



First Presbyterian Church, Mission

Where God's love makes all the difference!

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GRACE, MERCY & PEACE TO YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

SARAH'S PUPS ARE HERE!

Thank-you for the time off while I had my puppies. I wanted to share some pics of my new babies. I am so proud of my new little family—6 pups in all! They now have their eyes open, and after the puppies are sold I will be back to work!

Hot weather had us bump up the sprinklers. I'm sure the trees and grass will agree with this decision. We put down some granuales to prevent the fungus that is among us every year. Hopefully we got a jump on it.

Amanda, who has been working in the garden, has told me it's been hot out there. Everything seems to stress out a little. But everyone is trying to keep all plants wet and happy and trimmed up. We had to have a little work done on our soaker system, but it's up and running great. Really enjoy the company that runs in and

out enjoying our garden!



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

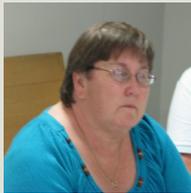
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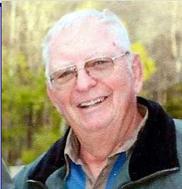
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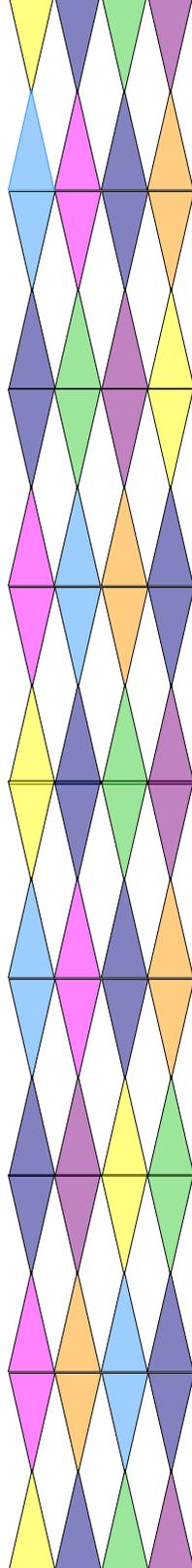
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**A WORD
FROM
PASTOR
DAVE +**

**GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE TO YOU FROM GOD
THE FATHER AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

“Radical Hospitality...” that is what Pastor Dave Carver of Crafton Heights United Presbyterian Church said we were involved in, when his mission workers came down to stay with us for the third year... Looking at our Church calendar- we will have had five work groups staying with us in almost 7 weeks- around 90 people sleeping and eating in our buildings...

I believe that we are going “above and beyond” the hospitality expected by mission work groups and yet I believe that this kind of Hospitality is what Jesus expects of his followers. I think that being a church that shows Hospitality is different than being a friendly church. Both mean that you will extend yourself for someone else but the church that shows hospitality opens up their hearts and lives to another. It is the hospitality that the Good Samaritan showed to the injured traveler on the road to Jericho. Take some time and re-read this great story from Luke 10:25-37.

There are two characteristics of Hospitality this story makes clear.

Hospitality that takes your breath away is not planned as much as it is seen as a disruption in our lives. You can build into your schedule time to help a neighbor or host a dinner for friends or even drive someone to the hospital for tests. Hospitality is what happens when you’ve just sat down for dinner with your family and the phone rings and you’re asked to take someone to the hospital...now! There is nothing convenient about being hospitable...

When we are hospitable we do not have a hidden agenda. The church doesn’t host a community dinner in the hopes of getting new members so that we can add to the church budget. Truth is that hospitality will cost us something. The “Prosperity Gospel” you hear about today is a lie. We do not give of ourselves so that we’ll become blessed, we know our blessings in our giving. When we are hospitable we are living the life Jesus lived.

Lastly- hospitality flows from our generosity and being generous has absolutely nothing to do with how much money we have... I have experienced that the most hospitable people are also the most generous people because they themselves have experienced hospitality. They have received what they could never deserve... Gratitude is what drives our hospitality. Take gratitude out of our hospitality and you will have very resentful and bitter givers, and the Lord loves a cheerful giver...

FPCM hospitality will always be inconvenient and will always cost us, but isn’t it a joy to be used by God as we share our blessings...

Blessings,
Pastor Dave +



This is your "Happy Birthday" – "Happy Anniversary" voice, and if I haven't called you it's because I don't have your phone #. A.K.A. Mother Hare, this was in my son Reverend John Hare's newsletter and thought I might share it...



Don't Stay Away from Church...

