



MO-RANCH RETREAT: BOUND TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY
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NOTES FOR THE JOURNEY WE HAVE A MINISTRY TO DO TOGETHER

BY REV. JOHN SEIDERS - EXECUTIVE PASTOR

Dear Friends of FPC,

There are two things that I want to bring to your attention as we enter into September.

First, I want to encourage you to be a part of our Kick Off of the fall on Sunday, September 7. That is the day that Sunday School will start and we will have two blended services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. In addition, we have decided that we want to have an opportunity for people to be together to serve and to enjoy fellowship. So we will have a Block Party. The details are included in this issue. You won't want to miss this unique way of entering into the fall!

Second, I want to provide some basic details regarding the process we have entered into since Trey's departure. There are a number of steps along the way. First, it is the responsibility of the Session to hire an interim pastor. An Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) will be selected, by the Session, to interview and recommend a qualified candidate to the Session. Second, the interim pastor arrives and begins a number of tasks to help us and to equip us to move forward as a congregation. Third, when the necessary tasks are well under way, a Pastor Nominating Committee will be elected by the congregation of FPC to search for a new pastor. This process includes working very closely on steps provided by the Committee on Ministry of Mission Presbytery and could take anywhere from 18 to 24 months.

I know that 18 to 24 months can sound like a long time. It is. But take heart. In the Old Testament, Jeremiah writes God's words to the people of Israel when they are discouraged, exiled, frustrated and wondering what is happening in their lives.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you." (Jeremiah 29:11-12, NRSV)

In this time, I believe that God is and will be at work—in us as individuals and in us as a congregation. All along the way it is essential for us as a congregation to commit ourselves to pray for each other and the process. In addition, we have ministry to do together. An interim period in the life of a congregation is not a time to be idle, to simply wait, or to check out until the new pastor arrives. Rather, it is a time of transition—moving from what has been to what will be, from who we have been to who we will be as a congregation. We need to join together to be the church that God is calling us to be.

I look forward to our partnership together and what God wants to do in our midst!

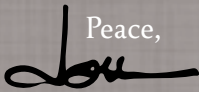
Peace,

John



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Save the Date

WITNESS CONNECTION PROGRAM FALL SERIES



As Christians, we are called to bear witness to the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We were made to announce God's reign in Jesus Christ to the world, and build bridges of understanding with one another as we make disciples. We are called as witnesses to connect with Jesus, our community, the Gospel, the world, and through stewardship of our resources.

Starting September 7, discover the important role you play in making Jesus visible through your witness as together we journey through this fall sermon series.

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SEPTEMBER 7.....YOU ARE A WITNESS (ACTS 1:1-8)
SEPTEMBER 14.....CONNECT WITH JESUS (JOHN 15:1-8)
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 (OCTOBER 26 IS STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY)

SEPTEMBER 7- OCTOBER 26, 2014

TRAIN TO BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER

First Presbyterian Church San Antonio is once again partnering with Alamo Heights United Methodist Church to provide training for future Stephen Ministers on Tuesday evenings at Alamo Heights UMC. An opening retreat will be held September 26-27 and classes conclude with a formal commissioning in January 2015.

The training provided helps build distinctively Christian, one-on-one, confidential, non-judgmental relationships.

An introductory reception for Stephen Ministry training will take place Sunday, September 7, 2014 (which is Kick-off Sunday at First Pres), 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Alamo Heights UMC Church Parlor. For details about the reception, contact Mary Anne Barber at maryanne_barber@hotmail.com.

For more information on Stephen Ministry at First Pres or the training,

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

RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 7 • RETREAT SEPTEMBER 26-27

LITERATURE CIRCLE REVIEWS THE ALL-GIRL FILLING STATION'S REUNION IN SEPTEMBER

Join the FPC Literature Circle on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, when Jane Hansen will review *The All-Girl Filling Station's Reunion*. Fannie Flagg, author, examines with humor and heart the Southern identity question of, "Just Who Are Your People?" The novel is a combination of comedy, mystery, wisdom and charm. A great way to kick off our new season of great books.
 SEPTEMBER 9 • 1:30PM • MCCULLOUGH ROOM

FAITH-PARENTING WORKSHOP TO LAUNCH



Our young people are growing up in a culture that is radically different than anything we who are adults experienced when we were younger. With rapidly growing technology and

the pluralism of our culture they are receiving multiple messages daily that often conflict with the priorities we are trying to set for them as they grow as young disciples.

Part of our commitment together during the Sacrament of Baptism is we promise to raise up our children to know and love Jesus Christ. No matter what age or stage we are, we have accepted the privilege and responsibility to invest in our young people whether they are our own or part of our church family. That's what makes us all Faith Parents!

There is an exciting opportunity coming September 3, 2014 as we launch our first Faith-Parenting Workshop. Rev. Dr. Ruthie Seiders will be leading this workshop which comes directly out of her doctoral studies and dissertation work. Over the course of eight weeks we will explore the cultural influences which impact our young people, questions on infant baptism, share who influenced our own faith journeys, and God's call to each of us to impress the faith upon the children in our church family.

The classes will be offered on Wednesday evenings, September 3-October 22, from 6:30-7:30 after the Intersection Dinner (which you are welcome to attend from 5:30-6:30). This class is currently limited to 24 members, on a first-come/first-served basis. Childcare is provided. For more information or to sign up

Contact Lindsay Blackmon
 (lindsayb@fpcsat.org)

SEPTEMBER 3-OCTOBER 22 • 6:30-7:30 PM • ROOM 224

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS PROGRAM HELPS YOU AS YOU HELP LOVED ONES

Are you caring for your aging parents or do you know someone who is? A program called Powerful Tools for Caregivers can help give you exactly what you need to care for yourself as well as your loved one.

Powerful Tools is a nationally known evidence-based program that emphasizes empowerment and self-care of the caregiver. Caregivers often report the feeling that they have no control over events. Powerful Tools for Caregivers has been found to assist caregivers in reducing the stress, loneliness and anxiety in caring for a friend or loved one of any age with a chronic illness.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers was brought to South Central Texas in 2011. Research showed there were approximately 65 million family caregivers in the U.S. Research also disclosed that there was a lack of preparation or training for this work, and in many cases, family caregivers felt overwhelmed. As a result, they neglected their own needs developing health problems, suffering from stress, depression, anxiety, anger and guilt, all of which are normal and expected companions of caregiving. First Presbyterian Church San Antonio is offering the Powerful Tools for Caregivers program for six weeks on Thursday afternoons September 18-October 23, 2014. Class size is limited and registration is required in advance.

Contact Michele Hendrix
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 Flo Creighton
 (210-716-5329 or floinsa@yahoo.com)

SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 23 • 1:00-3:30PM • ROOM 300

DISCOVER FIRST!

Before becoming a member, Discover First! Learn about the faith, mission, and people of First Pres and how you can be a vital part of making Jesus visible in San Antonio.

Attendance at Discover First! does not obligate you to join, but it does prepare you to become a member should you choose to do so.

Contact Stacie Rodriguez
 (stacier@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2759)

SEPTEMBER 14, 21, 28, OCTOBER 5

Save the Date

FPC CHILDREN'S CENTER MINI FIESTA



Main Church parking lot and playgrounds
Benefiting the FPC Children's Center

Please make plans to join us for food, games, and a silent auction at the FPC Children's Center Fall Mini Fiesta. The funds from this event enable us to send our teachers to the National Association for the Education of Young Children conference for training. Bring your young children, family and friends for an evening of fun activities and fellowship.

We are in need of volunteers to help work the booths (students are encouraged to help). We appreciate any donations for the silent auction or door prize ticket. If you would like to help, please contact Sandy Blanco, Director of the Children's Center.

Contact Sandy Blanco
(210-225-0960 or sandy@fpcsat.org)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014 • 5:00-7:00 P.M.

FPC CHILDREN'S CENTER BOOK AND TOY SALE



The Children's Center is in need of gently used children's books, toys and DVD's for their annual Book and Toy Sale. This sale is the kickoff event for the Fall Mini Fiesta that is scheduled for October 10, 2014. The proceeds from this sale go towards sending the teachers to the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). This training enables the teachers to stay abreast of the latest research and learn how they can best apply it in a Christian early childhood setting. Please bring your donations by the Children's Center office downstairs. Deadline for items is October 3.

Contact Sandy Blanco
(210-225-0960 or sandy@fpcsat.org)

NOW – OCTOBER 3 • 7:00 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP WITH DR. JERRY ROOT



Director of the Evangelism Initiative and Faculty/Scholar at the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism at Wheaton College Associate Professor at Wheaton College

Evangelism can be scary to many. Sometimes we think God has given only a few people the gift of evangelism. But what if it meant that we are participating with God's mission of bringing others to Himself, changing lives, or working powerfully in our midst? Are we prepared to heed the call to participate with Him as he is at work in the world?

