)	North central (inside Loop 410)
Grades:	Second graders	Fifth graders
Subjects:	Reading	Reading or math
Days of week:	Monday - Friday	Mon., Tues., Thurs., or Fri.
Times:	Morning and afternoon	Lunchtime or 3:45-4:45 pm
FPC contact name:	Kirby Carpenter	Hal Zesch
Contact info (210):	287-0247 or kirby@ascoeq.com	260-6789 or hal.zesch@gmail.com

Did you know that you are living to make Jesus visible in India?

HERE'S HOW.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLUBS

Mission India provides valuable education to children about hygiene and reading, as well as the truth of the gospel.

ADULT LITERACY CLASSES

It costs only \$1 for a 2 week literacy training course from Mission India, where they use the Scriptures to learn to read.

CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING

Mission India uses only indigenous church planters to teach and train other Indians, including many women to serve as pastors.



India has more people groups, religions, and languages than anywhere else on earth, and is home to more than 400 million people who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

Culture is steeped in idol worship and superstition

35% of school-age children are not enrolled in school

70% of population is functionally illiterate

86% of Indians earn less than \$2.50 a day

456 million earn less than \$1.25 a day



God is raising up ordinary men and women to serve as dynamic local leaders in India. They are carrying the Gospel's message of hope into remote jungle villages, impoverished rural communities, and urban slums. India's Christians are passionate about sharing the Gospel within their communities, but need support in the form of tools and training. For over 30 years, Mission India has been providing these dedicated believers with essential training and materials.

Through the faithful offerings of First Presbyterian Church members, we support church planters in India. Mission India provides combined classroom training and supervised fieldwork. During this time they share the Gospel, establish new worship communities, and often have opportunities for outreach through Children's Bible Clubs. They are well-equipped to screen and approve applicants, provide materials in 13 Indian languages, supervise classroom instruction and fieldwork, and require progress report submissions.

Meet a few of the church planters we support and find out more about how God is using the financial gifts offered by FPC to help ordinary people accomplish extraordinary things! Go to: <http://www.missionindia.org/media>



MISSION INDIA

Encourage Academic Success

SCHOOL SUPPLIES OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT TO A CHILD IN NEED IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY

Remember how exciting it was to start off each school year with all your new school Supplies? You can make this happen for children served by the House of Neighborly Service. HNS is again collecting basic and much needed school supplies for Westside children from preschool through fifth grade so they will be prepared for starting the school year. **You may donate any of the following supplies or funds to purchase them** to ensure that these children are equipped with supplies and ready for school.

Basic supply items include:

Jumbo crayons
Regular crayons (8, 16, 24 per box)
Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide rule)
Pointed end scissors
Husky pencils
#2 pencils
12" rulers (marked in centimeters)
Large boxes of tissues
Toothbrushes *soft*
Primary writing tablets

Spiral notebooks (70 pages, wide rule)
Colored map pencils
3-ring notebook
Blunt-end scissors
Soft pink erasers
Ballpoint pens (blue or black)
Colored markers
Pocket folders (with *brads*)
Tubes of toothpaste

You may bring your donations to the Mauze Lobby at First Presbyterian Church before Sunday, August 18.

Financial Donations can be made payable to House of Neighborly Service (with "School Supplies" in the memo line of your check) Mail to 407 Calaveras, 78207, Attention Cotton Clark. Questions, contact Rosemary Engstrom at 210-699-0408.

Learn about House of Neighborly Service A Partner in Mission

The House of Neighborly Service (HNS), founded by Presbyterian missionaries, is a non-profit neighborhood center living to make Jesus visible in an area of San Antonio with circumstances that seem nearly insurmountable. Right now, within the primary zip code area served by HNS (78207), approximately 5,000 children ages 0-5 are growing up in poverty, living on an income of less than \$20,000 per year. In addition to the effects of poverty, these kids generally grow up surrounded by chronic stress, due to circumstances such as observing domestic violence, being neglected or abused often in conjunction with a family member with drug and/or alcohol problems, instability of housing, and frequent school transfers. As a result of enduring this environment, the kids served by HNS commonly suffer a level of stress so extreme that it is defined as "toxic" because of the adverse impact on brain development associated with a wide range of learning, emotional, behavioral, and medical problems.

