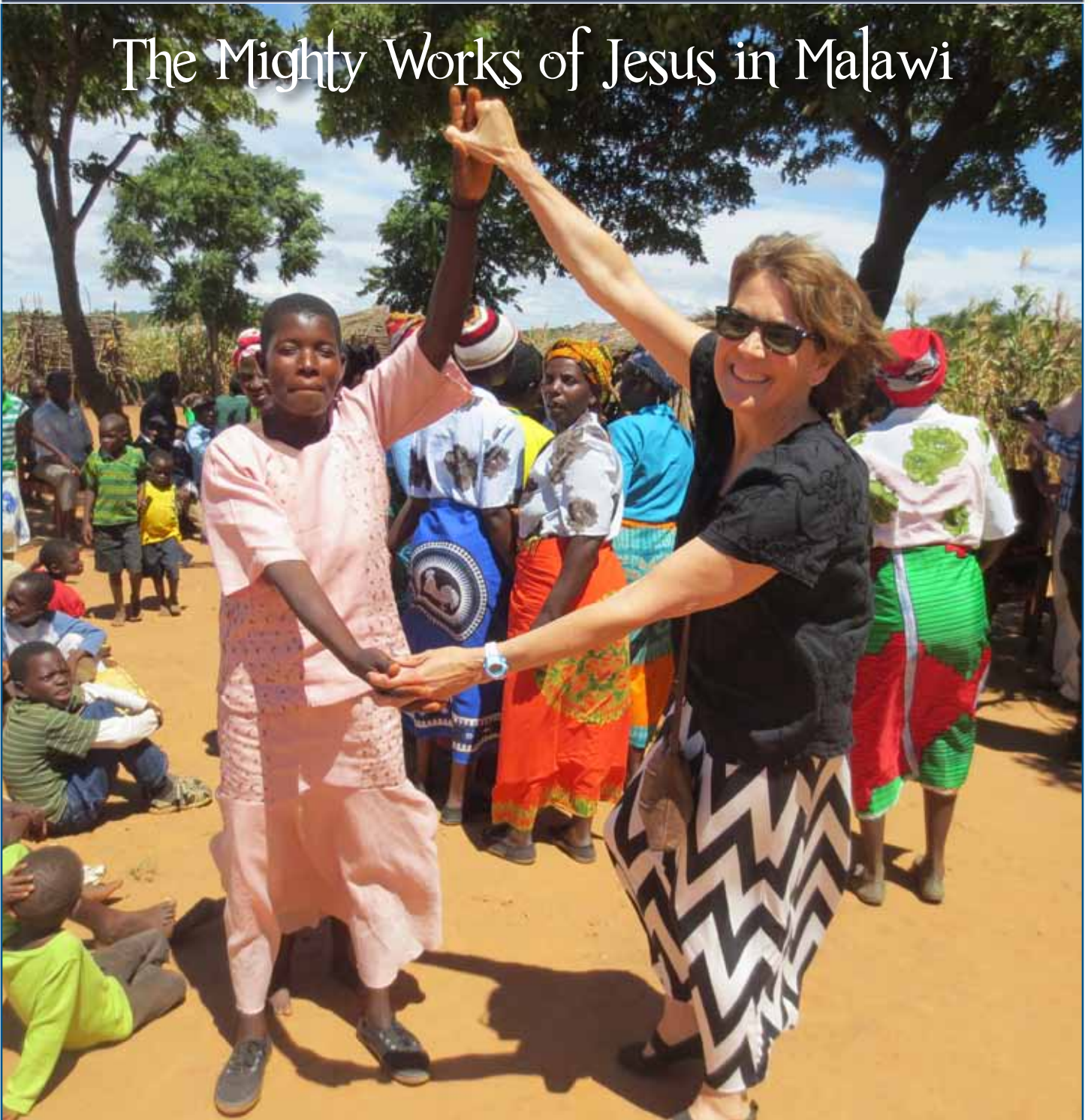




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Pastor's Pondering

Good News and Bad News

By Rev. Trey Little, Senior Pastor



Have you ever had someone come up to you and say, “I have some good news and I have some bad news.”? When I hear that question I have a tendency to cringe. Sure, I want to hear the “good news” but I usually have no interest in the “bad news.”

It’s kind of like the farmer who went into his banker and announced that he had some good news and some bad news. The banker said, “First, the bad news.” “Well,” said the farmer, “I can’t make my mortgage payments and that crop loan I’ve taken out for the past ten years—I can’t pay that off either. Not only that, I won’t be able to pay you the couple of hundred thousand I still have outstanding on my tractors and other equipment. So, I’m going to have to give up the farm and turn it all over to you for whatever you can salvage out of it.”

Then, silence prevailed for a minute and then the banker said, “What’s the good news?” The farmer said, “Well, the good news is I’m going to keep on banking with you!”

Well, you knew this was coming—are you ready? I have some good news and I have some bad news!

The good news is—summer is here. School is out. Vacations are on the horizon. Laughter will soon be heard echoing down the hall ways of your home as your children rejoice in their “freedom.” The “season of rest” has finally arrived!

Now, here is the bad news—I am not convinced we are going to slow down with the arrival of summer. You see, it is not our typical nature to “slow down.” We more often “run through the roses” rather than “stop to smell them.” It is not our normal “mode of operation” to operate at a slower mode.

Yet, I must admit, as I write this article I can’t help but reflect on my own pace. The phrase, “I have some good news and some bad news,” continues to replay over and over again in my head. The good news is, “I have a wonderful family; I am surrounded by some wonderful people; I work with a wonderful staff here at FPC; the Spurs are having a wonderful run in the playoffs; our daughter will soon be home for the summer; my Redeemer lives!; and the list could go on.”

Here is the bad news—“I am often too tired or too busy to really enjoy any of it!”

Admittedly, your circumstances are different than mine, and yet surely you can resonate with the scenario. Surely there are opportunities before you, particularly as we enter into summer, that you need to be more deliberate in making the time to enjoy. Surely there are relationships that you need to invest in. Surely there are stories you need to make time to listen to or perhaps share. Surely this summer can be “one to remember!”

Begin today by telling your family you love them. Take a friend to lunch today. Read a book to your child today. Sit out on the back porch and watch the sunset today. Give your spouse a hug today. Share a word of encouragement with a friend or perhaps even a stranger today. Do something you “should do” today rather than just checking something off your “To Do” list. Listen only to the Good News today.

