

THE BELL RINGER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
APRIL 11*

10:30 COMBINED WORSHIP

ELLA FREEMAN, MICHAEL GOOLSBY,
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HUTCHESON, DAISY JEHOREK,
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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING HOLY WEEK

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday marks the death of Jesus Christ. It's called 'good' because of what Jesus' death means for the redemption of the world.

**Friday, April 2
7:00 p.m.**

We invite worshippers to contemplate that which was accomplished on the cross and to renew our sense of dedication to Jesus, our Lord by joining us as the Chancel Choir leads us through "A Service of Darkness" by Dale Wood. It is our prayer that all will come and join together in meditation upon this somber, beautiful night showing the loving, redemptive heart of our Father.

EASTER SUNDAY

Christian hopes and expectations are confirmed and realized with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. As Paul says, if Christ has not been raised our faith is futile and we are still in our sins, however Christ has been raised and God has given us victory through our Lord (1 Cor. 15) making Easter the most celebrative day of the year!

Sunday, April 4 at 8:30 and 11:00 we

commemorate our joy through special Easter music and prayers, the children 'flowering the cross', and teaching from the Rev. Jonathan Jehorek on "Earthquakes, Ethics and Easter".

Flowering of the Cross

For centuries the cross and resurrection have been associated with "flowering." In the "flowering of the cross," each child brings a flower to the worship service, and places the flower upon a bare cross at the front of the sanctuary.

Just as the cross has been associated with the rose, a symbol both of martyrdom and wisdom, or sometimes with violets, a symbol of humility; so in this ceremony the flower is symbolic of the hope we nurture that we will share in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. By the time the flowers have been affixed to the cross, the thing of terror has been transformed into a thing of beauty.

WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 2 - GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 p.m. - Worship

The Chancel Choir presents
Dale Wood's "A Service of Darkness"

APRIL 4 - EASTER SUNDAY "Earthquakes, Ethics, and Easter" John 20:1-8; 11:17-27

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: TBA

Prayer vigil: Glenda and Ed Bays

9:45 a.m. - Church School/Easter Egg hunt

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: TBA

Prayer vigil: Liz and Chad Johnson

APRIL 11 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP

Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

9:30 a.m. - Church School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters:

Prayer vigil: Carla and Paul Szafran

This special worship service will welcome into membership the following members of the 2009-10 Confirmation Class:

Ella Freeman, Michael Goolsby, Melissa Hudson, Alex Hutcheson, Daisy Jehorek, Jeremy Lane, Will LeGrand, Chloe Liebegood, Bishop McLemore/Williams, Noe Nelson, Kyle Shields, Abbie Teel, Gus Williams

APRIL 18

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

Communion at both services

8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: TBA

Prayer vigil: Donna and Jeff Kearns

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: TBA

Prayer vigil: Frances Sample and Jerry Richardson

APRIL 25

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: TBA

Prayer vigil: Gayle and Rick Poland

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: TBA

Prayer vigil: Mary Ann and Noble Roberts

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT



Dorothy Harbour

November 11, 1914—February 22, 2010

Our Christian sympathy is offered to her daughter, Charlotte Oberthier, and other family and friends

Lee Austin of Longview—father of B. J. Dalton

Bippy Cook of Austin, Texas—widow of former pastor, Steve Cook; mother of former member Mary Cameron

Naomi Becker of Tampa, Florida—grandmother of Jason Hubbard

Mary Lucy Gilstrap of South Carolina—grandmother of Adam Burton

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

-Romans 8:38

MEN, WOMEN, AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

MEN'S MINISTRY

Fast Break Lunch

April 15 at noon

Our speaker, Stan Coppinger, is a native Texan, born in Amarillo. He received his B.A. in Biblical Studies from Biola University in La Mirada California; his M.A. in English from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas; and his Ph.D. in American Literature from Baylor University.

