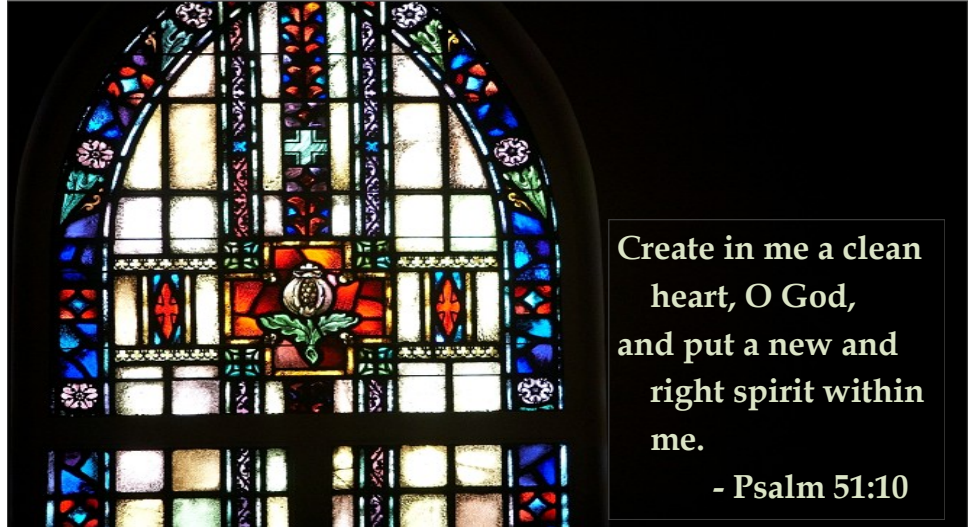


# THE BELL RINGER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
- Psalm 51:10

## LENT IN THE LIVING ROOM

“WE ARE ALL SPIRITUAL SEEKERS, INTUITIVELY KNOWING THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN WE SUSPECT.”

Traditionally the Lenten season is a time in which we still ourselves and ask the Holy Spirit to take us to the foot of the cross. There, in that sacred place, while seeing the gravity of our sin as well as the depth to which we are loved, we ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us our hearts and to invigorate our souls. We ask Him to help us live as the beloved of Jesus.

Beginning the week of February 19 and continuing for approximately six weeks, groups of individuals will come together and through prayer, fellowship and reading together from *“After You Believe”* by N.T. Wright, invite the Spirit to work among them.

is something more while we’re here on Earth. There is. We are being called to join the revolution, and Wright insightfully encourages readers to find new purpose and clarity by taking us on an eye-opening journey through key biblical passages that promise to radically alter the work of the church and the direction of our lives.”

Selected by the Adult Education sub-committee, *After You Believe* is “...a book that addresses the question that has plagued humans for centuries – what is our purpose? As Christians, what are we to do with that ambiguous time between baptism and the funeral? It’s easy to become preoccupied with who gets to heaven; the real challenge is how we are going to live in the here and now. ...We are all spiritual seekers, intuitively knowing there is more to life than we suspect. This is a book for anyone who is hoping there

If you are interested in facilitating or hosting a LILR group, please contact Shelley Kral at [shelleykral@fpclongview.org](mailto:shelleykral@fpclongview.org).

You may register for LILR groups in the gathering area before and after Sunday worship services, or by contacting the church office when the groups are formalized in early February.

While this type of reflection may occur in solitude, it is often through relationships that the Holy Spirit does his most profound work. It is as we gaze upon the beauty of Christ together, as we open small parts of ourselves to each other, that we discover treasures we may not discern alone. To assist in providing relationships for the Lenten journey, FPC offers Lent in the Living Room (LILR).

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## WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

### FEBRUARY 5

#### “SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY

*Bring non-perishable foods to put in the collection bins  
and/or money to donate to Longview Community  
Ministries' Foodbox*

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek  
“Caught Between the Jews and the Greeks”  
Text: Acts 17:1-21

#### 8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Kathy and Paul Watson, Wil White  
Prayer vigil: Gordon Northcutt, Jim Brun

#### 9:45 a.m. - Church School

#### 11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Suzi White, Tres Bainter, Debbie Bankston  
Prayer vigil: Nancy and Bailey Salmon

### FEBRUARY 12

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek  
“The Gospel Encounters Greek Philosophies”  
Text: Acts 17:22-34

#### 8:30 a.m. - Worship-communion

Greeters: Deb and John Zeigler, Buck Birdsong  
Prayer vigil: Genie Bartlett, Tess Iffland

**9:45 a.m. - Church School (in sanctuary for all adults and  
Senior High Youth—see page 5 of this Bell Ringer for more  
information)**