The word says, “Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40: 28-31).

Friends, today we need to hear the Good News: the News that brings life to a tired and seemingly dead body; the News that brings hope to a hopeless situation; the News that brings peace that is beyond human comprehension; the News that epitomizes the fullness of life; the News that, no matter what happens, will continue to be with us.

May the Lord grant you all a joyful and peaceful summer.

Keep smilin’ and keep lovin’ and keep embracing the Good News!

Peace,

Presbyterian Church General Assembly June 14-21



The 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be held from June 14 to 21, 2014, at the COBO Center in downtown Detroit, Michigan. This biennial meeting brings together commissioners and advisory delegates from all 172 presbyteries, as well as other delegates and observers from around the world.

The General Assembly consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be Ministers of Word and Sacrament, half will be elders. Few will ever have been commissioners to the General Assembly before, but most will have served in one of the other governing bodies of the PC(USA): the session, which provides care and oversight of a local congregation; the presbytery, which provides care and oversight of a group of congregations; or the synod which provides care and oversight of several presbyteries. It reviews the work of synods, resolves controversies in the church, and is responsible for matters of common concern for the whole church.

First Presbyterian Church San Antonio is part of the PC(USA) as well as the Fellowship of Presbyterians. There will be a Fellowship/Presbyterians for Renewal breakfast at the 221st General Assembly on June 18, 2014, at the Marriott Hotel at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. For more information, contact the Fellowship of Presbyterians at email@fellowship-pres.org.

Pastor John Seiders and Elder Walter Walthall will attend GA221 as observers. Please be in prayer for them as they travel, as well as for the commissioners to do the will of God in the midst of challenging times for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination.

Visit www.fpcsanantonio.org/GA221 for details on General Assembly, including probable information on live streaming of the plenary sessions.



This April, FPC sent a mission team to follow, observe, listen, and learn from our brothers and sisters in Christ living in remote areas of Malawi. Many members of our congregation offered their prayer support and their financial support to send the following willing travelers: Lindsay Blackmon, John Culp, Josh Fenoglio, Carrie Jowers, Rev. Trey Little, Mike Munroe, Alyssa Payne, and Holly Youngquist.

JOY AND POTENTIAL IN MALAWI

Tall, green stalks of corn line a well-worn footpath winding beyond a village for almost a mile, eventually leading downhill to a small pond of water. The women of the community lead the way, carrying plastic buckets on their heads, eagerly anticipating the opportunity to show the visiting Americans how God has used their rainy season to replenish their water, making it possible for them to gather this daily necessity at a reasonably close distance to their village.

Arriving at the end of the footpath, our FPC team looks down at the village's water source for drinking and bathing. They notice the paths in the mud carved by worms and insects. They listen as translators explain that this water is also used by wandering livestock. They watch as women used ladles made from gourds to slowly dip and pour the infested water into containers to take back to the village for their fam-



GETTING TO KNOW MUTENDERE:

- The name "Malawi" comes from the Maravi, a Bantu people who emigrated around 1400 AD from an area currently within the southern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- The team flew into the capital city of Lilongwe, about 4 hours south of the community of Mutendere.
- "Chichewa" is the language spoken by the people in Mutendere.
- One dollar (USD) is worth 394.75 "kwacha" (MWK).



ilies. There is no other option.

Yet, despite their circumstance, the women of the village rejoice because God was generous during the rainy season, and they are grateful to have any water at all. Our FPC team listens humbly to the songs of these women who remain faithful that somehow God will continue to provide...

For several years, World Vision has been working within the community of Mutendere, empowering local leaders to identify physical needs and to develop a plan to address those needs.

The village leaders were eager to meet with our FPC Mission Team and to share their ideas for their future. They envision working together toward a community with nutritious food to eat and educational opportunities for all children. They want to live in a community in which parents will no longer experience the emotional pain of holding a child as they suffer from a preventable, water-borne illness. Their direct need partnership in order for their vision to become a reality.

World Vision sees child sponsorship as the key element during the process of community growth and development. Our FPC Mission Team to Malawi visited with sponsored children and their families, who are learning through the support of World Vision's excellent leadership that God created them, He loves them, and He has a purpose for their lives. With the help of World Vision, families are learning how to prevent disease and how to steward their resources for the benefit of the entire community. ***Thank you to the 233 child sponsors at FPC who are making a difference for the people of Malawi!***



"I SEE MORE CLEARLY THAT MISSIONS IS LESS ABOUT DOING OR BUILDING SOMETHING FOR OTHERS, AND MORE ABOUT LISTENING AND BEING A PARTNER IN A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP..."

FPC Member Mike Munroe





WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE PEOPLE OF MALAWI?

By FPC Member Holly Youngquist

"They know how to welcome 'strangers.' They would be waiting at the entrance of each village with a song in their heart and voices that would blow you away. They were genuine, and their joy was contagious. We would exit the bus and they wanted to touch, hug, greet, and dance their way to our meeting place. Truly amazing.

They would then proceed to guide us to the choicest spot in the shade, with chairs they had gathered from around their village. They put us in the seat of honor. They would then take their place on the dirt, in the sun, with no place to rest their backs. Occasionally groups of women would roll out a grass mat to sit on. When we were introduced they would clap and 'yell' with excitement. We were so loved and honored. Truly humbled by their actions...

So, my take-away and hope for FPC San Antonio: Let's love people who come into our doors and maybe find ways to greet them at the entrance to our 'village' and lead them to the choicest seats in the house. Let's invite them into our houses and pull out all the stops. Let's fellowship and break bread together and really get to know one another!"



WILL YOU BE A PART OF LIVING TO MAKE JESUS VISIBLE IN MALAWI? By FPC Member John Culp

I'm not sure why God called me to participate in the Malawi trip but I'm certainly glad He did. I wasn't looking for a mission opportunity but when I felt the nudge I jumped on board. The experience was fantastic. Watching God work through our church and through some of our church staff and the other team members was very special to me. **I hope others in our congregation feel the nudge that I felt and jump in.** It's crazy how you want so badly to bless those who you visit but in my case God used those we visited to richly bless my life. Amazing!!!!



Want to see more photos? We've placed the full album of Malawi photos on a website for you to browse and enjoy. Go to www.snapfish.com. Use the login FPCMISSIONS and the password OLDADOBE

THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING A CHILD!

