



First Press

Living to Make Jesus Visible

Showing the love of Jesus
in the Yucatan



Pastor's Pondering

Make "Scents" of Life

By Rev. Trey Little, Senior Pastor



I don't know about you, but I love this time of year. Spring has sprung and the next thing we know the summer sun will be stinging out yards. But what about the May flowers? Isn't that also what May is supposed to bring—the beauty of the flowers in full bloom? Isn't that why we say "April showers and May flowers?"

Well, sadly, there weren't many April showers this year, but I am not giving up on the May flowers! In fact, that is *precisely* what I want to encourage you to be—a May flower. Now, before you check out on this and think I am being a little too corny—hear me out. Flowers bring smiles to faces. Flowers add beauty to a room. Some flowers even provide a nice aroma. I know, I am way ahead of you; flowers also die—there, I said it. Now, focus, I have a point here.

The Bible talks about being the "aroma of Christ." 2 Corinthians 2: 14-16 says: "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life."

What if this May we committed to being the "fragrance of knowledge" of Christ? What if we agreed to be the "fragrance of life" for all those we come in contact with? After all, Christ is risen—and as followers of Him we too have life. Listen, the world desperately needs to smell the richness of the truth of the Gospel. The world needs to catch a whiff of the "aroma of Christ." Imagine if, every time someone walked into First Presbyterian Church, they imagined they were in the fragrance section of a local department store!

But here is the warning: making "scents" does not always make sense!

Showing our love and devotion for Jesus Christ hardly every makes sense to the unsuspecting world around us, yet that precisely what we are called to do. How will you make scents in the month of May? How will you love Jesus so extravagantly that the very room you are in will be filled with the aroma of Christ? Imagine the sweet smell of devotion; the lingering scent of humility and gratitude for life, hope and forgiveness.

The other day I read an interesting story about Jim Cymbala, the longtime pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle Church—some would say one of the most influential churches in America. Jim tells this remarkable story: "About 20 years ago, I said something impromptu to the new members lined up across the front of the church. As we received them, the Holy Spirit prompted me to add, 'And now, I charge you that if you ever hear another member speak an unkind word of criticism or slander against anyone—myself, an usher, a choir member, or anyone else—that you stop that person in mid-sentence and say, "Excuse me—who hurt you? Who ignored you? Who slighted you? Was it Pastor Cymbala? Let's go to his office right now. He'll apologize to you, and then we'll pray together so God can restore the peace to this body. But we won't let you talk critically about people who aren't present to defend themselves.'" (Denison Forum, March 21, 2013)

Making scents doesn't always make sense but it certainly makes things smell better.

Keep smilin' and keep lovin' and keep making scents!

Peace,



BAPTISMS:

Jaden LeGrand, son of Grant Parnell Douglas (step-father) and Shelby Douglas
March 17, 2013

Jax Louis LeGrand, son of Grant Parnell Douglas (step-father) and Shelby Douglas
March 17, 2013

Jentry Nicole Douglas, daughter of Grant Parnell Douglas and Shelby Douglas
March 17, 2013

MARRIAGES:

Ernesto Mandujano Rocha, Jr. and Michelle Louise Lopes
March 16, 2013

Joshua Robert Jaco and Kelsey Ann Ray
April 6, 2013

Hunter Cartall Peyton and Kari Laine Hampton
April 13, 2013

2013 Seek and You Shall Find Easter Celebration



March 30, the morning before Easter, was filled with much joy and excitement as families gathered together for FPC's Easter celebration. The fun morning began with Ruthie leading worship songs and was followed by a dramatic re-enactment of the Easter Story told from John the beloved disciple's point of view. The powerful and engaging retelling of the story, performed by Bob Esquenazi, left both children and adults alike in awe!

Children of all ages then headed out with baskets in hand, to search for Easter eggs stuffed with goodies. The morning truly was filled with fellowship, fun, music, and lots of tasty candy. Most importantly, the morning was filled with hope and anticipation for Easter morning when our dear Jesus conquered the grave!

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!



Register NOW for VBS 2013!

Escape to Athens with Paul! Imagine leaving a life of privilege and power to face angry mobs, painful imprisonment, and chain-breaking earthquakes—all to spread the life-changing truth of God's unending love and saving grace—register now to be part of this Athens VBS at First Pres!

VBS 2013 begins on Sunday, June 23 with a special family day! Families will attend worship and then visit all of the VBS stations together. Morning VBS runs Monday, June 24—Thursday, June 27, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. VBS is for 4-year-olds (as of September 1, 2012) through upcoming 5th grade!

Please visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/fpc2013> to register participants, teen helpers, and volunteers! Contact Suzanna Frey at suzannaf@fpcsat.org or 210-226-0215 ext. 221. See you in Athens!



Living to Make Jesus Visible

Showing the Love of Jesus in the Yucatan

Medical Mission Trip 2013

By Claire Plantenga and Leslie Little

Most tourists visiting the well-known resort city of Cancún are likely to return home with memories of a tropical resort vacation with pristine white sandy beaches along the Caribbean coast of southern Mexico. However, First Presbyterian Church members who recently returned from that area traveled beyond the comfortable tourist areas, and into the daily life of real Mexican families who have a completely different perspective of "getting away from it all."

Located just 45 minutes from "the glistening city" of Cancún, the town of Leona Vicario did not have electricity until two years ago. Educational options are extremely limited. Medical care is bleak.

For many years, our church has partnered with the organization Yucatan Peninsula Mission (YPM) to meet physical and spiritual needs of this community in order to show the love of Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian member Danny Mathews has taken the initiative to make Jesus visible to the

community through building relationships of trust and respect while providing desperately needed medical supplies and care. The trip is so well-organized by Danny, as well as spiritually uplifting, that many of the team members demonstrate their dedication by returning year after year. In fact, FPC member Arthur Allison has gone at least 22 times!

First-time trip participant Leslie Little hesitated at the opportunity because she had no professional medical expertise and felt like she didn't have much to offer to the team. However, after some encouragement from Danny, as well as from First Presbyterian Church member Craig Bell and First Presbyterian Director of Missions Alyssa Payne, she recognized that God would find a way to use her own unique gifts to serve Him, and she decided to go for it.

Upon arrival in the village, Leslie was moved by the stark reality of abject physical poverty, but also felt God's presence in the community. "This trip was a reassurance about the faith

of the Mexican people, especially the extremely poor," she said. "We take so much for granted in the United States, and we are really so very blessed."

Despite physical poverty, Leslie noticed the spiritual wealth of the local community as they served alongside each other in a health clinic. She noticed their heartfelt compassion as they organized appointments, described procedures, and explained medication. The FPC team reflected selfless acts of service as well, and through working together as the body of Christ, they were able to provide much-needed medical care to people in desperate need. Leslie was impressed and encouraged by the ways in which everyone supported each other and gave their best to work with a positive attitude and a heart for service.