#### 11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Clay Brelsford, Amy and Marshall Jackson  
Prayer vigil: Bonnie Mason, Leslie Konvalin

### FEBRUARY 19

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek  
“Those Who Support the Ministry”  
Text: Acts 18:1-28

#### 8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Jim Brun, Bill and Sherri Burlingame  
Prayer vigil: Pat Taylor, E. T. Testerman

#### 9:45 a.m. - Church School

#### 11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Tiffany Jehorek, Mike and Pollie King  
Prayer vigil: Penny and Kirk Shields



### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek  
“Who Is Jesus Christ?”  
Ezekiel 27

#### 6:30 p.m. - Worship

Through music, prayer, Scripture meditation and the imposition of ashes, this brief service will call us to consider the importance of growing in faith through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### FEBRUARY 26

The Rev. Shelley Kral  
Who Is Jesus Christ?  
“I Am the Bread of Life”  
The Teaching: John 8:12-20  
The Sign: John 9:1-12

#### 8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Nancy Clemens, Brian Daugbjerg, Jeff Kearns  
Prayer vigil: Laura and Jack Mitchell

#### 9:45 a.m. - Congregational Meeting

#### 9:55 a.m. - Church School

#### 11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Joann Lazarus, Jim Lindsey  
Prayer vigil: Sandra Skoog, Frances Sample

## TRANSITIONS



#### IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**Leonard Stuckey,  
father of Suzanne Bickham**

*Neither death nor life can separate us from  
the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. -Romans 8:38*

# MINISTRIES FOR WOMEN, MEN, AND YOUTH

## WOMEN'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

**Women's Retreat at Camp Gilmont will be held February 3-5.** "It will be a Spiritual retreat where we will connect with our sisters in Christ, seek restoration, hear some good stories and be transformed into something beautiful by the Word of God." Rev Betsy Lockhart, MDiv., Pastor, Worship Curator and Storyteller will lead the weekend. Call the church office or visit the gilmont website for more information.

**The Youth Committee is in need of our help—** homemade cookies (2-3 dozen), brownies (2-3 dozen) or monetary donations for the purchase of strawberries to dip in chocolate for the upcoming "Hearts for Missions" Style Show to be held Sunday, February 12 in Grace Hall. If you can help with this need, please contact Jill Littlejohn or Ursula Dyer.

The Presbyterian Women of FPC Longview will host **Church Women United on Friday, March 2.** The meeting will be held in the parlor beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please make plans to attend.

- Circles in February

**Evening Circle**—Tuesday, 2/7, 7 p.m. at the home of Sandra Skoog

**Bankston Circle**—Monday, 2/13, 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor

**Ege Circle**—Tuesday, 2/14, 9:30 a.m. in church parlor

**Osborne Circle**—Tuesday, 2/14 9:30 a.m. at the church

**Hudson Circle**—Tuesday, 2/14, at church

Please know that if you are not already a member of a Circle, you are invited to attend any of the meetings.

- The Coordinating Team will not meet in February but will meet on March 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor.
- The next General Meeting and Luncheon will be March 27.



## YOUTH MINISTRY



### 2012 HEARTS FOR MISSION YOUTH STYLE SHOW "A NIGHT ON BROADWAY"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 6 P.M.  
IN GRACE HALL

Tickets are on sale in the Gathering Area or call Terrye Hudson

\$20 for adults; \$10 students

*Donations are gratefully accepted*

This is our 11th Annual Mission Fundraising Event

Please buy tickets and join in the fun!

### BOYS CHURCH BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

18 & Under at Pine Tree 7th grade gym (1701 Pine Tree Rd.):

2/2 9:15 p.m. vs. 1st Methodist  
2/7 9:15 p.m. vs. Mobberly Baptist  
2/14 9:15 p.m. vs. 1st Methodist



### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



CHECK YOUR  
YOUTH CALENDARS FOR TIMES  
AND PLACES

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

### "Worship Acolytes and Readers for 2012"

**Acolytes and Readers will be notified 1 week in advance . Interested Students may contact Tammy Moyes.**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Acolyte 11 a.m.</u>	<u>Reader</u>
February	Kathryn Burlingame	Daniel Fourie 8:30
	Caed Liebengood	Cameron Foy 11 am
March	Ainsley Daugbjerg	8:30 OPEN
	Grace Roberts	Ainsley 11 am

## KID QUAKE 2012



### Kid Quake 2012 Registration is open!

Join Mrs. Moyes at Gilmont for a great weekend retreat for 1st—5th graders who will eat, sleep, sing and study while at Camp Gilmont.

