

# THE BELL RINGER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FROM VBS 2009

## SUMMER CHOICES

Ah, summer, that perfect time when one sheds one's tensions with one's clothes. Those lazy Saturdays when the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn is already mowed. Those Saturday nights when we take a lawn chair over and watch a little Peewee League and tell the umpire he's blind. And sometimes those slow Sunday mornings when you sit down on the porch rocking chair, shut down the mental machinery that keeps life on track, and let the morning simply wander.

Some folks choose to skip worship in the summer. My guess it's because our busy lives make those lazy Sunday mornings appear refreshing. You would expect a preacher to cry foul over that, like the time Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath and the Pharisees cried foul. Augustine once said, "Love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Then do anything you want." This is liberty exercised within love's boundary. Love God and neighbor, then do anything you want. That gives God's love and joy all kinds of room to weave

His miracles.

The irony is that love and joy instinctively pull our hearts to God. So rather than talk about the myriad of dangers that result from missing worship, I'll just talk about what you will miss if you choose to sit on the porch some Sunday morning.

One thing you will miss is how much folks will miss you. It's hard to understand that we go to church not merely for ourselves, but also for the sake of others. Like the widow whose husband is gone, but life went on, you are an important part of her community of faith. She loves the children's chat more than the children do. Community is a beautiful thing; it even heals us and makes us better than we would otherwise be. Community is what you find whenever folks ask you how you're doing because they care. Two thousand years ago Luke wrote the recipe for community. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, and to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon everyone ..." (Acts 2:42) That means you love each other when you

worship together.

Another thing that you will miss when you choose to skip worship is the promise, that maybe God planned to refresh and strengthen you that morning. There is an old saying: "The Word of God does the work of God." We have planned a sermon series exploring the lives of the twelve disciples, and we will be teaching the Shorter Catechism in Sunday School on the Ten Commandments. We pray that your roots will grow deep this summer so you can draw strength from the hidden resources of the Word of God.

Dear God, as flowers instinctively turn and open themselves to the sun, knowing their need and their source, so we, this summer, turn our hearts toward You. Let your Word do its work; may we contribute to your community, and may we grow this summer in Your great desire to make us full and complete in Your image. And this we ask for Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Jonathan*

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# WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## JUNE 6

