

THE BELL RINGER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES AT FPC

The 2010 Advent calendars are being mailed to each church family home with information on all the worship services during the season. Other activities for the Advent season include the following:

- **Hanging of the Greens**—Wednesday, December 1—light supper in Grace Hall at 5:45 p.m. followed by the program and decorating in the sanctuary at 6:30 led by the 2011 Confirmation Class
- **“Happy Birthday Jesus” party**—Sunday, December 5 from 1-3 p.m. for children ages 4 through 5th grade at Pump It Up. Bring unwrapped toy.
- **Community Caroling**—Sunday, December 12 following the 11 a.m. service. Our Youth will lead us in providing caroling and Christmas love to people in our community. All are welcome to join!
- **Christmas Music on the Square**—December 13-15—lunch each day in Grace Hall at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Concerts in sanctuary at noon.
- **Christmas Eve services** - Friday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. for the family service and 7 p.m. for Candlelight-Communion. Both services will be conducted in the sanctuary of the church.

Alternative Giving Christmas Tree for South Ward

We know you will want to check out the Christmas tree located in the Gathering Area after December 5 for names of needy children who attend South Ward Elementary School, our Adopt-A-School partner.

As in the past, you will find envelopes containing information such as their wish lists, clothing and shoe sizes. Sign your name on the sheet with the corresponding number and feel free to take more than one envelope! It is not necessary to purchase every gift on a wish list but you may if you life.

Please wrap and tag every gift with the recipient's name and bring the gifts to the church parlor by Tuesday, December 14.

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WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 28

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Serving breakfast at Newgate Mission

“Monumental Provision”

Joshua 3-4

Seminary student and former member
Daniel Smith (son of Dotty and Philip Smith) preaching

8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Brian Daugbjerg, Holly and Hank Hester

Prayer vigil: Deb and John Zeigler

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Jerry and Pat Richardson, Kirk Shields

Prayer vigil: Liz and Chad Johnson

DECEMBER 19

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah’s Vision of Advent:

“The Glory of The Lord Shall Be Revealed”

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Pilar and Stephen McLemore

Prayer vigil: Pat Taylor, Edwyna Testerman

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship-Youth Choir singing;

Christmas Joy offering taken today

Greeters: Frances Thompson, Debbie Bankston,
Suzi White

Prayer vigil: Kitty Booth, Joyce Moomau

DECEMBER 5

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC SUNDAY

“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME”

9:30 a.m. - Church School

10:30 a.m. - One Worship Service ONLY

Greeters: Ingrid Johnson, Jeff Kearns, Judy Smith

Prayer vigil: B. J. Dalton, Kem Scroggin

DECEMBER 26

Serving breakfast at Newgate Mission

Isaiah’s Vision of Advent:

“Name Him Immanuel”

Isaiah 7:13-14

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

No Church School

10:30 a.m. - One Worship Service ONLY

Greeters: Tres Bainter, Susan Vella-McFarland,
Clay Brelsford

Prayer vigil: Penny and Kirk Shields

DECEMBER 12

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah’s Vision of Advent:

“Do Not Fear for I Am With You”

Isaiah 43:1-7

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

8:30 a.m. - Worship-communion

Greeters: Leslie Konvalin, Jill Littlejohn, Diane Macfarlane

Prayer vigil: Sherene Melton, Tess Iffland

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship– Children’s Choir singing

Greeters: Dotty Smith, Virginia and Winton Studt

Prayer vigil: Nelta and Don Ray

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT



Eva Lee Palachek, former church member
and widow of The Rev. Joe Palachek

Timothy Batts, brother of Martin Batts

James Wood Wright, Jr., father of Dixie
Golden

Our Christian sympathy is offered to
their family and friends.

*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

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR WILLIE HOLT



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Everyone is invited to celebrate the many faithful years of Willie Holt's service to First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, December 1 at 5 p.m. in Grace Hall. He will be retiring on December 3 and we hope you will come early for the Hanging of the Greens dinner (at 5:45) and greet "Mr. Willie."



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The coordinating team of the Presbyterian Women will not meet in December.

Circles will meet as follows:

- * Evening; December 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Moseley (1804 Cardinal)
- * Bankston/Dome; December 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor
- * Smith/Smith; December 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the church
- * Selph/Ege; December 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor
- * Goll; December 14 at noon in the Makemie Room

Please know that even if you have not previously been involved in a Circle, you are welcome to attend any meeting you choose.

WOMEN'S RETREAT MARCH 11-13 AT CAMP GILMONT

The Rev. Anna Whitehead of Central Presbyterian Church in Waxahachie keynote speaker
Contact Kathy Watson (903-663-9348) for more information

Participants are welcome to stay one or two nights. Event cost is \$85 for Friday night, includes three meals (Fri dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch), and all event costs; and, an additional \$70 for those who would like to stay Saturday night too, includes three more meals (Saturday evening, Sunday breakfast and lunch).