HNS brings hope to the neighborhood through Christian love and service to enhance the quality of life in the community through a variety of programs, such as emergency food assistance, a child development center, social services, adult education, and caring for the elderly. First Presbyterian Church has been partnering with the House of Neighborly Service since

2002 to support these valuable programs, including an excellent Early-Intervention Program for at-risk children who have suffered toxic stress and need intense help in order to be prepared for school. The program is based on neurobiological research and is designed to transform the whole family.

Children learn resiliency behaviors; adults develop an awareness of toxic stress triggers, design prevention plans, and implement specific parenting strategies that can be successfully used in the home, directly resulting in healthier homes and a healthier neighborhood. In a letter describing his appreciation of FPC, Executive Director, Mr. John "Cotton" Clark wrote, "As a Presbyterian organization, the support we have received since 2002 from FPC for our child and family programs has been extremely important to us...it has allowed us to continue to serve the children living in poverty and their families on the Westside of San Antonio and has been critical to our child abuse prevention efforts."

Praise God for His faithful stewards at FPC and for His servants at the House of Neighborly Service!



VBS 2013

This summer our Vacation Bible School theme was Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth. It was a memorable week of learning about Paul's second missionary journey. We learned how much God loves us, cares for us, and wants us to tell others about His immeasurable love.



We would like to thank all of our dedicated and faithful VBS 2013 volunteers! Thank you for helping make Jesus visible throughout Vacation Bible School this summer. We would like to personally thank this year's team leaders: Catherine Whitsett, Jamey Whitsett, Bob Esquenazi, Paul Homburg, Amy Foster, Gina Stevens, Holly Youngquist, Nina Jordan, Shara Ward, Kendra Crider, Jill Charlton, and Ruthie Seiders.

We would also like to thank our 23 amazing teachers, 33 teen helpers, and ALL of our other 30 wonderful volunteers. We served approximately 120 children! Without all of our faithful volunteers, VBS week would not be possible. A big "thank you" also to Mike Boursier, Tracy Hinchcliff, Janie Jimenez, and all of our wonderful household staff. Thank you to everyone for graciously sacrificing their time, talents, and energy ... we had a wonderful week in Athens!



Save The Date for VBS 2014: June 22 – June 26



Remembering Ed Crane — H-E-B Leader and Because People Matter Award Inspiration

Reprinted with kind permission of H-E-B from their March/April 2013 *Inside H-E-B* newsletter

Former H-E-B Leader and Because People Matter Award inspiration Edward "Ed" Williams Crane passed away January 12, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas, at the age of 95.



Ed was a grocery man all his life, starting his career as a boy working in a Safeway in Twin Falls, Idaho. During the 1950s, Ed joined Albertson's at their seventh store and proceeded to open 150 Albertson's stores in five regions. In 1969, Ed joined H-E-B and was instrumental in the phenomenal

growth of our company in the 1970s.

"Bringing Ed to H-E-B was a tug of war, back and forth, between me and Joe Albertson. Ed was known as a great operator at Albertson's and I was looking for a shot in the arm to move us ahead," remembers Charles Butt, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "I went to Boise to meet Ed and then he came to San Antonio. We hit it off very well. I felt that his enthusiasm and 'can do' spirit would be big additions to H-E-B."

Ed lived up to his reputation as an excellent operator and a top merchant. His ability to energize the organization was a turning point for H-E-B. Ed worked closely with Charles to make our stores in San Antonio successful — everything from starting a uniform program to remodeling existing stores and building new stores to "The Inflation Fighter" program that lowered thousands of prices. Most importantly, Ed worked to develop a winning attitude in every single person he worked with and knew all his Partners and their families.



The Ed Crane Award

Ed retired from H-E-B in 1982 as Vice President of Store Operations. That same year, H-E-B introduced the Ed Crane Award to honor Ed's distinguished service to H-E-B. Awarded to Unit Directors and General Managers, Partners who win the Ed Crane Award must exhibit a continuous drive for

results, passion for the business, and love for Partners. He or she must inspire Partners to live the Bold Promise and grow the culture that is distinctively H-E-B.

"The Ed Crane Award is the most coveted award in Store Operations because it signifies being the best in everything. Ed Crane's legacy has lived on at H-E-B far beyond his retirement and will live on far beyond his physical life. He was a role model to those who never had the privilege to work directly with him as well as those who did. He will be missed, but never forgotten," says Suzanne Wade, President, San Antonio Food/Drug Division.

Ed Crane Award Winners Remember Him

Former Ed Crane Award Winners remember Ed as a kind and caring leader and a great role model.

