

THE BELL RINGER

FIRST



Taylor Goll



Tom McMahon



Taylor LeGrand



Tyler Martin



Britton Eastburn



Ben Adams



Taylor Bogue

A GLIMPSE INTO THE YOUTH OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LONGVIEW, TEXAS

This is a special time of year in the lives of our youth. They are anxious for school to end and for summer to begin. Their summer is filled with numerous activities that involve fun and sun. For our high school seniors, the end of the school year means graduation. They have reached a milestone in their lives. Their summer will be a time of transition. Our seniors will be preparing themselves for a new stage of life. This summer represents freedom for them and for the rest of the youth.

Your typical youth may spend a majority of their summer sleeping, going on vacation, playing video games, and some more sleeping. But our youth are unique. Do not misunderstand me; our youth will partake in these activities. But in

addition, FPC youth will be going on mission trips and attending Christian camps this summer. This year we have 30 youth going on the senior high trip in June and 25 going on the junior high trip in July. They have made our mission trips a priority in their lives. I believe that they have seen God work in the lives of others and within their own lives, which motivates them to continue to serve on these trips.

Furthermore, the youth will be leading in FPC's VBS program this summer. Their jobs will be to disciple the younger generation. They will spend numerous hours with children teaching them how to follow after Christ. Their summer is full of fun and sun, but it is also full of serving God, the body of Christ, and the world.

I am looking forward to a great summer. Also, I am excited to celebrate graduation with our seniors. I know that God is going to do great things this summer in the lives of all of our youth.

In Christ,

Jason Hubbard

FPC Longview Youth Director

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Congratulations to:

- Ben Adams
- Taylor Bogue
- Blake Brightwell
- Britton Eastburn
- Taylor Goll
- Taylor LeGrand
- Tyler Martin
- Tom McMahon
- David Nelson
- Alex Novell
- Richard Parker
- Calob Player
- Jenny Shields

WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER SERMON SERIES "THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"

The book of Acts is the continuation of the work Luke started in the Gospel of Luke. The Book of Acts covers the 30 years from Jesus' ascension into heaven (30 AD) to Paul's arrival in Rome (60 AD). During these years, Christianity was transformed from a movement within Judaism into a global movement. Luke's purpose is to form and equip the next generation of disciples by showing how the first generation responded to life in light of Jesus' resurrection. His main preoccupation is with how the Holy Spirit empowered the Church to become the Body of Christ.

MAY 1

"The Ministry of Jesus, Part 2"
Sermon Lesson - Acts 1:1-8
Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 61

The Rev. Shelley Kral

8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Ingrid Johnson, Jeff Kearns, Leslie Konvalin

Prayer vigil: Kathy and Paul Watson

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Suzi White, Tres Bainter, Debbie Bankston

Prayer vigil: Penny and Kirk Shields

MAY 8 - MOTHER'S DAY

"Lord, Show Us..."

Sermon Lesson - Acts 1:9-26

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Jill Littlejohn, Diane Macfarlane, Kathie Ramey

Prayer vigil: Pat Taylor, Dede Byrd

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship- Children's Choirs Sing, Handbell

Greeters: Clay Brelsford, Suzanne Cook, LaVerne Dennis

Prayer vigil: Sandra Skoog, Frances Sample

MAY 15

YOUTH SUNDAY

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

Message presented by the Youth of FPC

9:30 a.m. - Church School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Nancy and Bailey Salmon, Tiffany Jehorek

Prayer vigil: Nancy and Bailey Salmon

MAY 22

"What Does This Mean?"
Sermon Lesson - Acts 2:1-47

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Pilar and Stephen McLemore, James Shore

Prayer vigil: Karen Harris

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Tom and Marge Dome, Jim Lindsey

Prayer vigil: Kitty Booth, Joyce Moomau

MAY 29

Sermon Lesson - Acts 3:1-26

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

8:30 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Marge Smith, Deborah Susik, Wil White

Prayer vigil: Carla and Paul Szafran

9:45 a.m. - Church School

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Greeters: Amy and Marshall Jackson, Pearline Mitchell

Prayer vigil: Nelta Ray

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT



In the Church Triumphant

Janette Canterberry

2/6/17 - 3/30/11

Anne Wyant

7/28/25 - 3/30/11

Mary Ann Roberts

11/30/26 - 4/7/11

Don Ray

6/11/31 - 4/9/11

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*

MINISTRIES FOR WOMEN, MEN AND YOUTH

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The coordinating team of the Presbyterian Women will meet May 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor.