Dr. Jerry Root says evangelism is primarily about introducing people to the God who is already present, not about us being perfect. This is good news! Discover how we can reflect the abiding love of Jesus Christ through our deep relationships and investing in one another.

SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • WESTMINSTER HALL

- 8:00-8:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-9:45 a.m. - Session One
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. - Break
- 10:15-11:30 a.m. - Session Two

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • SANCTUARY

- 9:30 a.m. - Traditional worship service
- 11:00 a.m. - Traditional worship service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • WESTMINSTER HALL

- 11:00 a.m. - Contemporary worship service

Dr. Root will preach at both traditional worship services in the Sanctuary; a live feed of his 11:00 sermon will be broadcast to the contemporary worship service.

HOW TO RESERVE:

\$5 PER PERSON - YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION
DEADLINE TO RSVP: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014.

To reserve for the workshop and for breakfast, please make out a check to First Presbyterian Church San Antonio in the amount of \$5 and send to Lisa Snow, First Presbyterian Church, 404 North Alamo, San Antonio, Texas 78205-1918, or bring it to the church during normal business hours.

BLOCK PARTY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO
**BLOCK
PARTY**

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. (John 1:14, The Message)

Let's celebrate the beginning of fall
In our neighborhood and give back to the world!

Come comfortably dressed

SCHEDULE

- 8:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 9:30 a.m. blended worship service in the Sanctuary followed by Promise Pack* service project and refreshments in Westminster Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. blended worship service in the Sanctuary followed by Promise Pack* service project in Westminster Hall
- Delicious barbecue in the First Pres Student Center afterwards
- We're closing down Avenue E for games, fun, and fellowship!

We're closing down Avenue E for games, fun, and fellowship! Fun for children, youth, and adults! Bring pop-up canopies and lawn chairs to share.

For those with mobility issues, we are providing courtesy parking adjacent to the church building at McCullough at Ave E.

*Promise Packs to empower the potential of orphans and at-risk children in Malawi, Africa

KICK-OFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7



Mo-Ranch Church Retreat 2014

BY REV. DR. RUTHIE SEIDERS

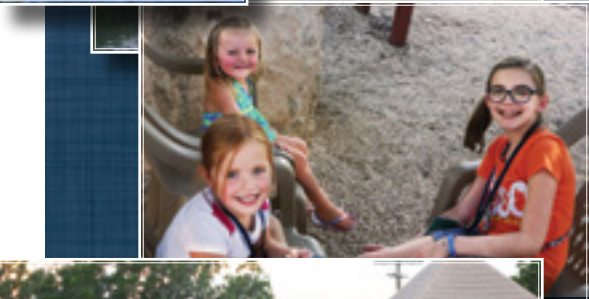
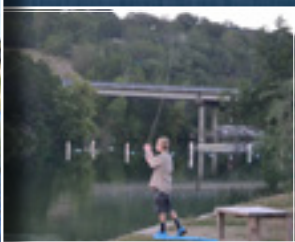
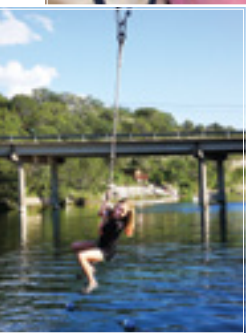
"We loved having the retreat in August! A great way to end the summer."

Mark and Linda Roberts' presentation "was so pertinent to FPC's situation. I wish the whole congregation heard the message!"

commUNITY in Christ was the theme of this year's All-Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch. Rev. Dr. Mark Roberts and his wife Linda, a marriage and family counselor and spiritual director teamed up to teach and lead us through a study of Colossians 3:12-17. With the combination of excellent teaching by Mark, often giving us insights from the nuances in the original language, and reflection and small group exercises facilitated by Linda, we were immersed in the scriptures Friday evening and all morning Saturday.

Saturday afternoon was free for people to relax at the pool or river, play tennis, chalk paint a piece of furniture, be adventurous on the high ropes course, or take a nap or walk enjoying the beautiful campus of the Mo-Ranch Retreat Center in the hill country outside of Hunt, Texas.

After a barbeque dinner at the river, people had the options to do a children's craft with their kids, get a tennis or golf lesson, or construct a cross out of kits of lumber and a bag of nails. Prizes were given for creativity, effort, and stability. It was a fun time for all ages to build next to each other, for others to sit and watch while visiting with one another, and enjoy the amazing weather God gave us for the weekend.

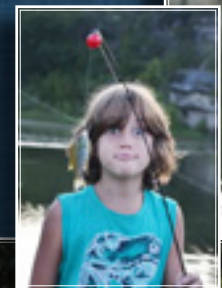
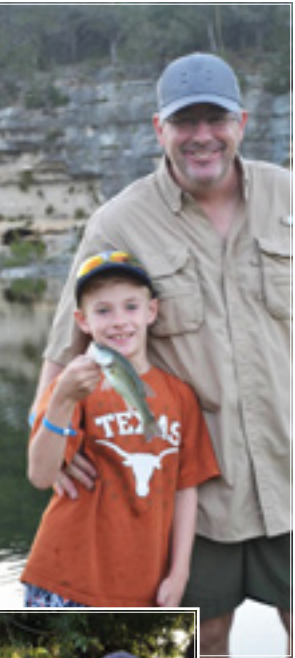
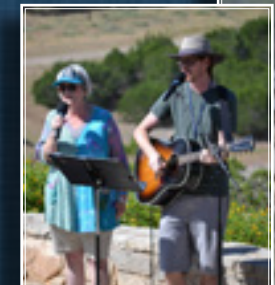


After the activity time we gathered at the edge of the river for an evening vespers service at which we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism with Kim and Richard Storm. Kim and their three children, Sam, Henry, and Nina had never been baptized and after joining at Discover First earlier in the year, Kim requested baptism by immersion. We offered to do this at Mo-Ranch and she was excited to wait for this special opportunity. Visit the church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fpcsanantonio.org and watch the sweet nine-minute video of this special moment.

Sunday morning, after one more hour of teaching and reflection, we headed up to the Chapel on the Hill for closing worship. After Mark preached we had the privilege to celebrate both the Sacrament of Baptism with the Buehn family as they presented 6 week old Camden for baptism, and then come as a church family to the Table together. With the spectacular view of the Guadalupe Valley in front of us, a large wooden cross in the center of our view, it was a breathtaking way to celebrate our UNITY in Christ as Josh Fenoglio and Margaret Berton led us in worship.

Our caregivers took wonderful care of our littlest campers, our children and youth ministry teams planned fun activities for the kids and young people, and we are so thankful to Mark and Linda for their generosity of time in preparing and leading us throughout our time together. As one person remarked, "This was perfectly planned for the reality we are in as a congregation."

"WE MET PEOPLE WHOSE FACES WE KNEW,
BUT NOT THEIR STORIES! "



Martyrdom IN RECENT TIMES



BY LEN MARTIN, DEACON

EDITOR'S NOTE:

On September 27, 2014, Wheaton College's Jerry Root will present a workshop and lecture series on evangelism, exploring what it means to be a witness. Throughout history, being a witness can mean martyrdom. Here is a reflection on people who gave everything for the sake of the Gospel.

**"THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS
IS THE SEED OF THE CHURCH."
— TERTULLIAN AD 160-225**

CHRISTIAN MARTYRDOM HAS CHANGED SINCE THE FIRST CENTURIES OF THE CHURCH.

Then a Christian who would not renounce his faith and worship an emperor or an emperor's gods was often slain by beheading, crucifixion, or some other hideous method of execution. In the 20th century many missionaries were martyred because they were "Westerners," uninvited visitors to primitive tribes or random victims of political unrest. One such incident occurred on January 8, 1956. Five American missionaries were speared to death by primitive tribesmen with whom they thought they had established friendly contact over a period of four months.

JIM ELLIOT was a translator trying to document the language of a tribe in Ecuador so the Bible could be translated to their language. His church background was Plymouth Brethren. He was a pacifist who could have been registered as a conscientious objector had he been called up for service in WWII. He graduated from Wheaton College ('49) which is my Alma Mater. He was working with Quechua natives but was asked by his close friend Peter Fleming to accompany the group trying to make contact with the "Auca" tribe. This is the word "savage" in the Quechua dialect. Officially it is the Huaorani people.

NATE SAINT was a pilot's pilot. He was a natural to flying very young and it was a family affair. He was flying solo by the time he was a teen. He enlisted in the Army in WWII with the intent to become a pilot in the Army Air Corps (later U. S. Air Force). Because of an old injury that flared up he could not pass the required physical. Instead he became a respected aircraft repair expert. His older brother flew for the Air Corps and after the war became an American Airlines pilot. Nate tried to follow in his footsteps but once again the old injury raised its ugly head. He went to Wheaton College to start his theological training but left after a year to become a pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). He flew so skilfully in making a tight circle turn that he could lower a bucket from the aircraft that would remain stationary so medical supplies and messages could be retrieved easily. By putting gifts in the bucket he was able to make contact with the Aucas. When they returned feathered trinkets he knew it was time to make personal contact.