On the last night of the trip, the locals who had worked so diligently alongside the FPC team offered a time of worship and communion. The Mexican women lifted their voices in a Spanish version of a very familiar song, singing "Eat this bread, drink this cup." It was an emotional gift for Leslie and the team and surely a sweet song for our Savior to hear believers from two very different parts of the world working together as one for the sake of the Gospel.

Returning home from such a spiritually refreshing week was difficult for Leslie and the team. There were so many patients with a diagnosis that would be considered treatable or even preventable in the U.S., but due to the complexities and limitations of the Mexican medical system combined with the struggles of poverty, there were some patients that they were simply unable to help. However, the local YPM team is

working hard to help those patients find the specialists they need. The team would appreciate your prayers that God would provide comfort and healing to these patients in His own way and timing.

Thanks be to God for our dedicated and caring First Pres members who live to make Jesus visible in Mexico!

If you would like to participate on the Mexico Medical Mission Team trip next year, please contact Danny Mathews at 210-508-2228 for more information.



How Being a Stephen Minister Changed My Life

By Lee Richardson



I have been a Stephen Minister for five years. I was a member of the first training class and to this day, have no real reason why I chose to join the ministry. Maybe it was a call. Maybe it is because I was recovering from a life-changing event in my own life and felt I might be able to share my journey

of recovery with someone. Maybe I thought it would be interesting to be in the "first" of something. Or, maybe it was just a God-thing. (You know, when you do something for all the wrong reasons and then find out that God was directing you all along?)

But, what I do know is this: I have helped several people (Care Receivers) navigate their own personal issues, and I have been blessed in the process. I am a better listener because of my Stephen Ministry training. I have a compassion for people who are dealing with emotional times in their lives and I am stronger for having walked alongside them in their search for a new "normalcy." I always thought this ministry was about giving, and I found out that I "got" more than I "gave." And, I

know that every one of our Stephen Ministers would say the very same thing!

I was astounded by some of the responses we received last fall when we did a church-wide survey regarding the ministry. More than a few respondents made comments like "Well, I don't know anyone in our church who would need this kind of help, but if they did, I guess it would be good." Our church is full of people who are facing life-changing issues: the loss of a loved one, or a devastating diagnosis; a child who leaves home, or a child who returns home—for all the wrong reasons. Marriages are failing and families are being torn apart. Financial setbacks are occurring and jobs are scarce. The list goes on and on, and while some of the situations appear to be more serious than others, all these circumstances (and more) leave people feeling alone and lonely.

I don't know if you need someone to walk alongside you as you navigate new life situations or if, like me, you think you might have a gift or talent for listening and helping someone else. But, if either of those statements strikes a chord in your heart, please contact Scott Simpson at 210-226-0215, ext. 212, or scotts@fpcsat.org. This confidential ministry could make a big difference in your life. It did for me.



SEND A LETTER/PACKAGE

1. Address front side of envelope:
World Vision Malawi
P/Bag 30
Lilongwe, Malawi
2. Address the back of the envelope:
Your name and address (on flap)
Your child’s name and id (on bottom)

EMAIL YOU CHILD (IT’S FREE)

1. Go to <http://my.worldvision.org/user/login>
2. Sign into your World Vision account
3. Click the button under your child’s picture that says “send email”
4. Type a message
5. Click Submit

**GIFT IDEAS TO SEND OUR CHILD
ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN A 6X9 ENEVELOPE**

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Toothbrushes | Stickers |
| Pens/Pencils | Family photos |
| Hair ribbons | Small mirrors |
| Paper airplanes | Use your imagination |

WHAT NOT TO SEND YOUR CHILD

- Perishable items
- Money (of any currency)
- Jewelry

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.



Missions
Serve on Local Missions Team

Thank you for making Jesus visible in San Antonio through your tithes and offerings! Did you know that FPC has a Local Missions Committee? The group meets monthly to steward the financial blessings received by the church to local organizations who serve God in impactful ways throughout our community. Each year, the members consider a wide variety of agencies who apply for support from FPC. Thorough site visits and interviews lead to a greater understanding of their vision for serving God in our city. The committee later meets to consider the request of each agency and to prayerfully determine budget allocation. This year, the financial blessings of the church will support over 20 local organizations selected by the committee. The Local Missions committee seeks to include new members into the group beginning in the fall. If you would like to serve our congregation and our community through participation in a group of people who are passionate about local missions, contact Claire Plantenga clairep@fpcsat.org for more information.



Goal 13:34 Partners with Malawi

By Bill, Elizabeth, Luke, Caroline, Lawson Tichy and Ishmael Kumwenda

Be ready. You never know when God will place in your path an opportunity that changes your life. Be expectant. God has a habit of using imperfect, ordinary people to do His work. And it's so much fun! Here's is one way it happened for us.

During an average Sunday in worship, our youngest son spotted a tall, dark-skinned man. The man was Ishmael Kelly Kumwenda. He had traveled to San Antonio from Malawi, Africa to gather information to bring back to his country. (Malawi happens to be located at the coordinates 13° South 34° East.) Lawson (our son) announced to us "He's my friend.

I need to go talk to him." So he did. We followed. A conversation turned into a ride home. That ride home turned into lunch, which led to relationship, which led to eye-opening knowledge that broke Lawson's father's heart. He asked: "Ishmael, please tell me something I can do for your village in Malawi." And Ishmael, without pause, said: "Our people would love a couple soccer jerseys." Done. One large email, one facebook post and one month later about 1000 jerseys made their way from the backs of American kids aged preschool through college, onto our front porch, into our family room. From there, they were sorted, packed and sent back with Ishmael to Malawi, Africa.

On March 2, 2013, 6,500 kids and adults gathered in a dirt field for the first Goal 13:34 jersey distribution and organized soccer tournament. A full set of jerseys was given to 8 different primary schools. It was the first time any had worn a jersey.* All thanks was given to our Lord Jesus for that day and a message of encouragement to stay in school was delivered to the children.** However, the biggest goal of that day was to show the children they are important, treasured and loved. After all, that is what John 13:34 is all about. Goal 13:34 is now an ongoing partnership between the US and Malawi. We continue to collect used soccer jerseys for distribution in Malawi. U.S. contacts are Elizabeth and Bill Tichy and Malawian contact is Ishmael Kelly Kumwenda. Visit www.facebook.com/goal1334

*In Malawi, soccer is the main venue for gathering. It is very much a part of life in Malawi. Official school games are played often barefoot. One team wears the single shirt they own, the other team removes their shirt to differentiate.

** One of the largest factors in Malawi (and Africa in general) fueling the cycle of poverty is school drop-out. To be clear, not high school dropout as we have in the U.S. Rather, elementary school dropout. Children leave school to help the family survive.