Stan has been teaching college

English for 22 years. He came to LeTourneau University in 2001 as a full time English teacher and has served in the office of Academic Affairs for the past seven years as the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Stan speaks at churches, men's retreats, conferences and school chapels and was our Prayer Breakfast speaker in 2008. He loves to read and has a passion for writing.

He and his wife Sharon have been married for twelve years and love to travel. Stan is a big Dallas Mavericks fan. He is also a cancer survivor, celebrating two years of remission.



Stan Coppinger

Men's Retreat April 23-24
See page 8 for more information

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The coordinating team meeting will be in the parlor at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 6.

The luncheon and general meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27 in the parlor at 11:45 a.m.

The program for the meeting will be our annual officer installation.

The annual Birthday Offering will be taken at the general meeting in April.

Circles will meet as follows:

* Bankston/Dome; April 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor

* Evening; April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Kearns

* Selph/Johnson; April 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor

* Allen/Richardson; April 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the church adult education area

* Goll; April 13 at noon in the Make-mie Room

"Spring Fling" in Mabank, Texas on Friday, April 16 - We will be taking the church bus so please let Kathy Watson know if you can attend.



Mo-Ranch Women's Conference will be June 4-6, 2010. Call the church office now if you would like to register.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Softball Schedule (All Games played on Tuesday evenings at Hinsley Park)

Date	Time	Field	VS.		Date	Time	Field	VS.
3/30	8:45 PM	#1	Mobberly Blue		4/27	8:45 PM	#1	The Flood
4/6	9:45 PM	#3	1st Baptist		5/4	6:45 PM	#3	Mobberly Blue
4/13	6:45 PM	#4	Mobberly Red		5/11	8:45 PM	#1	1st Baptist
4/20	7:45 PM	#3	Alpine					

UPCOMING EVENTS: YOUTH SUNDAY AND SENIOR BANQUET, SUNDAY, MAY 16

Second payment of \$250 for Senior High mission trip due on April 26; drop deadline is April 30

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome John C. Dalton into membership of 1st Presbyterian Church. He joined on March 21, 2010. John and his wife, Barbara, live at 1204 Nancy Circle (01) and their

home phone number is 903-758-9344.

John is retired from the USAF and has already become a valuable member of the Building and Grounds committee!

John Dalton



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." -Matthew 19:14

Church School starts at 9:45 am and ends at 10:45 a.m.

Toddlers & Nursery	Room 113
Two's & Threes	Room 115
Preschool 4's/Kind	Room 106
1st Grade—4th Grade	Meets in the chapel
5th Grade	Room 202

All children are released to parents only

"CHRIST IS RISEN"

Workshop Rotation

March 28, April 11, 18

Monthly Bible Verse:

"I am the resurrection and the life"
John 11:25



Easter Sunday

Flowering of the Cross at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship

Children are encouraged to bring flowers from home to place on the cross at the beginning of worship.

Additional flowers will be available for visitors and guests.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt during the church school hour.

All children are to meet in Grace Hall and then will hunt eggs in selected outside areas.

Parents please provide 1 dozen filled eggs by April 1

No nuts or peanut butter please.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

Chapel Mission Focus 2009-10

African Water Wells
Let's fill the well!!!

April \$.25 per Sunday

Children will present the offering to date during the service on Mother's Day

2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS AND ELDER PAL

DINNER AND REHEARSAL FOR CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Please plan to meet at 6:30 in Grace Hall for Dinner

IT'S A HERO SUMMER!

JULY 12-16, 2010

Vacation Bible School for preschool—kindergarten 9 a.m.—noon

NEW THIS YEAR:
Day Camp for 1st—5th graders
9 a.m.—5 pm

Day Camp cost is \$30 per student or \$50 for 2.

Watch your mail for more information.

KID QUAKE AT CAMP GILMONT

APRIL 16—18, 2010

1st—5th graders are eligible
Forms and Registration are available
from Kim Stanley.