ED MCCULLY also graduated from Wheaton and was an outstanding athlete. The sports stadium was named for him within a year of his death. I graduated from Wheaton in June 1956 so I was close to the news events that surrounded this tragedy including a ten page spread in Life Magazine. I have been to Shell Mara, a former oil exploration station in the Ecuadorian rain forest. It was the MAF station that Nate Saint operated out of transporting missionaries and cargo to mission outposts. When I was there in the 1980's I visited the radio room next to the hangar that housed the aircraft. Nate made the planned 1:30 check in but he was lying dead on the sand bar when the 4:30 check in time came around.

PETER FLEMING was a PB churchman like Ed McCully and Jim Elliot. He was schooled in primitive language techniques for translating the Bible at the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), which was a partner with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Because they were a Protestant mission translating and recording native tongues so that they would have a Bible in their own language years later they were prohibited from operating in most South and Central American countries.

ROGER YOUNDERIAN was a Baptist and a second generation Armenian whose parents most likely escaped from the 1915 Armenian genocide in the Ottoman Empire (Turkey). He had been a paratrooper in WWII and fought in the Battle of the Bulge (Bastogne). He also was a translator trained at SIL. He was a substitute for the mission when another man was called away for another priority.

THE MEN STARTED TO SET UP CAMP ON A SPOT THEY CALLED "PALM BEACH" ON JANUARY 3RD. Nate Saint flew them there landing and taking off from a 600 foot sand bar. Some of the men had pistols but agreed that they would only be fired to scare the Aucas. On January 6th they were visited by three of the Aucas, a young man they called George and two women. They appeared friendly enough and Nate took George for a ride in the airplane. They left to return to their village about 4 miles away. Two days later a larger group of men came to the beach about 3:00. The first to be speared was Elliot after he drew his pistol and got off one shot. Fleming was the next to be speared as he pleaded peaceful overtures. The next to be speared was Saint then McCully. Youderian ran to the airplane and was speared as he held the microphone to report the attack. The bodies were found a few days later as they were washed down the river. All were buried close to the beach at the request of their survivors.

IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED,

Racheal Saint, Nate's sister and Elizabeth Elliot Jim's widow were able to continue the translation work and evangelize the tribal people.



First Presbyterian Church
**CHILDREN'S CENTER CHAIRPERSON
RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE**

"AND THE LORD SAID TO MOSES: "TAKE JOSHUA THE SON OF NUN WITH YOU, A MAN IN WHOM IS THE SPIRIT, AND...INAUGURATE HIM...GIVE SOME OF YOUR AUTHORITY TO HIM THAT ALL THE CONGREGATION OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL MAY BE OBEDIENT." (NUMBERS 27:18-20)

OF ALL THE WONDERFUL WAYS our former visionary pastor, Rev. Louis Zbinden expressed his leadership, the most strategic had to have been in his selection of congregation members at First Presbyterian Church to build and assist him in carrying out his mission. One of these members was Mrs. Carolyn Harte. Mrs. Harte had a servant's heart for children and a special interest in early childhood education. With approval from the Session and the help of a dedicated board: Weir Labatt III, David Peeples, Maitland Rutledge, Robert Poteet, Mrs. Robert LePere, Friench Tarkington, Mrs. Joseph Warrick, Mrs. Ronald Scates and Mrs. Houston Harte (Chairperson), the Children's Center opened its doors September 3, 1980.

TAKING ON THE ROLE AS CHAIRPERSON of the FPC Children's Center board was no small task. It required an individual who was willing to give her time, conviction and courage to the cause; someone who was



strong in the Spirit and strong in character. Mrs. Harte possesses all of these qualities. To keep the program viable Carolyn kept track of the finances, worked with Licensing, conducted board meetings, helped select new staff and board members and supported the center director in achieving the National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation. Along with Mrs. Harte, David Peeples served 30 years as a board member and Maitland Rutledge served 32 years. Under her faithful guidance, the Children's Center grew as an outreach ministry of the church. Today, it continues to touch the lives of thousands of children and families in our community and beyond.

THERE IS NO BETTER LEGACY than making a lasting difference in the lives of others. Mrs. Harte's loving dedication to all God's children has impacted lives and touched the future. Being the chairperson of the Children's Center was not work, it was a ministry to Carolyn Harte.

THANK YOU CAROLYN, for 34 years of faithful service in making Jesus visible through your ministry of First Presbyterian Church Children's Center.

*The First Presbyterian Church Children's Center Founders Memorial Scholarship has been established to help families with a financial need attend the Center. If you are interested in honoring Carolyn Harte or the original founding members of FPC Children's Center by making a donation to this worthy cause please contact Sandy Blanco, Director, at 210-225-0960.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SAN ANTONIO CONTINUES TO
BE EXCITED AND GRATEFUL
FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP
WITH WORLD VISION
AND OUR SPONSORED
COMMUNITY, MUTENDERE,
IN MALAWI, AFRICA.

3 ways

TO MAKE
JESUS...

...VISIBLE
IN MALAWI

THERE ARE THREE WAYS YOU CAN
GET INVOLVED AND MAKE JESUS
VISIBLE IN MALAWI: GO ON A
MISSION TRIP, SPONSOR A
CHILD FROM MUTENDERE,
AND MAKE A PROMISE PACK
ON KICK-OFF SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7, 2014.

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The First Pres mission team that went to Malawi this past April continues to be amazed at what God showed them on their journey, and we are so excited to begin recruiting other congregation members for our next trip.

The trip will be April 26-May 5, 2015. Spots are filling up fast for this team, so if you would like to add your name to the interest list, or if you have any questions, contact Alyssa Payne at alyssap@fpcsat.org or call 210-226-0215. Signups close the end of October, so please contact us soon!

CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD

Sponsoring your World Vision child in Mutendere is just the beginning of an amazing adventure. There are many ways to get to know your child and let them know they are special. Send letters and cards • Give special gifts and packages • Email • Visit

WATCH YOUR CHILD GROW

With your help, your child will have the opportunity for a healthier, fuller life. We'll send you updates so you can see how they are growing and developing. Each year you'll receive: New photos of your child
Your child's progress report

SEE COMMUNITY PROGRESS

As a sponsor, you'll be helping change the lives of your child, their family, and their community. You'll receive updates each year to show

how your support is strengthening your child's entire community, including:

- A newsletter of accomplishments
- New photos of the community

FIND OUT MORE

If you would like to find out more about sponsoring a child in Mutendere, please visit First Presbyterian Church San Antonio's World Vision web page at www.worldvision.org/First-Presbyterian-Church.

You may also contact Alyssa Payne at 210-271-2742 or alyssap@fpcsat.org.

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HOW WORLD
VISION CHILD
SPONSORSHIP
WORKS



PROMISE
PACKS

YOU, OR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS, CAN HELP ASSEMBLE A PROMISE PACK
this coming Kick-off Sunday, September 7, 2014, following the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. blended worship services in Westminster Hall.

THESE PROMISE PACKS EMPOWER THE POTENTIAL OF ORPHANS AND AT-RISK CHILDREN IN MALAWI BECAUSE EVERY CHILD HOLDS THE PROMISE OF LIFE, GROWTH, AND DEVELOPMENT, AND CHILDREN ARE THE HOPE OF EVERY COMMUNITY.

Promise Packs are backpacks filled with school supplies, basic hygiene items, and an insect-repelling blanket. You can also include a note of encouragement!

Following the worship services, go to Westminster Hall to assemble your Promise Pack. Each Pack should only take five-to-ten minutes to assemble. This is a great way for parents and their children to serve together!



World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision aims to address the underlying causes of poverty by improving the well-being of children in sustainable ways alongside donors and the communities who have the will to achieve this vision.

The goal of World Vision's child sponsorship is to make life better for children. Our child sponsorship programs have four basic aspirations that guide our work and on which our work is measured. Children have the right to enjoy good health; be educated for life; be cared for, protected, and participating in their communities; and experience the love of God and their neighbors.

Poverty is complex and rarely solved by one intervention. Depending on each community's needs, a sponsored child—and his or her entire community—benefit from things like clean water through new or renovated wells, school fees and supplies, better education due to restored schools and teacher training, improved nutrition due to agricultural training, as well as health care clinics and immunizations.

In areas where permitted, World Vision works with local churches to ensure that a sponsor's gift will also help provide a Christian education program to give children the chance to learn about Jesus and his love.

ABOUT
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Seton Home: A Place where Jesus is Visible



By Joe Rust - Member, Local Missions

First Presbyterian Church is well recognized for its support of many community programs through ministry, money and voluntarism in our goal in living to make Jesus visible.