- Because it rains. You go to work in the rain!**
- Because it's hot. So is the golf course!**
- Because it's cold. It's warm and friendly inside!**
- Because you're poor. There's no admission charge!**
- Because you're rich. That can be cured!**
- Because the Church wants money. So does the grocer!**
- Because no one invited you. People go to the movies without being asked!**
- Because you have children. God loves them!**
- Because they are hypocrites. You hang out with them every day!**
- Because you have company. Bring them along – or ask them to wait.**
- Because your clothes aren't expensive. Churches aren't fashion shows.**
- Because you have plenty of time to go later. Are you sure?**



To everyone who has worked and/or provided FOOD, SNACKS, DESSERT, COOKIES for our Work Groups: A big **THANK YOU !!**

Judy Mayes had a group here from Westminister Pres in NC who arrived May 19 thru May 25. My next group arrived June 9 thru 15 from Central Pres in Austin. On June 11, while we were hosting them, we provided a BRISKET DINNER with all the fixins' for Judy's 95 MSP workers from Austin at the McAllen Methodist Church along with 40+ volunteers. Every year, Judy takes a week of her vacation time to work along with this MSP group, besides helping me the rest of the summer. **GOD BLESS JUDY!**

The next group we hosted June 16 thru 22, was from University Pres in MI, June 23 thru 29 saw Westminister Pres NC. Thank God, we will get a break until July 21 thru 27 when we will be hosting John Calvin Pres San Antonio. With each of these groups, a Welcome Supper on Saturday night and Breakfast Sunday morning is provided by our church by myself, Judy and 8 volunteer Angels.

I just want to say from everyone who ate the **GOODIES** on Sunday morning during Coffee Time, a **HUGE THANKS** to Mike & Jenny Hudsonpillar for buying, baking, and delivering all these **TREATS** while Mike was on the Session.

ANY VOLUNTEERS TO CONTINUE??

Bob Sherwood
Outreach Elder





Give
thanks



Recently, I was reorganizing the closet that houses much of the FPC scenery, costumes, Christmas decorations, etc. We have recently put some new shelving in this special closet and of course, the “things” had to be put away. A strange task for the Director of Music/Worship? Well, not really, because part of my job

here at FPC Mission is to oversee all parts of the worship service and that includes not only the music, but the flowers, banners, Christmas decorations, and so on.

When FPC Mission burned in January, 2004, all of the costumes, Chrismon, and banners were lost because they were stored in the room where the fire began . . . I should say, all of the banners EXCEPT for the Advent banners which were stored in the closet I am speaking of. It has been a tedious and sad experience to replace the things that we could. But, as I put the boxes away, I was touched again and again by the wonderful acts of kindness, generosity and love that people have shown to this church over the many years of its existence.

For instance: the original Chrismons were made in the early 1970s by women who spent countless hours making all of them by hand, each one a work of art. They were replaced by another group of women who took the time to recreate each one in the likeness of the ones lost. I realize more fully that we are extremely blest in this church with wonderful, giving people and I give thanks for them all!

Pat Hudsonpillar



**Chorale
Comics...**



Campbell.
"Now turn to hymn 206. Sing the first verse. Mumble the third. Hum the fifth."



MUSIC TO INSPIRE YOU...

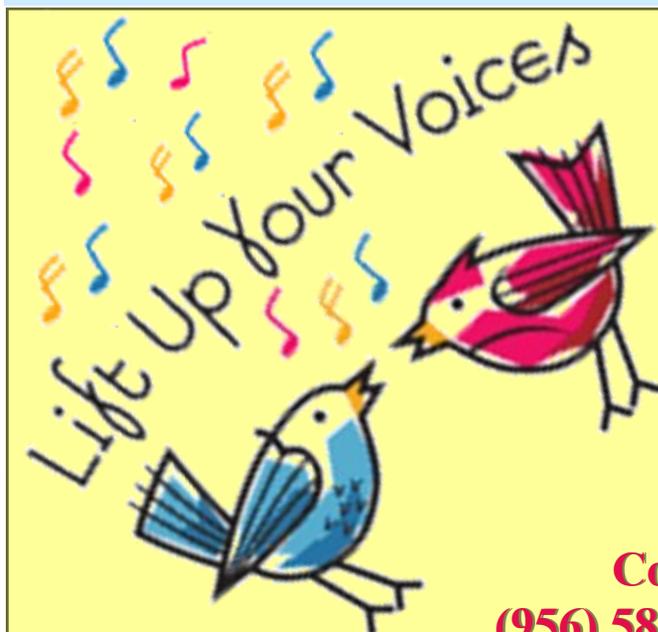
Are you familiar with the Christian musical group called **CASTING CROWNS**? **CASTING CROWNS** is a Grammy Award and Dove Award

winning Christian band that employs a soft rock music style. The band was created in 1999 by youth pastor, Mark Hall, at First Baptist Church in Downtown Daytona Beach, Florida as part of a youth group. He also serves as a lead vocalist. Later they moved to McDonough, Georgia and more members joined creating the band now known as **CASTING CROWNS**. Some members of the band currently work as ministers for Eagles Landing First Baptist Church in McDonough, Georgia. The band has enjoyed tremendous success in the United States. Mark Hall calls the band's work a ministry akin to what the world would call "preaching to the choir." In keeping with The Great Commission, Hall describes their music as a "ministry of discipleship."

