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Pastor's Pondering

Looking Up for Lent

By Rev. Trey Little, Senior Pastor



The month of March is upon us and with it comes the beginning of the Lenten Season. In fact, March 5 (Ash Wednesday) will mark the beginning of the 40-day period of repentance and renewal in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Over the years many Christians have thought of Lent as a time to “give up” something. Some choose to give up chocolate, which I can’t figure out. Why not give up something like beets? Others give up soft drinks or alcohol or various other things. The idea behind it is that in giving something up—we will be experiencing a taste of Jesus’ suffering. But also, perhaps we will take the time to focus on the significance of Christ’s Passion as well as the reality of His sacrificial death and life giving resurrection.

This Lenten Season I would like to suggest that rather than “giving up” we instead “look up.” You see, each of us have experienced hard times, we have made mistakes, we have found ourselves in the midst of having more questions than answers, we have lamented in wonder if we would ever be able to make it through a particularly difficult situation. All of those situations in our lives have a way of leading us to a place of “giving up.” But instead, what if we “looked up” from our pit of despair to our hope in Jesus Christ? Imagine choosing to “look up” rather than “giving up.” Imagine how that could be transformational for our lives.


During this Lenten Season we will explore Biblical examples of how real people were able to get through real problems—by looking up. The series will be called “You’ll Get Through This.” A series that was inspired by a book written by Max Lucado entitled *You’ll Get Through This*. In fact, I want to encourage you to purchase a copy of the book and read it during this Lenten Season. We will be addressing portions of the book throughout the sermon series as well as in our small groups. More importantly, I believe we all need to be reminded of the very presence of hope in the midst of troubled and turbulent times.

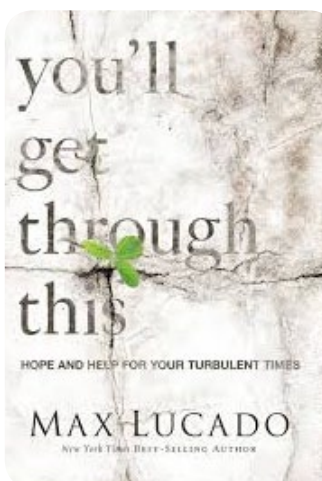
Will you take this 40-day journey with me? Over the course of the 40-days of Lent we will live not with an attitude of “giving up” but instead an attitude of being filled-up with such hope and promise in Jesus Christ that there is nothing that will stop us.

Someone once said: “Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible.”

Are you ready to “look up?” I look forward to our journey together.

Keep smilin’ and keep lovin’ and keep hopin’!

Peace, 



A Lenten Sermon Series

Inspired by Max Lucado’s Book

Beginning March 9

Copies of Max Lucado’s book available at the church for a suggested donation of \$10. Call 210-226-0215 for details.

You’ll get through this.
It won’t be painless.
It won’t be quick.
But God will use this mess for good. Don’t be foolish or naïve.
But don’t despair either.
With God’s help, you’ll get through this.

Special Upcoming Events

Wednesday March 19 - Intersection Dinner at 5:30 pm

Theme: Everything Green! followed by Tadpoles for Pre-schoolers and CrossWalk for Elementary Children
Small Groups for Adults

Wednesday March 26 - Intersection Dinner at 5:30 pm

Theme: Big Hair Night followed by Tadpoles for Pre-schoolers and CrossWalk for Elementary Children
Small Groups for Adults

Wednesday April 9 - Intersection Dinner at 5:30 pm

Theme: Duct Tape Night followed by the Children's Choir
Mini-Musical "Sticky Notes and Bible Quotes"

Thursday, April 17, 2014 - Maundy Thursday Noonday Worship Service of the Lord's Supper

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Westminster Hall

Worship service of the Lord's Supper follows at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Interactive Evening Worship Experience - Evening worship service of the Lord's Supper at 6:45 p.m. in Westminster Hall (dinner will not be served)

Friday, April 18, 2014 - Good Friday Worship Service

Evening worship service with Scripture and choral music drawn from the Passion According to John at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 19, 2014 - Holy Saturday

Children's Easter Program at 10:00 a.m. in Westminster Hall

Sunday, April 20, 2014 - Easter Sunday Praise at the

Pearl Sunrise worship service at 6:45 a.m.

at the Pearl Brewery outdoor amphitheater

Traditional worship services at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Contemporary worship service at 11:00 a.m. in Westminster Hall

Childcare available for all events above. For reservations, contact Carrie Jowers at carriej@fpcsat.org or 210-271-2720 no later than two days prior to the event. Unfortunately, drop-ins cannot be accommodated. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER.

Passover Seder Dinner

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

A very special Wednesday @ 1st Pres program

5:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall

Dinner – Adult, Youth, & Children

(grades 1-5): \$7 PP

Reserve by submitting a check to Nancy Berger at the church (in person or by mail to First Presbyterian Church, 404 N. Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78205) by Monday, March 30. Make check payable to FPC with "Seder Dinner" in the memo line. Childcare with optional \$3 dinner for ages 3-Kinder in the first floor assembly room. Nursery care available for infants and toddlers. Please indicate your needs when you RSVP.

For childcare reservations, contact Carrie Jowers at carriej@fpcsat.org or 210-271-2720 no later than two days prior to the event. Unfortunately, drop-ins cannot be accommodated.



Special Guests are Coming to FPC!

We are blessed to have two missionaries visiting FPC in the month of March. Let's all make sure they are given a warm FPC greeting when they come to meet with our congregation!

Ashraf and Naomi Abdou, along with their young children Peter and Kinzi, are supported by FPC to serve God through the work of YWAM. Their role is to educate and prepare missionaries who will be ministering within North Africa and throughout the Middle East. They are also passionate about ministering to the spiritual needs of North Africans living in Europe. Professional expertise combined with the gifts that God has given to him have enabled Ashraf to deeply invest his efforts into developing spiritually mature leaders who can bring the hope of Jesus Christ to an entire community. Ashraf and Naomi would like to request your prayers as his ministry leadership responsibilities increase, and also for his family because his position requires frequent travel to facilitate trainings. Thank you, Ashraf and Naomi!



Ashraf and Naomi with daughter Kinzi and son Peter



"I am so grateful to you guys with all the support you do for us. It was really such a blessing to us not only because of the money but because we felt that we have great people behind us and supporting us. Just want to say thank you so much for your heart."