Available Weekends are either March 23 –25 or April 20-22.

If you remember having a great time at camp this is a wonderful opportunity to introduce your student to camping.

Cost: \$75 for transportation, food, lodging , t-shirt and lots of fun. (Scholarships are available—see Tammy Moyes)

Contact Tammy Moyes to register or visit the website to print out the forms.

**Summer Camp** Registration Information for Camp Gilmont Is available by going to the Camp Gilmont Website [www.campgilmont.org](http://www.campgilmont.org)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE FLYING HIGH

**JUNE 18—22, 2012**

## CHURCH SCHOOL

"Souper Bowl "Penny Drive 2012

To be a part of the "Souper Bowl" for LCM

The 4 yr old —5th grade class bringing in the most pennies on February 5 will have a Putt-Putt Golf day with Mrs. Moyes.



## WORKSHOP ROTATION

### 1st—4th Grade



### Meet in Room 202 for Chapel Time

*Session 7—Showing Hospitality, Mary & Martha*

*February 5, 12, 19*

Artisan's Well—Room 206

Martha's Kitchen—GH Kitchen

Disciples.com—Room 109

Sheri Burlingame

Sandra Skoog

Clay Brelsford

Bible verse: *"and whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."* Matthew 18:4-6

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

### CLASS DATES:

February 1—"Reaching a Decision."

February 15—"Being a Christian"

February 29—"The Church"

### MEMORY VERSE:

THEREFORE I URGE YOU BROTHERS , IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY, TO OFFER YOURSELVES AS LIVING SACRIFICES, HOLY AND PLEASING TO GOD—THIS IS YOUR SPIRITUAL ACT OF WORSHIP.

*ROMANS 12:1*

## WORSHIP NURSERY

Volunteer Schedule - February, 2012

8:30 Leslie Carlile

11:00 Nancy Hale

Staff are: Cynthia Mashke, Virginia Stroman, Drina Russell, Rachel Thompson, Amanda LeFever



***If you would like to volunteer to assist in the nursery at any time please contact the Nursery Committee: Jenny Hubbard, Jennifer Collier, Kristi Hunt or Tammy Moyes***

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### LIHN

Longview Interfaith Hospitality Network (LIHN) is a ministry that prevents families with children from being homeless while the parent(s) are given a chance to reorganize their lives and upgrade their skills by taking advantage of the classes offered by LIHN.

Our church will be hosting the week of March 4, and we would love to have more volunteers, trained and untrained. There are Volunteer Training programs periodically at the LIHN Day Facility. Please contact the LIHN Executive Director, Doris Ramaly, at [doris@longviewihn.com](mailto:doris@longviewihn.com) or call her at 903-234-8343 to register for training. For additional information, you may contact Jim Brun (903-220-9652) or Paul or Kathy Watson (903-

## ALL-CHURCH GATHERING 2/12

On Sunday, February 12, all adults and Senior High Youth will meet together in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for "A Visit with our Grace Presbytery Staff."

During the meeting our General Presbyter, Jan DeVries, and the Associate General Presbyter, Mike Thompson, will address issues of polity and procedure in the PCUSA, including questions about 10A.

In order to make the meeting as efficient as possible, we are requesting that you come prepared with your questions related to the PCUSA.

## PCC NEWS

Registration for the 2012-13 school year begins February 6, 2012. If you or someone you know is considering childcare, preschool, or kindergarten, please come by the school to visit, look over curriculum, and tour the facility.

We currently need volunteers to answer the phone and open the door from 1-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please call the school office at 903-757-8672 to sign up. We are also taking applications for substitute caregivers.

PCC is always appreciative of toy donations. Additionally, alphabet and number games are useful in the preschool.

### Important Dates:

- February 2—PPO Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.
- February 6—Fall Registrations Begins
- February 20—PCC Closed/School holiday
- February 28—PCC Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR BEGINS  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 1  
5:15 P.M. IN THE CHOIR REHEARSAL  
ROOM



This activity is for those children who will begin Kindergarten next year through 5th graders. If your child has not yet participated this year, bring them on the 1st. It is real fun!

### ADULT MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir—Regular Wednesday night rehearsals are on the calendar for the coming months.

Chancel Bells—Regular Monday evening rehearsals have resumed as we prepare music for the annual Handbell Festival to be held February 19th at the First United Methodist Church.

