



First Press

Living to Make Jesus Visible

First Pres Kids Welcome the King of Kings at Christmas



January 2013

Your monthly connection to First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio

Pastor's Pondering

Be It Now Resolved

By Rev. Trey Little, Senior Pastor



"I will get lean in 2014!"

"We will be seen in 2014!"

"I won't be mean in 2014!"

"We will go green in 2014!"

"I will pray for Charlie Sheen in 2014!"

I don't know—is it necessary to have a slogan? I don't think so but I do think it is important to have a plan. I think it is important for us to have an idea about where we are going and what we are doing and how we are going to do it.

Therefore, I thought it would be helpful—keeping with the New Year's tradition—to offer a few things to strive to accomplish in the coming year—suggestions that I believe, if you will do them, will enhance your walk with the Risen Lord.

I will read the four Gospels in 2014 (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John—one gospel per quarter). I will participate in Project 240 on March 2, 2014 (Watch for more details in February Newsletter). I will pray for the FPC staff each day in 2014. I will do at least four "Acts of Random Kindness" in 2014. (This is doing something for someone else without expecting anything in return). I will participate in at least one organized Bible Study or Small Group in 2014. I will remember to rest in 2014. I will be an encourager to at least one person each day in 2014. I will visit the new FPC website (www.fpcsanantonio.org) in 2014. I will introduce myself to at least one person I do not know each Sunday I attend worship in 2014. I will trust the Lord in all circumstances in 2014. In response to all that the Lord has giving me, I will practice good stewardship in 2014 by giving financially to FPC. I will pray for my family each day in 2014. I will intentionally look for ways to be involved in various ministry opportunities in and through FPC in 2014 (Visit our website for ideas). I will make Jesus visible in 2014.

I know this list may seem overwhelming at first glance. However, I thought we could remember, "I will do 14 in 2014!" There I go again with the "slogan" thing—oh well, Happy New Year.

In the meantime, keep smilin' and keep lovin'

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey".

In the Steps of Jesus January 8

Take a virtual walk in the steps of Jesus in the Holy Land with Senior Pastor Trey Little and Mike Fanning at 1st Wednesday @ First Pres January 8.

Take a journey to the land where Jesus walked. Discover what it is like to be in the places that we read about in the Bible. This presentation will change the way you read Scripture. Trey Little and Mike Fanning will have just returned from an exciting, life-changing trip to Israel and Palestine, and you'll want to find out what it was like and how they were changed. Bring a friend. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in Covenant Hall.

Come early for dinner! Here's the schedule:

Schedule:

- Children's Choirs 5:00-5:45 p.m. (meeting weekly)
- Full-meal dinner 5:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall
- Special program 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 7:30 p.m. following choir rehearsal and dinner
- Youth group for all 6th-12th graders in the First Presbyterian Church Student Center 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Dinner: Adults: \$7 | Kids 5-10 years: \$4 | 4 and under eat free. Childcare available.



Deacon's Seasonal Flowers Ministry: The Gift of the Advent Poinsettia

By Georgia Khym-Heath

The Seasonal Flower Committee is one of many committees of the Diaconate of First Presbyterian Church. The purpose of this committee is to organize, schedule and support the delivery of flowers by the Deacons at First Church to various members of the congregation during the Advent season.

The Christmas season is an opportunity for us as Deacons to deliver Christmas Poinsettias to our members. We visit with and gift a Poinsettia to our members, who receive the "at home" care of a Deacon, our members who are 90+ years' young, church members who have experienced the death of a loved one in the past 12 months and those members served by our Stephen Ministers.

This year, the Deacons delivered 140+ Poinsettias to members of our FPC family. The Poinsettias were ordered in the fall and happily received in early December. The luscious blooms were ready to be delivered to our congregants to enjoy during the Advent season.

The Poinsettia plants we deliver at Christmas are symbols of the Christmas season. These plants grow during the Advent season and are known as Flores de Nochebuena or Flowers of the Holy Night. They bloom each year during the Christmas season and were originally found in Mexico around the Taxco area. As the legend of the Poinsettia is written, a child in a rural village in Mexico placed a tied bouquet of wildflowers and weeds at the base of the manger in a nativity scene at her village church. She prayed as she placed her humble gift for the baby Jesus. As she did so, her heartfelt gift was miraculously changed into the beautiful red leafed flower of the Nochebuena. The bright red colors



of the plant are associated with spiritual purity. The Poinsettia plants are a symbol of Advent given to our members as a daily reminder of the love and concern of our church family for each other. It is the sincere desire that each person know he/she is loved and be reminded of their membership in the community of Christ through fellowship and participation at First Presbyterian Church. They also remind us of the greatest love of all that which is bestowed upon us by Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

In keeping with the spirit of "making Jesus visible", the Seasonal Flower Ministry is one more branch on the tree of service the Deacons are blessed to offer to the members of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church. It is another way God's love is expressed through the birth of His son, Jesus.

SAVE THE DATE !



9th Annual Gala

"A Night in old Hollywood"

Food Fun Fellowship

Friday, February 28, 2014

The Stables at The Pearl

Dinner, Dancing, Live & Silent Auctions

For information Contact

Rosemary Engstrom 699-0408

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Attend a six-week caregiver class series



WHO IS THIS CLASS FOR?

Powerful Tools for Caregiver is an educational program to help family caregivers (no professional caregivers, please). This program will help you take care of yourself while caring for a relative or friend. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, friend, someone who lives at home, in a nursing home, or across the country.

WHAT DOES THE SIX-WEEK CLASS COVER?

This class will give YOU, the family caregiver, tools to:

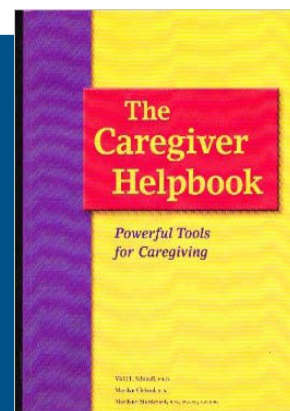
- Help you reduce stress
- Communicate effectively with other family members, your doctor, healthcare and service providers
- Take care of yourself
- Reduce guilt, anger, and depression
- Help you relax
- Make tough decisions
- Set goals and problem-solve

Please note that this class will NOT focus on specific diseases or hands-on-caregiving for the care receiver.

THE CAREGIVER HELPBOOK

This book contains chapters covering topics such as:

- Hiring in-home help
- Helping memory-impaired elders
- Making legal and financial decisions
- Making decisions about care facility placement
- Understanding depression
- Making decisions about driving



Six-Week Caregiver Class Series

February 27-April 3, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

San Antonio. Contact

Michele Hendrix at 832-731-6127



Powerful Tools for Caregivers was brought to South Central Texas in 2011. The research said there were approximately 50 to 60 million family caregivers in the U.S. That would translate to a projected one million along the I-35 corridor from Georgetown to beyond San Antonio. It also disclosed that there was a lack of preparation or training for this work and in many cases family caregivers were overwhelmed by it. As a result they neglected their own needs developing health problems, suffering from stress, depression, anxiety, and in some cases even died before their care receiver. Class size is limited. Registration deadline is February 15, 2014. Contact Michele Hendrix at 832-731-6127.