One of those Christ-centered programs is that of Seton Home, a residential facility whose primary ministry is to care for pregnant and parenting teen moms.

First Presbyterian Church has a close and loving relationship with Seton Home. Witness just some of this relationship:

- Twelve baptisms of Seton Home residents and their children at our church during the past year;
- A special financial gift from FPC allowed some of the young ladies to attend camp this summer;
- Many FPC members volunteer at Seton Home;
- There is high participation in FPC Sunday school classes of the babies, toddlers, and preschoolers of teen moms from Seton Home;
- There is one-on-one spiritual support from FPC members through Young Lives;
- The FPC staff has volunteered at Seton Home on Serve Day;
- Our Rev. Ruthie Seiders has an outreach program to provide spiritual and mentoring support to Seton Home residents who are seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ;
- There is an excellent program to connect FPC family and student ministries in special Seton Home events such as baby showers and birthday parties;
- FPC Local Missions has provided a special gift to Seton Home for vans;
- Local Missions continues faithful financial support to Seton Home;
- The FPC Stephen Ministry program works with some Seton Home clients;
- FPC members provide continuing prayer support for the residents of Seton Home.

In return for this strong support to Seton Home from FPC, teens from Seton Home are regular volunteers in the Loaves and Fishes ministry of our church. These young people choose to use their free time off campus each month to help us in this ministry to make Jesus more visible to our fellow man.

In relation to this role of more spiritual visibility, this summer I was blessed to attend an outdoor high school graduation for 16 of the young ladies at the home. It was difficult holding back the tears as I heard of the academic accomplishments of these women and of how they struggled individually to achieve those accomplishments. The young ladies received diplomas from several schools, including Por Vida Academy, the Healy Murphy Center, Navarro Academy, the Seton Home Summer School, Penn Foster, San Antonio CAN and Palo Alto College.

Without supportive services as those provided by such churches as First Presbyterian, the odds of such young ladies graduating high school or earning a general equivalency diploma would be quite low.

There was no doubt that Jesus Christ stood beneath the shade of trees on the Seton Home grounds for this graduation, pleased with what He saw and heard.

One quite joyful testimony given at the graduation was by one young mother of two sons who became pregnant at the ages of 12 and 15 and who was removed from her mother's custody at 16. She told the crowd, "I was always told that I was going to be worthless to my children and not able to provide for their needs. For a while I thought that those

voices were right. When I was removed from custody I felt as if my world was over. I was alone in the world and didn't know how to continue with my life. I believed that I had failed. One day I realized that I couldn't just allow myself to give up on life. I had to take a stand and get my life together not only for me but for my two boys. I had an urge to prove people wrong and show them that I can do everything my children need from me."

So, she got back in the right lane, bringing up her grades from Fs to high As and Bs and showing her caseworker she could manage on a small stipend. She said, "I realize that I have become stronger, more independent and more faith-filled. I was able to overcome the storm that soaked me and turn it into bright sunlight. I have broken the cycle in my family and I am going to be the first high school graduate in my family and the first person to attend college. Overcoming these situations was not easy but I have done it with two sons. I know that when people try to knock me down, I am able to rise stronger than before."

This brave and determined young lady goes to college this fall, seeking a degree in criminal investigation. We can thank God she was given a new chance in life and are grateful that First Presbyterian Church has had a small role in bringing about that new life. In fact, Seton Home has 25-30 residents and 10-15 of them participate in First Presbyterian Church worship services and events.

Seton Home has had 72 teen mothers graduate from high school in the past five years, with most of them continuing into college or into vocational training. The goal of Seton Home is to graduate 100 percent of its residents. Christ is visible mightily in this goal.



Sanctuary Choir

Kick-off Sunday is a month away, but FPC's Sanctuary Choir has already put in a month of rehearsals, planning, and (despite a July rehearsal hiatus) a continuation of its role in leading our traditional worship services.

Our newly elected choir officers are Kay Kutchins, president; Christi Custer, President-Elect; Grace Daubert, Vice President-Choir Operations; Neil Williams, Vice President-Choir Activities; and Tom Dooling, Minister of Music. A planning meeting on August 4 focused on four target areas for the coming choir year:

- Achieving and maintaining excellence in choral singing;
- Recruiting choir members;
- Collaborating and supporting other ministries and initiatives at FPC – musical and non-musical;
- Building on last year's travel concert experience.

Our Sanctuary Choir meets weekly – 7:00-8:45 p.m. each Wednesday - to rehearse



for Sunday traditional worship services, prepare musical selections for Christmas, special concert programs and community collaborations. Our professional singers in each section provide a strong vocal foundation for our Sanctuary Choir in addition to their outstanding choral work as a chamber ensemble.

Dr. Jae Ha and Tom Dooling are our staff leadership - and each year they cajole, strongly urge, and always encourage those of us who sing to focus on that first of the four target areas listed above. This past summer Jae attended the American Guild of Organists annual conference in Boston. "It was hot and the church recital venues weren't air-conditioned," he reported. Tom attended the National Sacred Music Conference in January and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Music and Worship Week in Montreat, North Carolina.

One of our great challenges is recruiting choir members. We want many potential singers to know that singing in Sanctuary Choir is a fellowship community whose ministry is singing to the glory of God. We like each other, we celebrate together and—at times—we struggle together to achieve that aforementioned excellence.

We've been blessed through our support for and collaboration with other FPC ministries. We began the all-church July 4th celebratory picnic five summers ago - and were cautioned about calling the second edition

Making Beautiful Music

BY KAY KUTCHINS, SANCTUARY CHOIR PRESIDENT

the "first anniversary" event. Three years ago we partnered with KEYS Ministry to add their July Ice Cream Social event to the menu. And, yes, there are those who line up for dessert before they eat their vegetables. But what's more picnic than fried chicken and ice cream? This year we'll be working with our choir members who are Reading Buddies to provide school supplies for the schools they serve. We'll continue to be strong supporters of PW's Christmas Basket effort, and we'll pray with our ministers the first Sunday of each month as part of our support for FPC's worship team.

Last Spring we ventured to Uvalde, Texas, where Tracy Hinchcliff's husband, Mark, was serving as interim pastor for that city's Presbyterian church. Over 150 Uvalde citizens came on a Sunday afternoon to hear us sing a concert drawing from our Mary Jean Rogers program in April plus some great anthems. As we mingled with those attending, several people asked if we'd be back this year. And the Uvalde church members served a wonderful barbecue dinner and homemade cobbler for dessert, so we came home knowing each other better, meeting some new friends, and singing again to the glory of God. We don't know what lies ahead for this year, but we're already thinking about another travel opportunity.

In the meantime we're preparing for the worship service at FPC when Mission Presbytery meets here in October. And our



Chamber Singer Ensemble will be singing a special concert at the Incarnate Word Motherhouse Chapel on Sunday afternoon, November 2. December brings the full panoply of music for Advent and Christmas.

In early January, FPC will be hosting the National Sacred Music Conference, and you'll have an opportunity to hear a Festival Chorus Concert to be held at First Baptist Church, with singers drawn from conference attendees and other local churches. Mark your calendar for that event - the joint choruses we've sung with when the Texas Choral Directors Association meets in San Antonio each summer have been great experiences for our choir. This will be no different.

It's going to be a rewarding year, so, if you sing, have a musical background, and want to be part of a great church family group, come "test the waters" with us on a Wednesday evening and see what worship in music might mean for your spiritual life.

Sing out!



What Do You Do ON FRIDAY MORNINGS?

Friday Singers



Most Friday mornings from late August to late May there is a group of people spread across San Antonio who get up early, don a blue denim shirt and khaki slacks, get in their vehicles and drive to various retirement homes, rehab places and nursing homes that are scattered throughout San Antonio. The group consists of teachers, professors, nurses, military pilots and enlisted personnel, a photographer, a journalist, a man still active in the oil industry and those who represent other career fields. Mostly, the group is retired and over 50. What does this group have in common? Perhaps several things, but first and foremost they love to sing. They have a heart for those who have been relegated to living in the aforementioned variety of homes other than their once private abodes. Their statement of purpose is to "put a song in the hearts of their audiences" by singing songs that recall the memories of their lives.

So goes the life of the Friday Singers of First Presbyterian Church. Not all of this diverse group are members of FPC. The only requirement is that you like to sing. Therefore, if you are reading this and know of a friend north, south, east or west of anywhere, please invite them to join the Friday

Singers. I promise you cannot find a group that exudes more love for life, each other and those they try to entertain.

Forget American Idol and come join the Friday Singers and learn how wonderful it feels to see the face of someone in a wheelchair light up and start singing along, when they hear the strains of that song they had long since forgotten.