—Ashraf Abdou

Beth Allen has served with Food for the Hungry for 19 years, and FPC is proud to have been a part of supporting her work throughout her career to her current role as the Communications and Marketing Resource Manager in FH's Phoenix Global Service Center. Beth began by serving as a missionary in Bolivia, developing her gifts for working with child sponsorship, USAID sustainable development projects, and church planting/strengthening. Beth returned to San Antonio in 1999 and worked for six years from an office within our FPC building, bringing her skills and experience to FH's worldwide disaster relief efforts. She later served in FH's Mobilization program, as a support for missionaries around the world (including FPC's Derek and Claire Plantenga and Pamela Neumann among many others). Thank you, Beth!



Beth Allen (right) interviewing the mayor of the town of Basey in the Philippines (striped shirt) with the translation assistance of Rev. Orlando Rapsing.

Beth Allen (right) assists Food for the Hungry during a trip to Asia to set-up a Christian study-abroad program for university students.



"Thanks again for being there, by my side, taking care of my physically, spiritually and emotionally for nearly two decades."

—Beth Allen

Meet our Missionaries

Ashraf Abdou and Beth Allen will be visiting FPC in March. Our Global Missions Committee invites all members to meet with these special guests and learn more about their ministries. To arrange an opportunity to meet individually, or to host a gathering for either missionary, please email Claire Plantenga, clairep@fpcsat.org or call 226-2724.



A Letter from our FPC Commissioned Missionary, Beth Allen

Twenty years ago, in July 1994, First Presbyterian Church sent me off to Phoenix, Arizona for pre-field training with Food for the Hungry (FH). What a journey it's been!

There have been many milestones where I leaned on FPC for counsel, support and healing. You were there when I sold my worldly goods in May 1995, and left to serve with FH in Bolivia. You were there when I came back to San Antonio, tired and sick, in August 1999; you helped me heal. You gave me office space at the church so I didn't spend my days alone, working from my spare bedroom, as a telecommuting staffer with FH's relief operations.

You listened with your whole hearts when I told about places like Congo, the Balkans and Iraq, where FH staff were serving in the midst of war and disaster. The listening helped me see that what I did was an important part of the operation, even if I wasn't dodging bullets like a field staff person.

And you helped me transition again, in 2005, when I accepted a post at FH's Phoenix office.

It hasn't mattered so much what I was doing every day. You just loved me and supported me. That's been so helpful, during those times when I wondered if being in ministry was worth it.

These days I'm helping grow FH's communications capacity. My days are filled with gathering the stories, photos and video FH needs to communicate with our supporters, and raise funds. I talk daily with FH staff worldwide, sometimes in Spanish rather than English, but mostly slowly so we understand each other, and mostly on Skype. I work with a team to manage our photo and video library. I interact with our volunteers and interns, many of them just out of college and trying to find their way in the world. It's a rich experience.

The year has been harder than most, with substantial restructuring of our department within FH. About a month ago I would have said, "I can see the light at the end of the tunnel." Now, I'm out of the tunnel. I'll tell you more about that when I visit in March.

And I had my first experience visiting a disaster zone immediately after the disaster, when I went to the Philippines in November to gather media resource after Typhoon Haiyan. I've been to disaster zones before but usually several months after the onset of the problem. It was sad and exhilarating at the same time. Again, I'll tell you more about that when I see you!

Thanks again for being there, by my side, taking care of my physically, spiritually and emotionally for nearly two decades.

Blessings,

**Beth Allen
Food for the Hungry**



Global Missions

Join God's Mission in Malawi

Help Fight Poverty and Injustice in October

By Alyssa Payne, Director of Missions



First Presbyterian Church San Antonio has partnered with World Vision in 2013 to sponsor more than 250 kids in the village of Mutendere, Malawi. You are invited to meet these children and to witness how FPC's ongoing partnership with World Vision is helping the community discover their full potential as they tackle the causes of poverty and injustice.



Our first team from this congregation will travel to Malawi in April so you will hear a report from that team at the 1st Wednesday @ 1st Pres program May 7 (dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall; presentation at 6:30 p.m. in Covenant Hall; contact Nancy Berger at 210-226-0215 for details).



And here is some exciting news for you: registration is NOW OPEN for applicants who would like to be considered for a Vision Trip to Mutendere, Malawi October 4-14, 2014. Due to our limit of 12 travelers and a very high interest level in this trip, all applications will be submitted to the Global Missions Committee to ensure a fair selection process. We will begin conducting interviews to ensure we have a well-rounded group. The cost of the trip is about \$4,300. About half the cost of the trip is being covered by the church through the Global Missions Committee.



We then ask participants to solicit prayer and financial support from inside and outside the church to raise the balance of about \$2,000 per participant. Partial scholarships will also be available from the church if needed, so that everyone who feels called is able to participate!

So join us in Africa! The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, March 11. You can apply to go or offer your financial support for others by contacting me, Alyssa Payne, Director of Missions, at First Pres (alyssap@fpcsat.org or 210-271-2742).



What happens to the walls we build during Project 240?

If you have participated in our annual tradition of building a house during our event called “Project 240”, you may have noticed that we only build the wooden framework. Obviously, these houses are not move-in ready yet! *So what happens next?* Nothing, without wonderful volunteers like YOU from around the city. At the end of the day after our Project 240 event, Habitat for Humanity loads up the frames we have constructed onto a truck and delivers them to a construction site of empty house lots.

Would you be able to volunteer on a Friday or Saturday to help us finish putting the house together?

We have a long history at FPC of working in cooperation with fellow believers from other Presbyterian churches in San Antonio in order to provide decent, affordable housing for families in need. Every year, we combine our skills and our enthusiasm for serving God in a tradition known as the “**Presbyterian Cluster House**” beginning this year on March 7th.

Members from Presbyterian churches from around the city (ages 14+) share an assigned Habitat neighborhood construction site. We begin with the wooden wall frames, and each church takes turns providing volunteers to add elements such as drywall, painting, planting trees, etc. ***Habitat teaches us what to do—no prior experience required! Tools, materials, and even lunch are also provided.***

Through our collaboration with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters in Christ, **we can easily complete one brand new house for a family in need, within only a few months!** Isn't it amazing what we can accomplish when working together for God's glory?

FPC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON THE FOLLOWING CONSTRUCTION DATES:

Friday, March 7
Friday, March 14

Friday, March 21
Saturday, April 12

For more information or to volunteer for one of the build days, please sign up online at fpcsanantonio.org. Alternatively, email Claire Plantenga, clairep@fpcsat.org or call 226-2724.



Men's Ministry
From Parched to Passionate The Seeds We Plant
Second Annual FPC Men's Retreat
May 2-4, 2014 at T Bar M



One of Jesus's best-loved parables describes four types of people in the world using soil as an example (Matthew 13:1-23). In it, Jesus uses an image of four different types of soil to get to what matters: a man's heart. On this weekend together, we will explore this parable together, and we will be challenged to walk in new ways—into the new life Christ offers.