Our congregation members currently sponsor 233 children in the village of Mutendere. God has been blessing both the positive relationships we are creating through these sponsorships and the faithful service and professional expertise of World Vision. After one year of sponsorship, we are already witnessing this impact to extend into the entire community!

Healthcare workers are training families on the importance of good nutrition, leading to healthier, more energetic kids.

World Vision led a water health campaign on diarrhea prevention, reaching 1,200 community members.

Kids in the village are experiencing better health after receiving deworming medicine and Vitamin A.

100 Care Group leaders have received training to help newborns survive and thrive beyond their first months of life.

700 people in the community have been trained to explore cultural misconceptions that cause immunization avoidance.

Farmers are benefitting from improved tools, seed options, using fertilizer, and training in agricultural techniques.

Farmers received business and marketing training to learn strategies for selling crops at a fair price.

The community has formed a savings group to provide financial opportunities for farmers, including microloans.

The community savings group grew 3,200 tree and vegetable seedlings, later planted by students for better nutrition.



WHAT ARE FPC'S PARTNERSHIP GOALS?

Our FPC Mission Team to Malawi had the honor of meeting with World Vision employees and with local community leaders to learn about their vision for Mutendere and to listen to their future goals. Here's what our FPC team recommends to the Global Missions Committee as possible continuing steps:

- Could FPC **maintain** all current child sponsorships throughout 2014?
- Could FPC **increase** the number of child sponsorships from 233 to 250 or more?
- Could FPC **begin prayer groups** focused on lifting up the needs of our sponsored children?
- Could FPC begin to **study and grow in knowledge** about the needs of the poor worldwide so that we may become more understanding partners with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world?
- Could FPC be called to **become involved** with bringing a borehole well to the community of Mutendere?
- Could FPC somehow **support** Mutendere through the Market of Hope during Advent?
- Could FPC continue to regularly **send teams** to observe, encourage, and learn from the people of Malawi?
- Could this long-term partnership become **mutually transforming**, bringing both our congregation and the community of Mutendere into a closer relationship with each other and with Christ?

WE'RE LIVING TO MAKE JESUS VISIBLE!

SPONSOR A CHILD

*It's not too late! Call World Vision's sponsorship office to sign up: 1-888-511-6548.
SPECIFICALLY REQUEST a child living in "MUTENDERE-B, #190543".*

START A PRAYER GROUP

Gather your friends, share sponsorship letters, and pray for the kids of Mutendere!

SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF WORLD VISION

Visit www.worldvision.org to learn more about specific strategies for addressing poverty worldwide.

BECOME AN ADVOCATE

Learn about the role of Christians within God's plan for global missions and discover how we can truly make an impact. Suggested reading: Unfinished by Richard Stearns.

VISIT MALAWI

*Sign up to be placed on the waiting list for a future FPC Mission Trip to Malawi.
Email Claire Plantenga, clairep@fpcsat.org or call 226-0215, ext. 224.*

Children's Ministry

Meet Mestina, the Children's Ministry Sponsored Child

By Carrie Jowers

Associate Director of Children's Ministry



Carrie Jowers got to meet Mestina in Muntendere in April.

I had the great honor of meeting the Children's Ministry sponsored child, Mestina, while in Malawi, Africa, this past April. Mestina is a beautiful 9-year-old girl who has a smile that instantly touches your heart, eyes that glow with pure joy, and a heart that is filled with faith, hope, and love for Jesus!

Mestina lives in a village located in an area of Malawi called Muntendere. Her home is made of red bricks and a grass

thicket roof. Mestina doesn't have access to clean water, nor does she have electricity in her home. Mestina attends school and says her favorite subject is language. Her favorite holiday is Christmas! During her free time Mestina enjoys, playing netball, playing with her friends and cooking. When Mestina grows up, she wants to be a teacher.

When I said goodbye to Mestina, I told her that her brothers and sisters at FPC all love her very much and pray for her every day. Mestina told me to let each of you at FPC know that she is very thankful for all your prayers and that she loves Jesus!

I left Malawi knowing that faith, hope, and love abide there and, for me, the greatest of these was love. Thank you FPC Children's Ministry for making Jesus Visible in Mestina's life in Malawi!



Carrie Jowers and Lindsay Blackmon with Mestina, who wants to grow up to be a teacher.

SUPPORTING WOUNDED WARRIORS

**WARRIOR
FAMILY
FAVORITES:**

When our nation's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines experience a devastating injury requiring urgent medical expertise for survival followed by extended rehabilitation, San Antonio welcomes them to Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC).

BAMC, located just 6 miles east of FPC, offers one of the very best trauma centers in the entire world for patients in critical need of physical and emotional healing. The families of patients are encouraged to participate in the healing process as well, with services coordinated through the Warrior and Family Support Center.

FPC has the opportunity to show our support for these families of our wounded warriors by donating gift cards that can be used for respite while visiting our city to care for their loved ones.

**During the month of June,
bring a NEW, ACTIVATED
Gift Card to church.**

**Members of our Local Missions
Committee will be at a table
in the Mauze Lobby every Sunday
in June to collect your donations.**

Thank you for your support!

Event in Review:

Holy Smoke Fundraiser Dinner

by FPC Members Loren and Louise Peters

Presbyterians from throughout greater San Antonio met at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday May 4 to celebrate completion of the Presbyterian Habitat Cluster's 19th Habitat home and to raise funds for the Cluster to underwrite its 20th home. The event, known as "Holy Smoke," included dinner dishes for more than 200 people prepared and served by pastors and/or staff from each participating church. First Presbyterian featured Char-An Witten's chicken salad served by our own pastors Trey Little, John Seiders, and Ruthie Seiders.

Following dinner, the event moved to the sanctuary for a program, which featured introduction of the Garcia family, for whom the 19th home was built, and a musical program presented by Darrin Newhardt, choir director at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. Darrin had assembled and presented a choir composed of singers from a number of churches, and a special presentation by local musician, David Kauffman and his daughter. Those present particularly appreciated the musical presentation.

Each Presbyterian Habitat Cluster home is funded from the local mission budgets of participating churches, by proceeds from the Holy Smoke event, and to a lesser extent from individual donations. Holy Smoke was a financial success, and contributes significantly to the cost of the 20th home which will be built in 2015.