NOMINATING NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

[Forms are located on page 8]

The Church Officer Nominating Committee requests from the congregation names of members you believe would be faithful elders. They must be members who are not currently active session members.

Please pray for your Church Officer Nominating Committee as the process is undertaken to select the members that God wants to lead our congregation over the next several years. The following Scriptures, Exodus 3:1-12, Isaiah 6:1-18; Matthew 20:20-28; Acts 6; I Corinthians 12:1-11, II Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 4:1-7 & 11-16; I Timothy 3:1-13, 5:17-22; Titus 1:5-9, as well as The Book of Order (G.14.0207) are very helpful in understanding the character and

responsibilities of an elder. The prayerful and careful selection of elders who will watch over the people is one of the most critical decisions a congregation will make.

The members elected to serve on the Church Officer Nominating Committee are chair Nelta Ray, Ginia Northcutt, Bill Franklin, Eric Skoog, and Paul Szafran.

You may make your suggestions by contacting any of the members of the Church Officer Nominating Committee or by completing the response form and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. **They must be turned in no later than April 11 in order to be considered this year.**

The following information may be helpful:

What does an elder do? *It is the privilege of Elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation.*

What is the criteria for an Elder? *Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.*

How many Elders are there? *There are a total of 27 Elders (three classes of 9 Elders each) at any time on Session.*

You are encouraged to participate in this nomination process by nominating as *many names as you wish*. You may ***nominate a person only once*** and ***ballots must be signed***.

MUSIC MINISTRY

GOOD FRIDAY MUSIC

The Chancel Choir and Organ will lead a Service of Darkness or Tenebrae commemorating through music and scripture the suffering and death of Christ. The Chancel choir will sing seven anthems based on the seven last words of Christ. With each scripture and anthem a candle will be extinguished, dramatically portraying the fading light as Christ was leaving his life's service on earth through death on the cross.

Adult Music Rehearsal Schedule

Chancel Choir—Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM
Chancel Bells—Mondays, 6-7 PM
Carillon—Mondays, 10:30 –11:30 AM
8:30 Worship Team, Thursdays, 5-6:30 PM

YOUTH MUSIC

Youth Choir sings in Worship

Next on April 18

In the future on May 16



CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Thanks for a great year!



Handbell Festival at First United Methodist Church on April 25th at 6 PM

Combined Handbell Choirs from First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, First Christian, First Baptist, Trinity Episcopal, and Greggton United Methodist Churches will ring a broad selection of new and beloved tunes.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

8:30 a.m.—Songs, Hymns of Praise and Worship by the 8:30 music team

11:00 a.m.—Chancel Choir, organ, strings and timpani presenting selections from Handel's "Messiah", Natalie Sleeth and Jean Sibelius

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

THANK YOU'S

From LCM's Hope Elliott: Thank you again for your participation in our "Souper" Bowl Sunday Church Competition event this year. We appreciate your support. The "Souper" Bowl Sunday Food Drive resulted in your congregation collecting 120 cans of food and \$453 donated to our Food Box pantry and hopefully increased awareness of the hunger problem in our community. Thanks for helping to make this a success.

From Rosa Lamb: It was quite a treat to be at and come to the church and visit my dear friends at the Lunch and Movie in February. The food was delicious, and all of the men and women were splendid. David and Lou Ellen were amazed at the number of people there who were considered my close friends. I loved being in the church again and wish I could come more but it is physically impossible. We have such wonderful pastors and song director whom I love very much. All of us are indeed blessed. Thank you for such a wonderful treat. God bless you all.

From Lee Ann Bratteli: It was such a nice surprise to receive the lovely flowers from our Sunday services. They have lasted all week and I have so enjoyed them and think of the love members in our church. It seems like I had another seizure at church—am on medication of course can't drive which displease me but I have nice care givers to help me. Thank all of you for your love and care.

From BJ and John Dalton: Thank you so very much for your expressions of kindness and Christian love.