The men's retreat is a time of fellowship, building up the

body of Christ through large groups, small breakout groups for discussion, "downtime," and worshipping together. The time away, the solitude, and the great setting for this special retreat help renew us in a special way.

Speaker and Facilitator:
Rev. Larry Coulter,
Senior Pastor, Shepherd of the
Hills Presbyterian Church,
Austin



Larry has a passion for helping people grow in their relationship with Christ and be equipped for ministry in God's work in the world. Prior to coming to Shepherd of the Hills he served churches in Laguna Beach, California, and Houston, Texas. Larry has a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M and a Master's of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

To find out more, contact Stacie Rodriguez at stacier@fpcsat.org/210-271-2759.



Moments to Hold Close *Sterling*

By Manny Rodriguez

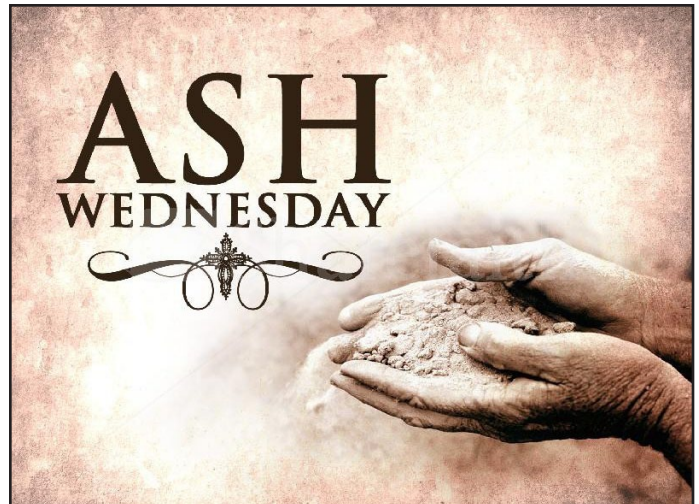


Silver is such an amazing property. A great conductor of electricity used for fine jewelry, and a precious metal of great economic value.

However, there is a level of silver that is above all others, Sterling. Sterling indicates the purity, the fact that the piece was hand crafted, and it easily identifies the maker. Silver that is not Sterling is too soft and easily folds to pressure. Sterling silver has the highest optical reflectiveness, yet it tarnishes when exposed to the wrong elements.

But no matter how tarnished Sterling silver becomes, it can be polished to look like new. Isn't the same true of us and our relationship with our Father? We are of great value as humans, but once we give ourselves to Him a mark is placed upon us.

We don't easily succumb to temptation, we reflect the image of our Maker, and when we do stumble, there He is to polish us, cleanse our sins and make us good as new.



This year's Ash Wednesday worship and dinner will be held on
FIRST WEDNESDAY @ 1st PRES
March 5, 2014

Dinner
5:30-6:30 p.m.
in Westminster Hall

**Worship with the Lord's Supper
& the Imposition of Ashes**
6:45 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

Call 210-226-0215 for details

Now Hiring: Summer Day Camp Counselors!

What: 10-week full-time positions as camp counselors for ages 4-11.

Qualifications: High School Diploma and experience working with children

Details: Contact Carrie Jowers at carriej@fpcsat.org or 210-271-2720 or go to www.fpcsanantonio.org/about/jobs/



There's a Spring in Our Step!

By Susan DeKoch, Presbyterian Women President



It is so hard to believe that I am writing the March newsletter article. I remember when January and February were “quieter” and considered “down time”. That is no longer true. Our PW ladies continue to be active and busy making Jesus visible.

I mentioned our Ladies’ Night Out in my last article, but it hadn’t happened yet. It was a fun-filled gathering of almost 60 ladies for an evening of delicious food and lots of laughter. Julie Walthall, Susie DeKoch and Leila Sirotiak did an outstanding job organizing the event and providing bright, colorful table decorations. La Fonda on Main hosted a great evening for us and I so appreciate their hospitality. Thanks, too, to the ladies who provided such great gifts for our table “winners”. We are a FUN GROUP!



On February 7 and 8 Candy Wagner led a wonderful group of volunteers who manned the Hospitality Room and served as greeters for the Gathering of the Fellowship held at our church. We provided welcome bags, snacks throughout the two-day event and a continental breakfast. We were also “out and about” in the church to help guide our visitors to various rooms and activities. Thank you to all those who welcomed old and new friends.

We are looking forward to several wonderful activities and events in March. PW will again be helping with Project 240 on March 2. Look for ways to participate in this wonderful event.

Plans are well underway for our Spring Luncheon on March 24. Please join us as we welcome nationally-known Bible teacher and speaker, Jennifer Rothschild. Her topic is “Fearless Joy”. Cheri Stith, Blair Perry and Robin Hudnall are busy imagining, planning and designing their beautiful table toppers and our menu. The centerpieces will be available for sale for \$50. Sus Hijas and the Guatemalan Connection will be there to sell their special gifts. There will be some fun surprises, so get your reservations in early. Tickets are \$10. Checks may be made out to FPC with “Spring Luncheon” written in the memo line. They may be placed in the PW box or mailed to Candy Wagner, 703 Larkwood, 78209.

We will also be presenting and voting on the new slate of PW Officers for 2014-2015 at the luncheon. We are blessed to have another outstanding group of women who have agreed to lead us through the next year, with Ann Bunn as our President. Please see the related article in this issue of First Press for complete information.

Mark your calendars for our Birthday Coffee on Wednesday, May 7, from 10:30 to 12:30. Leslie Bennett has graciously offered her home to us and we will look forward to celebrating the end of a glorious year together.

Thank you for all you do!
Blessings, Susan

PW Spring Luncheon: Fearless Joy

It's a new year! If you want to be refreshed in a bright, bold and beautiful way, come to the Presbyterian Women's Spring Luncheon and let nationally acclaimed speaker Jennifer Rothschild inspire you to choose "Fearless Joy."

This year's luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. March 24 in Westminster Hall. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m.

Jennifer Rothschild is a best-selling author, speaker, Bible study teacher, wife and mom. "And, I happen to be blind. I'm just like you. I just do things a little differently," she writes on her website. "I write about real life and share what I'm learning from a real God. My goal is to create inspiring, relevant, and practical content that will empower you to live out a tenacious faith."

A featured speaker for the nation's largest conference for women, Women of Faith, Jennifer has teamed up with Beth Moore and others to lead national and regional women's conferences. Thousands have come away with a new vision for their work, their family, and their future.