Presbyterian Women Kick Off 2014 in Style

By Susan DeKoch, Presbyterian Women President



Happy 2014! I hope all of you had a joy-filled Christmas and a special time with family and friends. I hope you received unexpected and unimagined gifts. I hope you saw Jesus in the faces of little ones and heard the “ahhhs” as they looked at sparkling lights or snuggled up for a story. I hope you held a hand, shared a meal and listened to our beautiful music.



The following are just a few of the ways you made Jesus visible during the Christmas Season.

Our House Seasonal Decorating Committee, our own “Garland Girls”, and the Sanctuary Flower Committee decked the halls with beautiful red ribbons, greenery and decorations. Many, many thanks for the hours spent to make our church glow with Christmas anticipation.

Thirty families from HNS were “adopted” by various families and groups as we shared our “Gift of Christmas” with

others. Thank you to Ruth Chapman and Willie Willming for their gracious work in placing these families. The Christmas spirit of love and generosity continues to shine through our church.

The children at the Presbyterian Children’s Home had a Christmas party on December 7. PW provided delicious



food and gave out pencils, M & M’s and candy canes in little gift bags. We also provided each child and the house parents with a Target gift card. Thank you to Nancy Puckett for shopping, wrapping and delivering these gifts.

Pat Johnson and Janet Wernli coordinated our Christmas celebrations with Morningside Manor and Chandler Center residents. The Friday Singers and the sweet children from the Children’s Center gladdened our hearts with carols and “joyful noise” and our own Ruthie and John Seiders told the timeless, beautiful Christmas story. Members of our Circles provided delicious cookies and fellowship and



our Circle 8 Moms' Group made precious nativity ornaments for each resident.

On Christmas Eve, it was with great joy and thanksgiving that we hosted a Christmas Eve dinner for the pastors, the choir and the staff. We are greatly blessed with beautiful and "angelic" music throughout the Christmas season, and especially so on Christmas Eve. Karin Gabrielson coordinated our Christmas Eve dinner again this year and our Circles provided a delicious dinner as well as tasty treats to get the choir through the many services of Christmas Eve.



Christmas at FPC was a joyful time for the women and FPC. You gave of yourselves generously and joyfully.

As we begin the New Year, remember to send in your check for Ladies Night Out. We have changed the location this year to La Fonda on Main. We will gather for delicious Mexican food on Thursday, January 30, at 6:30. More details are in the newsletter or you may call Julie Walthall at 829-8332.

Ladies' Night Out

for FPC's Presbyterian Women

Thursday, January 30, 2014
6:30 p.m.
La Fonda on Main
2415 N. Main Ave., 78212

*Reservations are
by check for \$19*

*Checks may be placed
in the PW box or
mailed to Julie Walthall
151 Rockhill, 78209*

make checks out to FPC and include "Ladies' Night Out" in the memo line

If you haven't joined a Circle, make that something fun to do for the New Year. Please call me (210-822-0367) or Darcy Collins (830-755-4871) if you would like to visit or just to find out more about us.

Blessings for a sparkling New Year full of surprises and opportunities to serve our Savior with joy!

— Susan



PW Circle Meetings in January

BIBLE Circle 112 **Monday, Jan. 27, 10:30am**

FPC Geneva Rm
Chair: Ann Nelson, 824-5182
Co-Chair: Suzanne Thomas,
820-3245

BIBLE Circle 2/4 **Tues. Jan. 21, 1:30pm**

FPC rm 226
Chair: Char-An Witten, 341-1856

BIBLE Circle 5 Shawl Ministry **Friday, Jan. 17, 12pm**

FPC Rm 228
Chair: Caryl Gaubatz, 651-0208
Co-Chair: Jane Ann Temple,
828-7542

BIBLE Circle 6 **Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1:30pm**

FPC Geneva Rm
Chairs: Martha Pigeon, 828-8993
Betty Anderson, 828-8838
Jane Warren, 493-5187

BIBLE Circle 7 **Tuesday, Jan. 21, 11:30am**

Home of Meredith Park,
1802 Cactus Bluff
Chair: Meredith Park, 373-8180

Circle 8 Mom's Group **Wednesday, Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29**

FPC Rm 108,
Chair: Brenda Leonard,
910-578-7104,
Co-Chair: Sara Parish, 394-0865

BIBLE Circle 9 **Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10am**

FPC St. Andrew's rm
Chair: Pat Brannen, 735-4415

BIBLE Circle 11 **Monday, Jan. 27 6:30pm**

Home of Ginger Davenport,
15 Garden Square
Chair: Jean Swanson, 826-0766

Circle 13 Literature Circle **Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1:30pm**

FPC McCullough Rm
"Suite Francaise" by Irene Nemirovsky
Reviewed by Jan Clayton
Chair: Becca Price, 824-2603

BIBLE Circle 14 **Monday, Jan. 20, 12pm**

FPC St. Andrew's Rm
Chair: Suzie Simpson, 455-7410

Circle 16 Marjorie McLernon **Sewing Circle** **Wednesday, Jan. 15, 9:30am**

FPC Rm 228, Chairs: Lee Pressly,
735-0978, Corie Barlow, 481-1337

Circle 17 Edna Ralston Sewing Circle **Wednesday, Jan. 8, 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 **No meeting this month**

FPC Rm 309
Chair: Janet Beauch, 673-3251

Circle 20 Circle of Service

Chair: Shannon McKelvey, 455-4520

BIBLE Circle 21 **Monday, Jan. 20, 6:30pm**

Home of Francis Warrick,
4314 Muirfield St,
Chair: Andrea Taylor, 403-9442

Bring Hope and Healing to Mexico

Registration is now OFFICALLY OPEN for our FPC Medical Mission Trip March 20-25, 2014. We'll travel to the Yucatan Peninsula where we'll meet up with a local pastor who will guide us in establishing a four-day medical clinic in the community of Leona Vicario. Participant cost is \$600, but fundraising help may be available. If you are a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, dentist, and/or Spanish-speaker, please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to participate; the skills and education He has provided to you are particularly needed. (although all adults are invited to participate!) For more information or to request an application, please contact Alyssa Payne at alyssap@fpcsat.org or 210-271-2742. Deadline is January 15, 2014.



Jesus Shows Up @ Work Feb. 5



What does it look like to be Jesus at work? On Feb. 5 discover the answers from Rev. Mike Sharrow at 1st Wednesday @ First Pres.