Dr. Jae Ha Performs in Fort Worth on Outstanding Pipe Organ

By Tom Dooling, Minister of Music



In the last nine years, our congregation has grown accustomed to the musical leadership of Dr. Jae Ha from the console of our sanctuary organ. Each week, Jae prepares us for worship, inspires our congregational singing through his hymn playing, masterfully accompanies our choir for their anthem, and celebrates the joy of worship through his postludes.

Several weeks ago, I had the privilege of traveling with Jae to Fort Worth, Texas, to hear him perform on the "Rildia Bee O'Bryan Cliburn Pipe Organ" at Broadway Baptist Church. Jae was invited by Dr. Albert Travis, noted organ teacher and performer, to perform on their Lenten Noonday Organ Series hosted each year by the church.

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Deacons Ministry

The Gift of Time...

By Deacon Rachel Maurer

Several years ago, a good friend once told me that it is important to “live a life with margin”. That thought has stayed with me as others have scattered to the far recesses of my memory. What does it mean to “live a life with margin”? Perhaps Paul sums it up best when he says...

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

My grandmother modeled this wonderfully in the way she lived her life. She took the time to care for others with a happy heart. She made meals for those in need, spent time with friends going through difficulties, cared for her granddaughter and gave beautiful flowers from her rose garden to others. In my memories, I can still smell the yummy pound cake and see the roses. She was never rushed and always made others feel important. There is so much that we can learn from those around us when we take a moment to reflect. Who do you know that “lives a life with margin”?

As Deacons, the greatest gift that we give others is the gift of our time. In today's busy world, this is a wonderful way to

make Jesus visible. Deacons' care for church members who have lost loved ones or are at home for extended periods of time. These are often lonely and difficult seasons of life. They visit with those who are in the hospital or recovering in a rehabilitation facility. Deacons pray with church members during their visits and are available to pray with anyone after worship. The ways of the world often teach us to solve the problems of others but Jesus teaches us differently. We are called to walk side by side with those that are in pain and allow Jesus to fill the God shaped holes in their hearts with his love and blessings.



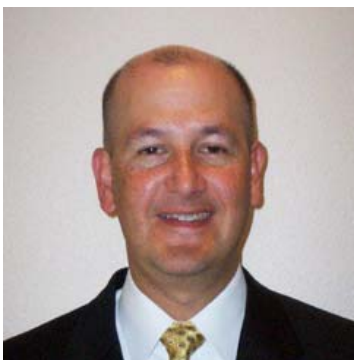
As Christians, we are ALL called to care for others. I pray that you will take a moment to step back and consider if you are “living a life with margin”. What would it take to live like this? Remember the moments when others took time to be with you. The time to call just to say hello, meet for coffee to catch up or write an old-fashioned letter that you received in the mail. It takes a few moments of our time but it can mean the world to others.

I am still working on “living a life with margin” so that I can be more available to those in need. It is a way to make Jesus visible. Please consider joining me on this journey...a journey of giving the gift of time to others.

Moments to Hold Close

Guilt Free

By Manuel Rodriguez



Unfortunately my children are the byproduct of a divorced household. As a result of this, the courts have determined my kids' schedules until they are no longer minors. Language in the decree includes: "MANDATORY visitation", "OBLIGATED telephone calls" and "REQUIRED communication". Now I crave each and every one of those items with my children, but is that really the fashion in which I want to receive it? Yet how often in religion, do we see

these same words associated with our relationship with God. The answer is quite simply, too often.

The good news is my kids are not confined to this schedule forever. My daughter has made me all too aware that once she departs to college, she determines when to call me and whom she will visit for Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc... Now, I honestly hope that I will continue to receive daily communication and when the holidays roll around I find her camped out in my living room. But do I want it because she says, "it is my obligation to be here", or do I want her to arrive, with happiness and joy in her heart, a warm embrace with the words, "I am in my Father's house, and where on earth would I rather be?"



How Session Works

Treating One Another in Kindness

By David Youngquist

Scripture is clear on how we should conduct ourselves over issues where church members are in disagreement. Actions which disrupt the peace and unity of the church are contrary to scripture and distract the church from building Christ's Kingdom on earth. As new church officers are elected it should be remembered that the actions of officers of the church should be an example of how to live peaceably with those of differing opinions. The Bible is very clear in numerous places about how to treat each other with kindness and these words should be our guide when disagreements arise. While the Session does not anticipate or demand agreement on all issues every Elder and Deacon is expected to conduct himself by the following scriptures when disagreements occur. The session believes these same scriptures apply to all members of the church:

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:29-32)

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen

cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. (1 John 4:20-21)

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. (Romans 12:18)

The Bible also speaks about how we should respond to those whose actions disrupt the peace and unity of the church.

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:17-21)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:12-14)

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." (1 Peter 3:8-12)

But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. (Matthew 5:39)

Following the lessons of scripture the Session of First Presbyterian Church will strive to seek peace and pursue it. We believe this is the correct way to conduct ourselves so that we can be a blessing and receive a blessing; by "seeking peace and pursuing it". By doing this we will be "living to make Jesus visible".

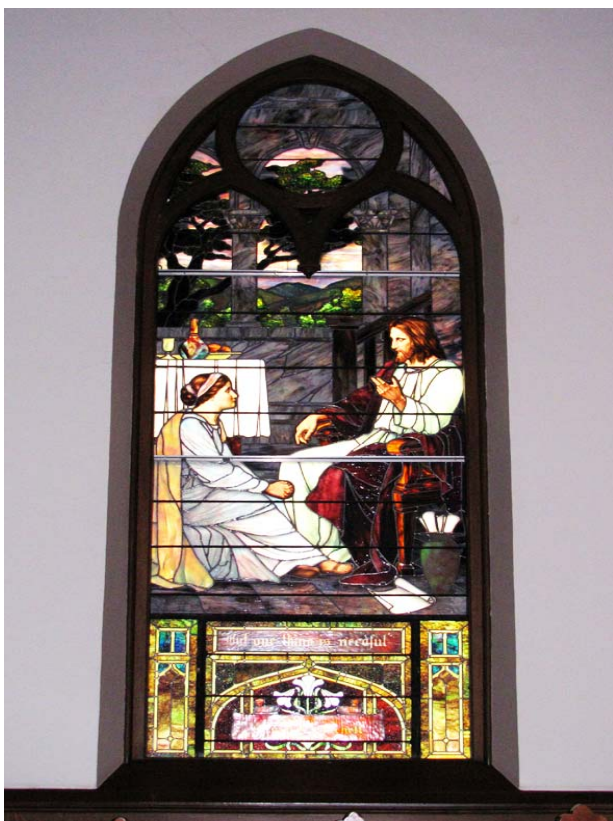
FINANCIAL SUMMARY MARCH 2013			
OPERATING FUND BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER/ (UNDER)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,180,259	\$1,146,658	\$33,602
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$941,772	\$992,119	(\$50,348)
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$106,093	\$105,473	\$620
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$132,394	\$49,065	\$83,329

Giving in March exceeded budget while expenses were again below budget, providing a positive net operating result for the month and putting us back on track with our year-to-date net operating plan. Praise God for His faithfulness and for all the generous hearts who continue to live each day so as to make Jesus visible in our community and the world.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Office at 271-2755 or any member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

“But only one thing is needful” Luke 10:42-Scripture in Stained Glass

By Bill Cogburn



Look to your right as you enter the sanctuary and you will see the beautiful, one-hundred year- old stained glass window which depicts Mary in rapt attention as she sits at the feet of Jesus Christ. This masterpiece of glass art memorializes Laura Mitchell who died in 1908.