The committee of representatives from participating Cluster churches has expressed appreciation to First Presbyterian Church for hosting the event. First Presbyterian's Director of Facility Operations, Tracy Hinchcliff, along with Director of Missions Alyssa Payne, and Administrative Assistant to the Director of Missions Claire Plantenga deserve special thanks for their work in making the event a success.

For more information about how you can be involved with the Presbyterian Cluster Build in 2015, please contact the authors of this letter and members of the Presbyterian Cluster Planning Committee, Loren and Louise Peters, by using the following email address: lorenpeters@logixonline.com

SAVE THE DATE AND SAVE A LIFE



JULY 20, 2014


**South Texas
Blood & Tissue Center**

Are you looking for a way to bridge the space between your life and the life of another individual in our community? Would you be willing to help someone in desperate need of a priceless gift you have to offer?

The Local Missions Committee of FPC has invited the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (SBCTC) to come to our church on July 20th for a Blood Drive so that members of our congregation can donate easily and conveniently. Write down the date and plan to participate in this opportunity for living to make Jesus visible to people in our city who are experiencing illness, trauma, and uncertainty.

Whether you are 16 years old or well over 70, you're just the right "type" to save a life! You can help the SBCTC ensure blood is available whenever and wherever it is needed.

To learn more about donation and how YOU can help to bridge the space between two lives, please go to: <http://southtexasblood.org/donation-process>

Children's Center

We Did It! FPC Children's Center Is Reaccredited

By Sandy Blanco , Director, FPC Children's Center



We are officially REACCREDITED! Accreditation challenged us in ways we never expected and we passed the test. Much time and effort went into achieving this reaccreditation. It takes a deep commitment to quality care and education to be a NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accredited center. The accreditation is valid for 5 years.

NAEYC accreditation's 10 standards and criteria are based on research about the development and education of young



children. They were created with input from experts and educators from around the country.

An accredited center has demonstrated its commitment to excellence and continuous self-improvement. We know parents have high expectations and so do we. We expect staff to grow professionally and broaden their knowledge of early childhood education.

Our program has demonstrated that we provide a safe and healthy environment for young children.

We promote positive relationships between children and adults that encourage each child's self worth and values their individual diverse needs.

Our well-trained staff has access to excellent teaching materials and promotes a curriculum that is appropriately challenging, developmentally sound and spiritually enriching.

Teachers engage in ongoing assessment of children's learning and communicate the child's progress to the family.



We see ourselves as unique outreach ministry of the church with valuable God given talents to offer to the community. We continue to work towards building these ongoing relationships with the children and families we serve in Jesus name.

For over 20 years NAEYC accreditation has been the mark of quality for programs for young children. Being an NAEYC accredited center is no small feat. We are proud to say we are accredited because we value children, families and our profession.



Children's Center Spring Fling a Big Success

By Sandy Blanco , Director, FPC Children's Center

The night was cool and the stars bright on April 12 for the First Presbyterian Children's Center inaugural Spring Fling event, "A Taste of the Orient."

There was laughter, fellowship and great food as 82 church members, Children's Center families and staff joined together to raise funds to go towards teacher professional development, scholarships for families and purchase needed equipment.



From tickets to Broadway musicals to the top prize, one week at Innsbrook Village Condominiums in Ruidoso, New Mexico, almost everyone was a winner.

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the congregation, we were able to raise \$10,000 from the event and are beginning to plan for next year's gale. Save the date, March 28, 2015. It will be bigger and better than ever.

Special thanks to Ruthie Seiders, Katherine and Ed Howie, our wonderful committee and my awesome co-chair, Becka Byrd.



Deacons

Months of Training and Preparation

By Gordon Smith

Since June is the month of ordination and installation of a new group of officers at First Presbyterian Church, April and May were months of training and preparation. The new class of elders and deacons attended training sessions on Wednesday nights for several weeks to be ready to assume their new roles in June. Meetings covered a variety of topics, such as: how “Living to Make Jesus Visible” affects everything we do at the church, what is contained in the Book of Order and Book of Confession and how we use them, and the procedure we follow to serve communion at home to our members. The new class of deacons also had one additional training session to review the spiritual care guidelines for our ministries as deacons.

We trace our role as deacons back

to the sixth chapter of Acts: “In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn

this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

The role of deacons at First Presbyterian Church has evolved since those early days. These are some of the main ways we serve today:

- Visit our members in hospital and rehabilitation facilities
- Keep in touch with and visit members at home
- Reach out to our members who have experienced the loss of a loved one
- Call members once a year to pray with and for them
- Deliver seasonal flowers such as poinsettias and Easter lilies
- Serve home communion with elders to members at home
- Pray with the pastors before worship services
- Pray with members after worship services
- Pray for church members’ cares and concerns
- Assist in worship and serving communion

I hope that you will be blessed by your interactions with deacons over the coming year.



Update on FPC Archives

By Bill Cogburn

Archival Committee chair

The First Pres Archival Committee is pleased to report that our extensive collection of historic records have been meticulously catalogued and organized and safely transferred to a local firm who will scan, digitize and microfilm the documents. Very soon, these precious historical records will be available to each of you through the magic of the computer.

We’re also excited that progress is being made to repurpose Room 305 to become the church’s permanent archival room. The room will have fireproof cabinets to safely store original documents along with a work desk and computer should a church member or researcher need assistance in searching the church’s records. We’ll keep you posted!



Presbyterian Women Celebrate Past Presidents at Birthday Coffee

The Presbyterian Women of First Pres held their annual Birthday Coffee honoring past presidents on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at the home of Leslie Bennett.

The coffee was held in conjunction with the Birthday Offering collected by Presbyterian Women organizations across the country each spring. This year's recipient was the Blue Corn Mother's Alliance, which provides a range of culturally appropriate services for Native American women of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who have experienced domestic violence. The program offers advocacy, crisis intervention, health, counseling, and education services, as well as referrals for legal and shelter services for Native American women and children who have suffered domestic violence.