Her newest curriculum resource is the DVD-based Bible study *Missing Pieces: Real Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense*. She is the author of nine books with combined sales of over a half-million units, including the best-selling *Lessons I Learned in the Dark* and *Self Talk, Soul Talk*, and the popular DVD-enhanced curriculum



products entitled *Walking by Faith* and *Me, Myself and Lies*. Jennifer is also founder and publisher of the popular online magazine, *womensministry.net*. In addition to her writing and speaking, she is an accomplished songwriter and recording artist, with six albums to her credit – including *Walking by Faith: The Music Captured Live*, *Along the Way* and others.

She resides in Springfield, Missouri, with her husband of 21 years, Dr. Philip Rothschild. Her life story has been the cover story of numerous national publications including *Today's Christian Woman*, *Virtue* magazine, *Becoming Family* magazine, *HomeLife* magazine and others.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$10 and reservations are required. We will no longer accept payment at the door the day of the luncheon. Your check is your reservation and may be paid at your Circle meeting, placed in the PW box in the workroom at church or mailed to Candy Wagner at 703 Larkwood, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Please make your check payable to FPC and put PW Luncheon in the notation line. If you would like to reserve a table for eight or 10, a limited number will be available on a first-come basis. Deadline for reservations is Monday, March 17. Get your reservation in early because the fall luncheon was a sellout!

PW Circle Meetings in March

BIBLE Circle 112
Monday, March 17, 10:30am
FPC Geneva Rm
Chair: Ann Nelson, 824-5182
Co-Chair: Suzanne Thomas,
828-3245

BIBLE Circle 2/4
Monday, March 17, 1:30pm
FPC rm 226
Chair: Char-An Witten, 341-1856

BIBLE Circle 5 Shawl Ministry
Friday, March 21, 12pm
FPC Rm 228
Chair: Caryl Gaubatz, 651-0208
Co-Chair: Jane Ann Temple,
828-7542

BIBLE Circle 6
Tuesday, March 18, 1:30pm
FPC Geneva Rm
Chairs: Martha Pigeon, 828-8993
Betty Anderson, 828-8838
Jane Warren, 493-5187

BIBLE Circle 7
Tuesday, March 18, 11:30am
Home of Darcy Collins,
8801 Cavalry Drive, Fair Oaks Ranch
Chair: Meredith Park, 373-8180

Circle 8 Mom's Group
Wednesday, March 5, 12, 19, and 26,
9:30am-11:30am
FPC Rm 108,
Chair: Brenda Leonard,
910-578-7104, Co-Chair: Sara
Parish, 394-0865

BIBLE Circle 9
Tuesday, March 18, 10am
Home of Angie Richmond,
7 Sanctuary Drive
Chair: Pat Brannen, 735-4415

BIBLE Circle 11
Monday, March 24 6:30pm
Home of Suzanne Norton,
608 Antler Drive
Chair: Jean Swanson, 826-0766

Circle 13 Literature Circle
Tuesday, March 11, 1:30pm
FPC McCullough Rm
"The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain
Reviewed by Jane Hansen
Chair: Becca Price, 824-2603

BIBLE Circle 14
Monday, March 17, 12pm
FPC St. Andrew's Rm
Chair: Suzie Simpson, 455-7410

Circle 16 Marjorie McLernon
Sewing Circle
Wednesday, March 19, 9:30am
FPC Rm 228, Chairs: Lee Pressly,
735-0978, Corie Barlow, 481-1337

Circle 17 Edna Ralston Sewing Circle
Wednesday, March 12, 9:30am
FPC Rm 309, Chairs: Jeanne Baker,
494-0972; Gigi Duke, 695-4363

Circle 18 Care and Concern
Chairs: Char-An Witten, 341-1856
Paula Bondurant, 736-6632
Georgia Heath, 695-9511

Circle 19 White Cross Circle
Wednesday, March 5, 9:30am
FPC Rm 309
Chair: Janet Beauch, 673-3251

Circle 20 Circle of Service
Chair: Shannon McKelvey, 455-4520

BIBLE Circle 21
Monday, March 17, 6:30pm
Home of Rosemary Engstrom,
3630 Sugarhill Dr.
Chair: Andrea Taylor, 403-9442



Music Ministry

Mary Jean Rogers Memorial Concert Set for March 30

By Kay Kutchins

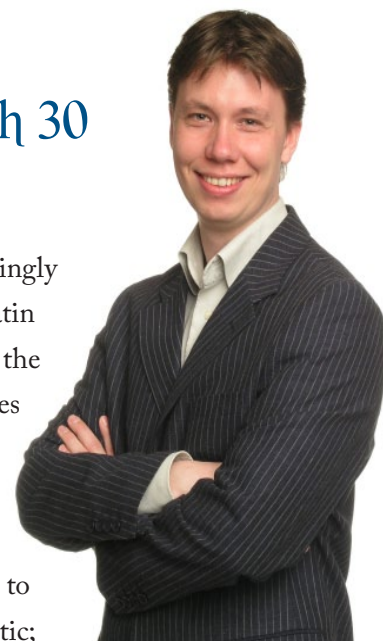
Our first major musical offering of 2014 is made possible through the Mary Jean Rogers Choral Endowment of First Presbyterian Church and each year honors the memory of Mary Jean Rogers, the mother of our own Jean Rogers Winchell, and their shared love of the church and great choral music. The 2014 Concert will be at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 2014, in the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Choir will perform Franz Schubert's Mass in G and Ola Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass. The choir will be accompanied by organ and an expanded string orchestra comprised of many San Antonio Symphony members. The one-hour program will offer a familiar work, as well as introduce a stunning new work to the San Antonio community.

FPC's Sanctuary Choir sang the Schubert Mass in concert eight years ago, and we've had occasional queries as to when we would present it again. Schubert was invited to compose a mass for the parish church of Lichtental, also known as the family's house of worship and often called Schubert-kirche (Schubert church). Schubert received an invitation to compose the mass in May 1814, and the premiere was offered on September 25, 1814. The premiere featured an estimated 62 performers including Schubert's brother, Ferdinand, who played the organ, and Schubert conducted. Major names were a part of the production and the music, and Schubert's teacher, Antonio Salieri, is said to have embraced his student with the words "der mir noch viele Ehre machen wird," which translates to "You will bring me yet more honor."