It was by divine purpose that I was substituting on the phones at FPC and started visiting with Leroy Yarbrough, founder of the Friday Singers, that he asked me to join the group. I cannot express the joy it has brought into my life. Charlotte Hains has graciously taken over as our leader, since Leroy left to lead the heavenly choir. Dr. Jae Ha accompanies us on the piano, when he can and Sheryl Dinklage steps in, when Jae is unable to join us. For these three we are grateful for they keep us in tune.

A poet must write, an artist must paint, and musicians must make music if they are to be at peace within themselves.

BY VIRGINIA LEONARD



"We Gather Together" FOR THE PW FALL LADIES' NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 9



Please join the Presbyterian Women in the lovely home of Trudy Moore for a fun evening of fellowship and to kick off our new year. Our guest speaker is our own Candy Wagner, cookbook author, food consultant, and caterer. As mentioned in a review of her most recent book, *Cooking Texas Style: Traditional Recipes from the Lone Star State* which was published in February of 2013, "Thirty years after its first publication, popular acclaim has made this collection of favorite family recipes the standard source for traditional Texas cooking."

Apart from the cookbook, her catering and personal chef business, Candy also enjoys making holiday food gifts and baskets, all with homemade delights. With the advent of the fall and holiday gift giving season, she will be demonstrating these gifts from a simple hostess gift to an elegant holiday gift basket. She will be happy to answer any catering or entertaining questions. Her cookbook will be available for purchase and signing afterwards.

Be sure and save the date for this special evening: Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m., 124 Geneseo Road! For questions, please call Lilly Gretzinger at 210-601-0575 or Linda Gail Dullnig at 830-591-8150.



BY ANN BUNN,
PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

FOR THE WOMEN OF FIRST PRES

IT IS TIME FOR KICK-OFF SUNDAY AND A FALL FULL OF ACTIVITIES. AS YOU QUICKLY FILL UP YOUR FALL CALENDAR, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL PENCIL IN PW ACTIVITIES!

If you are not in a circle, please consider joining one. There are bible study circles, a literature circle, white cross circle, sewing circles, shawl ministry circle, care and concern circle, circle of concern, and a mom's group. There are more details about each of these circles in the GROW BOOKLET, which can be found in the Mauze Lobby and on our church's website, fpcsanantonio.org, under Ministries: Women. Also, please look at the September Circle Meetings Dates in this issue of First Press and on the website. Please feel free to call Meredith Park, Vice-President of New Members, at 210-373-8180 or email her at meredithpark@satx.rr.com to help you find the circle that is right for you! Alternatively, call the circle chair of the circle that you might be interested in.

PLEASE "SAVE THE DATE" FOR THE TWO PW FALL EVENTS:

- October 9 - We Gather Together... PW Fall Ladies' Night Out
- October 27 - "Ties that Bind" First Annual PW Fall Legacy Luncheon

Please read the articles in this issue of First Press to learn more about these exciting events.

Before we say goodbye to summer, I cannot let it end without saying "thank you" to the many people who have worked this summer to help get the PW Year off to a great start!

THANK YOU:

- **Georgia Heath**, Vice-President of PW Directory, for the countless hours spent updating and reviewing the information for the new PW Directory
- **Julie Walthall**, Vice-President of Circles, for contacting Circle Chairmen and hosting a Coffee for the Circle Chairmen
- **Meredith Park**, Vice-President of New Members, for updating the New Member Letter and helping new members to find a Circle
- **Kay Case and Barbara Winship**, Moderator Chairmen, for hosting a brunch for the Moderators
- **Ruthie Seiders and Sandy Sturch** for preparing the II Corinthians Bible Study Lessons and Notes and meeting with the Moderators
- **Jeanne Douglas**, Treasurer, and **Barbara Wood**, Assistant Treasurer, for preparing a budget and meeting with the Circle Chairmen to help them get ready for the current year.
- **Amy Foster and Sara Parish**, historians, for keeping our Bulletin Board up to date and taking lots of wonderful pictures
- **Barbie Beach and Nancy Puckett**, former and current Corresponding Secretaries, for writing their lovely and gracious notes to members of the Presbyterian Women
- **Judy Kruger, Chaney Stuart, Holly Youngquist, Luncheon Co-Chairmen, and Robin Hudnall, Blair Perry, and Cheri Stith, Luncheon Decorations Chairmen**, for all of their work in preparing for the "Ties that Binds" First Annual Legacy Luncheon.
- **Ann Dennis**, President-Elect, **Susan Dekoch** and **Candy Wagner** for their support
- **The Staff of FPC** for all of their hard work and support to Presbyterian Women, especially: **Ruthie Seiders** for her guidance, **Lindsay Blackmon** for her design of the PW Directory Cover and work on the PW Directory, **Judson Taylor** and **Richard Flores** for their help with printing requirements, and **Sarah Clower** for designing the new PW Stationery.

Blessings to all.

Come count your blessings at the First Annual "Ties that Bind" PW Fall Legacy Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, October 27, 2014, in Westminster Hall. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. if you would like to come early to view and purchase a one-of-a-kind centerpiece hand picked from the fall garden as well as the Round Top Antiques Fair.



It is easy to let circumstances rob us of our joy. Many of us have experienced times of trials and moments of doubt. Where is God? Why me? Does God even hear me? We each have a story to tell about a time when we were afraid, felt hopeless and even questioned God's plan for our lives. Psalm 31:5 reminds us that "weeping may remain for the night, BUT rejoicing comes in the morning."

At this year's PW Fall Legacy Luncheon, we will hear stories from church members about their journeys through the valley and how this church has ministered to them or challenged them to live for Jesus in a new and creative way. You won't want to miss these encouraging words about the fellowship and faith of believers here at FPC.

Please join us and bring a friend or two! The Legacy Luncheon will provide a time of fellowship around the table to strengthen old friendships as well as develop new ones. It will be a time to rejoice in all that God has done and promises to do in and through us as we faithfully look to Him to guide us in the coming months.

Indeed Psalm 16: 5-6 is true for us: "Lord, you have assigned us our portion and our cup; you have made our lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for us in pleasant places; surely we have a delightful inheritance."

Tickets for the luncheon are \$15 and reservations are required. We will no longer accept payment at the door the day of the luncheon. Your check is your reservation and may be paid at your Circle meeting, placed in the PW box in the workroom at church, or mailed to Holly Youngquist at 109 Cobblestone Court, San Antonio, Texas 78213. Please make your check payable to FPC and put PW Luncheon in the notation line. Reservations for tables of eight or 10 are available on a first-come basis. The deadline for reservations is Monday, October 20.

- CIRCLE 112** • Monday, September 15th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Geneva room
- CIRCLE 2/4** • Monday, September 15th, at 1:30 p.m. in room 226
- CIRCLE 5** • Friday, September 19th, from noon-1 p.m., room 228
- CIRCLE 6** • Tuesday, September 16th, at 1:30 p.m., in the Geneva room
- CIRCLE 7** • Tuesday, September 16th, at 11:30 a.m. There will be a salad luncheon at the home of Tina Lyons, 720 Castano, 78209
- CIRCLE 8** • (Mom's group) - Wednesday, September 3rd, from 9:30-11:30, in room 108. Please contact Carrie Jowers if childcare is needed.
- CIRCLE 9** • Tuesday September 16th, 10 a.m. at the church
- CIRCLE 11** • Monday September 29th, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Suzanne Norton, 608 Antler Dr., San Antonio, TX, 78213
- CIRCLE 13** • Tuesday, September 9th, at 1:30 p.m. in the McCullough room. Refreshments will be served at 1 p.m.
- CIRCLE 14** • Monday, September 15th, from noon-1 p.m. in the St. Andrew's room
- CIRCLE 16** • Wednesday, September 17th, at 9:30 a.m. in room 228
- CIRCLE 17** • Wednesday, September 10th, at 9:30 a.m. in room 309
- CIRCLE 19** • Wednesday, September 3rd, at 9:30 a.m. in room 309
- CIRCLE 21** • Monday, September 15th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Karin Gabrielson, 129 W. Wildwood Drive, 78212

PW FALL LEGACY LUNCHEON OCTOBER 27

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KEYS ADULTS KICK-OFF FALL PROGRAMS

BY PAT MCCLEARY, DIRECTOR, OLDER ADULTS MINISTRY



WITH SUMMER ALMOST TO AN END

(will our Texas heat also end?) and fall just around the corner, it's time to look forward to our fall programs that the KEYS Leadership Committee has planned. They have been very busy planning Friday programs with excellent speakers, luncheons, a picnic, movies, game days, and service opportunities. Let's not forget our new special "Keep Moving Fitness" class every Friday morning.

JOIN ME AS WE WELCOME OUR NEW AND RETURNING OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS.