Save the Date

VBS 2014 at FPC

June 22 - June 26



For Ages 4 years-5th grade
To register: www.fpcsanantonio.org/vbs
Questions? Contact Carrie Jowers at carriej@fpcsa.org or 210-271-2720

Save the Date for:

First Presbyterian Church

Day Camp

2014

June 2-August 7, 2014 7am-6pm
For ages 4 years-5th grade

Tuition: \$180 per week, \$700 per month or \$1700 for the whole 10 week program
To Register: <http://fpcsanantonio.org/ministries/children/summer-programs/>
For questions and forms contact Carrie Jowers at
carriej@fpcsa.org or 210-271-2720



Michael Alcala



Benjamin Bass



Allie Byrd



Hattie Chapman



Amy Delano



Elizabeth Kampmann



Janice Kruger

*I have asked Jesus to come live with me forever through the Holy Spirit.
- Addison Doerr*



Shelton Northington



Amy Rickabaugh

Ever since sin came into this world, there was no one to save us from guilt and sin and Jesus was the perfect candidate. He made the ultimate sacrifice; the one death that has a happy ending. - Edward Bass



Carter Shute



Clara Shute

I see God in my life every day. I know that He is real and I believe that His word is true. It makes a difference in my everyday life because I know that He is in control of everything and He is in charge of my future. I know that He is my strength when I am weak. - Janis Krueger

God is my saving grace and my almighty Father. He will pick me up when I fall and comfort me when I cry. He is my Father and His love for me is endless.

I know that Jesus is the guideline to happiness, but God's will isn't just about happiness. For example, it's to follow Him. Jesus was the Perfect Lamb, the

2014 Confi



Addison Doerr



JT Garcia



Benjamin Henderson



Avery Huffman



Christian Ingersoll

I believe that the stages of faith are integration with the Word, initial faith, and fellowship with others to help you and encourage you in your walk as you continue to grow. - Charlie Robinson

He has when I start to float away. He comfort me when I am sad because he is who has no bounds. - Allie Byrd



Matthew Maery



Josie Nash

I will always be in debt to Jesus. He is the reason my past, present, and future sins will be forgiven as long as I ask for salvation. There is nothing else I could do to earn it. - Elizabeth Karpmann

and that following Him is the key to just for us to know He is the perfect one paid with flesh to forgive our sins, the Last Sacrifice. - JT Garcia



Charlie Robinson



Natalie Scherfele

My faith in Jesus has made many differences in my life. One thing it has changed in my life is it made me realize that I am not always going to be in control of my life, and that I need to let go and let God take control of it. - Hattie Chapmann



Zach Simpson



Paige White

Evangelism Class

Photos by Shannon Beasley

Joseph and His Brothers: A Story of Forgiveness

By Bill Cogburn



Many of you are familiar with the beautiful 16th-century Flemish tapestry that, for 30 years, hung in our Sanctuary behind the pulpit. The tapestry was a gift of Betty Browning in memory of her husband, C. L. Browning. Their son, Robert, says, “My mother considered the tapestry a most appropriate backdrop for the preaching of the gospel from the pulpit and truly enjoyed listening to many, many sermons preached with this beautiful tapestry immediately behind the minister in the pulpit. The vantage from which this could best be appreciated was her favorite pew on the right side of the sanctuary near the large Great Commission window.” Louis Zbinden preached several sermons over the years based on the

providence of God as exhibited in this story of Joseph and his brothers depicted in the tapestry.

Joseph was his father’s pride and joy. Though Jacob had ten other sons, he favored Joseph, the one born to him in his old age. Jacob never bothered to hide his special feelings—not even from his other sons. In fact, he expressed his favoritism blatantly and visibly by having an expensive, colorful coat made especially for Joseph.

This did not go unnoticed by the older brothers and they resented their young sibling. Joseph, either oblivious to their resentment or insensitive to it, made it worse by bragging to his brothers about his dreams that he would one day rule over them. In one dream, his brothers’ sheaves of grain bowed down to his. In another, the sun, moon and eleven stars bowed down to him.

Eventually, Joseph’s dreams and their father’s favoritism so infuriated the brothers that they plotted Joseph’s death. While trying to decide the best way to accomplish this, they spotted a caravan of spice traders on the way to Egypt. Instead of killing Joseph, they decided to sell him into slavery. They soaked his special coat in animal blood and used it to convince Jacob that his favorite son had been killed by wild beasts.

So much for dreams of greatness. By age 17, Joseph was a slave in Egypt, then later, a prisoner in a dungeon for a crime he did not commit. Divine intervention eventually ushered him into Pharaoh's palace where he managed the food supplies in Egypt during a widespread famine. That famine brought Joseph's brothers back into his life. They came from their home in Canaan to buy food and had no idea that they were dealing with the brother they had betrayed. When Joseph revealed his identity, his brothers were terrified. They knew what they deserved but instead of revenge, Joseph offered forgiveness and mercy, thanking God who worked out everything for His glory.

During a 2000 Sanctuary remodeling, the tapestry was re-located from the Sanctuary to the Nowlin Tower. This was a disappointment to many church members who still hope that a more appropriate place can be found to display this genuine treasure where it can be seen and appreciated by more members and where sunlight will not damage the tapestry. You can view the tapestry in its present location as you pass through the hallway approaching the northwest stair, which leads to N. Alamo Street. *Source: Robert Browning, First Pres archives, Steve Arterburn*



*Louis Zbinden, former Senior Pastor of First Pres, preaching in the Sanctuary.
For years the tapestry hung directly behind the pulpit.*

Church Register Changes

BAPTISMS

- Harrison Sage Carr, son of Adam and Tanya Carr, born on September 24, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on April 27, 2014. John H. Seiders, officiating pastor.
- Jackson Thomas Samol, son of *Brian Thomas and *Clare Samol, born on December 7, 2013, in The Woodlands, Texas. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on May 11, 2014. Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor. Grandparents are Sid and Becky Atkinson.
- Reagan Lee Worth, daughter of Robert Clinton Worth and Jessica Lewis Worth, born on September 5, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on May 11, 2014. Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor.

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

- Bryce Chramer Petersen by Transfer of Letter from Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.
- Dane Christian Petersen by Transfer of Letter from Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

MARRIAGES

- Vannie Cook Collins and Julia Marie Bulhon, married at University Christian Church of Austin, Texas, on April 26, 2014; John H. Seiders, officiating pastor.