From Lynn Workman, Director of Development for Medical Benevolence Foundation:

As images from the earthquake in Haiti have dominated the television and internet, I have many times been overcome with grief. I cannot begin to express my gratitude for you and other Medical Benevolence Foundation donors who made possible our immediate response to this tragedy. It could not have happened without you and your ongoing support. I am thankful and humbled that MBF's work in Haiti since the 1970's has put us in the position to provide immediate assistance. And long after the stories and images fade from the media, MBF will continue to be there providing Christ's caring compassion. We will pray with our partners and we will help to rebuild. With deep appreciation, the MBF staff and our overseas partners thank you for your continued support during difficult economic times. We embrace God's call and mission to be agents for hope and healing for all God's people around the world. Your gifts made it possible to help meet medical and spiritual needs all over the world including Haiti. Thank you for years of generous support and commitment.

From the Harbour and Oberthier families:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness for making the donation in mother's honor. Your kind thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please let us know of any names you wish to have included on the prayer concerns. We need your help.

Recently hospitalized: Richard Fuhrman, Mainard McCabe, Martha Armstrong

Continuing need: Lukas Wyche, Leslie Konvalin, Jack Vander Woude, Blake Brightwell, Biff Cook, Kris Mercer, Juanita Cornelsen, Mary Crawford, Hugh Taylor, Garland Baldwin, Elizabeth Stevenson, Mildred Shelton, Lottie McWhorter, Catherine Steinmeyer, Dorothy Bartlett, Theresa Hendershot, Janette Canterbury, Judy Suter, Brenda Taliaferro

OUR MILITARY FAMILY:

Iraq: Stuart Gray, Tanner Bagley, Robby Steadham, Derek Czapnik

Germany: Angela Hammett

Honduras: Austin Bogert

U.S: James Barnhill, Malisa Hammett, David Morris, Brad Parr, Justin Phillips, Christopher Ray, Joshua Ray

Coast Guard: Justin Vaughan

Others: Patrick Amalfi, Jeff Beckford, James V. Browder, Justin L. Browder, Colin Byrd, Ryan Byrd, Jeffrey Clark, Nate Cole, Mark Curtis, William Daniels, Joel Davidson, Charles Galloway, Mitch Hall, Julie Hodges, Brian Hughes, Brad Jones, Brandon Jones, Steven Lewis, Tyson Mabry, Robert J. McCaa, Justin Miller, Kyle Moseley, Michael Smith

OUR RETIREMENT FAMILY:

Mack Baushke, Ray Hall - *Colonial Village*

Juanita Crawford, Jean George, John Whitaker, Anne Wyant - *Hawkins Creek*

Dorothy Chandler, Kris Mercer, Grace Raney, Helena and Roy Talmage - *Buckner Westminster Place*