### YOUTH MUSIC

Youth Choir meets at 5:45 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

## HANDBELL FESTIVAL

6 PM, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Come to hear handbell choirs from FUMC, 1st Christian Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1st Baptist Church, Greggton UNC as well as our Chancel Bell Choir ringing together such favorites as "Be Thou My Vision," "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "Lift High the Cross" and many others. There will be brass on several pieces. There is no charge for this evening of beautiful music. We hope to see you there at 6 o'clock!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

## THANK YOU'S

*From Roy and Helena Talmage:*

Thank you for "reaching out" as you did. With the advent services, decorations, flowers and poinsettias, music, bells, instruments and voices, the message of Christmas was clearly given as we celebrated the Birth of Jesus Christ.

*From Juanita Cornelsen:*

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia left on my front porch. Sorry I missed who delivered it. It was so thoughtful of you to think of me at this special season. The plant is still so beautiful and I shall enjoy it so much. Happy New Year in 2012 and blessings to our Church Family.

*From Zack Mitchell:*

Thank you so much for remembering me in your prayers. For all the cards, visits, flowers and calls. The flowers actually brightened my room in Good Shepherd. Thank you, Jonathan, for always being close by. Also it was good to meet some of our newer members that I hadn't had a chance to get to know. During my recovery at home, Jason and a group of young men brought me a beautiful poinsettia, sang a real neat song, and had a prayer plus a good visit.

From Dick Powell of Mo-Ranch:

Thank you for your faithful support of this particular ministry. The past year was one of great challenges. We, as I am certain did you, saw a significant increase in the cost of health insurance. Food costs skyrocketed and our utility fees rose with

ministry that touches so many in such a unique way. We value your partnership. While reading Matthew's gospel over the Advent season, I was struck by verse 2:12—"the Magi departed to their own country by another way." I believe that many of the people who visited the Ranch this year—while they arrived and departed under the crosses that grace the entrance gate—they left "another way." By measures both large and small their lives had been changed—by programs or place of people. They left by another way to serve the Lord who calls us all to follow in his way. Thank you—by your generosity we remain a place and



## HOUSE OF HOPE PAPER DRIVE

We have chosen the month of February to conduct a paper drive for the residents of the House of Hope. Please bring paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, feminine hygiene paper goods, etc. to the church and place them in the bins provided and labeled for this project. Those of you who have had the experience of serving at the House of Hope know how much these women are in need and how grateful they are for the slightest help. So let's shower them with paper goods and help make life a bit easier for these struggling residents of our city.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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Continuing need: Bill and Dot O'Neal, Kitty Booth, Frances Sample, Fannie Mae Jones, George Moody (Gina Burton's father), Sandra Owens (Beverly Brabham's sister), Zack Mitchell, Martha Armstrong, Leeann Bratteli, Jim Byrd, Geneva Falconer, Alyssa Walker (Loreba Stoddard's sister), Betty Vaughan, Leslie Marshall, Terry Wohlfahrt, Muriel Turner, Bill Hollingsworth, Davis Bankston, Lukas Wyche, Mildred Shelton, Dorothy Bartlett

### OUR RETIREMENT FAMILY:

Joan Osborne - *Highland Pines rehab*  
Garland Baldwin - *Summer Meadows rehab*  
Ray Hall - *Colonial Village*  
Jean Glasscock - *Clairmont*  
Jean George, John Whitaker - *Hawkins Creek*  
Dorothy Chandler, Grace Raney, Helena Talmage  
- *Buckner Westminster Place*  
Evelyne Busch, Roy Talmage - *Buckner Greenhouse*  
Betty Denton - *Songbird Assisted Living*  
Willie Holt - *Heritage Healthcare*  
Charles Carrigan (Randy Carrigan's father) - *Haven Care rehab*  
Vi Jamison - *Oak Tree Assisted Living, New Braunfels*

### OUR MILITARY FAMILY:

*Iraq:* Stuart Gray, Tanner Bagley  
*Kuwait:* Austin Bogert  
*Germany:* Angela Hammett  
*U.S.:* James Barnhill, Jeff Beckworth, Malisa Hammett, David Morris, Kyle Moseley, Brad Parr, Justin Phillips, Joshua Ray  
*Coast Guard:* Justin Vaughan  
*Others:* James V. Browder, Justin L. Browder, Colin Byrd, Ryan Byrd, Jeffrey Clark, Nate Cole, Mark Curtis, Derek Czapnik, William Daniels, Joel Davidson, Charles Galloway, Mitch Hall, Julie Hodges, Brian Hughes, Brad Jones, Brandon Jones, Steven Lewis, Tyson Mabry, Justin Miller, Michael Smith, Christine Ray, Christopher Ray

### LCM FOR FEBRUARY

*Canned meats, tuna, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, cereal/oatmeal, canned vegetables, canned fruits, all hygiene products*