*denotes non-member

Session Meeting Minutes *May 2014*

The Session at its regularly Stated Meeting on May 12, 2014, began with a dinner including church officers and students in the current confirmation class as well as their mentors and parents. Faith statements were read and students were received as new members of the church. After the new members were received, the Session continued with the following business:

- Approved the Consent Agenda (approval of minutes from previous session meetings, received the Deacon's minutes, approved changes to the Church Register, approved April's financial statements, and received committee minutes).
- Received the Clerk's Report, which noted two letters that were received by all the elders, and responses that will be made.
- Received an update on finances from the Stewardship and Finance Committee.
- Received a report from the Property Committee and approved a drainage and waterproofing project by the Avenue E entrance and approved a motion to select a new parking lot lease after

Unfinished Business

- Received a report on the status of the sale of the 1604 property.
- Received a report from the Connecting Committee regarding welcoming and Halftime.

New Business

- Received information about an international mission trip for high school students in 2015 (summer).
- Elected Ruling Elder Tripp Stuart for a one-year term as Clerk.
- Elected Ruling Elder Butch Gerfers for a one-year term as Treasurer.

Adjourned with prayer

First Cup Readings — June, 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 our libraries. 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

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode. The Church our blessed Redeemer saved with His own precious blood. I love Thy Church, O! God! Her walls before Thee stand, dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand. Beyond my highest joy, I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise. Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of Heaven! (Worship in Song, #311)

- 1 Ephesians 1:15-23; Colossians 1
- 2 Ephesians 2:1-10; Romans 5
- 3 Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17; 6:13-20; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
- 4 Ephesians 3; Acts 9:15-16; Romans 3:9-31; 11
- 5 Ephesians 4:1-16; 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12:1-8
- 6 1 Colossians 3:1-17; Ephesians 5:1-20; 1 John 1:5-2:11
- 7 Genesis 2:19-25; Matthew 5:27-32; 19:3-12; Ephesians 5:21-33

"Called unto holiness" church of our God, purchase of Jesus, redeemed by His blood; Called from the world and its idols to flee, called from the bondage of sin to be free. "Called unto Holiness" children of light, walking with Jesus in garments of white; raiment unsullied or tarnished with sin; God's Holy Spirit abiding within. "Called unto holiness" praise His dear name! This blessed secret to faith now made plain. Not our own righteousness, but Christ within, living and reigning and saving from sin. (Worship in Song, #290)

- 8 Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 22:6; 29:17; Ephesians 6:1-9; Matthew 18:1-10
- 9 Isaiah 59; Ephesians 6:10-23; 1 Peter 5:8-11
- 10 John 17; 1 Corinthians 1:1-17; Galatians 5:16-26; James 3:13-18
- 11 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5; Isaiah 29:13-14; Psalm 111:10; Colossians 1:9-14
- 12 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; John 14:15-31; Romans 16:25-27
- 13 1 Corinthians 3; Hebrews 5:11-6:3; Luke 6:46-49
- 14 1 Corinthians 4; Luke 12:42-48; Hebrews 3:1-6; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin. Each victory will help you some other to win. Fight manfully onward; dark passions subdue, look ever to Jesus, He will carry you through. To him that o'er cometh, God giveth a crown. Through faith we shall conquer, tho' often cast down. He, who is our Savior, our strength will renew. Look ever to Jesus: He will carry you through. Ask the Savior to help you, comfort, strengthen and

keep you. He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through. (Worship in Song, #436)

- 15 1 Corinthians 5; Leviticus 18; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Ephesians 5:1-17
- 16 1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Matthew 18:15-20; Jude 4-25; Revelation 20:11-15
- 17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Romans 6; 1 Peter 1:13-23; Galatians 5:16-25
- 18 1 Corinthians 7; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 3:1-7
- 19 1 Corinthians 8; Isaiah 44:9-20; Romans 14:1-8; Psalm 135:15-21
- 20 1 Corinthians 9; Philippians 4:10-20; Luke 10:1-23
- 21 Exodus 16:1-17:7; 32; Hebrews 2; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; James 1:12-15

Behold the amazing gift of love the Father hath bestowed on us, the sinful sons of men, to call us sons of God! Concealed as yet, this honor lies, by this dark world unknown, a world that knew not when He came, even God's eternal Son. Our souls, we know, when He appears, shall bare His image bright: for all His glory, full disclosed, shall open to our sight. A hope so great, and so divine, may trials well endure; And purge the soul from sense and sin, as Christ Himself is pure. (The Hymnbook, #120)

- 22 Deuteronomy 32:16-21; 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
- 23 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1; Romans 14:1-15:13; 1 Timothy 4:4-8
- 24 Exodus 12:1-28; Matthew 26:26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:2-34; Colossians 3:1-17
- 25 Acts 1:6-8; Romans 1:11; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 4:1-7; Romans 12
- 26 1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 3; Matthew 5:43-48
- 27 Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 16:14-20; 1 Corinthians 14; 1 John 4:1-6; Ephesians 4:8-16
- 28 Matthew 27:57-28:20; John 20:19-31; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Acts 22:2b-21

Jesus lives, and so shall I! Death, thy sting is gone forever! He for me hath designed to die; Lives the bands of death to sever. He shall raise me from the dust; Jesus is my hope and trust. Jesus lives and by His grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving, I will change my heart and ways. Ever to His glory living. Me He raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust. None of all His saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust! (Christian Gellert,



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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Moments to Hold Close There's a Spirit

By Manny Rodriguez



I am an Aggie. As is my father, brother, uncle, cousins—well, you get the idea.

I never forget this, dare I say I take great pride in it, for I love my school. I wear maroon, my ring, and follow every sporting event. However something interesting happened a few weeks ago, I returned to the A&M campus for the first time in several years.

You know what? It was as though a fire were lit within me, something that I cannot fully explain. Now I never forget who I am, but suddenly I felt invigorated and upbeat surrounded by people, buildings, and ideals, which reflect everything that I hold dear.

Isn't it the same in our walk with Christ? Do we ever forget that we are Christian? It encompasses everything within us yet something magical happens when you engage in fellowship and prayer with others that share your sentiment. It doesn't make you more Christian but somehow it turns some smoldering coals into an enraging inferno and reminds us, There's a spirit, that can ne'er be told.

Remember to Give This Summer!

As you enjoy your summer, remember that your gifts to the mission and ministries of First Presbyterian Church continue to make it possible for all of us to make Jesus visible in our great city and throughout the world.