122 of the 132 stories of Jesus found in the Gospels take place in marketplace contexts, not the synagogue or temple. Jesus loved to talk about the Kingdom of God in the context of work, in fact of his 52 parables, 42 are workplace related! 39 of the 40 miracles recorded in Acts happen in workplace settings. Jesus recruited (evangelized) most of his disciples while they were at work. 100% of the initial 12 disciples were professionals or tradesmen. Jesus showed up at work, in fact, the Bible would seem to suggest Jesus thought the workplace was a fantastic place to display His power, communicate His message and deliver hope. Jesus is still showing up at workplaces and job sites all around San Antonio, through ambassadors called YOU.

What does it look like to be Jesus at work? What does it mean to look like, act like, walk with, and share the love of Jesus in the context of banking, building, serving, buying, selling, budgeting and answering phones? What about the legal risks – isn't it dangerous to talk about Jesus? Isn't lifestyle evangelism enough, just being different so people see Jesus in me? What does God call me to? What does God promise me? What does all of this "Missional" stuff look like in a practical sense?

Those are good questions. On Wednesday, February 5, 2014 we will discuss even better answers. Our guest speaker is Rev. Mike Sharrow (Chairman for the C12 Group of South-Central Texas), who is devoted to helping people connect the dots of mission and life in practical ways. We spend more time at work than anywhere else and we likely encounter the largest gathering of unchurched people at work.

Stop waiting for that mission trip to begin living on mission. Let's crucify this nonsensical idea of a sacred versus a secular life and begin living the abundant life of Jesus every-

day, everywhere, particularly at work! Invite your coworkers or anyone else you know who has anxiety, questions, doubts, fears, or desires about truly diving into the subject of Jesus and the workplace.

Join us in Covenant Hall at 6:30 p.m. for this exciting 1st Wednesday @ First Pres program.

Come early for dinner at 5:30 p.m.! Here's the schedule:

About Mike & C12: Mike Sharrow leads the regional operation for the C12 Group (www.C12Group.com) and works with over 50 local CEOs on this very subject. Coming from a background that included Fortune 50 corporate roles, local church pastor, small business ownership, management consulting and non-profit work, Mike is passionate about the discipleship opportunities of everyday life. The C12 Group is the nation's largest CEO/Owner round table program that approaches all of business with a Biblical worldview, and currently serves over 1,300 leaders in more than 75 cities across the US.

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Rev. Mike Sharrow of the C12 Group

Life After Loss Helps Those Grieving the Loss of a Friend or Loved One

Grief can be a very powerful and overwhelming experience that changes your life. Understanding and compassion from others can take you on a journey of discovering healing and meaning in your life again.

Life After Loss is a weekly program designed to help bereaved people better understand the process of grief and how to live through it in a way that is healing. It provides a place for people to share their experiences and support each other in their grief. It is a combination of teaching, discussion, and learning activities. Sessions are open to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and there is no charge.

Join us each Wednesday, from January 15 through February 19, 2014, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Room 226 for this six-week program. Hospice Chaplain Ed Haynes will facilitate and Rev. Scott Simpson will also attend. Questions? Contact Susan Dullnig at 210-271-2753 or susand@fpcsat.org. This awareness program is designed to compliment the support group that began meeting at the church in December (see below).

About Ed Haynes: Ed Haynes is an ordained Baptist minister and pastored Alamo Heights Baptist Church for six years. He attended the First Presbyterian Church Men's Breakfast on Thursday mornings for seven years. He began his chaplaincy in 2002 and began hospice chaplaincy in 2006. He is married to Dora Haynes, a member at First Presbyterian Church.



Support Group Information

A grief support group is starting at First Presbyterian Church for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. This is a different kind of group than the Life After Loss program beginning in January.

Meetings will be January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4. All meetings are from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (brown bag lunch) and are led by Fay Green, MA, LPC, LMFT, NCC, CT.

Contact Susan Dullnig at 210-271-2753 or susand@fpcsat.org.

The FPC Library Was MY Library

By Amy Lewis



I grew up in books. Well, near enough. I grew up here—in San Antonio, in FPC, in FPC’s library in particular.

My parents took me to the public library almost every Saturday and that was nice, but the FPC library was my library. I knew those shelves inside and out. It had the Spot books without the flaps ripped off. It was cozy At Deck the Halls when I was three or so, the then librarian Jean Rushing was reading Christmas books to the children in the library. Once I found out that was happening I didn’t want to make crafts anymore. If someone wanted to read to me, I wanted to listen.

It’s most important feature to me as a child was that it was a library I was guaranteed to get to go to once, usually twice, a week. We didn’t have to make a special trip. It was right off “the cookie room.” Get a cookie, get a book. That worked for us. We had books at home, books from the public library, books at school, and books at church. Books everywhere I went, just how I liked it.

I read everything I could from its shelves—books that have become my favorites, some that I hated, some that I still think about years later. I checked out my first baby sitter’s club book there. I picked up crafts and painting books. Read through old issues of Biblical Archaeology Today. Familiarized myself with the classics, picked up a few mysteries. When I was 16 I read War and Peace sitting on a stool between the shelves, reading it whenever I had time on Wednesdays and Sundays. At high school lock-ins my signature Sardines hiding spot was behind the library curtains.

But what really drew me to the FPC library was is the thing that makes it special—it’s a great collection of Christian thought. I started falling for theology when I was about 12—and I fell hard. I had great Sunday School Teachers. Really great. But when you’re a nerdy kid who wants to know more about St. Teresa of Avila or how the biblical canon was established, you hit the library.

I started with Philip Yancey. As I worked through his books I carefully wrote down every book and author he men-

tioned on the index card I used as a bookmark. He led me to Frederick Buechner, to Dostoyevsky, to Henri Nouwen, and G.K. Chesterton. Dorothy Sayers, Flannery O’Conner, Anne Lamott. Moving on from him, I worked through the books of Buechner, C.S. Lewis, Kathleen Norris, Brennan Manning, and many others. It’s not that I wanted to be an adult or grow up any faster than I was, but that I was impatient to be part of the community. I wanted to be part of the conversation, to stake my claim in the timeline of theological thought. I wanted to know what everybody was talking about. I wanted to know. Which is what libraries are all about. And the FPC library is a great place to explore.

I didn’t become a librarian because I love books (which I do) but because I am curious and I love helping other curious people. I love digging for information, getting someone the exact book they desire. Sometimes students have an exact idea of what they want; sometimes they just want to browse around the shelves. And that is okay. That is what libraries are for—for burning questions and for poking around until you find something that speaks to you. Come to the library. Come join the conversation.

There are other libraries, sure. Great public libraries, school libraries, and special collections all over San Antonio for you and your family to enjoy. But the FPC library is different. Unique. It is your library; in the way that this is your FPC. These are books and maps and videos that inspired your Sunday School teachers, your family, your friends. They have watched this church grow and change and develop, lending their knowledge and guidance to generations.