The village of Bethany was located on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives on the road linking Jerusalem to Jericho. It was just over a mile and a half from Jerusalem so it would have been a convenient place for Jesus and His fellow Galileans to stay while visiting Jerusalem for a feast day or some other occasion.

Jesus had three friends in Bethany and He would occasionally stay at their home when He was in Judea. Sisters, Mary and Martha and their brother, Lazarus, lived together in a house which was probably owned by Martha. At least, Luke records that it was Martha who welcomed the Lord into her house (Luke 10:38).

While Martha was busy preparing food for her guests, her sister Mary sat at the Lord's feet listening to his teaching. Martha came to Jesus and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to come and help me."

But the Lord said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about so many things but only one thing is needed. Mary has discovered it and it will not be taken away from her."

Laura Presnall was born in 1839 in Bossier Parrish, Louisiana. Laura was fifteen years old when she moved with her family to San Antonio in 1854. Two years later, she married Hiram Mitchell who died in 1880. Laura was the mother of five children but only two survived her: daughters, Mrs. Gus Mauermann and Miss Lenore Mitchell.

Laura was baptized at First Presbyterian by profession of faith on January 8, 1870 and remained an active member of the Church until she died of heart failure on January 6, 1908. Services were held in her family home at 126 Garden St. (now S. St. Mary's) conducted by Rev. Arthur Gray Jones, pastor of First Presbyterian Church. She is interred in the Confederate Cemetery on East Commerce Street.

Source: San Antonio Light; First Pres archives; SAPL Texana Room; The Bible; The Expository Files by Jon W. Quinn.

Communicating for a Mission

By Kay Kutchins



Judson Taylor returns as Director of Communications after two years serving as Marketing Manager for the World Mission ministry area of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Louisville, Kentucky.

He acknowledges that it's good to be back in San Antonio, despite the wealth

of experience and knowledge he gained with World Mission.

"I enjoyed my work and time at the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and World Mission has such a strong legacy of international mission service," he says. "It was a privilege to get a better understanding of the denomination's best practices, and collaborate with national staff on strategically addressing issues of poverty, evangelism, and reconciliation."

Judson says the challenge and opportunity is to connect the best practices of the national office with the work of the local church. "That's what excites me," he says. "I want us to be able to continue telling stories to inspire people from First Presbyterian Church and the local community to make Jesus visible. First Presbyterian Church has a great history of community involvement and a wonderful story to tell. We'll be telling how all of us can be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ as we serve him both in San Antonio and beyond."

PW News

By Bonnie Diehl

Incredible as it seems, the year is quickly coming to an end. The Bible study Circles will have their last lesson from *The General Epistles* this month. The Literature Circle will offer its last book review, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, reviewed by Ann Smith. The Sewing and Service Circles wrap up their activities to take a much-deserved break for the summer. Many, many thanks to the dedicated Circle Chairs and Moderators for their hard work and leadership. It has been such a joy visiting the Circles this year and getting to know the faithful, generous women who are FPC's PW.

We at First Presbyterian Church have been blessed with an amazing Staff and I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with them this year. Thank you so much for sharing your time and your talent, and special thanks for your patience and helpfulness.

Thank you to our 2012-2013 PW Officers, Program and Committee Chairs. Your enthusiasm, faithfulness, commitment and love are evident in all you do. Thank you for guiding PW in our attempts to make Jesus visible in our church, our community, our world this year.

What a wonderful, exciting year is awaiting PW. God has richly blessed us with a fabulous 2013-2014 Council led by incoming President Susan DeKoch. Their names are listed below.

God's blessings to all of you,

2013-2014 Presbyterian Women Slate of Officers

President	Susan DeKoch
President-Elect	Ann Bunn
Vice President of Circles	Darcy Collins
Vice President of Directory	Ann Dennis
Vice President of New Members	Amy Hendrick
Recording Secretary	Judy Kruger
Corresponding Secretary	Barbie Beach
Treasurer	Pat Brodeen
Assistant Treasurer	Jeanne Douglas
Historian	Ann Fryburger
Parliamentarian	Lynn Thompson
Church Officer	
Nominating Committee Representative	Sallie Guy
Immediate Past President	Bonnie Diehl

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings May 2013

Circle 112

Monday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.
FPC, Geneva Room
Chair: Ann Nelson, 824-5182
Co-chair: Suzanne Thomas, 820-3245

Circle 2

Monday, May 20, 1:30 p.m.
FPC, Room 226
Chair: Char-An Witten, 341-1856

Circle 3

Monday, May 20, 1:30 p.m.
FPC, Room 228
Chair: Ann Fryburger 490-3566

Circle 4

Monday, May 20, 1:30 p.m.
FPC, Room 226 (with Circle 2)

Circle 5 - Shawl Ministry

Friday, May 17, Noon-1:00 p.m.
FPC, Geneva Room
Chair: Caryl Gaubatz, 651-0208
Co-chair: Jane Ann Temple, 828-7542

Circle 6

Tuesday, May 21, 1:30 p.m.
FPC, Geneva Room
Chairs: Patsy Johnson, 828-3852
Joan Stratton, 826-0965
Jane Warren, 493-5187
Edwyna Yarbrough, 822-3053

Circle 7

Tuesday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.
Home of Mary Ellen Mauze 203 Primrose (09)
Chair: Jane Ann Temple, 828-7542

Circle 8 - Moms' Group

Monday, May 6 and 20, 9:30 a.m.
FPC, Room 108
Chair: Julie Walthall 829-8332

Circle 9

Tuesday, May 21, 10:00 a.m.
FPC, St. Andrew's Room
Chair: Pat Brannen, 735-4415

Circle 10

Monday, May 13, 1:30 p.m.
Towers at Park Lane, The Club (22 Floor)
Chair: Janice Magnus, 829-5866

Circle 11

Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.
Home of Linda Ruhmann
127 W. Elmview Place (09)
Chair: Jean Swanson, 826-0766

Circle 13 - Literature Circle

Tuesday, May 14, 1:30 p.m.
FPC, McCullough Room
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet
author: Jamie Ford
Chair: Becca Price, 824-2603
Reviewer: Ann Smith