Giving is as easy as 1 – 2 – 3:

- 1 - on the web: visit www.fpcsanantonio.org and click on the "Give Online" button on the left side.
- 2 - in the offering plate on Sundays at worship
- 3 - drop off your gift at the church any time throughout the week

**Thank you for making Jesus visible
with your financial gifts!**

Praying with Our Pastors

Prayer is the very heart beat of our faith—so personal, yet so much a part of our faith community. It is the essence of our relationship with our heavenly father. Further prayer blesses us by spilling over into our lives giving us joy, peace and comfort.

The apostle Paul encourages us in Ephesians 6:18 to be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."

At First Presbyterian we have the privilege of praying with and for our pastors before each worship service. These prayers focus on the upcoming service seeking the Holy Spirit's leading for our preaching pastor, lay assistant, the music—truly every element of the service.

The privilege of praying at this special time is given to officers of the church and members alike. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Louise Peters for traditional services at loupeters2427@satx.rr.com or Josh Fenoglio at joshf@fpcsat.org for the contemporary service.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY APRIL 2014

Operating Fund Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Over/(Under)
Total Revenues	\$1,357,393	\$1,554,715	(\$197,321)
Total Operating Expenditures	\$1,124,381	1,178,979	(\$54,598)
Total Benevolences	\$233,182	\$243,183	\$40,841
Net Income/Loss	(\$169)	\$132,553	(\$183,564)

Giving for the month was less than budget and expenditures were below budget. 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.

KEYS (Keeping Everyone Young in Spirit) Older Adult Ministry

Summer Break for KEYS Programs

By Pat McCleary, Director, Older Adult Ministry



It's time for our summer vacation! Our regular Friday luncheons and speaker programs end Friday, June 6, but don't think that puts an end to KEYS activities. We continue our "Keep Moving" fitness class, birthday luncheons, games and movies. Plus we are planning some special summer events, to be announced later.

The State of the Denomination with Tripp Stuart, General Assembly Commissioner

Friday, June 6 at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch
Have you been wondering what all of the recent hubbub is about concerning our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? Commissioner to the last General Assembly in Pittsburgh in 2012 and Clerk of Session Tripp Stuart will present an informal and informative discussion on just exactly what is going on that has gotten everyone talking. Topics covered will be our form of government, the current trajectory of the denomination, overtures coming before the General Assembly this month, why FPC chose to be a member of the Fellowship of Presbyterians, and what all this could mean to us here First Pres San Antonio, so bring your questions and make your reservation!

KEYS Leadership Committee will meet after lunch to complete KEYS summer planning.

KEYS Game Days

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

Bridge will be played on Friday, June 13 and June 27 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please contact Kay BeDunnah at 210-945-9789 or katy.bedunnah@att.net.

Mah Jongg group will play on Friday, June 13 and June 27, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. If interested in learning and playing, please contact Nancy Black at 210-493-1609.



Celebrate June Birthdays at Spaghetti Warehouse 1226 E. Houston

Friday, June 20, 11:30 a.m.

Join us as we try out Spaghetti Warehouse as the company celebrates 40 years in the business. Spaghetti Warehouse provides a fun and relaxing atmosphere in a nostalgia themed restaurant serving delicious American Italian meals. We'll have a selection of five different menu items. As always, our June honorees will enjoy a complimentary lunch. Please make reservations (\$12) by calling the church office by Tuesday noon, June 17. If you will need a ride from the church to the restaurant, please indicate when you make your reservation.

Keep Moving Fitness Class

Fridays throughout summer

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Second Floor Student Center





Daily exercise recommended! If you can't (or don't) exercise daily, we have a weekly alternative. Join us at "Keep Moving" every Friday at 9:45 a.m. where you'll enjoy the fellowship of others while also improving your health. Certified Trainer, Linda Osborne leads us in improving flexibility, balance, strength, and cardiovascular health. There is no cost and no reservations are required—dress comfortably for this program. "We do not stop exercising because we grow old—we grow old because we stop exercising!"



SAReads Update

Chairman Jane Warren announced that SAReads nominated the KEYS Book Bank workers as "Volunteers of the Year for the 2013 United Way Program. What an honor! The group has now prepared all 7500 books from the holiday book drive for distribution to school districts after-school programs. Also, SAReads is partnering with a program called Reach out and Read. This program trains and supports medical providers who give books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud at well-child exams. To complete this task many hands were needed to sort through the thousands of books to pull out and sort through donated books to find the children's books that were needed. KEYS came through and on April 30, they sorted 1,831 children's books that this program will use to give to these expecting mothers.

Willing to Serve?

Wanted: Driver for six to 12 passenger vans. We occasionally have a need to use the six-passenger church van for transportation to local events or we rent a 12-passenger van when necessary. We would like to have the names of people who would be willing to drive. If you are one of those people, please call Pat McCleary at 210-271-2726 or email patm@fpcsat.org.



Coming July 6, 2014:

All-church Picnic and Social

KEYS are teaming up with the Sanctuary Choir to host the All-Church Picnic that will follow worship services. KEYS volunteers are needed to help receive food brought in for the event, help host, and for the Ice Cream Social to celebrate the Fourth of July. Sign-up sheets available at the June luncheon. This is a great celebration you won't want to miss!

Space Still Available for Trip to Round Top Sunday, June 29, 2014

Patriotic Celebration at Festival Hill

Set that red, white and blue surging in your veins with the exciting pre-Fourth of July Concert at Festival Hill near Round Top. Included is lunch at Sengelmann Hall in Schulenburg, concert, driver tip, charter Regent Coach, and the expertise and services of escorts Susan and Henry Holloway. Cost is \$85, due no later than Friday, June 13, and becomes nonrefundable on that day. Please make your check out to FPC with the notation "Round Top Trip: and mail to the attention of Pat McCleary, First Presbyterian Church, 404 N. Alamo, San Antonio, TX 78205-1918. Don't delay in making your reservation as ticket sales for the concert go fast!



Building Intentional and Vulnerable Communities

By Hannah Monroe, Young Adult Intern



One of the most crucial desires for Christian Millennials is the desire for an intentional and vulnerable community. These phrases might appear like some nice sounding buzzwords, but they are in fact viewed as integral for many Christian Millennials.