I’m not asking you to read 20 books this year or make it through one of those dense biblical commentaries. What I want to do is encourage you to make the library an important part of your FPC. I’m encouraging you to be curious. Explore the shelves, see what’s there. Bring your kids; let them pick out a book or two. After all you’re going to be here anyway!

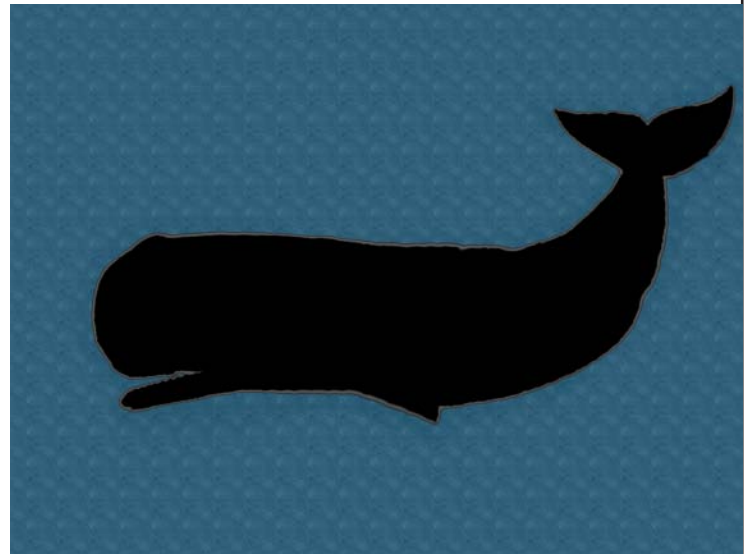
New Year's Indigestion January Sermon Series

By definition, indigestion is: “pain or discomfort in the stomach associated with difficulty in digesting food.” Although “indigestion” may not be a normal topic for a sermon series, there are definitely some profound theological implications associated with its symptoms. Consider how painful life can be at times and how important it is to know where our relief can be found. Consider how difficult it can be at times to digest God’s call on our lives. Consider those times in your life when you were uncomfortable with where you were in your life or perhaps even where you felt God was leading you to go in your life.

Beginning January 5 we will embark on a journey through the book of Jonah—a series we are calling “New Year’s Indigestion.” A series that will explore the wonderful Biblical account of how Jonah wrestles with the “pain” and at times “discomfort” that is associated with faithfully answering God’s call. But also we will see how Jonah was reminded of God’s love and provision for relief—even if it sometimes came in unexpected ways.

Perhaps we too are challenged to stay the course to which God has called us. Perhaps we too have wrestled with how to respond when God’s plans get in the way of our plans. The truth is, we can’t hide from God, nor can we run from God. When God has a destination for us to go to there is nothing that can keep us from God’s travel plans—not even indigestion!

Join us January 5, 2014—we will have a whale of a time!



Jan. 5: Jonah 1: 1-10
“Who is Responsible?”

Jan. 12: Jonah 2: 1-10
“Up from the Pit”

Jan. 19: Jonah 3: 1-10
“Going Back for Seconds”

Jan. 26: Jonah 4: 1-11
“How do you Spell Relief?”



Important: Year-end Contributions

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, the IRS strongly recommends that you not file your 2013 income tax return until you have received written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church.

Handling end of year contributions: The general rule is that a contribution is effective when delivered. This means that a check deposited in the church offering in January 2014 cannot be deducted in 2013, even if it is backdated to 2013. One exception—checks that are mailed and postmarked in 2013 are deductible in 2013 even though not received until 2014. If you have any questions regarding your contributions, please contact Marie Nipp in the Business Office at 210-271-2756 or marien@fpcsat.org.



Children's



Two special events highlighted the Advent Season! "Christmas around the World" was the theme of this year's Advent Festival on December 1. Over 175 families "traveled" with their passports to Bethlehem, Sweden, Russia, and Guatemala, among other countries to make crafts. While in "Germany" they got to help decorate the annual gingerbread house under the watchful eye of Jacque Crouch. Children and adults enjoyed making small individual or larger family advent wreaths. There were also stations for designing and making special Christmas cards for friends at home and abroad. Children were able to write a note to Mestina, our World Vision child in Malawi sponsored by our Children's Ministry. They also were able to color cards to be sent along with the poinsettias that the deacons give out during the Christmas season. Throughout the first half of our time together piano students of Becky DeWees played wonderful renditions of Christmas carols and then at our halftime break our children's choirs joined together to sing 2 of their songs with director Kathy Jamison and her team. Many thanks Lily's Cookies for once again donating the Christmas cookies for decorating! Thanks to Anne Hiller who organized the festival and all the volunteers. Thanks also to the Family Ministry Staff, Carrie Jowers, Suzanna Frey, and Lindsay Blackmon for all their help making the Advent Festival a wonderful success!



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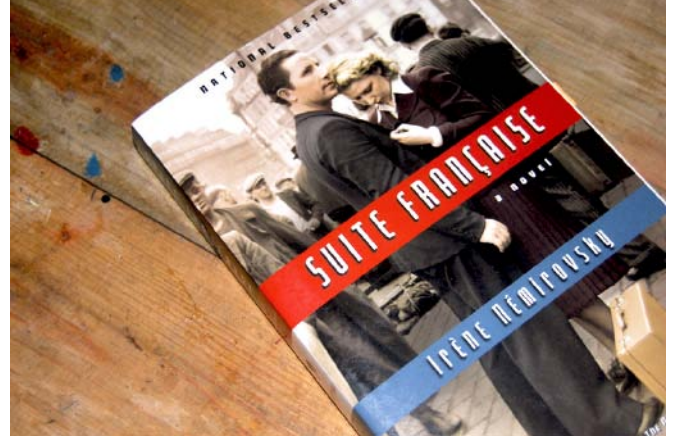
The Christmas Pageant was our second event to celebrate the season. At the 11:15 service on December 8 our children presented the Christmas story in the midst of our worship service. We had lots of scurrying mice, furry sheep, shining stars, shepherds, and angels, surrounded by star and dove carriers while the 5th grade students portrayed Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, the Holy Spirit, the three wise men with their guiding star, the donkey and the camel. The highlight was our real baby Jesus played by Jake Parish! Thanks go to Jenny Crider for organizing the pageant and to all the wonderful volunteers who made it run smoothly!

Neither of these events could ever happen without the tireless and cheerful support and help of our sweet household staff – many thanks to Tracy Hinchcliff and Janie Jimenez and their crew for set-ups and breakdowns, not to mention finding lost sheep and wayward camels!



Book It to Literature Review

The FPC Literature Circle invites you to their meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the McCullough Room when Jan Clayton will review the book *Suite Française*. The author, Irene Nemirovsky, planned to write this book as five novels. However, after completing just two of the novels, Irene was arrested as a Jew and sent to Auschwitz where she died. The first novel depicts the 1940 invasion of Paris by German troops, the resulting chaos, the arrests, and the fleeing of the citizens into the countryside. The second part describes how the village locals have to learn to coexist with the enemy. These novels remained hidden and unknown for 64 years. Refreshments are served prior to the meeting.