A big thank you to Nominating Committee Chairman Harold Black for selecting the following officers:

CO-PRESIDENTS

Jane Warren & Janet Beauch; Vice President-Harold Black; Secretary – Geri McCorkindale; Treasurer – Don McCorkindale; Assistant Treasurer – Jim Falconnier; Member at Large – Joe Rust.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE AGREED TO CHAIR KEYS COMMITTEES:

Prayer Committee – Mary Kincaid; Special Event Planner – Virginia Nilsson; Bulletin Board – Suzanne West; SA Reads Book Bank – Jane Warren; Calling Committee –Liz Wright & Virginia Nilsson; Bridge – Katy Bedunnah; Mah Jongg – Nancy Black; Introductions – Nancy Black; Membership – Geri McCorkindale; Care & Concern – Elza Crump; Movies – Liz & Jack Wright; Transportation – Ginger Davenport; Elder – Anne Folkes.

SEPTEMBER 7

Happy Grandparents' Day! President Jimmy Carter proclaimed National Grandparents' Day in 1978. Count your blessings, enjoy your grandchildren and have a great day!

KEYS FALL KICK-OFF

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 11:00 A.M. • LUNCH (\$7) LISTEN AS NOTED EDUCATOR BILL PERRYMAN PRESENTS "WOMEN BEHIND THE MEN"

We often hear about the men in America's history, but what about the women? Filled with mystery, contemplation and intrigue, Bill Perryman brings to life some interesting details regarding the women behind some of American's most famous men! Expect the unusual – prepare for an experience! Leave invigorated! Mr. Perryman is known throughout Texas for his historical portrayals of pivotal people in American history and for his teacher trainings, seminars and entertaining professional tours of San Antonio. Remember the outstanding program Mr. Perryman gave for last year's kick-off: George Washington: A Call to Duty! You won't want to miss this great program!

*PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 10:45 A.M. IN ORDER TO PAY & BE SEATED BY 11:00 A.M. WHEN PROGRAM BEGINS.

THE GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014, 11:00 A.M.

Come and join us as we tune in and enjoy the classic radio comedies and adventures of yesterday presented by the Extended Run Players in association with the UTW Department of Theatre Arts.

Those who remember the vacuum tube radio days will enjoy playing the audience as the Extended Players reproduce three shows: "Fibber McGee and Molly" was originally broadcast in November 1944. "Suspense" dates to 1947, while "Burns and Allen" followed in March of 1949. Jack Benny appeared as guest on the latter show, which exploited Jack's famous reputation as a tightwad.

Please make reservations by Tuesday, September 23 by calling 210-226-0215

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2014, 11:30 A.M.

We'll celebrate September birthdays at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club where you'll enjoy a delicious lunch. Cost is \$12/person except for our birthday-month guests who receive a complimentary meal.

Reservations must be made by Tuesday noon, September 16, by calling the church and giving us your entrée selection. Menus to make your selection will be available at our kick-off program. Thanks to Ginger and Bud for making arrangements. This will also be your opportunity to tell "what you did this summer."

KEYS GAME DAYS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AND 26

Bridge & Mah Jongg will be played after lunch on Friday, September 12 and 26. Please contact Katy BeDunnah at 210-945-9789 for bridge and Nancy Black at 210-493-1609 for Mah Jongg.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- OCTOBER 3** • Program to be announced
- OCTOBER 10** • Alzheimer's Work Shop
- OCTOBER 12** • Flu Shot Clinic
- OCTOBER 18** • Annual Picnic at Judith & Doug McNeel's Ranch
- OCTOBER 24** • No KEYS as Mission Presbytery is meeting at FPC
- OCTOBER 31** • Hamburger Lunch & Movie (to be announced)

SA READS BOOK BANK/LITERACY

SAN ANTONIO SERVICE PROJECT

Our volunteers resumed work in August at the Book Bank, under the direction of Volunteer Coordinator, Chelsea Pitcher, to prepare and package over 3,300 books from the 2014 Summer Book Drive.

KEYS volunteer on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Jane Warren at 493-5187 for more information.

KEEP MOVING FITNESS

Keep Moving Fitness meets every Friday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the New Student Center with an excellent certified instructor, Linda Osborne. This is a no-cost program that addresses the importance of exercise. Come, bring a friend and have fun while improving your health!

OLDER ADULTS GET A PREVIEW TOUR OF THE NEW TOBIN CENTER



Mental Hope: First Pres Mental Health Ministry

First Presbyterian Church has a heart for those who suffer from mental illness and for those who provide comfort and care for them. The mission of FPC Mental Health Ministries is to: (1) provide educational resources to help erase the stigma of mental illness in our community; (2) help FPC become a caring congregation for persons living with a mental illness and their families; and (3) to help encourage those affected by mental illness to call upon their faith for strength and healing. Mental Health Ministries also collaborates with other churches, advocacy groups, community organizations and mental health professionals to lift up the importance of using a person's faith and spirituality as part of the overall treatment and recovery process. FPC is offering the following opportunities for families and individual's impacted by mental illness. There are classes and groups to help learn about mental illness and how to use our faith, community resources and our peers to cope with and manage the illness. For more details, contact Doug or Barbie Beach at doug.beach@ymail.com / 210-602-5733.

FPC NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS)

Family-to-Family Course
Room 302

Tuesdays 6:30-9:00 p.m.

NAMI Family-to-Family (FTF) is a free 12-week education program for families, partners and friends of individuals with severe mental illnesses. This series of weekly classes is structured to help caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental illnesses while maintaining their own well-being. The course is taught by trained family members who know what it's like to have a loved one struggling with one of these brain disorders. The curriculum focuses on schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), clinical depression, panic disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). Fall classes begin September 23, 2014.

FPC NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS)

Peer-to-Peer Course
Room 301

Tuesdays 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Begins September 23, 2014

NAMI Peer to Peer (P2P) is a free 10-week education program for people living with severe mental illnesses. This series of weekly classes is structured to provide practical tools to help move toward living a life of recovery, managing the illness, dealing with the everyday issues of medication, employment, housing, treatment and therapy. Trained peer instructors living with a mental illness teach the course.

FAMILY GRACE SUPPORT GROUP

Room 300

First and third Tuesdays of the month
6:30-8:00 p.m.

The "Family Grace Support Group" meets twice each month on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Family members and friends receive support from each other by sharing their experience, strength and hope while caring for a loved one who has a mental illness. The group also uses outside resources including books, speakers and videos to help present new information, answer questions about obtaining services and better understand how to help family members with an illness through recovery. The Group uses the Family Grace materials provided by Mental Health Grace Alliance, a spiritually based group advocating a holistic approach to mental health recovery and wellness.

LIVING GRACE SUPPORT GROUP

Room 300

First and third Tuesdays of the month
6:30-8:00 p.m.

The "Living Grace Support Group" meets twice each month on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. People living with mental illness receive support from each other by sharing their experience, strength and hope while working to live in recovery from mental illness. The group also uses outside resources including books, speakers and videos to help present new information, answer questions about obtaining services and better understand how to help family members with an illness through recovery. The Group uses Living Grace materials provided by Mental Health Grace Alliance, a spiritually based group advocating a holistic approach to mental health recovery and wellness.

Deacons Home Communion Ministry



Home Communion is an extension of Communion that is served at First Presbyterian Church during worship. On Communion Sunday (first Sunday of each month), before Communion is served to the congregation, the ministerial staff blesses the Bread and the Cup. Our Home Communion kits will be prepared using these same blessed elements and then offered to those unable to attend. By extending communion to more of our members, the entire body has the opportunity to share in this unique act of worship. Members, who temporarily or routinely cannot join their family and friends at church, now have the opportunity to receive the elements in their homes or temporary residence.

The next scheduled Home Communion Sunday is October 5th, World Communion Sunday. The dates in 2015 are February 1, May 3, August 2, and October 4. (It is understood that flexibility and loving accommodation will be used when it is necessary to bring Communion on a Communion Sunday other than the scheduled quarterly dates.)

Any member or family of the member who wishes communion brought to him on any of these dates, may provide that information to the church by calling Rev. Scott Simpson's Administrative Assistant, Susan Dullnig, at 210-271-2753.

MEN@FIRST

“THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES’ TEACHING AND TO FELLOWSHIP, TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TO PRAYER.” ACTS 2:42.

One of the great privileges we have in the life is to be the Godly men we have been created to be. The reality is, we live our lives in the tension between being what we think we are supposed to be and what we have been called to be. We often think that if we can be the most successful man in a particular business we will then be a better provider for our family. We think if we can be a better golfer, hunter, landowner, investment manager, etc., then we have really “made it.”

However, what the world needs most are men who are committed to making Jesus visible in their homes, to their families, in their workplace, in the midst of hobbies, etc. A man who has a heart for the Lord is a man who can absolutely win the hearts of others. And the way this comes about is for men to first surrender to the grace of God in Jesus Christ and then respond by being proactive in strengthening their faith through fellowship and study with other men who are on the same journey.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE PART OF MEN @ FIRST.