"Ed Crane was a kind, intelligent, and perceptive man. When I won the award, he and his wife, Dottie, came by to visit me at SA #16," says Connie Jones Barrera, Unit Director, SA #26. "Ed made you feel special. He asked questions and listened quietly and tried to pull the best out of you. I am honored to have known him."

"When I won last year, I was told that Ed's health had declined and he might not attend the ceremony. I was so surprised when he came up to the table and sat next to me. Ed talked passionately about his experiences in the retail world. His stories were filled with valuable leadership advice," says Eli Daniel, General Manager, Burleson.

"Ed left a legacy of dedication and integrity," says Laura Estes, Director of Marketing, Central Texas Region. "The award is still one of my proudest accomplishments and I love to look at his face on the plaque every day. I cherish the time I spent with him at those award ceremonies, as he was such a role model of grace and love for others."

"Mr. Crane had a great wit and it was an honor to spend time with him at my award ceremony. I know and have worked with everyone on the Ed Crane Award list, and may I say, it's quite a fantastic legacy of leaders," says Joe Scala, General Manager, Cypress Market.

"Ed Crane's legacy will live on forever! His passion for the business and the people was superb," adds Norman Hesbrook, Unit Director, McAllen #2.

"Ed was someone with a love for people first, a sharp eye for the business, and a love for H-E-B as a company," says Gary Anderson, General Manager, Leander. "I keep a shiny penny on my desk as a reminder of a saying that I attribute to Ed that we are in a penny business."

"Ed always had a camera and loved to take photos of what 'good' looked like to him. He remembered names, made eye contact, and always spoke to people in a positive way," shares Mike Warren, Director of Corporate Merchandising for Grocery, Houston Division. "I wanted to be like Ed and made it a personal goal to win the award bearing his name. It will always be very special to me."

"I salute Ed as a very special, caring person who combined so well our mantra of 'a good head for business and a great heart for people,'" Charles says. "He was a great friend whose legacy will live long inside H-E-B and the community he touched."

Family Ties to H-E-B Live On

Although Ed is gone, his family's ties to H-E-B live on through his stepdaughter and grandson.

"Ed was full of wisdom that he passed on to many over the years, but his love of family is the one thing I will cherish the

most," shares Heather Livesay, Ed's stepdaughter, Shelf Edge Manager at Austin #3. "My son, Reid Gieseke, was the first grandchild born after Ed and my mom Dottie got married. Reid now works for Austin #13 as a carryout and Ed was so excited that he chose to work at H-E-B for his first job. I hope the two of us will make him proud."



The History Corner

"He is Not Here, but Is Risen" Scripture in Stained Glass

By Bill Cogburn



Look to your left as you enter the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church and you'll see what many in the congregation think is the most dramatic and moving scene of any depicted in our stained glass windows. An angel is sitting on the empty tomb with his finger pointing toward heaven proclaiming "He is not here, but is risen!" This magnificent window was given by Paul G. Silber to honor his mother, Elise C. Silber and his brother, Hans F. Silber.

According to Matthew, at dawn on the first day after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James went to look at the tomb. There was a great earthquake when an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, went to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here for he has been raised just as he said. Come see the place where he lay then go quickly and tell his disciples he has been raised from the dead and indeed, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him."

In 1923, under the leadership of Rev. P. B Hill, First Pres undertook a major building project. A Young People's Building (so called in 1923) was built adjoining the north wall of the original 1910 structure. The construction project also included enlarging the old sanctuary and the addition of two memorial windows on the north side. The windows on the north wall would now be artificially lit since the newly constructed building abutted the sanctuary. First Pres member, Paul Silber was the architect for this major addition which cost \$250,000.

Paul Silber was born in Germany and grew up in Berlin. He came to the U.S. around 1902 to work as a sculptor in the construction of the German exhibits at the St. Louis World's Fair – Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904. After the Fair, he traveled back to Germany but soon returned to St. Louis to work and become a citizen of the U.S. From St. Louis he

migrated to Dallas and Waco eventually opening his architectural office in San Antonio. His firm designed the main building at Incarnate Word as well as St. Gerard's Church. He was the sculptor for the trumpet angels on the corners of the IW chapel tower. Before Rev. Hill's death, he sculpted a bas-relief of Dr. Hill which was cast in bronze and now hangs in the Hill classroom.