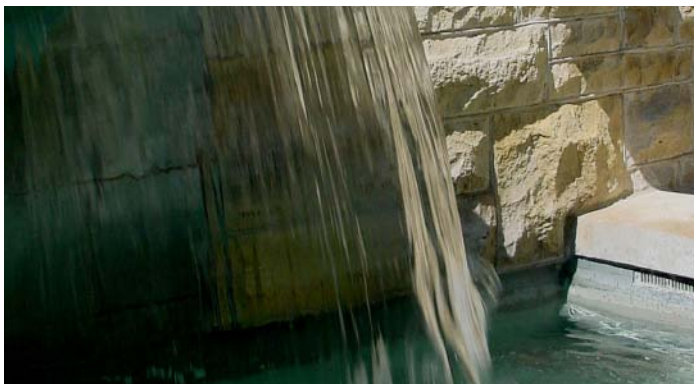


Moments to Hold Close *The Man in the Mirror*

By Manny Rodriguez



The other day I was listening to a celebrity pod cast. This particular celebrity was discussing how often he participates in semi-professional auto racing. He described in great detail a specific race which is held in an old air field. Because the course is not specifically designed for high speed auto racing, traffic cones are placed to designate where to turn. The actor went on to state that driving over one of the cones at such a high rate of speed could be disastrous.



He explained that at the completion of this race, he approached one of his fellow drivers. “How did it go today?” Horrible, the man responded. Some jerk knocked over one of the cones, so that when I drove by for my second loop, I hit it and wrecked my car. The celebrity stated, “I saw the whole thing, terrible. Would you like to meet the man that knocked the cone over?” The man responded with several expletives he most certainly would and described in vivid detail what he hoped to do to the man. The celebrity walked the man to a full size mirror and instructed him, look right in there and you’ll see the man that knocked the cone over in his first lap. The man’s face went white, and his attitude immediately changed. Isn’t it amazing how quickly our lust for vengeance changes to pleas of mercy when we are forced to judge ourselves in the same fashion that we judge others? Thankfully, we have a Lord and Savior that we can turn to that alleviates us of such decisions.

Youth Ministry

New Beginnings for Youth Ministry

Well, it's 2014 and it promises to be a very exciting year in youth ministry at First Presbyterian Church. We are starting the year off big with our senior high retreat January 17-19. It is not too late to sign up, so please contact Matt Fricker today to get the forms. We are also starting our new schedule with high school small groups on Tuesday night, and high school youth group Sunday night. Middle school youth group and small groups will be Wednesday night 5:30-7:30 (we will provide dinner). We would love for you to join us for fun, fellowship, and sharing the love of God! Speaking of new beginnings, we have a new member to our youth ministry staff. Our new youth associate is Colton Willis. Colton is very excited to join us and to meet all of you. The following is a small tidbit Colton wrote describing himself:

My name is Colton Willis, I am graduating from Abilene Christian University December 13th with my Bachelors in Youth and Family Ministry and Biblical Text. I have worked as an intern at a church in Austin the last few summers



as well as helped run the camp they are a part of. I have been the Executive Director of The After Sunday Project, a ministry focused in outreaches, mission trips, camps, and retreats. I grew up at Coker UMC in San Antonio and am very excited about being able to be back in San Antonio. I am looking forward to getting to meet the families at First Presbyterian and working with a great staff.

We really hope that you join us and may the Lord bless all of us in this new year!

Peace in Christ,
Matt, Jerren, Suzanna
Youth Ministry



The "Gift of Christmas" project is completed!

The families screened by HNS adopted and the gifts delivered. Ruth Chapman and I would like to thank those who participated in this mission project coordinated by the Presbyterian Women, church mission representative Alyssa Payne, and House of Neighborly Service. We had such a variety that participated in this project—individuals, families, small groups, Sunday School classes, KEYS (Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit/Older Adults), church staff, circles, the traditional choir, an animal hospital and a supper club. If your group didn't participate, consider applying early next year as you will be blessed just knowing you have made a families CHRISTmas just a little more meaningful.

— Willie Willming

KEYS (Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit) Older Adult Ministry Wishing Health, Happiness, and Gods Blessings in 2014

By Pat McCleary, Director, Older Adult Programs



Here we are at the beginning of another year having wrapped up December with a wonderful Christmas party for the KEYS and guests with Jae Ha playing the piano for the social hour, followed by entertainment by the Cox Family Singers. A delicious lunch was prepared by Chef Maurilio Garza Jr. and his staff, and it was KEYS' great pleasure to recognize them for their culinary contributions to our Friday meetings. Wrapping for Elf Louise gave us the opportunity to select and wrap gifts for the children of our city.



Also, we provided a Christmas basket of presents and food to a family of seven, headed by a grandmother. I want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to everyone who generously donated money, gifts, and their time visiting, preparing and delivering the Gift of Christmas Basket to our Christmas family. Also, thanks to members of KEYS Leadership Committee for their dedicated work in planning and implementing our events and programs. It is truly a team effort!

And now it's 2014 – and we'll start New Year off with stellar KEYS programs, including many excellent speakers, programs, trips and special activities planned for this coming year. Taking part in KEYS is a great way to join together to serve, join in fellowship and meet new people.



JANUARY PROGRAMS

KEYS Leadership Meeting Friday, January 3, 11:00 a.m.

No KEYS Program and Lunch

If you have a program, trip, service project or speaker you would like to hear, please contact Pat McCleary at 210-271-2726.

Danny Thompson/ WOAI 4/FOX29 PILOT Friday, January 10, 11:00 a.m.

You may know Danny as our Sunday morning crossing guard but he also flies helicopters for WOAI 4 and FOX 29. Danny will explain and discuss how the television media in San Antonio (and other major cities) utilize helicopters in their daily operations to gather news electronically. He will also utilize maps/photos/videos to provide the actual visual aids regarding our aircraft operations in the San Antonio metro area.



January Birthdays Friday, January 17, 11:30 a.m.

We'll celebrate January birthdays at the beautiful Fort Sam Houston Golf Club where you will enjoy a delicious lunch. Cost is \$12/person except for our birthday-month guests who will receive a complimentary meal. Reservations and preordering must be made by noon on Tuesday, January 14. You are responsible for your reservation if you cancel after that date. Menus to make your selection will be available at our January 10 meeting. Please make check payable to FPC and on the memo line, please write "KEYS Lunch."

“Life of Pi” Movie & Hamburger Lunch

Friday, January 24, 11:30 a.m.

Come and enjoy one of Maurilio’s hamburger lunches 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. This is a story based on the best-selling novel. After a cataclysmic shipwreck, young PI finds himself stranded on a lifeboat with only one other survivor—a ferocious Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. Bound by the need to survive, the two are cast on an epic journey that must be seen to be believed! Liz and Jack Wright who are our “movie experts” say this is a wonderful movie. There is no charge—popcorn and snacks included!