Contrasting the Schubert is Ola Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass, probably one of the more demanding works we have undertaken. The choir is divided into two choruses, each featuring soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices, each overlapping the other in waves of sound. Gjeilo notes that "I use

English titles that are seemingly unrelated to the mostly Latin text for the movements so the musical development ranges from the most transparent to something completely earthy and grounded; from nebulous and pristine to more emotional and dramatic; and eventually becoming warm and solid as a

metaphor for human development from child to adult, or as a spiritual journey. I always want there to be a positive evolution in artistic expressions; to move everything forward, to transcend conflict and dissonance, by going through it, not avoiding it. Ideally, it has the capacity to help bring us deeper into ourselves rather than the other way. I really do think that's the main point of art, and I hope with all my heart that a sliver of that sentiment comes out in this piece, somehow."



Ola Gjeilo

FINANCIAL SUMMARY JANUARY 2014

Operating Fund Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Over/(Under)
Total Revenues	\$477,439	\$509,967	(\$32,528)
Total Operating Expenditures	\$338,652	\$328,514	\$10,139
Total Benevolences	\$99,371	\$19,650	\$79,721
Net Income/Loss	\$39,416	\$161,803	(\$122,387)

Giving for the month exceeded January of last year. Thank you. We still have a long way to go. The ministries and benevolences of FPC depend on your gifts. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Janet Slayden, Church Business Manager, at 210-271-2751, or Butch Gerfers, Church Treasurer, at 210-862-9998.

Living in Lent with Grace and Peace

By Matthew Fricker and the Student Ministry Team



Early in Paul's letter to the Romans Paul says, "To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ". As I let these words roll off my tongue a sense of comfort came over me. So I say to all of you at FPC and beyond: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Truly this is what we need in our lives, grace and peace. Around New Year's, I hear people wish me health and happiness (not bad things). However, Paul is saying God's grace and peace to you. With Lent upon us, my prayer is that all of us are able to further understand God's grace and peace.

With that being said, I would like to invite all families and anyone else who is interested to join us in our Lenten study. In the Church, Lent has been a season of intense study, meditation, and fasting. We will be studying Paul's letter to the Romans. All we need is your cell phone number which you can email me (mattf@fpcsat.org). Each day you will be sent a small section of verses from Romans. In the text there will be a link that will send you to a short study (two paragraphs) on the scripture. The hope is that we will give intentional time to God each day during Lent and then share our thoughts with each other (a great family activity!).

The fun does not stop with our Lent study as we have a ton of fun activities in March, including our video game bonanza on March 13 on the big screen in the Student Center. We will also be having youth group every Sunday night! The mission trips are set so if you are in 5th-8th grade and want to serve in San Antonio, or are in 8th-12th and want to serve in New Orleans, please sign up or ask for more information. We also have small group Bible

study, Wednesday night middle school youth group, and Sunday school. Everyone is invited to please join us for any/all of these things!

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ:

Matthew Fricker, Youth Director

Jerren Wadsworth, Colton Willis, Suzanna Frey

Recognizing Our FPC Staff

At the February monthly staff lunch the Personnel Committee will publicly recognize and thank the church staff who work so hard to serve the congregation and the larger Body of Christ. The committee recognizes all staff members, both full- and part-time, on significant anniversaries of their service to the church. Recognition begins on their fifth anniversary and additional recognition takes place on each subsequent five-year anniversary.



JoAnn Teran

This month we recognize and thank JoAnn Teran, Lead Teacher for the FBC Children's Center. She celebrated her fifth anniversary with the Children's Center on February 26, 2014. Please congratulate her when you see her!



Abel Saldana

We also recognize and thank Abel Saldana, Weekend Custodian. He is celebrating his 15-year anniversary at First Pres! Please let him know how much you appreciate his dedication and hard work on behalf of the church. We also recognize and thank Abel Saldana, Weekend Custodian. He is celebrating his 15-year anniversary at First Pres! Please let him know how much you appreciate his dedication and hard work on behalf of the church.



Confirmation Retreat 2014

On Friday January 24, a day when cold and ice shut down highways and schools, over 20 8th graders and a wonderful group of adult youth leaders and staff headed to Camp T Bar M in New Braunfels as the sun warmed up the highways and God prepared us for a tremendous weekend. The retreat is an annual trip for the confirmation class, a time to engage in small and large group learning and sharing, singing and laughing, group building and memory making. Our mentors from the congregation took time out of their day on Saturday to drive to campaign and join us for lunch and some fun team-building experiences with the T Bar M camp staff. Lots of fun followed as kids and leaders alike braved the high ropes challenge course.

After a special evening of worship we enjoyed s'mores around the campfire. We closed out the retreat by returning to FPC for Sunday morning having our closing session and worship with parents.

It was a very special weekend for these young men and women as they consider their walk with Jesus and make lasting friendships.

For more information about confirmation at First Pres, contact
Rev. Ruthie Seiders at ruthies@fpcsat.org or 210-271-2714.



KEYS (Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit) Older Adult Ministry

Marching into March

By Pat McCleary, Director, Older Adult Ministry



In spite of the arctic blast, February started with the KEYS Leadership Committee meeting to plan our spring programming and to strategize the upcoming special programs, trips to nearby places of interest, growth opportunities, how to promote our new exercise program and service projects. Thanks to the staff at the new Adante Retirement Community, we not only enjoyed holding our meeting in their beautiful Club House but also enjoyed a delicious lunch served in the dining room.

During February, we once again had a delightful time celebrating our annual February birthdays and Valentine's Day at the beautiful Oak Hills Country Club. Our month was completed by David Rogers telling us about "Living into the Legacy of Laity Lodge and the H.E.B. Foundation." Rev. Trey Little ended the month with his yearly "State of the Church Address" – this is always a "hit" with our members. What fun we had hosting the new Half Time fellowship on Sunday, February 2 and 9!



COME AND JOIN OUR MARCH EVENTS

March 2 (Sunday) – Project 240 Build

KEYS once again look forward to volunteering and helping to donate to this very vital project by funding one-half of the cost of a house so that we can help a family have a home of their own. If you would like to participate, you can now register online or fill out a special Project 240 envelope that is available in Maize Lobby.

March 7 (Friday) – 11:00 a.m.

Judge Polly Spencer

Judge Polly, FPC member and Judge of Probate Court No. One, kicks off March by telling about Life in Probate Court. Come and hear about her day-to-day business!



March 14 (Friday) – 11:00 a.m.

Memories on Review: Tales from WWII

Extended Run Players of the University of the Incarnate Word

The stories told in this production stem from live interviews with local WWII veterans. It includes slides of the servicemen in uniforms as well as other images from the era. The Cadenza Singers, part of the Opera Company, sing songs and other popular 1940s music. Your heart and mind will be stirred! This production is made possible through a grant from the Genevieve and Ward Orsinger Foundation.