Circle 14

Monday, May 20, Noon
FPC, St. Andrews Room
Chair: Suzie Simpson, 455-7410

Circle 15 - Talking, Sharing Circle

Sunday, May 19, 11:00 a.m.
FPC, St. Andrews Room
Chair: Melody Hull, 821-5211

Circle 16 - Marjorie McLernon Sewing Circle

Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.
FPC, Room 228
Chairs: Lee Pressly, 735-0978
Corie Barlow, 481-1337

Circle 17 - Edna Ralston Sewing Circle

Wednesday, May 8, 9:30 a.m.
FPC, Room 309
Chair: Jeanne Baker, 494-0972
Gigi Duke, 695-4363

Circle 18 - Circle of Concern

Chairs: Paula Bondurant, 736-6632
Georgia Heath, 695-9511
Char-An Witten, 341-1856

Circle 19 - White Cross Circle

Wednesday, May 1, 9:30 a.m.
FPC, Room 309
Chair: Janet Beauch, 673-3251

Circle 20 - Circle of Service

Chairs: Sabrina Rios, 822-5707
Leah Butler, 804-1934

Circle 21

Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.
Home Linda Ruhmann
127 W. Elmview Place, (09)
Chair: Karen Gabrielson, 333-4239
Andrea Taylor, 403-9442



VIVA FIESTA! April ended with a grand and glorious FIESTA @ FIRST where we sang and danced to the Mariachis, celebrated birthdays and ended with one of Maurilio's delicious Mexican lunches. Special thanks to Ray Torres who once again donated Fiesta Magazines. Those who "made the day" and helped to foster fellowship included: Virginia Nilsson, Ginger Davenport, Janet Beauch, Liz Wright (decorations); Liz and Jack Wright and Bud Davenport (greeters); Don McCorkindale and Jim Falconnier (registration); Jack Wright (photos); and a big thank you to Susan Dullnig and Stacie Rodriguez from the staff who made invitations, posters, decorated, and set up.

Merry Month of May Events

May 3 (Friday) – 11:00 a.m. – Nyta Brown, Park Superintendent/Biologist, Texas Parks & Wildlife

Come and join us for an opportunity to learn and hear "An introduction to Bats: Their Habits and Habitats." KEYS Older Adults Committee meeting after lunch.

May 5 (Sunday) – Meet, Greet & Have a Treat

Each year the Presbyterian Church (USA) sets aside the first week in May to acknowledge older adults as one of the gifts with which God has blessed us. KEYS Older Adults will host a special church-wide fellowship reception with flowers, greeters, and special goodies following the 11:00 a.m. services.

May 10 (Friday) – Al Loewenberg, President & CEO of Morningside Ministries

Al Loewenberg will speak about caring for aging parents. *Write your question and give it to Pat on that Friday,* or ask as the question comes to mind that day. This should be a very informative presentation for everyone. Play bridge after lunch.

May 17 (Friday) - May Birthday Celebration

We will sing Happy Birthday to our May birthday members at the **Carriage House Bistro at the Botanical Gardens**, 555 Funston at North New Braunfels Avenue. Cost of the lunch is \$12/person except for birthday honorees. Reservations required by Friday, May 10. As we must preorder, please designate your lunch choice when you make reservations. Menus will be available at the KEYS May meetings.

May 24 (Friday) – Memorial Day Weekend

NO speaker program today but join us at 9:45 a.m. for Step & Stretch with our excellent trainer, Gale Buchanan.

May 31 – (Friday) Movie & Hamburgers

Come and enjoy hamburgers on the patio for lunch and then relax while we watch *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* starring Judy Dench, Maggie Smith, and Bill Nighy.

This will be the last of our regular scheduled Friday programs. KEYS Committee will be meeting to make plans for our upcoming summer activities. If you have any suggestions or special requests, please let me know at 210-271-2726, or patm@fpcsat.org.

Remember reservations: Please make reservations by the Tuesday before each Friday program by calling the church office at 210-226-0215. If you are on the permanent list for lunch, you only need to call if you cannot attend. Regular programs begin at 11:00 a.m. (unless otherwise specified), followed by lunch (\$7).

First Cup Readings — May, 2013

Dear Family in Christ,

First Cup is designed to assist you in the habit of daily Bible reading and prayer. The name is to remind you that as you reach for your first cup of morning coffee or tea, reach also for your Bible and prayer list. The prayers at the beginning of each week are taken from hymns, sometimes found in obscure hymnals in my library. They are intended to be read as your beginning prayer, to focus your mind on the daily readings that follow. May this spiritual discipline strengthen you as you face each day.

Blessings and love in Christ,
Sandy Sturch & Claire Averyt



Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.—Psalm 143:8

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy Right. Lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally. Run the straight race through God's good grace. Lift up thine eyes and seek His face; life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize. Faint not from fear, His arms are near; He changeth not and thou art dear. Only believe and thou shall see that Christ is All in All to thee. (The Hymnbook, No. 359)

MAY

- 1 Acts 22:30-23:11; Romans 14:4; 1 Corinthians 15
- 2 Acts 9:15-16; 23:12-35; Philippians 1:12-30; Psalm 34
- 3 Acts 24; Matthew 10
- 4 Acts 25:1-22; Ecclesiastes 5:8; Psalm 118

If thou but suffer God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength what-e're betide thee and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways, but do thine own part faithfully. Trust His rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in Thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul that trusted him indeed. (The Hymnbook, No. 344)

- 5 Acts 25:23-26:32; Psalm 7; Psalm 119:41-48
- 6 Acts 27-28:10; Psalm 69
- 7 Acts 28:11-31; 2 Corinthians 11:21b-12:10; Romans 5:1-5; 2 Timothy 1:8-2:13
- 8 1 Peter 1; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:17-5:21
- 9 1 Peter 2:1-12; Romans 13:8-14; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19; Psalm 65:1-4
- 10 1 Peter 2:13-3:22; Ephesians 5:22-6:9; Romans 13
- 11 1 Peter 4; Philippians 1:27-30; Revelation 2:10

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within. But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer and shield my soul from sin. O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control. O speak and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul. (The Hymnbook, No. 307)

- 12 Jeremiah 10:21; 23:1-4; Matthew 9:36; John 10:1-18; 1 Peter 5
- 13 Matthew 17:1-8; 2 Peter 1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105; 2 Corinthians 4:6
- 14 2 Peter 2; Hebrews 6:4-6; Jude

- 15 Matthew 24; 2 Peter 3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12
- 16 Romans 1; Leviticus 18; Psalm 106
- 17 Romans 2; James 1:19-25; Matthew 7:1-5
- 18 Romans 3; Psalm 14; 5; Ephesians 1:3-14

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight. Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine; Kindle every high desire; perish self in Thy pure fire. Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine; By Thee may I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive. Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly Thine; Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free. (The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 321)