The Rick Cavender Band

Friday, January 31, 11:00 a.m.

RICK CAVENDER PERFORMS THE KING OF ROCK & ROLL ELVIS

Rick Cavender and his band return for another memorable performance. We’ve packed the house on his last visits so don’t delay in making your reservation and inviting your friends.

According to reviews, “For over 20 years, Rick has livened up many a party on the local, national and world scene. He and his band provided memorable entertainment for the largest convention ever to visit the city and performed with the hottest stars in the music scene. Rick is also a respected community leader and known to many as the voice and personality behind the Cavender Auto Family of dealerships.”

Your check is your reservation and should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with “Rick Cavender” notation on the memo line, and mailed to the attention of Pat McCleary. \$15/per person includes the performance and lunch—what a deal! Make reservation by Friday, January 24. No refunds after that date!

Physical Fitness Class 10:00 a.m.

Friday Mornings, January 3, 10, 24, & 31

Did you eat too much over the holidays and not enough exercise? If so, why don’t you make a New Year’s resolution to exercise? We want to help you keep that resolution each Friday by attending our Fitness Class that is now being held on the second floor of the new Student Center with instructor Linda Osborne leading the class. She is a certified Jazzercise Instructor and has taught the class for FPC for many years. However, she is doing a special exercise class for our members including cardio, strength and stretch! Come give it a try on Friday morning! There is no charge! Our best to Gale Buchanan, our instructor for many years, on her retirement...she will be missed!

Bridge will be played Friday, January 3, 10, and 31. Please contact Katy Bedunnah if you would like to play.

Mah Jongg will next be played January 10, 2014. The first of three beginner classes will start on January 10 as well. Come enjoy the fun. Contact Nancy Black at 210-493-1609 for any additional information. All classes and game days will be at FPC following the Friday KEYS program and lunch, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars for February

February 7 – No KEYS meeting due to Fellowship Meeting being held at FPC

February 14 – Valentine/Birthday Luncheon at Oak Hills County Club – watch for details.



Update on the Church Relations Committee



The Church Relations Committee (CRC) for 2013-2014 is composed of seven Elders and the Senior Pastor. They are Elders Dirk DeKoch, Committee Chair, David Peeples, George Spencer, Tripp Stuart, Sandy Sturch, Kelley Terry and David West, and Senior Pastor Trey Little.

Because of controversial deliberations and apparent changes in direction at recent meetings of the PC(USA) General Assembly, your Session has tasked the CRC to study and report back on how First Presbyterian Church (FPC) might be impacted by these changes now or in the future. The very nature of Presbyterianism is to be connectional, and the PC(USA)'s constitution declares that an act of one governing council is an act of the whole denomination (Book of Order G-3.0101). Therefore, it is important to examine whether the changes in theological understandings and standards of the PC(USA) conflict with FPC's understanding of the authority of Scripture and its witness to

Jesus Christ as Lord and the only way to salvation.

Whatever the CRC determines, it will communicate this to the Session, and the Session to the congregation. We anticipate that ultimately the Session will seek input from the congregation on these important issues. Should any action result from this study, it will come not from the CRC, but the Session, and potentially the congregation.

Please know that at the appropriate time the CRC will have avenues for education and discussion on these matters available to the congregation. In the meantime, we covet your prayers for our deliberations.

– Dirk DeKoch
Committee Chair CRC



Women's Bible Study

Sacred Secrets by Beth Moore

In a world obsessed with sensationalism, not all hidden things are poisonous and dark. In this study, Beth Moore explains that there is wisdom in the secret—God rewards good secrets like private wrestling and studying. Find out what happens when we let God teach us “wisdom in the secret heart” (Psalm 51:6, ESV).

Participants will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Covenant Hall (3rd floor). Meetings will begin on January 14, 2014, and will continue until February 11. Workbook is available in preparation for weekly small group meetings and video sessions. Suggested donation for workbook is \$13. Child care is available by reservation. Women of all ages are encouraged to attend. If you have questions or want to register, call Judy Kruger at 210-857-0122.

First Cup Readings — January, 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 Avery



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

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee; in all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see. With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail. God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow Thee; When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our refuge be. Be Thou for us in life our Daily Bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped. (The Hymnbook, no. 108)

- 1 Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Psalm 90; Psalm 39
- 2 Acts 17:22-31; 20:22-24; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27;
2 Timothy 4:1-8; Hebrews 12
- 3 John 1:1-9; 3:1-21; 8:12; Psalm 27
- 4 Psalm 112; 18:28; Psalm 139

O grant us light, that we may know the wisdom Thou alone canst give; that truth may guide where'er we go, and virtue bless where'er we live. O grant us light that we may learn how dead is life from Thee apart; how sure is joy for all who turn to Thee an undivided heart. O grant us light, in grief and pain, to lift our burdened hearts above, and count the very cross a gain, and bless our Father's hidden love. (The Hymnbook, no. 335)

- 5 John 11; 12:37:50; Romans 13:8-14
- 6 2 Corinthians 4:1-5:10; Psalm 18:28
- 7 Psalm 19; 119:105-112, 129-176; Proverbs 20:27
- 8 Isaiah 5:20-30; Ephesians 4:17-5:20
- 9 Isaiah 60; Revelation 21-22
- 10 1 Samuel 16; Psalm 147:10; 1 Chronicles 28:9;
Isaiah 55:8-9
- 11 1 Samuel 17; 18; 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er 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)

- 12 1 Samuel 24; Matthew 5:43-48; 1 Samuel 31;
Galatians 6:7-10
- 13 Exodus 25:8-22; Deuteronomy 10:1-8; 2 Samuel 6
- 14 2 Samuel 22; Psalm 89:18-29
- 15 1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 16
- 16 Psalm 59; Psalm 101
- 17 2 Samuel 11; Proverbs 4:20-27; 6:16-35; 28:17
- 18 2 Samuel 12; Psalm 32; 51

O, Lord, my God, most earnestly my heart would seek Thy face, within Thy holy house once to see Thy glorious grace. Apart from Thee I long and thirst, and nought can satisfy; I wander in a desert land where all the streams are dry. The loving kindness of my God is more than life to me; so I will bless Thee while I live and lift my prayer to Thee. In Thee my soul is satisfied, my darkness turns to light, and joyful meditations fill the watches of the night. (The Hymnbook, no. 327)

- 19 2 Samuel 13-14; Leviticus 19:17-18; 20:17;
1 John 2:9-11
- 20 2 Samuel 15-16:14; Psalm 4
- 21 2 Samuel 16:15-17:29; 2 Samuel 12:7-13;
Galatians 6:7-8
- 22 2 Samuel 18-19; Psalm 55
- 23 1 Chronicles 22; 29; Psalm 23
- 24 1 Kings 1-2; Psalm 5
- 25 1 Kings 3; Proverbs 1

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place. So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of Thy pure day. Thou art the life by which alone we live and all our substance and our strength receive. Sustain us by Thy faith and by Thy power, and give us strength in every trying hour. Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness hast Thou and no bitterness. O grant to us the grace we find in Thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity. (The Hymnbook, no. 144)

- 26 1 Kings 4:20-7:12; Deuteronomy 8:10-20; Proverbs 15:25
- 27 1 Kings 7:13-8:66; Deuteronomy 11:16-21
- 28 1 Kings 10-11; Proverbs 2-3; 6:20-35
- 29 2 Chronicles 5-6:11; Proverbs 21:1-4
- 30 2 Chronicles 6:12-7:22; Proverbs 21:30
- 31 1 Samuel 8:10-20; 1 Kings 4:20-28; 12; Proverbs 15:1;
Ecclesiastes 4:13-16



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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Disciplee or Discipler?