Circles will meet as follows:

- * Evening; May 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the church to go to Marshall
- * Bankston/Dome; May 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor
- * Smith/Smith; May 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Makemie Room
- * Selph/Ege; May 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor
- * Goll; May 10 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.



Congratulations to Joan Osborne and Carol Schmidt who were presented with the Lifetime Membership Award at the April 26 meeting of the Presbyterian Women!

MEN'S MINISTRY (AND WOMEN TOO!)

MICKEY MELTON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

- When? Monday, May 9; lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1:30
- Where? Wood Hollow Golf Club
- Cost? \$75 per player; \$250 hole sponsorship. Cash awards will be given as well as snacks and drinks and door prizes available.

All proceeds benefit Gilmont Camp and Conference Center and Alpine Presbyterian Church Youth.

Registration forms are available in the church gathering area.

FPC library inventory is in progress.
Please check your own bookshelves and side tables for materials that need to be returned to the church.
No late fees apply!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Please contact the FPC office as soon as possible if your high school senior is interested in being a part of the Youth Sunday service on Sunday May 15.



YOUTH SUNDAY IS MAY 15

9:30 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
10:30 A.M.—COMBINED WORSHIP

Senior Banquet immediately following worship—Everyone is invited to attend to support the Youth!

- * The graduating seniors and their families are our honored guests.
- * All others—\$6 for adults; \$3 children ages 4-12; family max is \$15

If you would like your high school senior's photo to be included in the banquet slideshow, please submit it to the church office by Monday, May 2



ADDITIONAL DATES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Youth Coed Spring Softball Schedule
(All games played on Tuesdays at Hinsley Park Softball Fields)

5/3	8:45 PM	Field #4	VS Moberly Green
5/10	8:45 PM	Field #3	VS Our Redeemer

7TH GRADE GIRLS BIBLE STUDY SERVICE PROJECT
These girls are offering to babysit children (infants through 4th graders) for free on Wednesday, May 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. Please register your children NOW by notifying the church office by phone or email.

11TH GRADE BOYS BIBLE STUDY FUNDRAISING LUNCH
These boys are offering complete chicken fettuccini meals (main dish, salad, bread) for take out only for \$8 each on Sunday, May 22 to help fund their "Wounded Warrior" project they will be participating in this summer in Colorado. You may reserve the number of meals you would like to take out following the 11 o'clock worship service by calling the church office or signing the list in the Gathering Area each Sunday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMPS

GRACE SUMMER CAMP AT GILMONT FOR AGES 6 YEARS—17 YEARS.

Dates: June 12-July 9—Mini camps for young children to two-week internships for 16—17 year olds.

Cost: \$265 for mini camps and \$475 for all other camps.

FPC offers \$100 per student for those attending Gilmont.

Special scholarships are available from Grace Presbytery and FPC. Contact Tammy Moyes for more information. On-line registration available at www.fpclongview.org or <http://campgilmont.org/index.php/summer-camp-online>

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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June 27—July 1

9 a.m.—noon each day
4year olds entering Kind—5th grade

Volunteers are needed for the Marketplace shops, Family Home leaders, Decorations and set up.

Watch for registration Information and details or Register on-line (see link below)

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/fpclongview>

WORSHIP NURSERY UPDATES

Our church member volunteers for the worship nursery are:

<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
May 1	Kim Reagh
May 8	
May 15 Jenny Hubbard	Jane Lanagan
May 22 Janel Walker	Betty Moseley
May 29 Leslie Carlile	Erica Roberts

Volunteers check in at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Check to see that children are signed in and placed according to ages.