- 19 Romans 4; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 6:28-40
- 20 Romans 5:1-11; Colossians 1:21-23; 1 Peter 4:12-19; James 5:10-11
- 21 Romans 5:12-6:23; Ephesians 1:3-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:11-4:8
- 22 Romans 7; 2 Samuel 11; Mark 14:26-38; 51-71; Psalm 32
- 23 Romans 8:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
- 24 Romans 8:18-39; Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:5; Psalm 118
- 25 Romans 9; Jeremiah 18; Isaiah 29:13-16; 64:5-9

A charge to keep have I, a God to glorify; a never dying soul to save and fit it for the sky. To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; Oh, may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will! Arm me with jealous care, as in Thy sight to live; and, oh, Thy servant, Lord, prepare a strict account to give. Help me to watch and pray, and on Thyself rely, assured if I my trust betray I shall forever die. (Worship in Song, No. 190)

- 26 Isaiah 65; Romans 10
- 27 Romans 11; Psalm 139
- 28 Romans 12; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22; 1 Peter 2:11-25
- 29 Romans 13; Ephesians 5:11-13; 6:10-18
- 30 Romans 14; Psalm 34:14; Hebrews 12:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:9-13
- 31 Romans 15-16; Romans 12:10; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 4:7-21



First Cup Prayer List



In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. (Romans 8:26).

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Counting on the Money Man



Some folks refer to James Melvin "Jim" Witten as the "money man." Jim Witten is far more than that. He is a blessing to First Presbyterian Church and a true man of God.

Jim, a man of small stature but of loving heart, has been the perpetual

treasurer of the church's KEYS (Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit), our program for senior adults, for many years.

Jim, who was asked to take on money-collecting operations for KEYS somewhere in the mid-1990s, took on the job in a permanent capacity and became the man upon whom everyone depended to keep the finances straight. Jim's presence at the money table for every KEYS function in his capacity to collect funds for luncheons and so-forth was a familiar scene to everyone. He was the fellow upon whom KEYS could count to make sure the correct money was collected. He was meticulous in his counting duties.

Now, declining health has forced Jim to step back from his church financial role. He suffers from pulmonary fibrosis.

Jim has left his long-time volunteer duty, but he has not left

the hearts and thoughts of so many friends.

Jim Witten is a native San Antonian, a son of our city's south side. He grew up in the Highland Park district and attended school there. He then was enrolled in Central Catholic High School, where he was a member of the ROTC. He continued his ROTC duties at the University of Texas at Austin, where he also was a fraternity member.

He was commissioned and served active duty in Germany and then as a member of both the Texas National Guard and Army Reserves.

He met a young lady named Char-An, the daughter of a military family, and they were married at the chapel at Fort Sam Houston. Jim took a job as a loan examiner for the state, retiring at the age of 62, about 20 years ago. The Wittens became members of First Presbyterian Church in 1965. One of their children, Eric, and his family also are members of the church.

Both Char-An and Jim have served the church and the Lord well. Jim worked with Habitat for Humanity in the early days, marshaled a program to deliver loaves of bread to new church members, was an usher team captain and is a deacon. It was for his devoted work in counting his blessings while counting KEYS money, however, that he is so well-known by so many grateful First Presbyterian members. In his humble way, he takes no credit for his service to God and man. He just believes the Lord has counted on him to do what he can for the kingdom.

Good job, Jim. See us when you can. We are counting on it.

Hole to Whole Group Provides Healing

A new support group for those struggling with addictions begins meeting at First Presbyterian Church in May. The Hole to Whole Group will gather Wednesdays at noon in Room 301 (third floor), starting May 1.

The purpose of the group is to show how God can fill the void in our souls rather than abusing alcohol and other mind-altering substances, work, money, success, shopping, eating, sex, pornography, gambling, or even the desire for others' approval.

If you are tired of trying to fill an unfillable void with fleeting substitutes, come and learn how to get and stay connected to the saving peace that only Jesus Christ can offer.

For more details, contact Brad Duphorne at 210-771-5661 or brad@payitforwardministries.org.

Session Minutes in Seconds

The Session at the April stated meeting attended to the following business:

- Received and approved the consent agenda (approved previous minutes, reviewed Deacon's minutes, approved changes to the Church Register, approved financial statements, and received minutes of Session committees)
- Received the Clerk's report and communications
- Received a report from the Personnel and Property Committee
- Received a report from the Stewardship and Finance Committee
- Approved the formation of a new Sunday Morning Schedule Task Force
- Approved the formation of a Master Planning Task Force
- Approved a recommendation for a series of newsletter articles on how Session works
- Received a report on the schedule for officer training
- Engaged in a discussion about baptism procedures

Get with the Music—Sing in the Choir!

By Kay Kutchins

Easter Sunday is always a great day for your Sanctuary Choir; we follow the Alleluia banner as it returns to the Sanctuary, giving us an opportunity to make eye contact with worshippers and listen for singers in the pews. Then, the service closes with Handel's "Hallelujah" from Messiah, and we find the "choir" expands by many worshippers who join us in the choir loft to sing to the glory of God. Were YOU among those who journeyed to the choir loft?

We'd love to see you join us on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings to add your voices through choral worship. And we're hoping that some of the more than 50 people who joined us during Easter Sunday services will come back on a Wednesday night!

Some things you might not know about being a member of FPC's Sanctuary Choir:

1. Perfect attendance at rehearsal and on Sunday is NOT REQUIRED. Some of our volunteer members travel during rehearsal hours (7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays). Some are able to sing at one (but not both) Sunday traditional worship services. No matter; there's a place for you if you're interested in exploring the possibilities.
2. Auditions are NOT REQUIRED. If you're interested in seeing whether Sanctuary choir is for you, join us one Wednesday evening and test the water.
3. A love of singing choral music is HIGHLY DESIRED, as is the ability to follow your part. If you've sung in church choir or high school choir or "junior choir" in the past, the skills will reappear.
4. A friendly and God-loving spirit is REQUIRED. We enjoy what we do. We enjoy each other's presence. We are a caring community. And we welcome new faces - no initiation rituals required!
5. Serious fellowship is a CORE VALUE...we enjoy each other's cooking, we host the annual July Fourth All-Church picnic, we gather for the Fiesta River Parade, we sponsor Gift of Christmas families, and we individually and collectively are active in many other FPC groups. We genuinely like each other!!

We thought you'd like to get a sample of who's who in Sanctuary Choir. Some of their stories may encourage you to sing for joy . . .



Christy Custer

In a life that includes a second-grade classroom, activities such as biking and running, and making time to play with her dog, **CHRISTY CUSTER** carves out **Wednesday night time as a welcome addition to the soprano section.** And we discovered that we had another life-time singer. "I actually have been singing since I was young," she says. "My mom

plays piano, my dad is a professional cellist, and my brother plays several instruments. I became very involved in choir in high school in California where I was a part of a jazz group, classical group, and a show choir."