Moments to Hold Close

20/20

By Manuel Rodriguez



Now that I am in my 40s, I have a better understanding of optometry. However every appointment is the same. My eyes are examined completely, my new prescription is determined, the cause of the distortion is identified, I am tested for glaucoma, and even the blood pressure in my eyes is calculated. Yet after all of that, I am always asked

the same question, "would you like to have your eyes dilated for a more thorough exam?" More thorough? You have already identified everything, how much more thorough would it be to have my eyes dilated? Finally a doctor explained it to

me. Yes my eyes were examined, and yes they feel as though they have a great grasp of my situation based upon the examination. However, he stated, it is as though we examined you while looking through a keyhole and attempting to identify all of the objects in the room. Once we dilate your eyes, it is as though we actually open the door and can walk right in.

Isn't that the same with those that have a relationship with the Father, without accepting the Son? Sure they understand God, hear the bible stories, realize that He made the earth and created a Heaven. But sadly, those that have not accepted Christ are viewing God through the keyhole, when they have the opportunity by knowing Jesus to dilate the relationship, open the door and walk right in.

Fourth of July Picnic Pleased People Plenty!

By Kay Kutchins

Inquiring minds wanted to know, so here's some follow-up to our Fourth of July Picnic event!

We had 575 pieces of fried chicken to start. We had fewer than 20 when the picnic was over.

We began with 525 dinner plates and had 28 remaining. Eunmee Ha's homemade egg rolls were gone before anything else.

John Hudson's corn casseroles (two of them - big pans) also went quickly.

We literally scraped the bottom of the baked beans offerings and potato salads.

Deviled eggs? Gone. Salads of all kinds? Ditto.

Desserts? Not much left there, but what we had we shared with Loaves and Fishes.

KEYS' Ice Cream Social was a popular place to stop - for children AND adults. Extra ice cream cups were shared with Loaves and Fishes.



Sanctuary Choir began this church tradition as a way to "connect" with our fellow church members, many of whom we know and others whose heads and shoulders look familiar as we gaze down from the choir loft. We've grown from a starting group of about 150 picnic-goers in 2010 to nearly 500 this year. We've figured out the logistics of getting people fed, seated (inside when it's really hot), and introduced.

Special thanks to the Contemporary Worship community for setting up tables and getting chairs arranged around them.

Special thanks to the KEYS community for sharing their ice cream social with those who will someday be part of the FPC older adults ministry.

Special thanks to Tracy Hair and the FPC housekeeping staff for preliminary setup, quick change artistry when it rained on our parade and required new seating plans, help with cleanup and drinks and other details that make the picnic seem to flow smoothly.

And extra special thanks to members of Sanctuary Choir who are the lynch-pins that plan and execute this event that's a part of our church family's summer activities.





KEYS (Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit)

It's an Awesome August!

By Pat McCleary, Director, Older Adults

Even though this is our "slow time" of year, we are still getting together for many fellowship events and busy planning for our upcoming "busy time" that begins in September.

KEYS Game Days

Come enjoy fun, laughter and help keep your brain active and don't forget to bring a lunch!

Bridge will be played on Fridays, August 2, 9, 23, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please contact Katy BeDunnah at 210-945-9789 or Katy.bedunnah@att.net.

Mah Jongg group will play on Fridays, August 9 and 23, 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m. If interested in learning and playing, please contact Nancy Black at 210-493-1609.

August Birthdays

Friday, August 16, 2013

We'll celebrate August Birthdays at the Hyatt Hotel on the Riverwalk where we'll enjoy the complete pasta bar including choice of salads, soups, and desserts. Cost is \$12/person and if you are not on the PERMANENT LIST, RSVP by noon on Tuesday, August 13 by calling 210-226-0215. Please indicate if you will need transportation from the church to the Hotel.

Learn @ Lunch H-E-B Central Market

Wednesday, August 21, 2013, noon (note time change)

Come and join us for one of our favorite summer events. Director Mary Martini has selected the following delicious menu for demonstration and our delicious Berry Brunch:

- Chilled strawberry and goat cheese Bavarian with greens and strawberry vinaigrette
- Roasted port tenderloin with dried berry herb sauce
- Green beans with raspberries, almonds and brown butter, and Fresh berry cobbler cake

Make your reservation early by calling Pat McCleary at 210-271-2726. Cost is only \$25/person.