Intentional Community

For many Millennials, this community is not something that can be attained by sitting in the same pew and seeing co-Christians each Sunday. It involves living life together, sharing struggles and joys, and encouraging each other to pursue God more. This community does not just happen and it certainly involves a level of work and dedication on behalf of the members and, therefore, is intentional. The members take time to talk about each other's lives on practical and spiritual levels. This idea of an intentional community is one often based off of the church in Acts 2. The scripture says that this community "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2: 42-47). This community made efforts to live every part of their lives together. They learned, ate, and prayed together. They shared possessions and gave to others as they had need. They met daily and praised God communally. The example of the Acts church shows us that being in community and sharing fellowship with others who are following Christ is more of a lifestyle and constant activity than solely attending Sunday morning worship. This investment

is something that many Christian Millennials search for even if they have never experienced a community that is committed to the degree the Acts church was. Some desire to find a community of individuals of all ages and life stages who are committed to pursuing Jesus and the Gospel actively and tangibly.

Vulnerable Community

To some degree, we have likely experienced interactions where we feel like we have to put on a mask and pretend like everything is dandy. We can feel isolated when everyone else seems like they don't have any sin or areas of struggle and you feel alone in your brokenness. It's draining and tough when this masked communication represents the majority of our interactions, especially in places where we have strong desires to make real and lasting personal connections. That said, for Millennials another important aspect of the communities they desire is vulnerability. Galatians 6 outlines this kind of vulnerability: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). This instructs that we are to share our issues with one another and care for each other in them. As we demonstrate our brokenness and break down our walls of carefully constructed poise, we are able to strongly illustrate the grace of the love of God in our lives. In doing this we take active steps to show that "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). It is difficult to live out our lives in ways that claim the gracious love of Christ when we pretend that we are all right when we are faced with opportunities to build honesty in community. This honesty also extends beyond sharing our struggles, doubts, concerns, and sin. It also involves sharing the immense joy and peace that God gives us. In openly sharing about these things in an intentional and trusting community we are given the opportunity to also share the love of Christ to those who don't yet know the



love of God that you are actively claiming. It makes Jesus visible through the tangible reconciliation and redemptive work that the Holy Spirit works in our own lives through these communities.

How This Can Happen?

We can form these kinds of intentional, vulnerable communities and relationships in a variety of ways. We can pursue and build a culture of discipleship. This is part of the call that Jesus gave to all believer in the Great Commission: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus called us to share our experiences, growth, and struggles with others. He directed us to baptize and teach others what He has commanded. However, He does not leave us to do that all on our own. He asserts that He will be with us always in discipleship, in being vulnerable to share our struggles, doubts, and sin. He will be with us when we don’t know how our community will respond when we demonstrate our brokenness, when we take off the mask and choose to trust the people around us. If you’re an older adult, my prayer is that you see that you have a distinct opportunity to share your experiences, struggles, and growth with younger individuals. It is a beautiful testament of God’s ability to trans-

form our lives and what it looks like to trust Him with our brokenness. You can build community with a Millennial at FPC by sharing a meal with them and intentionally having conversations about more than how school/work is going or what their favorite hobby is.

Another way we can form an intentional, vulnerable community is by taking these principles and desires into our Small Groups and Bible Studies here at First Pres. We can center our conversations on open and honest discussion that hinges on the grace found in scripture. We can be purposeful in our communication to make steps to trust those around us with more of the truth about our lives regardless of the messiness. In our prayers for each other may we “always pray with joy because of [our] partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:4-6).

As we pursue building intentional, vulnerable communities may we continue to depend on God to walk before us, love us, and transform us in the midst of our brokenness and may we have the courage to share those stories with others!



Family Serve Day Brought Missions Home

On Sunday, April 27, First Pres families had the opportunity to serve together and learn about local missions and outreach during Family Serve Day. This was a great opportunity to not only learn about mission work, but to actually be a part of serving others. Families had the opportunity to choose to visit one of three places for the morning.



About 40 people made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to give to Christian Assistance Ministries. Then a representative from their ministry came and talked to the families during the Sunday school hour about all the types of assistance they give to those in need.



Several other families drove to Respite Care, where they learned about the facility, the children who live there and the needs they have. Then they were able to offer the children and their caretakers a break by just playing with the children. This was an eye-opening experience for many as they learned of the difficulties of caring for a child with special needs.



Lastly, some families took a tour of House of Neighborly Services. They learned about their facility and the programs that they run. The programs include Parenting Education, Kid's Place Child Development Center, Food Distribution Programs, Senior Citizen Programs, and more.

If you would like to know more about local missions opportunities, contact Alyssa Payne at alysap@fpcsat.org.



Easter Lily Dedication 2014



Seasonal Flowers

Each year, the congregation has the opportunity to remember a loved one, honor an individual or recognize an occasion through the gifts of lilies and poinsettias. The revenues from these seasonal flowers have enabled the Sanctuary Flower Committee to provide many special gifts to the church. These include pewter and garden urns used for flower arrangements; the antique chests in the Mauze Lobby and Nowlin Tower; the Oriental rugs in the McCullough Room and Narthex; the portrait of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Louis H. Zbinden Jr. in the McCullough Room; outside lighting around the church grounds; a pair of antique candlesticks used in the Sanctuary and the cross in the Griffith Chapel.

About the Sanctuary Flower Committee

More than 50 years ago, the Sanctuary Flower Committee was formed. There are currently 12 members who are each assigned one month a year to oversee that floral arrangements are placed in the Traditional worship services on Sunday mornings. The Special Events Committee, which was later added, is responsible for Ash Wednesday, all Wednesday nights during Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas. The entire committee decorates the church with greenery, trees, wreaths and other decorations for Christmas. *We thank all those who purchased Easter lilies this year.*

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Greg, Janet, Elizabeth & William Anderson
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Jae Ha, whose music gives joy to so many

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Our choir and its leaders

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Each week during the summer, pick up a card from a basket in the Narthex of the Sanctuary, in Westminster Hall, or in the Mauze Lobby. On the card you will see a Scripture verse printed—some of them are your favorites, others of them may be someone else's favorite, and still others you may have never read. However, all of them have the potential to FILL you up. And so each week there will be a new card for you to pick up. Theoretically, by the end of the summer you should be able to say that you have memorized at least 15 Bible verses.

Sounds simple doesn't it? Pick up a card each Sunday—carry it out to your car and place it on your dashboard—and every time you are driving be FILLED UP! But here is the challenge—as you memorize the words of Scripture take time to consider how they are mesmerizing your heart. But also, grab an extra card to give to another person—you never know when it may just be the FUEL they needed. That's it!