By Doug Beach

I recently sat down with David Youngquist and Charley Sargent for breakfast and a discussion of their experience this past year discipling each other. For years David has taught Sunday School, been in Bible Studies and worked with youth at FPC. Charley is David's brother-in-law and a new member of FPC.

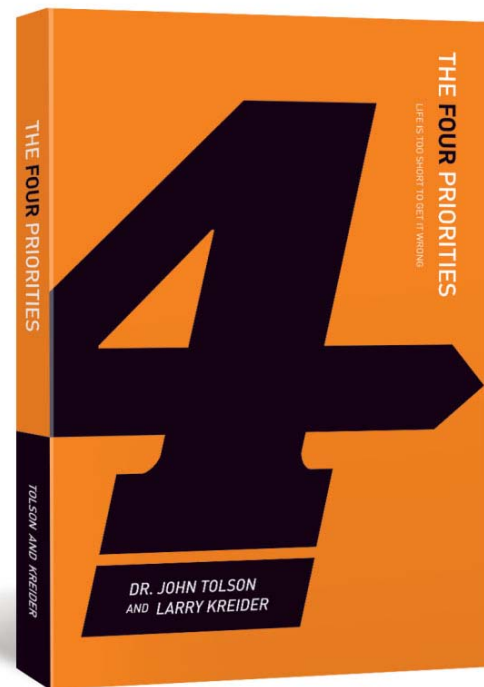
A year ago Charley got some bad personal news. His wife had, unexpectedly for Charley, filed for divorce and left Charley in the lurch. Reeling from this personal crisis, Holly and David reached out to Charley and did what we are all supposed to do for another; love him and share their faith in a winsome way to help Charley find a new footing and a rekindled faith. Like many people, Charley had grown up in a Christian home, but during and after college, had seldom attended church and hadn't done much to grow in his understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

David knew about the Men's Discipling group at FPC and the study guide that was being used, 4Priorities. David arranged to get a copy of the 4Priorities guide by Dr. John Tolson and decided he would ask Charley to meet with him each week to begin discipling Charley; that is, helping Charley rediscover what it means to be a Christian and how that translates into living a life with Christ at the center.

Over the next 28 weeks, David and Charley met each week and covered topics like "Who is Jesus" and "What is the Christian Life". They talked about the personal, progressive commitment to Jesus Christ; a commitment to their own physical, mental and emotional assets; a commitment to their relationships; and a commitment to the work of Christ in the world. They asked questions like:

Does my relationship with God affect my daily existence or do I turn to Him only in emergencies; Am I committed to continual growth and development in each dimension of my life or do I just exist day to day following a path of the least discomfort; Do I cultivate meaningful relationships with others or do I maintain superficial contact with people I like to keep from feeling lonely; and Do I intend to create a lasting impact on my community or am I more concerned with my own comfort?

At the beginning, David thought that he was helping Charley. Sometime during the 28 weeks, David realized that this

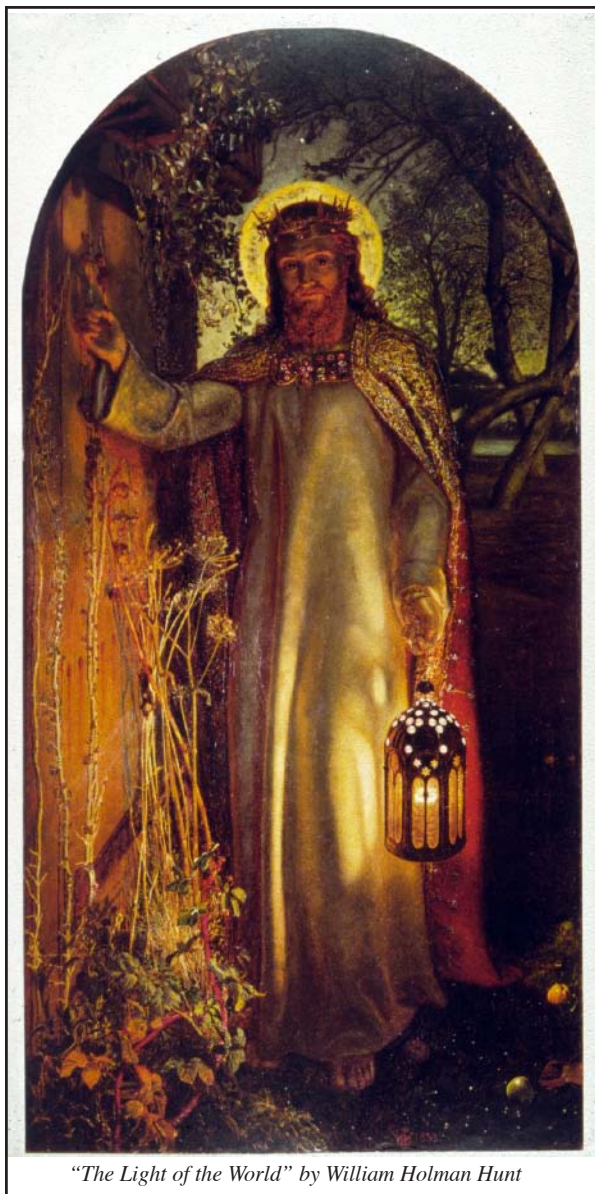


was helping David learn about himself as a Christian and to re-examine his own walk with Christ. David said he had become the disciple along with Charley. For Charley's part, he regained the faith he had learned as a young person and found a new special relationship with both Holly and David; one of living through Christ together in faith. Each of them have found a new and whole relationship with each other through their belief in God and Jesus Christ at the center.

So what began as an attempt to help Charley has become a new chapter for each of them in their own Christian walk. Charley joined FPC on October 13, 2013 and David will begin working with young people at Trinity University using 4Priorities to disciple them. To hear Charley talk he is now able to see how God was working things out even in the midst of the pain of his divorce. He is able to see how his daily prayers are being answered and he is surer now than ever that God works in our lives to His greater glory when we put Him first.