"Retreating is a wonderful way for women to grow together in their relationship with the Lord and with each other. Our prayer life is to our spiritual journey like blood is to a healthy body. I am eager to explore the many ways that God invites us into dialogue, delight and discernment through prayer!"

Rev. Anna Whitehead



YOUTH MINISTRY



Youthquake attendees 11/12-14

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FREE BABYSITTING

- December 8 from 6-8 p.m.
- For infants through 2nd graders
- 7th Grade girls Bible study
- Register in the Gathering Area on December 5

Contact Tammy Moyes or Becky Birdsong for more information
(tmoyes@fpclongview.org
OR beckybirdsong@letu.edu
OR call Tammy at 903-757-2525 or
Becky at 903-746-2199)

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

12/1 - Hanging of the Greens—all youth Bible studies to attend and take part in the program

12/5 - Youth Christmas Parties—check with your leaders for times and locations

12/12 - Community Caroling—following the 11 a.m. service, we will have a quick lunch and then lead all those who wish to participate in singing Christmas carols to various people in our community

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

DECEMBER EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Wednesday, December 1—5:45 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens. The confirmation class leads this special evening of food, fellowship and preparation of the sanctuary for Christmas season.

Sunday, December 5—9:30 a.m. Church school

Infants—Room 117—Tammy McLeroy, Tijuanna Bush

Toddlers—Room 113—Ruby Canida

Two's & Threes—Room 115—Courtne Wyche,

Preschool & Kindergarten—Room 106—Penne Duke, Lisca van Zyl and Liz Johnson

1st—4th grade—Chapel—Tammy Moyes

Fisherman's Net—Room 204—Kathy Watson

Artisan's Well—Room 206— Leah Finley

Martha's Kitchen—GH Kitchen—Jim Brun

Shepherds:

1st Grade—Pilar McLemore

2nd Grade— Marshall and Amy Jackson, Deborah Susik

3rd Grade—Sherene Melton

4th Grade—Kerri Daugbjerg , Leslie Carlile

5th Grade Church School - Room 202 -Jeff and Robbie Sherrod

Sunday, December 5—1-3 pm

Happy Birthday Jesus

Join the children's sub-committee at PUMP IT UP for a time of fun. Each child needs to bring a unwrapped gift of \$10 value or less as an entrance fee. The students will wrap the gifts and celebrate Jesus' birth with cake and juice. Children under 5 may need a parent present.

Sunday, December 12 11:00 Worship

- Acolytes—bring the light of Christ into worship and lead the light into the world at the close of worship.
Verona Williams and Ainsley Daugbjerg
- Bible readers—are giving a prepared reading for the Call to Worship or Old or New Testament reading during the service.
Jimmie Jakubowski and Daniel Fuhrman

Friday, December 24—4:30 Family Worship Service

Sunday, December 26—NO CHURCH SCHOOL

Children's Annual Hayride



Thank you to the Hudsons for hosting the hayride...again!

Confirmation Class Activities

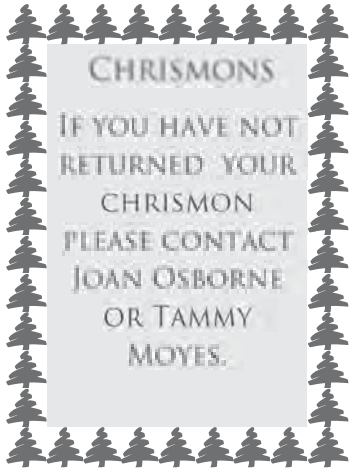


Confirmation Class and Elder Pals collected 200 canned goods for Longview Community Ministries during the scavenger hunt! Thanks for your donations.



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER INVITES YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON DECEMBER 16 AT 11 A.M. IN GRACE HALL WHEN THEY CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

FROM DCE TAMMY MOYES



LUNCH AND A MOVIE

Wednesday, December 8

11:30 a.m. –Lunch in Grace Hall

12:30 p.m. - Movie in the Fallout Shelter

December Movie

“A Christmas Carol”
with Jim Carrey



FPC FAMILY DAY AT THE MOVIES

C. S. Lewis’ “Voyage of the Dawn Treader”

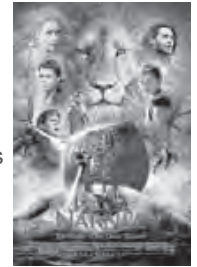
Saturday, December 11, 2010

9 a.m. but plan to arrive between 8:30 and 9 at Carmike Cinema on Tall Pines

200 seats available so reserve yours today! Call the church office to make reservations.

\$ 5.00 per person or child.