Christy enrolled at Trinity University and "I continued singing in the University Chorus while studying education at Trinity," she says. I really enjoy choral singing because together is better. The group as a whole can make a magnificent sound that an individual would not be able to produce."

"I'm sure there are people who regularly attend FPC and who might like to sing in our choir," she says. "I came to a rehearsal, introduced myself to Tom, received a folder from Betty Smith, sat down in the soprano section with Lindsay Blackmon and Heather Blount, and it's been a great experience. I would recommend Sanctuary choir because it is very fun and is a great way to use your talent to serve God."



John Howell



Carrie Howell

We also have a "couple" of singers: JOHN (bass) and CARRIE (soprano) HOWELL, and ED (tenor) and WILLIE (alto) WILLMING. You'll often hear the Howells as offertory soloists—John as a singer and Carrie as a violist, but John also joins our Chamber Singers and offers solos during worship services. Carrie frequently collaborates with Minister of Music Tom Dooling as a soloist and lead player when instrumental ensembles are a part of an anthem. Ed and Willie are stalwarts in their respective sections—an essential element for the choral balance across sections.



Ed Willming



Willie Willming

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Easter Lily Dedications 2013



In memory of

Hazael Alcala

Joyce Alcala and Family

Hazael Emilio Alcala

His Wife, Oralia Alcala

Nancy Lee Bailey

Husband, Jerry Bailey and
Daughter, Amy Bailey

Our Fathers:

Robert F. Barnes and Forrest Sparks,
Helen Beuscher
Field and Lynnda Barnes

Norman and Alice Jacob, **Gloria Beckwith**

The Beckwith Family

Betty Collins

On the Occasion of Easter
The Berryman Family

Fred and Lois Beeler, **Arthur G. Fischer**

Don and Virginia Beeler

Dr. Richard G. Ryan

Debby and J. D. Bowen

Eleanor Mauze Bray

A Friend

Sissy Orsinger

Ken and Pat Brodeen

Our Parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Coker,
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Buchek
Mr. and Mrs. John Buchek

Dr. George Veeder Burkholder,
Dr. and Mrs. Theodore McCoy Burkholder,
Mrs. Margaret Burkholder Wetzel,
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bell Schneider
Mrs. George Veeder Burkholder

Sue Collins

On the Occasion of Easter
Bob Collins, Her Son

Elizabeth Attwood "Betty" Collins

On the Occasion of Easter
Bob Collins, Her Husband

Marcia Davidson

John Davidson Family

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Davis, Jr.

Laura A. Davis

Ben Davison, My Husband

Carrie Davison

Our Parents: Mr. and Mrs. George F. Howe,
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Elson
Dean and Lois Elson

Sallie W. Embs

Her Family

Our Parents

George and Mary Gates

Herb Green

Opal Green

Donald R. Thurston, M.D.

On the Occasion of Easter

Lee and Christine Harbach

Our Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Hadigian

Our Good and Gracious Parents

Shelly and Marshall Harrell II

Our Loved Ones

Mike and Georgia (Khym) Heath

Helen and Albert Herrmann, **Doris and James Heizer**

Karen and Ronald J. Herrmann

Hascal Stockstill, Jr.

Peggy Hoffman

Dari Ann and Gary Hoffman

Zeke, My Dog Who Died on Thanksgiving

Kyan Jones

Franklin P. Khym, My Husband

June V. Khym

My Father and My Mother:

Melchor and Josefa Lopez
Refugia Kutnic

Our Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Lehr, **Judge and Mrs. Horton B. Porter**

Lillian Ann and Ralph Lehr

Helen J. McCreight,

Harry and Helen Lounsbery
Rich and Ann Lounsbery

Dr. Leroy Yarbrough (Dad)

Melody and David Macaulay
Ginny and Danny Howell

Dr. Leroy Yarbrough (Opa)

Ciara and Lindsay Macaulay
Arden, Jake, and Grant Howell

Our Parents and Grandparents

Walt and Janice Magnus

Grace Duncan, Georgianna Wirgman,
Louise Maurer, Jim Wirgman, and
Russell Maurer

The Maurer Family

Helen and Kizzie Maxwell

Martha and Carlisle Maxwell

Don McCain

Marrietta McCain, Her Children, and
Grandchildren

Our Loved Ones

Pat and Dick McCleary

Douglas Graf,

Kevin McCollister

Carolyn and Ken McCollister

Orvis Meador, Jr.,

Josephine and George Musselman,
Mildred and Orvis Meador, Sr.
The Orvis Meador Family

Rowena S. Osborn,

Jeffrey M. Morehouse

Diana Morehouse, Amy Morehouse, and
Lisa Morehouse Ray

Our Loved Ones

On the Occasion of Easter Sunday

Tom and Elizabeth Munroe

Mr. and Mrs. Marquis G. Eaton

Dr. and Mrs. Claude L. Nabers

Ronald David Neal

Mrs. B. J. Neal

Ronald D. Neal

His Sons, Kevin D. Neal and Craig C. Neal

Lisa Polke Newton, Ruby Newton, and

Tom L. Newton, Sr.

Tom L. Newton, Jr.

My Loving Daughter, Sara Elizabeth Olivares, **Captain Albert Tijerina, Jr.,**

A True Friend and Hero

Isaac D. Olivares

Brigidier Tony and Clara Samsel,
For Over 45 Years Service to God
Through the Salvation Army

Pat O'Neill and Family

John Donald Thurston

On the Occasion of Easter

Norm and Doris Parker

Dave Campbell

Emily Peebles' Thursday Morning
Bible Study Group

In memory of

Robert E. Perrine
Dolores Perrine

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hines, Parents
Mr. Warner M. “Scotty” Hines, Brother
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Peterson

Donald R. Philbin III
Micki, Don, and Kate Philbin

Brad Pigeon
Martha Pigeon

David Calvin Campbell
Tina and John Potter

David Coles Price
The Robert Price Family

Glen Puckett, Loving Husband and Dad
Nancy and Courtenay Puckett

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Raney,
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Van Gundy
Harriett and Doug Raney

Donald and My Other Loved Ones
Mary H. Redpath

Dr. Albert E. Riester,
Eric Stanley Riester
Sallie Riester

Dr. and Mrs. Norman H. Jacob, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. Mark C. Rittenhouse

Our Son, Brad Ruhmann
Bill and Linda Ruhmann

Howard and Beryl Sargent, Grandparents
Ted and Emily Hunt, Grandparents
Charley Sargent, MD

Rev. John Shute, Linda Shute Stainthorpe,
Paula Marvel, Karen’s Mother
Tom and Karen Shute

Rebecca and Elsa
Anne and Paul Smith

Ruth Jackson
Carrie, George, Ginny, and Warren Spencer

Our Daughters:
Linda Sue Bynum and Laura Lee McGhee
Wilfred and Margaret C. Stapp