CHURCH SCHOOL

May 2011

Infants—Room 110

Toddlers—Room 113

Two's & three's—Room 115

Pre-k & Kindergarten—Room 106

1st—4th Grade—Meet in the Chapel

5th Grade—Room 202

May Workshop Rotation begins May 1

“The Road to Emmaus”

Disciples.com—Room 109

Fisherman's Net—Room 204

Artisan's Well—Room 206

Bible Verse:

Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20 NIV

Rotation Leaders are needed for Fall 2011 and spring 2012

Please contact Kerri Daugbjerg or Tammy Moyes for more information.



ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY ART CONTEST

9Children age 4 years—5th grade may submit a picture showing how special your mother is by May 4.

1st & 2nd place will be on the worship bulletin for Mother's day.

Prizes are awarded for 1st , 2nd & 3rd place.

All entries will be displayed in the Gathering area.

END OF SCHOOL CHILDREN'S PARTY

Swim Party at the Hudson's

The children's Ministry Sub-committee invites all church school children age 4 years through 5th grade to the annual end of school swim party.

The date and time are yet to be decided so watch for mail or e-mail notification.

Food, drinks, fun and sun with just a little water added.

Lifeguards will be on duty.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES AND CAMP INFORMATION

FROM THE PRAYER COMMITTEE

National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 5, 2011, and the Prayer Committee of the church will be conducting a 24-hour prayer vigil that day. You may sign up in the Gathering Area for a time slot to pray for our country on May 5.

LIHN WEEK AT FPC - MAY 1 THROUGH 7

Please contact Jim Brun or Suzi White if you wish to volunteer. Even though Jim has worked diligently staffing each area of service for this particular week, there might be future opportunities for you to volunteer. Our church will host again on July 17, October 2, and December 18. Please consider attending one of the following

Training Meetings

Who: Potential Volunteers

When: Once a month: every other month on a Tuesday or Thursday

Where: LIHN Day Facility (700 N. Edith) Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Dates to Remember: Tuesday, May 17, Thursday, June 16, Tuesday, July 12, Thursday, August 25, Tuesday, September 20, and Thursday, October 20, 2011 November - No training December - No training

NEWGATE MINISTRIES

Do you need help with any of the following?

- General Construction
- Housecleaning
- Roofing
- General Carpentry
- General Clean Up
- Car Detailing
- Lawn and Garden
- Painting
- Custodial Work



Newgate Ministries has started a program called "Helping Hands." They are trying to place some of their clients in jobs such as the above. The clients have been pre-screened and all you have to do is call Newgate (903-757-6146) and they will match you with a worker. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Finley at 903-295-2985.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Our last rehearsal date is May 4.

We will sing at the 11 a.m. worship service on Mother's Day, May 8 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" and

ADULT MUSIC MINISTRY

Chancel Choir—The next month of rehearsals are so important as we prepare for the Spring and Summer worship leading in song. Included in this time will be the special Combined Worship experience over the Independence weekend. This is a fantastic time for past choir members and people who are new and wish to join the choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. Contact Tim at timkonvalin@fplongview.org for more information

Chancel Bells—We will rehearse Monday, May 2 and ring during the 11 a.m. service on May 8.

Carillon Handbells—Our rehearsals are held on Wednesday mornings from 10-11 a.m.

YOUTH MUSIC

Last rehearsal Sunday, May 1 at 5:45 PM!!!

We will be singing on Youth Sunday (May 15) so rehearsal is a must even if you have been on the youth retreat!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

THANK YOU'S

From Carroll and Sandra Shipp:

Thank you for the lovely flowers brought to Carroll from the sanctuary. It's so nice to feel that connection when you're not able to be there. It was especially nice to have old friends (Bettye and Terrye) deliver them. We also appreciate the prayers that have gone up on our behalf.