# BIRTHDAYS, STEWARDSHIP AND CLERK'S CORNER

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 - Kem Scroggin<br>Jeff Sherrod  | 15 - Destin Alldredge<br>Madelene Metcalf<br>Isabella Reagh         |
| 2 - Marti Fuhrman<br>Janet Hardin<br>Hank Hester<br>Charlotte Williams              | 16 - Ben Adams<br>Sara Cate Freeman<br>Karen Lewis                  |
| 3 - Ella Davis<br>Geneva Falconer<br>Daniel Fuhrman                                 | 17 - Davis Bankston<br>Mike Collier<br>Julie Teel-Borders           |
| 4 - Jann Foy<br>Aaron LeTourneau<br>Kris Mercer                                     | 18 - Tommy Duke<br>Lowery Houston<br>Melanie Smith<br>Deborah Susik |
| 5 - Christopher Caldwell<br>Annie Davis   | 19 - Benjamin Stoddard  |
| 6 - Reva Batts<br>Aaron Martin  | 20 - Shelley Kral   |
| 7 - Adam Graham<br>Jack Littlejohn  | 21 - Brett Goss<br>William Rotzler<br>Dick Warner                   |
| 8 - Wayne Major   | 22 - Lance Hutcheson  |
| 9 - Roy Talmage   | 23 - Jamielee Jakubowski  |
| 11 - Grant Carlile<br>Deborah Zeigler   | 24 - Howard Selph<br>Will Shields                                   |
| 12 - Lewis Beville<br>Katelyn Brown<br>Ross Dyer, Jr.<br>Logan Iffland<br>Nelta Ray | 25 - Josiah Hubbard<br>Bax Mitchell                                 |
| 13 - Richard Werline  | 27 - Carol Sample   |
| 14 - Tiffany Parker   | 28 - Scooter Goll   |



## FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2011

Monthly Receipts \$ 235,694 [Budget \$93,497]  
 Monthly Expenses \$ 98,460 [Budget \$94,995]  
 YTD Receipts \$1,197,630 YTD Expenses \$1,131,690  
 Major Repairs and Capital Improvements \$34,085

### **Mission Donations paid from budget in Dec.**

Sick & Relief assistance	\$1420
Mission Contingencies	\$726
Newgate Breakfast	\$226
Newgate Stewpot	\$250
Austin Presb. Theological Seminary	\$600
Mo-Ranch	\$500
Medical Benevolence Foundation	\$500
PCHAS (Itasca)	\$500

Total spent on Mission YTD 2011 = \$113,673

### **Donations in addition to Budget :**

<i>Newgate Ministries—Christmas Eve Offering</i>	\$4060
<i>Organ Maintenance Fund</i>	\$1400

## CLERK'S CORNER

From the January 10, 2012 Session meeting: the following motions carried—

- Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 9:45 a.m. to elect three members from the church at large to serve on the Church Officer Nominating Committee
- Upcoming session meeting dates were changed from February 14 to 21 and from March 13 to 20
- A mission contingency fund of \$6500 was set up under benevolence
- Approved revised budget with deficit of negative \$48,982
- Approved Jill Littlejohn and Steve Mason as voting commissioners at February 25 meeting of Grace



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The next Bellringer will be  
published February 23, 2012.

**ADULT OPPORTUNITIES  
LUNCH AND A MOVIE**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

**Lunch at 11:30 in Grace Hall**

**Movie at 12:30 in the Fall Out Shelter  
"Of God and Men"**

**Please make reservations for lunch**

**3-G Club**

**Gab, Games, and Good Food**

4th Wednesday of each month

February 22, 2012

11:30 a.m.—till the games are finished

All adults are welcome to come play bridge, mahjong, dominoes, board games and enjoy a time of fellowship with a light lunch..

Contact Dotty Smith or Marge Dome for more information

**NEXT PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND  
(FORMERLY CALLED "CURSILLO")  
MARCH 1-4, 2012  
AT LAKE LAVON CHRISTIAN CAMP  
NEAR THE DFW METROPLEX**

**WHAT IS PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE?**

Pilgrimage is a purposefully designed method for renewing the faith of individuals and, through the individuals, the environments in which they live and work.

During the 3 days of a Pilgrimage weekend, participants form a small Christian community, worship and study together, and communicate with one another in order to gain a personal, living awareness of their faith, and the joys and responsibilities such a faith brings.

The weekend is not designed to convert from unbelief to belief. It is intended for members of the Presbyterian Church who already have faith and who seek continued growth in that faith and commitment.

CONTACT KAREN HARRIS FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, GO TO THE WEBSITE:

[www.ntpp.org](http://www.ntpp.org)