March 25 (Tuesday) – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

This is a new and improved AARP Driver Safety Course that has been developed after years of research and launched on January 1, 2014. Due to the higher cost and quality of new materials, there is a moderate course fee. For AARP members, the new course fee is \$15. For non-members, it is \$20. All new videos and "Participant Guidebook" are included. For reservation, call Pat McCleary at 210-271-2726. As B. J. Laymon has retired after many years of teaching the class, we will have a new instructor. Check with your insurance company about amount of discount.

March 28 (Friday) – 11:30 a.m.

“Life of Pi” Movie & Hamburger Lunch

Come and enjoy one of Maurilio’s hamburger lunches (\$7) with all the fixings’ before enjoying an afternoon movie up in Covenant Hall. When you see “Life of Pi”, you will embark on the adventure of a lifetime in this visual masterpiece from Oscar Winner Ang Lee. Liz and Jack Wright who are our “movie experts” say this is a wonderful movie which was rescheduled due to inclement weather in January. There is no charge for the movie—popcorn & snacks included!



Bridge will be played Friday, March 7 and 14

Please contact Katy Bedunnah if you would like to play

Mah Jongg will be played after lunch on Friday, March 14 and 28

New members are welcome—please contact Nancy Black at (210) 493-1609 for any additional information.

RESERVATIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT!

Please make lunch (\$7) reservations by the Tuesday before Friday programs, unless otherwise specified by calling the church office at 210-226-0215. If you are on the permanent lunch list, you only need to call if you cannot attend.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL

April 4 (Friday - Trip to King Ranch

The legendary King Ranch is always an adventure. Scenes and stories of this historic Texas Ranch come alive as we experience them in the comfort of our Charter Regent Coach. Depart at 7:30 a.m. Allowing time at the Ranch Visitor’s Center, we’ll then head for nearby Baffin Bay and the seafood feast which tops them all! Save your carbs for fried shrimp, oysters, fish, frog legs, french fries, onion rings somewhat offset with beginning platters of sliced tomato and avocado accompanied by iced tea or coffee or water. Dessert is not included, but if you give in, you’re on your own. After lunch stroll down by the bay, then re-board the bus for our return to Kingsville and the Saddle Shop. Cost: \$75 for FPC members (non-members \$80) includes charter Regent Coach, morning coffee, and snack at Church, lunch at King’s Inn, tour of King Ranch and visit to the Saddle Shop, driver tip and guides Henry and Susan Holloway. Your check is your reservation and is due by March 25 (no refunds after that date). Please make check out to FPC with the notation “King Ranch Trip” in the notation line and mail to the attention of Pat McCleary.

April 11 –Fiesta Party & April Birthday Celebration & Filling of Easter Eggs





Bringing the Lord's Supper into the Home

By Nancy Black

The Home Communion Ministry of First Presbyterian has reached its one year mark of service and is moving forward into its second. This outreach has been warmly received and enormously rewarding. By extending communion to more of our members, the entire body has the opportunity to share in this unique act of worship. Members, who temporarily or routinely cannot join their friends and family at church, now have the opportunity to receive the elements in their homes.

The remaining 2014 scheduled Home Communion Sundays are April 6, June 1 and October 5.

Any member, who wishes communion brought to him on any of these dates, may provide that information to the church by calling Rev. Scott Simpson's Administrative Assistant, Susan Dullnig at 226-0215, ext. 253.

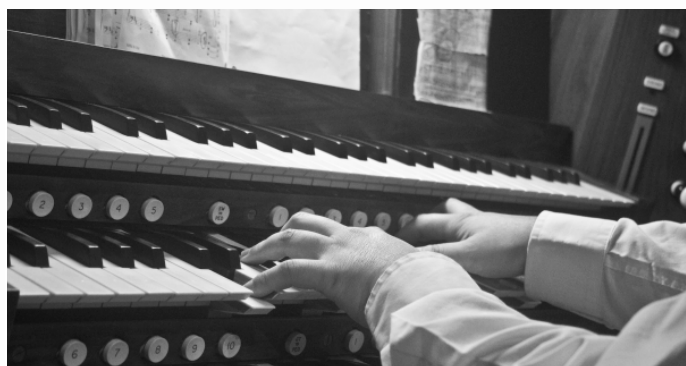
As the home communion date nears, a trained Elder/Deacon team will contact the member to verify that he still wishes to receive home communion. A time will be scheduled for the designated Sunday afternoon. Then, a few days before the scheduled communion Sunday, a call will be made by a church officer to verify that everything is still as scheduled.

Not always, but often, family members and caregivers participate with us in this communion ministry.

The Towers is home to several of our members, so a communion service is provided on the scheduled dates for those there who cannot travel to join us downtown.

Through this ministry, we serve and are served collectively in the compassion and grace of Jesus.

Please assist us in reaching all our members. Don't be shy and don't presume that we should already know. Communion is a corporate reassurance of Christ's promises. It's good to be reminded.



Organ Competition Open to the Public

Plan now to hear some of the best organ students in Texas on Saturday, March 1, 2014, when FPC hosts the Annual Bill Hall Pipe Organ Competition. Undergraduate students will perform in the morning and graduate students in the afternoon. Cash prizes will be awarded for performance excellence and for hymn playing. The event is free – drop by the church and listen to the future of church organ music.

On the horizon is music for Lent and Easter, highlighting the work of our Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Singers. A long-standing tradition for Easter Sunday services is the migration of singers from the congregation to the choir loft to join in the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

The Sanctuary Choir continues to explore various ways of "making Jesus visible" in our church and community. And we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of new surplices (the white tops for our choir robes) which we hope to have before Easter.

First Cup Readings — March, 2014

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

1 Lamentations 1; Isaiah 1; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not; As thou has been Thou forever will be. Summer and winter, springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow - Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside! (Worship in Song, # 86)

2 Lamentations 2; Matthew 23; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

3 Lamentations 3:1-36; Matthew 5:39;
2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Psalm 123

4 Lamentations 3:37-66; Job 30; Psalm 37

5 Genesis 19:1-29; Lamentations 4; Jeremiah 19:9;
Matthew 24:1-35

6 Lamentations 5; Isaiah 49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

7 Hebrews 1; John 1:1-14; Galatians 3:26-4:7; Psalm 103

8 Hebrews 2; Philippians 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12

Jesus is coming to earth again, What if it were today? Coming in power and love to reign, What if it were today? Coming to claim His chosen bride, all the redeemed and purified, over this whole earth scattered wide. What if it were today? Faithful and true would He find us here, if He should come today? Watching in gladness, not in fear, If He should come today? Signs of His coming multiply; Morning light breaks in eastern skies. Watch for the time is drawing nigh. What if it were today? (Worship in Song, # 189)