### The Master's Companions Sermon Series

**"Simon and Matthew:**

**Enemies Who Became Friends"**

*Luke 6:15; Matthew 9:9-13*

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

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

Greeters: Chan and Buster Turner, Buck Birdsong

Prayer vigil: Karen and Matt Yost

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

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

Greeters: Joann and Richard Lazarus, Pearline Mitchell

Prayer vigil: Penny and Kirk Shields

## JUNE 13

### The Master's Companions Sermon Series

**"Thomas: The Disciple Who Became Certain**

**Through Doubting"**

*John 20:19-29*

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

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

Greeters: Kathy and Paul Watson, Jim Brun

Prayer vigil: Jenny Hubbard, Jill Smead

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

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

Greeters: Lynn Martin, Ruben Martin, Betty Moseley

Prayer vigil: Bonnie Mason, Leslie Konvalin

## JUNE 20—FATHER'S DAY

### The Master's Companions Sermon Series

**"Andrew: The Disciple Who Brought**

**Others to Jesus"**

*John 1:35-51*

The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek

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

Greeters: Christine and Lewis Beville, Nancy Clemens

Prayer vigil: Lien and Bill Ege

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

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

Greeters: Patsy and Charles Quinn, Kirk Shields

Prayer vigil: Sherry and Don Brown

## JUNE 27

Serving breakfast at Newgate Mission

### The Master's Companions Sermon Series

**"Sarah: The Forgotten Companion"**

*Genesis 11:23*

The Rev. Shelley Kral

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

Greeters: Susan Curton, Brian Daugbjerg,

Ingrid Johnson

Prayer vigil: Edwyna Testerman, Elizabeth Hutcheson

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

**11:00 a.m. - Worship-Chancel Bells ring**

Greeters: Nelta and Don Ray, Dotty Smith

Prayer vigil: Nelta and Don Ray

## JULY 4—PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

### The Master's Companions Sermon Series

**"Esther: The Political Companion"**

*Esther*

The Rev. Shelley Kral

**NO church school**

**10:30 a.m. - Worship-patriotic music with brass,**

**timpani, organ and choir**

Greeters: Hank and Holly Hester, Judy Smith

Prayer vigil: Sally Rathbun, Frances Sample

## IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT



**Juanita Crawford**

November 10, 1922—May 4, 2010

**Doyle V. Thomas** of Kilgore, TX—  
Father of Sue Martin

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

# GILMONT, WOMEN, AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

## SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP GILMONT

Consider a message for your child that is simple, yet exciting; basic yet powerfully engaging; sacrificial, while awesomely rewarding. Does it sound like the Gospel message?

The summer camp program for 2010 is built around the theme: **Be a Hero: Living Like Jesus.** Unlike the superheroes that leap tall buildings in a single bound, being a hero for God is different. It means recognizing a need, realizing that something can be done to address that need, and taking the risk to act. As Christians, we are not perfect, but we are dearly loved by God—no matter how the world sees us—and, we

can be a HERO for God when we open our forgiven hearts and let Him act through us.

Our prayer for Summer Camp 2010, is that through experience, sharing, and working together, this message will become more than head knowledge, but that it will take root in the hearts, and impact the lives, of each and every participant.

Presently we have at least 3 students from FPC attending Camp Gilmont and 8 students from South Ward. There are still openings and the church can assist with \$100 towards the fee as well as

Scholarships available from the church and from Grace Presbytery. To register please call the church office—we have forms.

Also you can call [Grace Presbytery \(800\) 678-4502](tel:8006784502) or go to [www.gracepresbytery.org](http://www.gracepresbytery.org)



Daisy Jehorek, Melissa Hudson, Sophie Bunn, Hope Jehorek, Logan Spence, Jake Burton, Michael Goolsby enjoyed Kidquake

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Circles are the primary way to be involved with Presbyterian Women. They help keep us connected with one another and our church. We are planning for the coming year with Presbyterian Women, and the cards for you to return indicating which Circle you wish to be a member of for 2010-11 have been mailed with a letter of explanation.

We have a new circle beginning in the fall, the "Young Women's Circle." Moderated by Jenny Hubbard, this Circle is geared toward the younger generation within our church family. It will include a study lesson as well as comprehensive information

explaining the Presbyterian Women's role in our church's life.

We are also considering the formation of another new Circle for those women who wish to reconnect with the Presbyterian Women's activities. This Circle might appeal to those who are 50-ish or so and found themselves having to take a break from PW for a variety of reasons but now wish to reconnect. If you are interested in this group, please contact the moderator, Kathy Watson.

If you choose not to participate in Circle meeting but would like to help

in other areas, please indicate your willingness on the proper space on the card. Returning your card by June 28th will ensure that our yearbook can be ready when meetings start again in September.

Our women play a huge role in the everyday life of the church so your are encouraged to be prayerful of your participation.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Please be in prayer for the following participants in the Senior High Mission trip to Peru from June 20-29:**

Ben Adams, Alex Bickham, Chris Buckstaff, Lauren Byrd, Scott Byrd, Britton Eastburn, John Golden, Taylor Goll, Annie Hawkins, Matt Hudson, Paul Hudson, Sarah Konvalin, Jonah Kral, Tyler Martin, Becca McCreary, Molly McCreary, Chloe McMahan, Tom McMahan, Ryan Millikin, Conlan Northcutt, LeGrand Northcutt, Ryan Shea, Sam Smead Jr., Laura Werline, Allie Yancey, Allison Yost and adults Buck Birdsong, Adam Burton, Meg Freeman, Vance Freeman, Jason Hubbard, Otto Mendez, Tege Millikin, Ginia Northcutt, Jill Smead, Sam Smead, Chris Yancey

Commissioning for all the above will take place on Sunday, June 20 during the 8:30 worship service



Church Youth Softball Team

Front row L to R: Lauren Byrd, Conlan Northcutt, Annie Hawkins, Brandon Dyer  
Middle row L to R: Alison Yost, Scott Byrd, Katie Holsomback, Georgia Whaley, LeGrand Northcutt, Coach Jason Hubbard  
Back row L to R: Ryan Millikin, Alex Bickham, Jonak Kral, Matthew Armstrong  
(Not pictured: Molly McCreary, Tyler Martin)

# 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.  
All children are released to parents only

Summer Children's Church School

Kid's Quest Catechism Club

Begins June 6 for Preschool 4's through 5th grade.