An opportunity for men at FPC to be in fellowship together, to strengthen their faith together, and to grow in a better understanding of how to live to make Jesus visible in our daily lives.

MEN’S BREAKFASTS AT THE QUARRY

Each month men at FPC gather at the Quarry Golf Club meeting area for breakfast, fellowship and to hear a speaker talk about their walk with Christ, how men can impact our community and the body of Christ. In September, Dr. John Tolson will speak on discipling. Men are encouraged to bring a friend, a neighbor, co-worker or any other man they know who is seeking to find out how Christ can become part of their life.

Dr. John Tolson speaks Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Dr. Tolson is the author of *The Four Priorities*, now in its third printing, and *Take a Knee*, a motivational book based on the locker room messages he gave to the Dallas Cowboys. He is a nationally renowned teacher, speaker and author who, for more than 30 years, has spiritually mentored hundreds of thousands of adults and students. In fact, about one million people have been helped through *The Gathering*, a discipleship ministry he founded. Dr. Tolson received his Master of Divinity from Columbia and Doctorate of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Dates: Second Wednesday of each month (except for December, January and May)
7:00-8:00 a.m.

The Quarry Golf Club, 444 E. Basse Rd.

\$10 per person at the door.

Contact: Doug Beach at doug.beach@ymail.com or the church office, 210-226-0215.

RSVP by calling 210-226-0215.

MEN’S NIGHT

On the fourth Tuesday evening of each month men will gather at First Presbyterian Church to share a meal and listen to a brief testimony by another man. The time together is informal and provides an opportunity for men to gather in fellowship and faith. A light meal will be served beginning at 6:30 pm and the gathering will conclude by 8:00 p.m. Men are encouraged to bring a friend to share in this evening of fellowship. Fellowship, casual dinner and brief sharing time. Come one come all. Donations are accepted. Our first speaker at the dinner on Tuesday, September 23, will be Mike Sharrow, CEO of C12 in San Antonio/Austin. The C12 Group is a national network of local member groups comprised of Christian business owners and CEOs who are committed to applying Biblical principles to their plans and operations through the proprietary C12 curriculum and the facilitation of a professional chair.



For more information contact Stacie Rodriguez at stacier@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2759 or visit www.fpcsanantonio.org.

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MEN’S BIBLE STUDIES

Each Thursday morning men gather to study the Word and talk about how God is speaking to them and working in their lives. Breakfast is available and all men are invited to participate in the fellowship and discussions. Contact Stacie Rodriguez at stacier@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2759.

EARLY MORNING MEN’S BREAKFAST AND STUDY GROUP

A great breakfast greets this small group of “early-bird” men for their interactive lay lead Bible study. They strive to confirm their faith and look for a deeper meaning through the works and teachings of William Barclay. A deep level of understanding scripture is not required. 7:00-8:00 a.m., Schilo’s Deli 424 East Commerce St, San Antonio. Contact Bill Lyons at 210-229-1646.

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men of all ages are invited for weekly Bible study, prayerful support and Christian growth led by Rev. John Seiders each Thursday morning. After breakfast, a passage of Scripture is read and discussed. Each man is invited to share his insights on the truth and relevance of the morning’s passage. The group meets from 7:15-8:30 a.m. in the Geneva Room (2nd floor, just off the Mauze Lobby). Contact Rev. John Seiders at johns@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2715.

“NOW TEACH THESE TRUTHS TO OTHER TRUSTWORTHY PEOPLE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO PASS THEM ON TO OTHERS.” (2 TIMOTHY 2:2 NLT)

MEN’S DISCIPLING

Men at FPC will be discipling each other throughout the Fall 2014 and Spring of 2015 using “Four Priorities” by John Tolson. Meeting in pairs, men will learn what it means to become a man of Christ and will learn how to disciple others.

Through a creative mix of relevant case studies and scriptural illustrations, “The Four Priorities” workbook presents an easy-to-understand, practical “tool kit” for balancing the four priorities of Christ: our spiritual life, our personal life, our relationships, and our place in the larger world. Confronting life’s challenges with tough grace, this biblically based study enables men to impact others for Jesus Christ.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a disciple or about discipling others, contact Doug Beach doug.beach@ymail.com. New discipling groups will begin in January 2015.

THIRD ANNUAL MEN’S RETREAT

Join the men of FPC in a weekend of fellowship, faith and reflection at T Bar M Conference Center in New Braunfels. On our weekend together, we will explore what it means to be a follower of Christ as fathers, husbands, friends and members of our community. May 1-3, 2015. To find out more, contact Stacie Rodriguez at stacier@fpcsat.org / 210-271-2759.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

Would you like to be a part of bringing hope and healing to Mexico? Registration is now OFFICIALLY OPEN for our FPC Medical Mission Trip February 19-24, 2015. We'll travel to the Yucatan Peninsula where we'll meet up with a local pastor who will guide us in establishing a medical clinic in the community of Leona Vicario. Participant cost is \$600, but fundraising help is 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 He has provided to you are particularly needed. (although all adults who want to serve are invited to participate!) For more information or to request an application, please contact Alyssa Payne at 210-271-2742 or alyssap@fpcsat.org.



HOW YOU MADE JESUS VISIBLE IN SAN ANTONIO

GIVING BLOOD

Every day, people encounter unexpected medical crises requiring blood and plasma for survival. Thank you to our FPC members who participated in our recent blood drive for the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center. With your help, we met our goal of offering 10 life-saving units of blood to be used for someone in urgent need. Just another example of how FPC is "living to make Jesus visible!"

GIFT CARD DRIVE

This summer, the Local Missions Committee held a gift card drive for the Warrior and Family Support Center. In San Antonio, there are many resources that offer our wounded military coming home great support, but the family members that travel here to help their injured relatives recover are sometimes overlooked. Local Missions wanted to bless the family members that are here supporting their family through their recovery. We collected \$590 in gift cards to a variety of wonderful local restaurants, stores, and fun family activities. Army Support Activity Manager Frank E. Blakely II thanked First Presbyterian Church for the generous contribution to the Fort Sam Houston Warrior and Family Support Center, established in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He writes, "Your willing assistance demonstrates your concern for our Warriors and their families and exemplified the spirit of America." Thank you, FPC!

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DIGNITY BEGINS WITH THE BASICS UNDERWEAR, SOCKS, AND TOILETRIES DRIVE OCTOBER 5

Men's, women's and children's underwear of all sizes are needed at Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) as this local mission partner of First Presbyterian Church seeks to help our downtown neighbors with basic necessities.

Imagine your mornings, pulling a clean pair of underwear out of your drawer as you get dressed for the day. For many of those served at CAM this is a luxury. They see clients who have nothing and children who are ashamed to change clothes during PE because they don't have what they need.

Please help us serve the men, women and children who walk through CAM's doors by bringing bags of new and clean underwear to church on World Communion Sunday, October 6, for the "Dignity Begins with the Basics" drive. We also need socks and toiletries. If you have children, perhaps you might want to have them "shop" for the items to donate as a means of them realizing how blessed we are to have our necessities, and how it is a blessing for each of us to help others when we can. Help us to share the love of Christ by clothing and loving those in need.

Contact Alyssa Payne at alyssap@fpcsat.org if you have questions.



PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

DURING THIS INTERIM TIME IN THE LIFE OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP BRINGING THE WHOLE CHURCH AND ITS ACTIVITIES BEFORE OUR LORD GOD IN PRAYER.

- Pray for our pastors, John Seiders, Ruthie Seiders and Scott Simpson, and pray for the FPC staff.
- Pray for the Session as it carries on the business of the church.
- Pray for the Deacons as they lovingly care for the congregation.
- Pray for the love, peace, purity and unity of our congregation and the church.
- Pray for the senior pastor search process

THERE ARE SEVERAL STEPS FPC MUST GO THROUGH BEFORE CALLING A NEW SENIOR PASTOR.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE WELCOMED EACH STEP OF THE WAY:

- Pray for the Session as they seek God's will in appointing an interim pastor search committee.
- Pray for the interim pastor search committee and its work.
- Pray for the person whom God is calling to become our interim pastor.

LATER, AS WE MOVE THROUGH THE CONGREGATIONAL PROCESS OF SELECTING A NEW SENIOR PASTOR:

- Pray for the people who will eventually be elected by the congregation to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) after the interim pastor begins to help us do our work as a congregation.
- Pray for the members of the PNC and their work as they search for a new senior pastor.
- Pray for the person whom God is calling to be FPC's new senior pastor.
- Pray for the Mission Presbytery representatives as they advise FPC during the entire process.

YOU MIGHT CUT THIS OUT AND POST IT AS A REMINDER TO PRAY EACH DAY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEARCH PROCESS AND BEYOND WHEN OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR IS INSTALLED.