And that's what discipling one another does. It rebuilds our lives with Christ at the center and transforms us so that others see Jesus visible in the way we live our lives. What a blessing.

If you have an interest in discipling someone or if you would like to have someone disciple you, contact Stacie Rodriguez at FPC stacier@fpcsat.org or Doug Beach at doug.beach@gmail.com. Or feel free to stop Charley or David the next time you see them and ask them about their time together discipling one another.



"The Light of the World" by William Holman Hunt

A Word of Thanks

Dear Presbyterians and others,

During the time I was hospitalized with a hemorrhagic stroke, I was kept alert and aware by notes, calls, visits, and prayers, and later at home by "meals on wheels" by Circle 7, and other kindnesses by various others.

Would you please accept this thank you instead of a personal note? I feel it is a bit of a cheap cop-out, but it is all I can do.

"You are the light of the world," and as such, your light shines on your good deeds.

– Judy Spencer



Half Time Is Coming!

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

Starting January 5, 2014, First Presbyterian Church is changing its Sunday morning schedule. An important and exciting part of that change is that there will now be a dedicated half hour of fellowship for the entire First Pres family. Held in and around the courtyard, McCullough Room, and the Nowlin Tower area near North Alamo and Westminster Hall, this half hour will enable us to gather between worship and Sunday School in order to get connected. During this fellowship time, you will be able to enjoy a variety of tasty snacks, have a cup of coffee, and engage in conversation with your friends and family at First.

The Connecting Committee invites you to "get out on the field" for Half Time! Please consider serving as hosts for this half-hour of fellowship. The task is to welcome everyone just as you would welcome guests to your homes.

Hosts:

- are present and clearly identifiable
- are attentive
- make an effort to meet people they don't know
- facilitate introductions
- monitor traffic flow and try to ease up congestion
- model kindness and hospitality for others

Hosts and hostesses are the catalysts that create an environment of fellowship.

When? Sunday mornings from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m., beginning January 5, 2014 McCullough Room, Courtyard (weather permitting) and Nowlin Tower

Who can do this? Sunday school classes, PW Circles, Life-groups, Dinner-8 groups, groups of friends!

Interested? Please contact Amy Zesch, Connecting Committee Chair 210-824-4567 or 210-710-8202; amy.zesch@gmail.com

Church Register Changes

BAPTISMS

- Lillian Ann Gretzinger, daughter of Alan John and Lillian Ann (Lilly) Gretzinger, born August 29, 2013, in San Antonio, TX.
- Jake Burkett Parish, son of Luke and Sara Parish, born August 18, 2013, in San Antonio, TX.

ACTIVE MEMBERS (Public profession of faith; Certificate of transfer; Reaffirmation of faith)

- James Paul (J.P.) Scott restored to active membership, November 18, 2013.
- Frederick Boynton Brown by reaffirmation of faith, November 24, 2013.

MARRIAGES

- *Collins Allison Kuper and *Allyson Marie Gimple married in the Sanctuary on November 9, 2013
- *Robert Lindsay Allen and *Virginia Laird Smith married at the San Antonio Botanical Garden on November 16, 2013
- William Jeffrey Landers and Ashley Ann Molton married in the Sanctuary on November 16, 2013
- Jeramy Michael McMahon and Ellen Alexandra Wise married in the Sanctuary on November 23, 2013

DEATHS

- Verlyn Miller Campbell died on November 10, 2013
- Jean Zimmerman died on November 14, 2013
- Virginia Fischer Martin died on November 19, 2013
- Rosemary Smith died on November 22, 2013
- Margaret Virginia Lane Shafer died December 3, 2013

*denotes non-member

Session Meeting Minutes

Session at its regularly Stated Meeting on 12/09

- 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).
- Broke into small groups to respond to questions 9 & 10 on the Narrative on the Health and Mission and Ministry (The Fellowship of Presbyterians).
- Received the Clerk's Report.
- Received a report from the Church Relations Committee and approved an article for First Press regarding the work of the committee.
- Received a report from Stewardship and Finance noting that the remained of Benevolences for the third quarter will be paid. Approved the 2014 Budget.
- Received a report from Personnel noting a change of insurance brokers and a reduction in health insurance for employees as well as an update on a deferred compensation plan.
- Unfinished Business – received an update from the Connecting Committee regarding "Halftime" – a plan for a concerted fellowship time with our new Sunday morning schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approved a request for communion to be served on February 7 at the Fellowship of Presbyterians Gathering hosted here at FPC.
- Adopted a updated Corporate Resolution for business transactions.
- Adjourned with prayer

Stewardship Commitment Campaign Update

As of December 9, 2013, we have received a total of 472 commitments in excess of \$3.124 million.

Adult Commitments	432	3,122,064
Youth Commitments	27	2,027
Children's Commitments	13	817
TOTALS	472	3,124,908

In addition, over 22% of the adult commitments received have increased over last year. We have also received 142 new commitments. We are grateful for God's faithfulness. If you have not returned your commitment card to us, please do so at your earliest convenience. The cards are available in the friendship pads, Narthex, and in the Mauze lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Nipp (marien@fpcsat.org/210-271-2756).

FINANCIAL SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2013

OPERATING FUND BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER/(UNDER)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,607,091	\$3,942,006	(\$334,915)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$3,172,789	\$3,282,418	(\$109,629)
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	\$608,812	\$671,488	(\$62,676)
FUND TRANSFER FROM OPERATING RESERVE	(300,000)	0	300,000
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$125,490	(\$11,900)	\$137,390

The ministries and benevolences of FPC depend on your gifts so that we can fulfill our obligations to our mission partners. Please prayerfully consider your year-end giving. 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.



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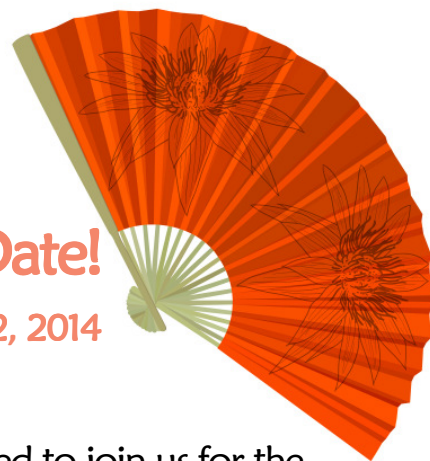
Please Make Note of our New Service Times:

9:30 am
Traditional Worship
Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 am
Traditional Worship
Contemporary Worship

Save the Date!

Saturday, April 12, 2014



You are invited to join us for the
Inaugural Spring Fling Event
Taste of the Orient.

Proceeds to benefit
First Presbyterian Church Children's Center
A fun, grown-up evening of food,
wine, music and fellowship — all for
a good cause. Evening is open to all
church members, Children's Center
families and their guests.
Details will follow.