Classes and Locations

Two's/Three's room 114

Preschool/Kindergarten—Room 106

Elementary I (1st—3rd) -room 204

Elementary II (4th -5th) -room 202

Please see Summer Booklet for  
Parental leadership schedule.

## June 2010 Shepherd's Fold Activity Days

June 10, 2010 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

"It's a Jungle Out There!" Join Alyssa and Tammy as they learn to be a part of God's creation in a visit to the Tyler Zoo, picnic lunch and back to the church for "The Jungle Book" movie.

June 24, 2010 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

"Going Green" doing a clean up opportunity, picnic lunch and fun.

Children need to bring a sack lunch for both events.

Drinks will be provided.

RSVP to the church or [tmoyes@fpcclongview.org](mailto:tmoyes@fpcclongview.org)

SPECIAL THANKS TO MIKE AND TERRY  
HUDSON FOR HOSTING THE

"SUMMER'S HERE"

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
SWIM PARTY .



It's a Hero Summer At FPC!  
Vacation Bible School with PCC

July 12-16

9 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Ages 4—5 years old Church Member Children only

1st—5th Grade

Day Camp

July 12-16

9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Grace Presbytery will hold a  
"Heroes of the Bible"



Day camp here at FPC.

All church children are invited to attend.

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

Each student attending will receive

- \* t-shirt
- \* lunch
- \* snacks for the day.

The counselors will lead games, activities, singing and Bible study.

Register on Line today!!!!

Volunteers to prepare daily lunches for the counselors and campers are needed. Contact Tammy Moyes.

1st—4th Grade

Bible Blast Winners 2010

Overall - Eliana Melton, Logan Spence  
and Caleb Liebengood

1st Grade - Caedmon Liebengood

2nd Grade - Ainsley Daugbjerg

3rd Grade - Sophie Bunn

4th Grade - Harper Finley

Next Fall we will start anew so know where your Bible is and come prepare to learn scripture.



## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES BOOKLET AVAILABLE

Our Summer 2010 Opportunities booklet has been mailed. This publication gives details on all the activities for children, youth, and adults for the summer so keep it handy for future reference. There are extra booklets available in the church office and at various locations around the building.

**Summer church school for all adults** will begin on June 6 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fallout Shelter. "Teaching Biblical Truths" is the theme for the continuation of the all-church study of the Westminster Catechism led by Shelley Kral, Jonathan Jehorek, and Jason Hubbard.

- **Youth—6th-12th graders**—Join Jason in the church parlor each Sunday beginning June 6 for a study of intriguing questions of old to help us establish our beliefs and theological spectrum of a New Testament Christian.
- **Children—1st-3rd Grade** will meet in Room 204; **4th & 5th Grade** in room 202
- **Preschool/Kindergarten** will meet in Room 106. Teachers will be the parents of our pre-schoolers and Kindergarteners.

## WELCOME NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the Kelly Liebengood family into membership of 1st Presbyterian Church. The family's address and home phone number are in the back of our church directory under "Active Non-

Members". Kelly and Marietta joined on May 2. Daughter Chloe was a member of our most recent Confirmation Class and joined in April. Other family members are Caleb, Caedmon and Campbell.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC OPPORTUNITY

#### Mo-Ranch/PAM Worship & Music Conference

June 20-24, 2010

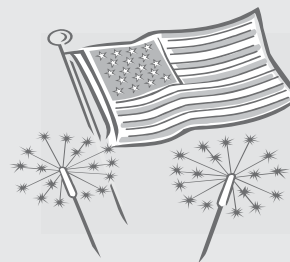


When is the last time you went to Mo Ranch? You have never gone? This is a great opportunity for families and individuals to get away from the hurry and stress of life and retreat in the Texas Hill Country. Activities are planned for children, youth, and adults that are centered around worship and music.