Labor Day Weekend Summer Lunch and Movie

Friday, August 30, 2013


Get your Labor Day weekend off to a relaxing start with one of First Pres Chef Maurilio's summer lunches followed by a great movie shown by our "movie experts" Liz and Jack Wright. Movie to be announced.

Step and Stretch Exercise is held every Friday in August except for Friday, August 16. You'll enjoy the fellowship of others while also improving your health. This is a no-cost program and daily exercise is highly recommended!

Also... save the date

Birthday Luncheon at Fort Sam Golf Club

Friday, September 20—more details to come



**Mark Your Calendar for
KEYS Fall Kick-off
Friday, September 13, 2013
11:00 a.m.**

George Washington: A Call to Duty!
In honor of Constitution Week
(September 16 -20)

A man of duty and steadfast perseverance from surveyor to soldier from Pope's Creek to Mount Vernon from general to president.

Come listen as noted educator Bill Perryman brings to life the Fascinating life story of American's First Constitutional President George Washington

Deep in the Heart of Texas!

***Take a trip to Austin to see the restored Governor's Mansion
and take a tour of the State Capitol
Monday, September 23, 2013***

You are invited to grab your boots and travel with Pat McCleary and a group on a comfortable charter coach to visit the restored Texas Governor's Mansion (following a 2008 fire) and a tour of the State Capitol in Austin, a national historical landmark! Enjoy coffee and snacks in the morning, a docent-led tour of the Governor's Mansion, a delicious lunch at the elegant Green Pastures restaurant in South Austin, and a special visit to the "hidden jewel" of the Capitol – the House Speaker's apartment. This is the only living quarters for overnight accommodations in the Capitol, and this portion of the tour is made possible by the invitation of First Pres member Mrs. Julie Strauss.

Join us for coffee and snacks at First Pres followed by departure at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

Cost is \$65 for First Pres members and \$70 for non-members. Includes charter Regent Coach, morning coffee, lunch, driver tip and the guidance of Susan and Henry Holloway. Your check is your reservation and the deadline is Monday, September 9. Please make your check out to First Presbyterian Church with "Austin Trip" in the notation line and send to Pat McCleary.

As each person must be cleared for security, please send in first and last name, driver's license number, and date of birth (date, month and year). Be sure to take a picture ID with you. **Don't delay in making your reservation as this will be a popular trip.** Please contact Pat McCleary at 210-271-2726 or patm@fpcsat.org if you have questions.



Moms and a new Young Women Small Group Bible Study. Two special Bible study teachers will be at our luncheons and we also have a wonderful guest for our Fall Ladies Night Out. Be on the lookout for more information as you won't want to miss any of these exciting events.

Our Bible Study Circles will be studying *"An Abiding Hope--the Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy"*, written by our own Sandy Sturch. Ruthie Seiders will be leading our Bible Moderators as they prepare each month for their lessons. We are so thankful and grateful that these two women are leading us. We are thankful, too, for each Moderator who has agreed to share her time and teaching talent with us and for the Circle Chairmen who have spent their summer planning activities for growth, outreach and fun! As you can see, there is something for everyone. As women of the church, we hope that you will find your perfect place with us.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me (210-822-0367, susandekoch@gmail.com), our New Member Vice President, Amy Hendrick (210-347-1730, amyjhendrick@gmail.com) or our Vice President of Circles, Darcy Collins (830-755-4871 darcy.l.collins@gmail.com) for more information or if you just have a question or a great idea. We want to hear from you.

I am looking forward to this coming year as God leads us. It is my prayer that this year will be one which is filled with joy for all the women of this church.

Thank you, God, for the privilege of being a member of this group of women in this church at this time in history. "Keep us as the apple of Your eye and hide us in the shadow of Your wings..." Psalm 17:8.

Blessings to all of you,

Susan DeKoch

See the PW 2013-2014 Calendar of events on page 19

News for the Women of First Pres

By Susan DeKoch, Presbyterian Women President

Wow! That's all I know to say! I watch with gratitude and thanksgiving as all of you work so hard for our Lord and for each other and our church! You are making Jesus visible on a daily basis and I am so thankful to be a part of you. I appreciate who you are and what you are doing.

I know many of you were able to attend the Spring Birthday Coffee. Linda Whitacre graciously opened her beautiful home to us. Through the generosity of our members, we were able to make a donation to the Westminster Neighborhood Ministries in Indianapolis. We were also blessed to be able to donate to Women of Vision, Living Waters of the World, Presbyterian Children's Home, House of Neighborly Service (Sus Hijas) and the FPC Children's Center Scholarship Fund. Thank you to President Bonnie Diehl and to our Treasurer, Karin Gabrielson, for their gracious guidance and leadership throughout the year and to all our generous and loving members.