L. E. and Ronda Stith,
Celebrating Their Sweet Lives
Russell Stith Family

Tom, Lillian and Eleanor Powell, Dan and
Lillian Pace, Mary and Jerry Totten
Kathy Totten, Lisa Descant, and
Megan Totten Cavazos

Mr. and Mrs. Ortkiese,
Parents of Deborah Wall
Fred and Deborah Wall

Spence Warren,
Bryan Warren
Jane Warren and Robert Warren

Our Parents:
Mr. and Mrs. Prentis Vaughn Bishop
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arnold Wernli, Sr.
Fritz and Janet Wernli

My Father and Mother:
Paul and Helen Williams,
Neil Williams

Walter H. Williams
The Williams Family

Jess Womack II,
Helen M. Williamson,
Clark Munroe
Mrs. Jess Womack II (Lou)

Dr. Leroy Yarbrough
Edwyna Yarbrough

Tom Zeppelin,
Fran Nicolucci
Zeppelin Family

In honor of

FPC Home Communion Ministries
Anonymous

Blair Barnes and Our Pastors
Field and Lynnnda Barnes

The Gordon Smith Family and Bob Collins
On the Occasion of Easter
Lynn, Brian, Sam and Lancito Berryman

Virginia R. Martin
Don and Virginia Beeler

Our Past and Present Bible Study Members
Ann and Chuck Bunn

Sandy and George Sturch
Dean and Lois Elson

Our Children
Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Hadigian

Miss Myna Gathers
On the Occasion of Her 88th Easter
Happy State Bank and Trust

Jim Hauglid
On the Occasion of Easter
A Friend

Louis Zbinden, Trey Little,
Austin A. Herrmann
On the Occasion of His 25th Birthday
Karen and Ronald J. Herrmann

Betty Harrison, Carol Rahn, Jere Duncan,
Ann Fryburger
The Maurer Family

My Daughter and Son-In-Law:
Vanessa and John Lopez
Sandra O'Connor

Our Faithful and Dedicated Ushers
Isaac D. Olivares

Mrs. Paul Smith (Anne)
Emily Peebles' Thursday Morning Bible Study

My Friend, Mary Bell
Nancy Puckett

Our Children and Grandchildren
Harriett and Doug Raney

Jean Smith
Bill and Linda Ruhmann

Our Children: Julie and John
Fred and Kathy Shussler

Linda Stevens
Tom and Karen Shute

Our Family
Anne and Paul Smith

My Daughters and Their Husbands
Jean Smith

Our Past and Present Pastors
George and Polly Spencer

Joe and Carolyn Christina
Celebrating an Amazing Family
Russell Stith Family

Our Children and Grandchildren:
The Matthew Wernli Family—
Matt, Ashley, Caroline, Claire,
and Charlotte
The Brandon Allen Family—
Christina, Brandon, and James
Fritz and Janet Wernli

My Children and Grandchildren
Mrs. Jess Womack II (Lou)

Mrs. Mary Helen Goodnight,
Mrs. Hazel L. Wright
Linda and Tommy Wright



Needless to say, Jae's performance was both outstanding and significant for several reasons. The "Rildia Bee O'Bryan Cliburn Pipe Organ" is one of the finest church organs in the country and is one of the largest pipe organs of a French tonal design in America. To give you some sense of scale, the Cliburn Organ is more than 3½ times larger than the organ in our sanctuary. The organ is enhanced by the beautiful Broadway Baptist Sanctuary, which boasts a three-to-five-second reverberation of the organ thanks to its high vaulted

ceiling and stone tiled floors. As the name of the organ suggests, its construction was underwritten by Van Cliburn in honor of his mother, Rildia Bee O'Bryan Cliburn.

For many years, Broadway Baptist has hosted a Lenten Concert Series, inviting some of the finest organists from across the country to participate as performers. While we have all come to expect musical greatness from Jae when he performs, Jae was truly "inspiring" to hear on an instrument that truly equals his vast ability and musical intellect!

Sadly, it was only a few weeks prior to Jae's recital that Broadway Baptist conducted a memorial service for Van Cliburn, a long-time member of the church. Van Cliburn was a strong supporter of the music ministry of Broadway Baptist Church. His death on February 27 marked the end of a life and career as an unequalled performer, musical ambassador, and founder of one of the world's finest piano competitions.

It is my hope that Jae will return to Broadway Baptist in the future to perform again on their outstanding pipe organ. In the mean time, we have posted a short excerpt of his March 25 performance on our church website (www.fpconline.org) for you to enjoy.

I know that I join you in offering a hearty congratulations to Jae for his outstanding representation of the music ministry of First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Texas!

Choir, continued from p. 16

For Carrie and Ed, church choir singing was a part of growing up. Carrie's dad was a choir director, and she says "I grew up in a Lutheran choir loft, starting as an infant. John and I met in a Presbyterian church in Oregon; he sang in the choir, and I played in the orchestra." Ed sang in his father's Presbyterian church choir in Iowa during junior high and high school, and Willie also sang in church choirs during junior and high school.

"Ed and our daughter sang in the Montgomery, Alabama Civic Chorus," Willie says. "And our daughter who is a choral director and adjudicator married a church music director, and their family is continuing the music traditions."

So why do they sing? "To me, worship means singing (and playing my instruments)," Carrie says. "It has always been a part of my life, and I hope it always will be. John and I believe we are called to use our God-given talents for His glory."

Willie adds: "the quality of choral and organ music was one feature that drew us to attend and join FPC. For us, music enhances the glory of God with the feeling of His presence. We hope excellent organ and choral music will persevere as it has for centuries—and that children and youth will know and appreciate the works of choral masters in worship."

Here's our pitch, aimed at you: Sanctuary Choir is comprised of volunteers and a core group of professional singers, and we are actively seeking new volunteer members.

Does this sound like a place for YOU? Come and join us any time.

Not sure? You'll never know unless you check out the program.

Too busy right now? We're flexible—if you just want to sing. We have a seat available. We'll be waiting to elcome you—hopefully soon.





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Housing needed for Summer Interns

The 2013 summer interns have been selected and now we need your help! Two interns will be in need of housing from May 27—August 5 and one intern will need housing from May 19—August 10. If you would like to assist, please contact Lindsay Blackmon at lindsayb@fpcsat.org/210-226-0215.

Literature Circle reviews

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

Tuesday, May 14, 1:30 p.m.

McCullough Room

Join us for a review of Jamie Ford's historical fictional novel. Ann Smith reveals how Henry Lee comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. Boarded up for decades, the owner has discovered the belongings of Japanese families, left in the hotel when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during World War II. This was one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history. A heartwarming story of father and sons, first loves, fate, and the resilient human heart. Refreshments are served prior to the meeting.