9 Hebrews 3; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; John 3:35-36

10 Hebrews 4:1-13; Exodus 20:8-11; Ephesians 2:8-10;
Romans 4:1-8

11 Hebrews 4:14-5:10; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 6

12 Hebrews 5:11-6:6; 1 Peter 2:2; 1 Corinthians 3:1-4;
Matthew 7:21-23; 26:47-49

13 Hebrews 6:7-20; Isaiah 5:1-7; 44; 55:10-13;
Matthew 13:1-30

14 Genesis 14:17-20; Psalm 110; Hebrews 7;
Romans 8:26-27

15 1 Peter 2; Revelation 1:4-6; 5:6-10; 20:4-6

Faith of our fathers! Living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glorious word: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife, and preach Thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life: Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death. (The Hymnbook, # 348)

16 Hebrews 8 (see Exodus 25-31); Jeremiah 31;
2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Hebrews 9:1-10; Exodus 40; Leviticus 16;
Romans 3:21-26

18 Leviticus 8, 17; Hebrews 9:11-28; Matthew 5:17;
Romans 8:1-17

19 Hebrews 10:1-25; 7:26-28; 9:11-14; Matthew 26:26-29;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

20 Hebrews 10:26-39; 2 Peter 2; Matthew 12:31-32;
Ephesians 4:30-32

21 Hebrews 11; Isaiah 7:9b; Revelation 6:9-11;
1 Peter 1:1-12

22 Hebrews 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 2;
Galatians 6:9

Oh soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? Here's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free! Thro' death into life everlasting He passed and we follow Him there. Over us sin no more hath dominion. For more than conquerors are we. His word will not fail you—He promised; believe Him and all will be well. Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell. Turn your eyes upon Jesus; Look full in His wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. (Worship in Song, # 207)

23 Hebrews 12:4-13; 2 Corinthians 4-5:10; Psalm 94

24 Hebrews 12:14-17; Ephesians 4:17-5:20

25 Hebrews 12:18-29 (see Exodus 19-20);
Philippians 3:7-4:1; 2 Peter 3:10-18

26 Hebrews 13:1-6; Romans 12:9-21;
1 Corinthians 5:1-12; 6:9-11; Matthew 6:24

27 Hebrews 13:7-25; 1 Thessalonians 4-5

28 Genesis 1-2:3; John 1:1-18; Revelation 1:8; 22:12-13

29 Isaiah 40; John 1:19-34; 1 John 5:11-13

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can tell. It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His son to win; His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin. Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made; were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade; to write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry; nor could the scroll contain the whole if stretched from sky to sky. (Frederick M. Lehman, 1917)

30 John 1:35-51; Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 9:23-27;
Luke 14:25-35

31 John 2; Isaiah 56:1-57:2



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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University and Young Adult Ministry

Help Young Adults Build Community

By Chris Via, University and Young Adult Director



Almost 20 years ago, then-First Lady Hillary Clinton released a book entitled *It Takes a Village*. In it, she expounds on her belief that, in order for a child to be effectively loved and nurtured, it requires more than just involvement from the parents. Indeed, an entire community must surround a child in order to help him or her grow into a person who can make a positive impact in the world.

Regardless of what you think of Ms. Clinton's politics, it's tough to find fault with her theory. As God Himself exists in community with the Son and the Holy Spirit, we know that we are not meant to go through this life alone. That's why friendships and families are so important to our lives. But if we are truly going to live out that call for community, it must be in a truly inter-generational way. One of the strengths of this church is our diversity of life experiences. We have people in every stage of life here at FPC. One of the glaring holes, however, that I have noticed since I've been here is in the young adult demographic. There are many different reasons for this, but we are confident that we could have a strong presence of young adults here at First Pres.

Here's why we know this. This generation - "Gen Y" or "Millennials," as they're most commonly known - needs the larger church. Many of them are away from their families and things that are familiar to them - their "creature comforts." It's good to have friendly faces to see on a consistent basis, as well as the routine of the discipline of worship.

More importantly, however, is the fact that they need you. They need the intergenerational benefits of FPC. As a col-

lege student, your life is surrounded by people that are very close to your age. While that allows for amazing opportunities for solid friendships, it doesn't afford chances for learning from those who have gone before them, and teaching those who come after. Here at FPC, we have men and women who are amazing in business and family. We have people who have found success in the world's eyes AND the Lord's eyes. We have incredible prayer warriors and theologians. In short, we have people who exemplify the kind of people the Lord is calling these young men and women to be. You have things to teach that these young adults desperately need to learn.

But that's not all. We here at First Pres have things to learn from them as well. Who has ever walked away from a conversation with a young adult and not marveled at their enthusiasm and idealism? These men and women carry with them a confidence that the Lord can and will use them in mighty ways that we can all learn from. They look at the world through eyes of hope and optimism that many of us remember we "used to have" and yearn to get back to.

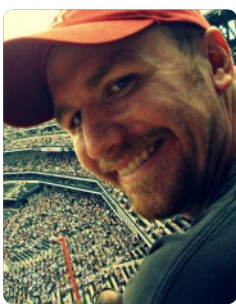
Over the coming months, the University and Young Adult staff will be working dutifully to increase the presence and involvement of college students and young adults here at FPC. To be sure, we're excited about those the Lord has already brought into our midst, but we believe there are many more that could find a true home here at First Pres. God will bring them, and you can help them stay and become the men and women that he is calling them to be.

Seminarians Under Our Care

By Rev. Ruthie Seiders, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry



Over the years we have had men and women, seminarians, under our care as a congregation. Many have graduated and gone on to serve the church in a variety of ways. Here's an update on our current seminarians.



Matt Bardwell graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary several years ago and moved to New York City so his wife Jenna could pursue graduate work. In the last year God's call has changed in Matt's life and he plans to pursue teaching as his avenue of ministry and so has requested that we remove him from our list of seminarians under care.

Our Session will act upon that at their March meeting, as will the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of our Presbytery. Matt was a Trinity university student and made First Pres his home church during those years serving both as a volunteer leader in youth ministry and as a summer intern. If you remember Matt and would like to write him a note of greeting and encouragement as he pursues the high calling of a teacher, please do so! His address is 129 Garden Street Apt 5, Hoboken, NJ 07030.