Movie is rated PG



Several members of the 2010-11 Confirmation Class and Elder Pals, accompanied by leader Jason Hubbard, served breakfast at Newgate Mission on Sunday, October 24. Pictured at left are (front row) Kason Kienzle, Keelan Hammer, Jimmie Jakubowski and (back row) Bob Moomau, Scooter Goll, Steve Paine, Jason Hubbard.

If you are interested in participating in our monthly service to Newgate, please contact the church office.

MUSIC MINISTRY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

“MUSIC SUNDAY”

10:30 a.m.—One Worship Service only

The Chancel Choir, organ, brass and handbells present

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

an Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival

arranged and compiled by Michael Burkhardt,

including readings from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

CHILDREN’S MUSIC

The children will sing in worship on December 12 at the 11 a.m. worship service. Two very important rehearsals remain—December 1 and 8

CHRISTMAS MUSIC ON THE SQUARE

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**
Music for Voice
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**
Music for Organ
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**
Music for Handbells

Lunch served in Grace Hall each day at
11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Concerts in sanctuary at 12 noon

YOUTH MUSIC

- No youth band during December—look for start-up times in January.
- Youth Choir sings in 11 a.m. worship service December 19 “Prepare Ye (The Way of the Lord)” and “God Save the People” from *Godspell*.
- Important rehearsals each Sunday December 5, 12, and 19; due to the changing Sunday night fellowship schedules, we will arrange our music rehearsals accordingly. Watch emails and bulletins for exact times

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

THANK YOU'S

From Bettye Yater:

Thank you so much for the memorial to the American Heart Association in memory of Paul. We have all lost a very special and wonderful person and the church has always been a very important part in our lives. Thanks to each and every one of you for all that you do and have done not only for me but for Terrye, Mike and our grandchildren.

From Tijuanna Bush:

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! I would like to say thank you to all my friends and family at First Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Children's Center. It is because of the prayers and support that I received from everyone including parents of current and former students, church staff, school staff, and my family that made this time in my life a little easier. I look forward to getting back on my feet soon!

From Terry Wohlfahrt:

Thank you so much for the flowers you sent during my recent hospital stay. I have felt lifted up by the loving care and prayers of so many at First Presbyterian Church!

From D. E. and Billie Henry (parents of Marva Shaver):

We want to "Thank you" for your thoughtfulness. The flowers were beautiful and we both enjoyed them. Your kindness will last a lifetime. Thanks also for all your prayers. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

From PCC Director Lesley Jordan:

PCC would like to thank all that were involved in the successful dinner for our co-worker Tijuanna Bush. She is doing well and hopes to return to work soon.

From Marge Dome:

I want to thank you so much for your support, kind thoughts and many prayers before, during, and after my surgery. They surely did help. And the avalanche of cards and beautiful flowers were heart-warming, and so appreciated. I enjoyed the church flowers delivered by Debbie Bankston and a visit with her, and also Nancy Salmon's visit. And I am buoyed always by Tom and family, who are so attentive, and my heavenly Father who has borne me safely through this ordeal. Thanks be to God forever more!

From Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc.:

Thank you for your gift... These funds will be used to enhance the lives of those we serve. Evergreen management is challenged with streamlining the organization to run as efficiently as possible and continue to provide the highest quality of services and support to those we serve. We covet your continued prayers and support. God bless you and Happy Thanksgiving!

LCM FOR DECEMBER

- *Food Box needs for December: canned meats, tuna, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, cereal/oatmeal, canned vegetables, canned fruits, all hygiene products*
- *Volunteers are needed to help in Food Box (contact Hope Elliott, Program Manager lcprogram@cabelynx.com or 903-753-3561 ext 207)*

PRAYER CONCERNS

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Recent need: Jack VanderWoude, Mainard McCabe, Geneva Falconer, Jim Byrd, Corinne Selph, Betty Vaughan, Leslie Marshall, Lanette Yancey, Jim Lindsey, Tijuanna Bush

Continuing need: Noble Roberts, Richard Fuhrman, Bettye Yater, Terry Wohlfahrt, Doyle Read, Muriel Turner, Emily Aitken, Bill Hollingsworth, Mack Baushke, Martha Armstrong, Davis Bankston, Lukas Wyche, Biff Cook, Mary Crawford, Hugh Taylor, Garland Baldwin, Elizabeth Stevenson, Mildred Shelton, Catherine Steinmeyer, Dorothy Bartlett, Janette Canterberry

OUR RETIREMENT FAMILY:

Ray Hall, Mack Baushke - *Colonial Village*

Jean George, Bill Staggs, John Whitaker, Anne Wyant -
Hawkins Creek

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

Evelyne Busch, Rosa Lamb - *Buckner Greenhouse*

Betty Denton, Dot Word - *Songbird Assisted Living*

Bill White - *Kilgore Manor, Kilgore*

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

OUR MILITARY FAMILY:

Iraq: Malisa Hammett, David Morris, Stuart Gray, Tanner Bagley

Germany: Angela Hammett

U.S.: Austin Bogert, James Barnhill, Jeff Beckworth, Kyle Moseley, Brad Parr, Justin Phillips, Christopher Ray, Joshua Ray

Coast Guard: Justin Vaughan

Others: Patrick Amalfi, 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

NEED PRAYER?