From Ginia Northcutt:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to the SYMC Youth Conference in Chicago these past two years. Working with the youth of our church is more than an honor and a joy; it is a blessing. Through this ministry the Holy Spirit has allowed me to grow in ways I was unable to understand. It is a privilege to be able to work with the young people of our church and I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in a conference that allows me to grow as a leader, a parent and a child of God. Thank you again.

From Longview Community Ministries' Executive Director Donna Sharp:

Thank you for the generous donation to Longview Community Ministries. This gift will allow us to help thousands of Longview residents in need. LCM is fortunate to be able to offer a variety of services to persons who face temporary setbacks. Volunteers carefully screen and assess needs to ensure that funds are allocated carefully. Support from individuals, area churches, businesses, civic organizations, and the Greater Longview United Way allows us to help
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families with food boxes, rent and utility assistance, prescriptions, dental extractions, Meals on Wheels, and provide a free learning lab. Please feel free to call or come by and see what wonderful works this gift supports. Thank you again, for LCM could not exist without its generous donors and our faithful volunteers.

From Anna Lee Allen:

I am truly thankful for all the love and kindness shown during my recent health issues. The calls, cards, food, flowers, thoughts and prayers were a daily source of comfort. Your warmth and Christian love are a true blessing as I travel this recovery road.

From Barbara Hawkins and Dot Word:

Thank you so much for thinking of Mother and for sending the beautiful Easter lily. Thank you especially for keeping her in your prayers. I believe it's true what I've heard people say—"Growing old ain't for sissies"!! It's tough!

From Juanita Cornelsen:

Thank you so much for the seven-bloom Easter lily. It is so fresh and really beautiful. The wonderful sweet fragrance has my home smelling so good. Sorry I missed who delivered it.

From Nelta Ray:

How can I say thanks to an unspeakable outpouring of love and support from a precious church family! You were there with food, visits, phone calls with offers of help, cards, flowers, hugs, and most of all your prayers. God's word to us tells us that He will do more than we can imagine or ask. He has done that in you for me and my family. I love you.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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Recent need: Matt Hudson, Doyle Read, Don White

Continuing need: Carroll Shipp, Rosa Lamb, Richard Sanders (father of Deborah Susik), Margaret Atkinson, Bob Sweat, Phillip Smith, Hugh Taylor, Jim Byrd, Tommy Flanders, Julia Staggs, Anna Lee Allen, Karen Ragonesi, Mainard McCabe, Geneva Falconer, Betty Vaughan, Leslie Marshall, Lanette Yancey, Jim Lindsey, Tijuanna Bush, Terry Wohlfahrt, Muriel Turner, Emily Aitken, Bill Hollingsworth, Mack Baushke, Martha Armstrong, Davis Bankston, Lukas Wyche, Biff Cook, Mary Crawford, Garland Baldwin, Elizabeth Stevenson, Mildred Shelton, Dorothy Bartlett

OUR MILITARY FAMILY:

Deployed with U.S. Marines expeditionary unit: Kyle Moseley
Iraq: Austin Bogert, David Morris, Stuart Gray, Tanner Bagley
Germany: Angela Hammett, James Barnhill
U.S.: Jeff Beckworth, Malisa Hammett, 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

OUR RETIREMENT FAMILY:

Ray Hall, Mack Baushke - *Colonial Village*
Jean George, John Whitaker - *Hawkins Creek*
Mildred Flanders - *Highland Pines*
Dorothy Chandler, Grace Raney, Helena and Roy Talmage - *Buckner Westminster Place*
Evelyne Busch, Rosa Lamb - *Buckner Greenhouse*
Betty Denton, Dot Word - *Songbird Assisted Living*
Willie Holt - *Heritage Healthcare*
Vi Jamison - *Oak Tree Assisted Living, New Braunfels*

LCM FOR MAY

- *Food Box needs for Mary: canned tuna, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, cereal/oatmeal, canned vegetables, canned fruits, all hygiene products*