Evelyne Busch, Rosa Lamb, Judy Martin - *Buckner Greenhouse*

Dorothy Craddock - *Highland Pines*

Dot Word - *Songbird Assisted Living*

Bill White - *Kilgore Manor, Kilgore*

Vi Jamison - *Oak Tree Assisted Living, New Braunfels*

BIRTHDAYS, STEWARDSHIP AND CLERK'S CORNER

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Traci Birdsong Eifert	17 - Randy Cook
2 - Lizelle Fourie Jessica Walker	Ella Freeman Amanda Presley
3 - Phyllis Leath Verona McLemore Will Shields	18 - Kim Stanley
4 - Lisa Mullins	19 - Mellissa McCreary Morgan Rue
5 - Jim Byrd	20 - Harold LeTourneau
6 - Kathryn Scroggin	21 - Ryan Cave Kerri Daugbjerg
8 - Christopher Mason Lanette Yancey	Tess Iffland Randy Paine
9 - Beverly Coleman Biff Cook Haley Edwards Caelan Freeman Julia Staggs	Laura Werline
10 - Kahlán Alley Beverly Brabham	22 - Bill O'Neal
11 - Kelby Hammer Pilar McLemore Kimberly Reagh	23 - Hayes Daugbjerg Daniel Fourie Ruben Martin
12 - Buck Birdsong Tom Dome Karen Harris Lynn Martin Brittany Mitchell John Zeigler	24 - Dick Bass Alec Beville Daisy Jehorek Dot O'Neal Gus Williams
14 - Jane Gibson Renee Hawkins Max Wilson Emma Wright	25 - Dede Byrd
15 - Cassidy McCullough	26 - Emily Holloway Darrell Spence
16 - Chelsea Bogue Allison Brashear Michael Moore	27 - David Brabham Noble Roberts Preston Shaddix Kyle Shields
	28 - Richard Fuhrman Jason Hubbard John Whitaker
	29 - Barbara Dalton
	30 - Mason Beville Monica Buckholt Hope Jehorek Janice McCullough Ryan Shea

FINANCIAL REPORT—FEBRUARY

Monthly Receipts	73,757	[Budget 93,247]
Monthly Expenses	87,959	[Budget 96,151]
Year to date net Income under Expenses—(20,049)		

Mission Donations paid from budget

Sick & Relief assistance	450
New Gate Breakfast—	220
Contingencies	916
Grace Presbytery	8,333
Theological Education/PCUSA	533

Donations Over and Above Budget

Souper Bowl—LCM Foodbox	453
Haiti	890
Camp Gilmont	100
Medical Benevolence Foundation	400



Open House at Camp Gilmont

Sunday, April 25 12-5 p.m.

Lunch served from 12:30-1:30 (burgers and hotdogs)

Bring dessert to share RSVP 903-797-6400

CLERK'S CORNER

- **Financial Report:** Currently, there is a negative cash flow but as long as the remaining monthly pledges are received, the church will be on budget.
- **Christian Education:** Vacation Bible School will be held July 12-16, 2010 with "Heroes" as the theme. There are 9 Lent in the Living Room groups with 120 individuals participating. Church school attendance is above average.
- **Mission and Service:** Future meetings of Grace Presbytery will be Saturday, June 12 in Temple; Friday, September 10 in Tyler; and Saturday, November 13 in Fort Worth. A gift of a flat screen monitor to be placed in the church that will feature events and mission outreach programs of the church was approved. A mission fair and dinner is slated for Wednesday, September 29.
- **Family Nurture:** The Men of the Church will have a retreat on April 23-24 at Camp Fern. They will also serve breakfast at Newgate Mission on Sunday, May 24.

LCM FOOD BOX FOR APRIL

Food needs are for canned meats, tuna, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, cereal/oatmeal, canned fruits, beans, rice.

All hygiene products are needed.

Volunteers are needed to pick up food donations.

For more information, contact Hope Elliott, program manager at lcmprogram@cablelynx.com or call 903-753-3561, ext 207.



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NOMINATING NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

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SUGGESTED NAMES FOR CHURCH OFFICERS (CLASS OF 2013):

I _____ [your name]
recommend the following person(s) to serve on the
Session of First Presbyterian Church of Longview:

Elder _____

Trustee _____

*(Return this form to the church office or to the nominating
committee by April 11. You may nominate as many
names as you wish.)*

LUNCH AND A MOVIE

Wednesday, April 14, 2010
Lunch at 11:30 in Grace Hall
Movie follows at 12:30 in the Fall Out Shelter
RSVP today.

"The Blindside" - Sandra Bullock received the 2010 best actress Oscar for her role in this true story about the struggles of Baltimore Ravens Michael Oher as a homeless teenager who is taken in and is accepted by a family who wants to help him fulfill his great potential.



MEN'S RETREAT APRIL 23-24

SPEAKER: NEAL JEFFREY

Make reservations now by calling church office or
email to kimstanley@fpclongview.org