Ashley Drake Mertz, also a Trinity graduate, has now graduated from Louisville Theological Seminary with a dual degree – her Master of Divinity as well as a Master in Family Counseling. Ashley has been called to serve Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Dothan, AL and will be ordained as a

Teaching Elder there on Sunday March 2. Our Seminarian Oversight Committee has authorized a gift of a couple of seasonal stoles and the boxed set of Rev. Walthall's books of prayers as a gift from our church to celebrate this occasion with Ashley. If you would like to send a card to congratulate

Ashley you can send it to her new home – 206 Superior Dr. Dothan, AL 36301. As of March 2 Ashley will no longer be a member of First Presbyterian Church but rather a member of her presbytery there in Alabama.



Timberly Eckelmann, wife of our former associate pastor, Bryan, is an Austin Theological Seminary graduate and is currently involved in several areas of ministry where they live in CA, and still considering the Lord's timing for ordination. Please continue to keep Timberly in your prayers

as we continue to have her under our Session's care. If you would like to drop Timberly a note, she and Bryan live at 486 16th Place, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

Meanwhile, please be praying for our college students who are in school now or recent graduates among our young adults, some of whom may be wondering about God's call in their lives and whether that might include seminary training. We would love to continue our pattern of investing in young adults for leadership in the wider church!

Order your Easter Lily!

The Sanctuary Flower Committee reminds you that Easter Lilies may be ordered to remember and/or honor loved ones. Lilies are \$15 and order forms will be in the Narthex and in Mauzé Lobby. Deadline for receipt of your order form and check is Sunday, April 6, 2014. Make checks payable to FPC and note "Easter Lilies" on the memo line. Orders should be addressed to the Sanctuary Flower Committee, c/o FPC (404 N. Alamo St., 78205) or may be placed in the Sanctuary Flowers box in the second floor church work room.

Church Register Changes

BAPTISMS

- Louis Riley Walker, daughter of Walstein Lawrence Walker III and Sara Stumberg Walker, born July 9, 2013, in San Antonio, TX. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on January 19, 2014.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

(Public profession of faith; certificate of transfer; reaffirmation of faith)

- Angelica Phoummypard, by Profession of Faith on January 26, 2014.
- Serena Martinez, by Profession of Faith on January 26, 2014.

MARRIAGES

- *Christopher Hanks Dewar and Elizabeth Richey Archer married in the Sanctuary on January 11, 2014.

*denotes non-member



Who Doesn't HAVE TIME for HALF TIME?

(1/2 an HOUR for the WHOLE church,
right in the MIDDLE of the morning)

Attention Sunday School classes, PW Circles, small groups, life groups, groups of friends...

Please consider volunteering to host our Sunday morning time of fellowship. It is truly one of the easiest commitments you'll ever make! Quite simply, the task is to welcome everyone just as you would welcome a guest to your home. Hosts are asked to:

- circulate in the fellowship area from 10:30-11:00 a.m., wearing a "Half Time" host button
- greet as many people as possible
- make an effort to meet people they don't know
- facilitate introductions among others
- monitor traffic flow and try to ease up congestion
- model kindness and hospitality

Hosts and hostesses are the catalysts that create an environment of fellowship. It's a fun and very important community-building ministry.

Interested? Contact Amy Zesch at 824-4567 or amy.zesch@gmail.com.

Session Meeting Minutes

*Session at its regularly Stated Meeting
on Feb. 14, 2014:*

- Approved the Consent Agenda (approval of minutes from previous session meetings, received the Deacon's minutes, approved changes to the Church Register, approved November's financial statements, and received committee minutes).
- Received the Clerk's Report, which included a brief history of commitments that have been made to the Confessing Church Movement, Presbyterian Global Fellowship and the Fellowship of Presbyterians; and, the reading of two letters, one from Mo Ranch and one from The Fellowship of Presbyterians.
- Received a report from the Church Relations Committee reminding the elders of the upcoming listening sessions.
- Received a report from the Property Committee regarding upcoming changes to the Meditation Garden that were approved by the Session.
- Received a report from the Stewardship and Finance Committee presenting benevolence percentages and dollar amounts for Local Missions, Global Missions and the Benevolence Committee in 2014, which were approved by the Session.
- Received a report from the Personnel Committee regarding our staff, exit interviews that were conducted, and the work of committees.
- Unfinished Business – none.
- New Business
 - Approved the 2013 Annual Church Statistical Report with corrections to Adult Ed.
 - Approved the 2014 Per Capita amount of \$14,742 that will be sent through Mission Presbytery to the General Assembly.
 - John Seiders shared letter he received regarding concerns related to parking for mobility-challenged members as well as people in need who pass by the church and through the parking lot and the challenges that raises. A task group has been appointed by Janet Slayden to address these issues and return recommendations to the Session.
- Adjourned with prayer



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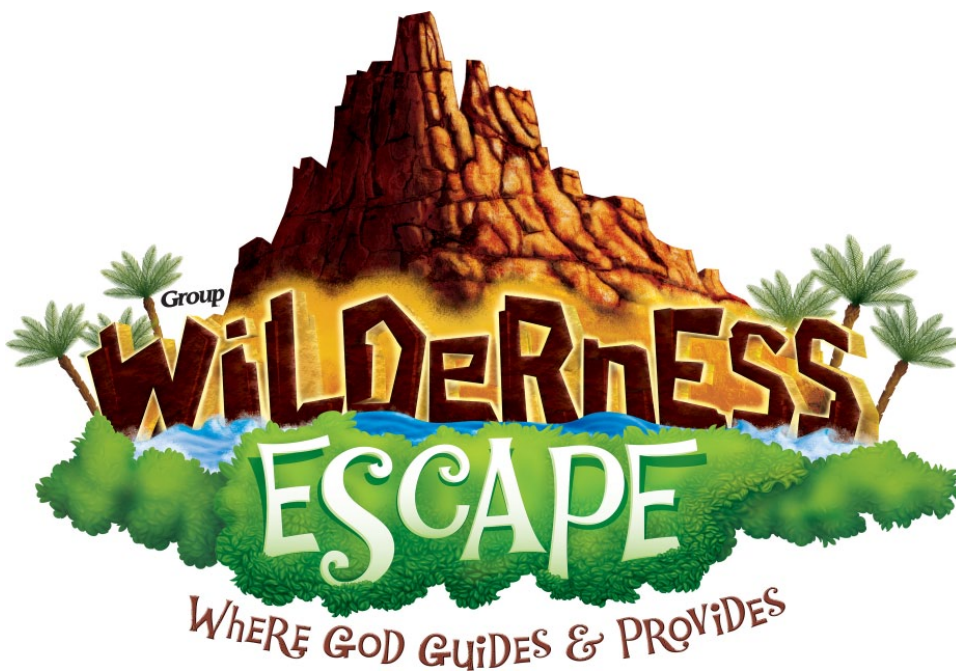


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