I hope you are having a relaxing summer with family and friends. I also hope you are beginning to look forward to Kick-Off Sunday and to the start of new and fresh opportunities to serve and to be together. There are many activities that are beginning in September, including Circles, Bible studies, book reviews, luncheons, evening events, sewing activities, Young

PW Moderators

Circle 112	Grace Labatt
Circle 2/4	Betty Smith
Circle 6	Jane Buchek
	Kay Case
	June Eubank
	Barbara Winship
Circle 7	Rotating members
Circle 9	Carolyn Loizeaux
Circle 11	Rotating members
Circle 14	Helen Miles
Circle 21	Rotating members



Presbyterian Women Council 2013-2014

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	Barbara Winship
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HNS Gala Basket	Chaney Stuart
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	Betsy Zachry
Leadership & Resources (Nominating)	Candy Wagner
Gift of Christmas	Ruth Chapman
	Willie Willming

COMMITTEES

Evening Events	Julie Walthall
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Luncheons	Cheri Stith
	Robin Hudnall
	Blair Perry
Morningside Manor Christmas Party (Circles 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 21)	Pat Johnson

Chandler Home Christmas Party
(Circles 112, 2, 4, 8, 20)

Christmas Eve Dinner
Christmas Crafts

Advent Festival

Family Easter Program

Finance

Children's Center Scholarship Fund

House/Seasonal Decorating
Chairman
Committee

Spring Birthday Coffee
Chairmen

Committee

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Chaney Stuart
Mary Pat Stumberg
Laura Zachry

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Mary Alexander
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		Circle 16	Lee Pressly Corie Barlow		



Living to Make Jesus Visible.

Kick-off Celebrations Connect You with Kingdom Living

Kick-off Sunday on September 8 means back to school, a new season of fall opportunities to worship, grow, serve, and give at First Presbyterian Church, and a chance to make new friends and renew long-time acquaintances.

There will be two blended worship services at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary (no contemporary worship service in Westminster Hall).

During the 10:00 a.m. hour we will not have any Sunday School classes for any age (although there will be childcare for birth-kindergarten). Instead First Pres is planning a fun, inter-generational event to go along with the fall sermon series, "This Is My FPC." It's a play on words from the H-E-B grocery chain campaign, and the idea is that together, we have a commitment to worship, grow, and serve one another, our neighborhood, the entire city, and the world around us by making Jesus visible. First Presbyterian Church belongs to all of us; we have a role to play in God's mission of love to the world, and this congregation needs each and every one of us working together in order to make that happen.

Yes, this is our FPC because we are privileged to make Jesus visible collectively and individually. We'll be telling stories to celebrate ministry that has started through the committed efforts of First Pres people, and dream about ways that God

continues to use First Pres people to begin new ministry initiatives that are desperately needed in our community and around the world. Where do you fit in to First Presbyterian's mission of making Jesus visible? Find out this fall.

On Kick-off Sunday, the entire church will be transformed into sections of a grocery store. When you arrive for worship, you will receive a shopping bag with a map of the "store" and a "shopping list" to help you navigate your way.

Our goal for Kick-off is to engage every age and help people find a place where they can connect to ministries of First Pres. Ministries will be represented throughout the church building, including the meditation garden and courtyard, so you can learn about Sunday School classes, small groups, mission opportunities, worship, children and youth, and more. You'll even get to tour the brand new First Pres Student Center!

There will be music and food samples as you stroll through FPC, and seating for older adults in Westminster Hall (with runners ready and waiting to bring food samples).

Worship early at 9:00 a.m. and enjoy the kick-off celebration afterwards, or come at 10:00 a.m. for the kick-off celebration and worship at 11:15.

Kick-off Sunday September 8

FIRST WEDNESDAYS @ First Pres

A New Initiative!

Members of the First Presbyterian Church Adult, Youth, and Children's committees, in partnership with the staff, are excited to announce that the church will kick off a new ministry initiative this fall: First Wednesdays at First Pres! Our kick-off will be on the SECOND Wednesday of the month, September 11, but starting in October, First Wednesday will truly be on the first Wednesday of the month, October 2.

What happens on First Wednesdays?