BIRTHDAYS, STEWARDSHIP AND CLERK'S CORNER

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 - David Brelsford Terrye Hudson	19 - Lewis Browne Marshall Jackson Mason Pyle Jake Sisk
3 - Joseph Sisk	20 - Nico Fourie
4 - Ellen Stelzer	21 - Sophie Hester Hilliard Rotzler Lukas Wyche
5 - Katherine Cook Larry Layman Pat Wilson	22 - Bill Franklin Zack Mitchell
6 - Rick Alley Margaret Dugan	23 - Reagan Allen Lesley Player
7 - Susan Shea Laurie Sisk Glenn Word	24 - Martin Batts Monica Bratteli Lee Fuquay Stephen Leath
8 - Michael McMahon Hunter Skoog Matthew Sullivan	25 - Judson Murray Charlotte Oberthier Hendrik Scholtz
9 - Jeremy Batts Sandy Mitchell Lauren Stoddard	26 - Lacy Adams Beca Coleman
10 - Angela Bogue Chasten Sullivan	27 - Cameron Carlile Austin Cave Jason Dugan
11 - Laura Mobley Loreba Stoddard	28 - Taylor Bogue Ursula Dyer Mary Mitchell
12 - Jessica Cook Pat Richardson	29 - Joanne Edwards
13 - Joan Osborne Sam Smead	30 - Patrick Byrd Bettye Yater
14 - Bryce Alley Betty Lorenz	31 - Juanita Cornelsen Shelley Honea Donna Kearns Luke Spence
15 - Tyler Arthur Susan Cook Owen Freeman Josh Goll Connor Millikin	
16 - Carol Schmidt	



FINANCIAL REPORT—MARCH

Monthly Receipts	\$84,126	[Budget \$93,497]
Monthly Expenses	\$91,392	[Budget \$94,995]

Mission Donations paid from budget

Sick & Relief assistance	\$295
Longview Community Ministries	\$500
LCM—Rent Assistance	\$1000
Meals on Wheels	\$150
Contingencies	\$ 20
Newgate Stewpot	\$500
Food Box	\$300
Haiti	\$900
Presbytery Benevolence	\$4,167

Donations in addition to Budget :

<i>Gilmont</i>	\$300
<i>Organ Maintenance Fund</i>	\$3200

Quarterly Donation Statements were mailed last week. Please check them carefully and contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your generosity.

CLERK'S CORNER

From the April 12, 2011 session meeting

- Grace Presbytery will be meeting at Camp Gilmont on Thursday, June 9.
- Eight South Ward students will attend summer camp at Camp Gilmont as part of our Adopt-A-School program participation. One of the women's Bible study groups is sponsoring a camper.
- Plans are ongoing for "Be the Church Day," a day where the congregation will be encouraged to meet at the church on a designated Sunday and go out into the community for a day of service.
- The 60th anniversary of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 5. The prayer committee of the church is organizing a 24-hour prayer vigil beginning at midnight to celebrate this milestone.



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kimstanley@fpclongview.org
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published May 25, 2011.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

3-G Club

Gab, Games, and Good Food

4th Wednesday of each month

May 25, 2011

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

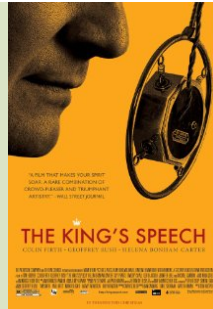
LUNCH AND A MOVIE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

LUNCH AT 11:30 IN GRACE HALL

MOVIE AT 12:30 IN THE FALL OUT SHELTER

“THE KING’S SPEECH”



PCC NEWS

Check out what is happening at PCC in May!

- May 19—Kindergarten graduation. Congratulations to Laura Brown, Austin Cave, Maizie Gatlin, Jude Martin, Kelsey Presley, Layla Spalding, Aven Whittington, Emma Wright and their teacher, Lacey Young!
- May 20—Field Day. We will be enjoying games and a picnic in Grace Hall.
- May 31—Summer Semester starts. We are looking forward to learning about God’s Summer Wonders.