First Cup

SEPTEMBER 2014

Dear Family in Christ,

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

Blessings and love in Christ,
Sandy Sturch & Claire Averyt

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, # 379

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the vale. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found; dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28; Philippians 4:10-20; Proverbs 19:11; James 5:7-11
- 2 2 Thessalonians 1; Matthew 5:10-12; 10
- 3 Luke 17; 2 Thessalonians 2; Ephesians 1:3-14; Revelation 13:5-10; 14:1-13
- 4 2 Thessalonians 3; 2 Timothy 3; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Proverbs 14:23; 28:19
- 5 Genesis 1-2; John 1:1-14; Colossians 1:15-20
- 6 Genesis 3; Romans 1:18-32; Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

THE HYMNBOOK, # 381

God is our Refuge and our Strength, our everpresent aid, And therefore, though the earth remove, We will not be afraid; Though hills amidst the seas be cast, Though foaming waters roar, Yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore. Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand, For God will be her early help, when trouble is at hand.

- 7 Genesis 4; Hebrews 11:1-4; 1 John 3
- 8 Genesis 6; Psalm 14; 53:1-3; Hebrews 11:7; Romans 3:9-30
- 9 Genesis 7; Psalm 36; 1 Peter 3:8-22
- 10 Genesis 8; Jeremiah 5; Psalm 111
- 11 Genesis 9; Isaiah 54; Luke 17:20-37
- 12 Genesis 12-13; Hebrews 11:8-10;
- 13 Genesis 15-17; Hebrews 11:11-16; Romans 4

WORSHIP IN SONG, # 472

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King! Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring. "Glory in the highest!" I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises of Christ, The Lord, bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword, Standing on the promises of God. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, Resting in my Saviour as my All in All, Standing on the promises of God.

- 14 Genesis 21-22; Hebrews 11:17-19; 6:13-20
- 15 Genesis 32-33; 1 Chronicles 16:7-18; Psalm 20
- 16 Genesis 35; Ruth 4:11-17; Micah 5:1-9; Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 1:46-55

- 17 Genesis 36:1-8; Isaiah 34; Jeremiah 49:7-22; Ezekiel 25:12-14; Malachi 1:4
- 18 Genesis 37; 1 John 2:9-11; 3:11-15; 4:19-21
- 19 Genesis 39; Proverbs 2
- 20 Genesis 40; Psalm 105:16-22

THE HYMNBOOK, #369

How firm a foundation, ye saints of The Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled? "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand, When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shal not overflow; For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress, The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

- 21 Genesis 41; Daniel 1:17-20; Acts 2:17-18; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; Colossians 3:16
- 22 Genesis 42-43; Matthew 6:12-15; 18:21-35; Psalm 25
- 23 Genesis 44-46:7; Romans 8:28-39; Psalm 16
- 24 Genesis 46:26-47:31; Psalm 65; Proverbs 3
- 25 Genesis 48-49; Acts 7:2-26; Hebrews 11:21; Isaiah 46:3-4; Psalm 116:15
- 26 Genesis 50; Hebrews 11:22; Deuteronomy 33:13-17; Proverbs 22:1; Psalm 116:15
- 27 Exodus 1; Acts 7:17-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

SPIRITUAL

When Israel was in Egypt's land, Let my people go, oppressed so hard they could not stand, Let my people go. Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land, Tell old Pharaoh: Let my people go. The Lord told Moses what to do, Let my people go, to lead the Hebrew children through, Let my people go. Lord, help us all from bondage flee, Let my people go, and let us all in Christ be free, Let my people go.

- 28 Exodus 2; Hebrews 11:24-26; Psalm 5
- 29 Exodus 3; Romans 8:31-39
- 30 Exodus 4; Acts 7:20-22; Matthew 10:19-20; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5



Moments to Hold Close

SEE WHAT YOU'RE MISSING

BY MANNY RODRIGUEZ

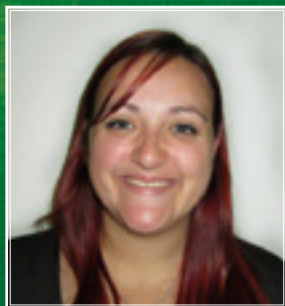
I had to get new prescription glasses recently. While I was trying on frames my son implored me to look at some polarized lenses. The lenses were accompanied with a slogan. "See What You're Missing." Next to the glasses was a plain white piece of paper.

However, once you looked at the paper while wearing the glasses, an elaborate picture of a sailboat out at sea became visible. It could only be viewed while wearing the glasses.

Can you imagine how many things we are not seeing without polarized lenses? Can you imagine what we don't see if Christ is not in our life? Our Messiah is truly the most polarizing of all and without Him life is rather plain like the white piece of paper, but once we welcome Jesus into our heart, everything becomes visible.

Recognizing OUR FPC STAFF

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



JENNIFER CHACON
10 YEARS • AUGUST



LISA ANGUIANO
5 YEARS • AUGUST



KATHLEEN JAMISON
5 YEARS • SEPTEMBER



MONICA GUZMAN
5 YEARS • DECEMBER

Welcome UNIVERSITY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY'S NEW INTERN

Meghan Dougherty joins First Presbyterian Church San Antonio as University Ministry and Young Adult Intern. Meghan was born and raised in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She is a recent graduate of Eastern University, where she majored in Youth Ministry with minors in both Sociology and Biblical Studies. Meghan just completed her second summer on staff with Group Mission Trips, leading mission trip experiences for 7th-12th grade students and their youth leaders in Indianapolis, Indiana. Some of her favorite hobbies include: coffee dates, hammocking, heart-to-hearts, trying new recipes and dinosaur fights. She joins Matt Curcio, who remains as University Ministry and Young Adult Intern through 2015.



BAPTISMS

- Wesley Cade Mayo, son of Wesley Creamer and Callie Mortimer Mayo, born July 31, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on June 15, 2014. Scott Simpson, officiating pastor.
- Caroline Elizabeth Barker, daughter of Jonathan and Michele Barker, born March 18, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on June 29, 2014. John H. Seiders, officiating pastor.
- Isaiah Kain Moses Grant, son of Ray Grant and Tara Esquivel, born June 23, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on July 13, 2014. Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor.
- Margaret Ann Johnson, daughter of Bradley and Lisa Johnson, born January 21, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on July 13, 2014. Trey H. Little, officiating pastor.
- Alice Katherine Nicholas, daughter of Andrew and Ellen W. Nicholas, born January 28, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on July 20, 2014. Scott Simpson, officiating pastor.
- Luke Lyons, son of John and Lauren Lyons, born July 30, 2013, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized in the Traditional Worship Service on July 27, 2014. Scott Simpson, officiating pastor.
- Kimberly Banner Storm received adult baptism at Mo-Ranch, Hunt, Texas, on August 9, 2014. Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor.
- Samuel Banner Storm, son of Richard and Kimberly Storm, born May 9, 2001, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized at Mo-Ranch, Hunt, Texas, on August 9, 2014. Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor.
- Henry Willis Storm, son of Richard and Kimberly Storm, born September 29, 2005,

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in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized at Mo-Ranch, Hunt, Texas, on August 9, 2014. Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor.

- Nina Lucille Storm, daughter of Richard and Kimberly Storm, born July 4, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized at Mo-Ranch, Hunt, Texas, on August 9, 2014. Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor.
- Camden Charles Buehn, son of Torsten and Cheryl Buehn, born June 24, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. Baptized at Mo-Ranch, Hunt, Texas on August 10, 2014. Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor.

MARRIAGES

- Justin Plez McKenzie and Melissa Beth Johnston, married at First Presbyterian Church in the Sanctuary on June 7, 2014; Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor.
- Chance Andrew Choate and Kara Elizabeth Karlak, married at First Presbyterian Church in the Sanctuary on June 7, 2014; John H. Seiders, officiating pastor.
- *Tyler James Thalken and *Ashley Anne Hamner, married at First Presbyterian Church in the Sanctuary on July 5, 2014; Ruthie Seiders, officiating pastor.

DEATHS

- Jean E. Montgomery, died June 11, 2014.
- Carolyn Jane Lankford Loizeaux, died July 7, 2014.
- John Wesley Turner, died July 27, 2014.

*denotes non-member

FINANCIAL SUMMARY • JULY 2014

OPERATING FUND BUDGET	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD	OVER/(UNDER)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,379,324	2,483,012	(103,688)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	2,027,314	2,145,438	(118,124)
TOTAL BENEVOLENCES	346,107	375,359	(29,252)
NETINCOME/LOSS	5,903	(37,785)	43,688

Giving for the month of June was strong but fell off in July. Please remember that 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.

EXPECTING A BABY?

If you are expecting a baby or know someone who is, please let us know! Contact Carrie Jowers, Assistant Director of Children's Ministry, at 210-271-2720 or carriej@fpcsat.org.



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