Children's choirs begin their weekly rehearsals from 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Feast on a delicious, nutritious buffet dinner with full meal, soup, and salad bar at 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy a special presentation for adults at 6:30 p.m. – a "town hall" with the pastors, a special guest speaker – the plans are still forming, but you'll definitely want to be there!

Children will participate in a wonderful program of games, fun activities, and a Bible study from 6:30-7:30, following the children's choir rehearsal and children's dinner experience. We are especially grateful to the committed group of adult volunteers who make this possible.

Monthly youth group is a traditional youth group experience for all 6th-12th-graders in the brand new First Pres Student Center next door to the main church building from 5-7:30 p.m. (All neighborhood youth small groups will meet at our downtown church campus on First Wednesdays.)

Here's the schedule for First Wednesdays at First Pres in September, October and November:

September 11 (exception to the schedule)

October 2 November 6 December 4

*Kick-off First Wednesdays
September 11*

Presbyterian Women 2013-2014 Calendar

Sept 9	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Refreshments for Council & Moderators Council & Moderators Meetings	Jan 6	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Refreshments for Council & Moderators Council & Moderators Meetings
Oct 7	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Refreshments for Council & Moderators Council & Moderators Meetings	Jan 30	6:30 p.m.	Winter Ladies Night Out
Oct 10	7:00 p.m.	Fall Ladies Night Out	Feb 3	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Refreshments for Council & Moderators Council & Moderators Meetings
Oct 21	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Craft Project	Mar 3	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Refreshments for Council & Moderators Council & Moderators Meetings
Oct 28	11:30 a.m.	Fall PW Luncheon	Mar 24	11:30 a.m.	PW Spring Luncheon
Nov 4	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Refreshments for Council & Moderators Council & Moderators Meetings	Apr 7	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Refreshments for Council & Moderators Council & Moderators Meetings
Dec 2	9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Refreshments for Council & Moderators Council & Moderators Meetings	Apr 19	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Dec 5	3:00 p.m.	Morningside Manor Christmas Party (Circles 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 21)	May 5	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Moderators Meeting Council Meeting President's Luncheon
Dec 12	3:00 p.m.	Chandler Home Christmas Party (Circles 112, 2/4, 5, 8, 20)	May 7	10:30-12:30 a.m.	Spring Birthday Coffee
Dec 24	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Dinner			



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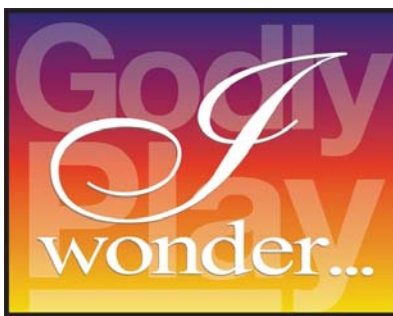
What is Godly Play?

By Adrienne Nicholson

In addition to the Traditional Preschool Sunday School classes, FPC offers a special Montessori style class for children ages 4 years old up to Kindergarten. Godly Play is an approach to working with children to support, challenge, nourish, and help guide them on their individual spiritual journeys. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language - parable, liturgical story, sacred story - and to help them become more aware of the mystery of God's Holy presence in their lives.

Part of the philosophy of Godly Play is that children learn best when they are active participants in discovering meaning and truth. The Montessori class is also a way of preparing children to join in the worship

and life of their congregation as they develop a deeper understanding of Biblical stories and symbols. Each class follows a set pattern and routine. The class gathers, hears the story, responds, comes together for the feast, and is sent in blessing. Godly Play encourages the children to wonder about God and the mysteries of their faith, while growing in community and fellowship.



We are now enrolling for the fall Godly Play class! If you would like to learn more about this incredible class, have questions, or would like to register your child, please email Adrienne Nicholson at Adrien-neN@fpcsat.org

or via phone at 210.226.0215 ext. 241. Thank you and blessings!



Tech-interested and Web-savvy Help Wanted!

We are developing a ministry to and with people who are working in the Eagle Ford Shale formation region, and part of this ministry includes a new website. If you are interested in using technology to make Jesus visible, we will provide all of the training you will need. If you happen to be web-savvy or have any experience with WordPress, you are a natural to jump right in. In either case, you will learn new things and see how your talents, new or old, help people in need. Please contact Hal Zesch at hal.zesch@gmail.com, or 210-260-6789, or Kirby Carpenter at kirby@ascoeq.com, or 210-287-0247.