There are prayer request cards available in the pews each Sunday. Please fill them out if you have a need and place them in the offering plate. Also, there is a prayer chain available for more immediate needs that can be activated by calling the church office during normal weekday hours.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - Connor Graham
Shanna Spence | 18 - Forrest Bayless |
| 2 - Rebecca Bayless
Pollie King | 19 - Holly Hester
Erica Roberts |
| 3 - Jim Bogue
Melissa Hudson
Jessica Sisk | 21 - Reba Goll
Ruth Warner |
| 4 - Charlene Browne | 22 - Caleb Hutcheson
Michael Major
Laura Mitchell
Hannah Murray
Allison Yost |
| 5 - Chad Melton | 23 - James Barnhill
Campbell Liebengood
Brenda Modisett |
| 7 - Carol Caldwell
Nancy Hale
Chris Parr | 25 - Phyllis Shaw |
| 8 - London Alldredge
James Wright
Virginia Studt | 26 - Gideon Koegelenberg
Becca McCreary |
| 11 - Calob Player
Maleah Springer | 27 - Allison Mobley |
| 12 - Jill Littlejohn
Courtney Stovall
Reece Wright | 28 - Tyler Martin
Betty Moseley |
| 14 - Ben Bratteli
Carl Buckholt
Emily Delzell
Taylor Hester
Elizabeth Hutcheson
Charlie Rue | 29 - Diana McMahon
Ebb Mobley
David Nelson
Sharon Williams |
| 15 - Kathy Galloway
Rachel McCreary | 30 - Janet Lindsey
Frances Thompson |
| 16 - Martha Armstrong
Jeremy Stokeld | 31 - Ashley Cave-Sherrow
Marilea Marks
Blaine Wright |
| 17 - Heather Fuhrman
Molly McCreary
Noe Nelson
Dot Word | |



FINANCIAL REPORT—OCTOBER

Monthly Receipts \$113,882 [Budget \$93,247]
 Monthly Expenses \$ 101,660 [Budget \$96,151]
 Year to date net Income under Expenses—(92,879)

Mission Donations paid from budget

Sick & Relief assistance	182
Newgate Breakfast	202
Contingencies	611
Newgate Stewpot	200
Meals on Wheels	150
Food Box	1200
Longview Community Ministries	500
Presbytery Benevolence	4167
Support Theological Education	267

Electronic payments are available - please call or go to www.fpclongview.org—Click Serve—then scroll down to Online Giving

Pledges may be made on-line also Click SERVE, then STEWARDSHIP or return your pledge card to the church office.

Thank you for your pledge cards. We are working on the 2011 Budget and would like to hear from every family. 2010 pledge payments may be made through December 31.

The 2010 Christmas Joy offering, "What Child Is This?" will be taken on Sunday, December 19 during both worship services. This annual offering benefits equally the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA, which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling.

CLERK'S CORNER

From the November 9, 2010 Session meeting:

- \$10,600 was raised at the Youth for Mission golf tournament.
- The two new wingback chairs in the library were given by Clay and Cindy Brelsford.
- The Session approved the following individuals to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee: Leslie Carlile, Jenny Hubbard, Kelly Liebengood, Mike McMahon, Jack Moore, Rob Schmidt, and Jamey Walker. This committee will be creating a long-term plan to determine the function, service, and operations of the church for the next 5-10 years.



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 Please contact the church office at
 kimstanley@fpclongview.org
 The next Bellringer will be
 published December 22, 2010.

LAST CHANCE!
 Please fill in the information on the form below and return it to
 the church office *with your payment* by December 1.

CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Please list the number of poinsettias you wish to order, whom you are honoring or remembering, and the amount of money you are enclosing with your order. **Each poinsettia is \$8.00.** Send or bring order and payment to the church offices (First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1006, Longview TX 75606). Make checks payable to the church.

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

Other: _____

Given By: _____

ordered _____ **Amount enclosed \$** _____

NAME: _____

(please print)



The poinsettia dedications will be listed on an insert in the Christmas Eve bulletins. If you would like a copy of that insert but won't be here on Christmas Eve, there will be extras available in the church office after December 28.

Christmas Eve Services will be in the sanctuary at 4:30 and 7 p.m.

Don't forget that our church cookbooks, "Simply Divine", make wonderful gifts for Christmas or any occasion. Still only \$14 each. Call or come by the church office.