To date, the group has produced 9 albums which have all hit the top of the Christian Music Charts. One of their most popular songs was released in 2003: "WHO AM I?" It is about the love of God for His people and refers to the fact that we are sinners and our lives quickly fade away yet the God of all creation cares about every detail of our lives.

*If you would like to see and hear a video of "WHO AM I?" go to www.youtube.com and type **CASTING CROWNS WHO AM I** in the search box.*

HAPPY LISTENING!



Would you like to
be a part of our
special music this summer?

Do you have an idea for a
Celebration Sunday Concert
for the upcoming season?

Do you play an instrument?
Act?? Sing???

Contact Pat Hudsonpillar ASAP!
(956) 581-3990 or pat@fpcmission.com



The FPC Building Speaks!

“ Many sounds, new faces and foods have surrounded me lately, and I’m definitely happy to have the company. Love the company, songs, laughter, messages and conversation that have come to our fellowship

hall. Thank-you church, what a nice change.

A beautiful new cabinet graces my foyer in the Fellowship Hall. Thank-you Dave Elbers it looks really great! ”



FPC—Mission by Moonlight

Photo by Zoila De La Garza

Share your snapshots of FPC Fellowship, Service, & FUN for future newsletter editions!



**Have some info for the next newsletter??
Got a story about why you love FPC?
Want to share your favorite recipe??**



Our goal for this newsletter is that it reflects who we are and what we do at First Presbyterian Church—Mission. The most important part of this newsletter is YOU! So, please send your submissions to Jordan:

jordan@fpcmission.com



USHERS

HELP WANTED: "Able Bodied Ushers"

Work Sundays, with weekdays free for golf!
Work just about 2 hours per week (unless the preacher goes loong).

Retirement benefits are out of this world and must be able to carry a full offering plate...

Love of God and God's people a must.

Apply in person to Bob or Pam Sherwood- very easily located on Sunday mornings or call 585-6377 (just not during the sermon).



VBS 2012 Planning Underway
Summer is here and Vacation Bible School is just around the corner!

VBS will be held July 30- Aug 2 at FPC McAllen 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Christina Garfield of FPC McAllen and our own Nichole Jirovec are Co-directing this

event and are in need of volunteers for small group leaders, snack servers, and project helpers in the classrooms...If you are interested in helping out let us know! We will be holding a 2-day training for volunteers July 28th and 29th.

In addition almost all of the materials needed, as well as \$260, have been donated for VBS. So, we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of you that contributed! VBS will be a great success because of your help.

IMAGINE CREATION VBS2012

July 30-Aug2
(Monday-Thursday)
8:30 am-12 noon
Mid-morning snack will be provided

Ages: 4-11 years old



IMAGINE CREATION

Dear Church Members,

This year's VBS program is geared toward sending the message of "understanding what God gave us" through the "Story of Creation" in Genesis. To reduce the cost of materials and supplies we are asking for donations, whether they be material or monetary. The 2012 VBS program is calling on our congregation to come together as we combine our efforts with FPC of Mission, by helping us collect the materials necessary to complete our projects. In the Parlor we will post a list of the different materials one might be able to contribute to the program.

We are also ready to start registration, beginning with church members and their guests. You will find the registration form on the reverse side. Please turn in your forms to the front office.

IMAGINE CREATION
VBS2012

WHO: Children between grade levels Pre-k thru 6th grade

WHERE: FPC McAllen

WHEN: July 30- August 2, 2012

TIME: 8:30am-12:00pm

Thank You for your Efforts,
The 2012 VBS Program Directors

Cristina Garfield, FPC McAllen
Nicole Jirovec, FPC Mission



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MISSION
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Church Activities...

Birthdays

Anniversaries

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 -Dawn Little -Gale Haines	2 -Lyle and Cathryn Blick	3 -Bud Evans -Dick and Alta Uhrmacher -Don and Carla Badgley	4	5	6 -6:30 PM Paper Crafts with Judy A.	7 -JoAnne Higley -Dan and Nicole Elbers
8 -Mary Magnuson -Yvonne Ramsland	9	10	11 -Elsie Geertsema	12 -Jim Smith	13 -6:30 PM Paper Crafts with Judy A.	14
15 -Margaret Heaton -Victor and Rosemary Hom	16 -Shannon Dietrich -Peggy Cruse -Pam Sherwood	17 -Lowell Hudsonpillar -John Anderson	18	19 -Norman Eggers	20 -6:30 PM Paper Crafts with Judy A. -Sue Leerhoff -Karon and Dick Ives	21 -Dale Golich
22 -Jeanie Foval	23 -Jerry Bell -Jim Coyle	24 -Beverly Bledsoe -Lawrence Wood	25 -2:00 PM Brook Ridge -Peyton York	26	27 -6:30 PM Paper Crafts with Judy A.	28 -Edie Bernson -Richard and Pauline Augsburger
29 -Paul and Nicole Cruz	30 -Harold Garner -Lowell and Pat Hudsonpillar	31 -Shane Jirovec				

John Calvin Work Group From San Antonio



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