Do you want more information? Contact Tim Konvalin or visit the web-sites listed below.

[www.presbymusic.org/mo\\_ranch](http://www.presbymusic.org/mo_ranch)

[www.moranch.com](http://www.moranch.com)



### Combined Worship

July 4, 2010

**10:30 AM**

Chancel Choir, Brass, Timpani, and Organ Present:

*National Songs and Hymns*

Military Salute in recognition of those who have served our country in each branch of our military.

**Sermon: Esther, The Political Companion**

**From the book of Esther**

**NO CHURCH SCHOOL**

**ON JULY 4th**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

## THANK YOU'S

*From Newgate Mission's Executive Director The Rev. Jennene Laurinec:*

Newgate Mission is extremely grateful for your generous contribution to our community of faith. Your support will help to make a difference in the lives of the marginalized and low income citizens in our Newgate family and the greater community. If you have never been to Newgate Mission, we enthusiastically invite you to come by 207 S. Mobberly Ave. in Longview to visit us. May God richly bless you as you have blessed others. God is doing good things at Newgate.

*From Katie Holsomback:*

Thank you for the Bible. It will definitely help me in my walk with Christ through college. Thank you for being a big part in my life.

*From Joseph P. Stiewe, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Club of Gregg County:*

On behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Gregg County, the Board of Directors, the staff, and the many youth we service, I want to express our gratitude for your generous donation to sponsor the 2010 Odis Hill Memorial Golf Tournament. Thanks to people like you; we are able to meet the increasing needs of youth. An investment in our children is an investment in our future. We thank you and our children thank you.

## A PERSONAL STORY FROM MARGE SMITH

After missing a year, I got back into volunteer tutoring/reading with children at South Ward school. Immediately I felt completely rewarded and knew why I wanted to be there. My reward was a young first grader whose name is Carlos. I had taken a library book from the church library to read to him and he thought I got it at the school library. He begged me to take him to the library so he could get a soccer easy-read book. I hesitated to 'interrupt' the library schedule (being an ex-teacher myself) but did it anyway. The librarian found a book and Carlos lit up light a light bulb. He clutched it under his arm going back to the place where we read together. I had to read most of it to him the first time but the second time, he got almost all the words himself. It was about a little boy from Mexico who came to a U. S. school. His key to getting along was his soccer expertise. The librarian said she would check it out to the teacher so he could keep it in the classroom. As I left him in his room, he was still hanging onto that book and a perceptive teacher let him keep it at his desk. This was a teaching moment I truly won't forget.

**Please consider the gift of just one hour or less per week for this wonderful ministry. Contact Leah Finley for more information.**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently hospitalized: Terry Wohlfahrt, Don Kiser  
Continuing need: Richard Fuhrman, Mack Baushke Mainard McCabe, Martha Armstrong , Lukas Wyche, Leslie Konvalin, Jack Vander Woude, Blake Brightwell, Biff Cook, 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, Derek Czapnik

*Qatar:* Jeff Beckford

*Germany:* Angela Hammett

*Honduras:* Austin Bogert

*U.S:* James Barnhill, Malisa Hammett, David Morris, 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, 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 - *Colonial Village*

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*

Betty Denton, Dot Word - *Songbird Assisted Living*

Bill White - *Kilgore Manor, Kilgore*

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

## DID YOU KNOW...

That there is a Prayer Room, used specifically for prayer, located next to the balcony entrance of the church? The Prayer Room is open during FPC operating hours for anyone who would like to use it.

# BIRTHDAYS, STEWARDSHIP AND CLERK'S CORNER

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Mary Jon Bass    | 18 - John Dalton     |
| Jenna Cave           | 19 - Becky Brashear  |
| Matthew Russell      | Anna Lane            |
| Paul Watson          | 20 - Billy Mullins   |
| 4 - Carson Sample    | Carla Szafran        |
| Mackenzie Wyche      | 21 - Chaney Bennett  |
| 5 - Gordon Northcutt | Dixie Golden         |
| 7 - Mark Littlejohn  | 22 - Wil White       |
| 8 - Ann Bruton       | 23 - Cameron Presley |
| Patrick Paine        | Robbie Sherrod       |
| Hugh Taylor          | 24 - Dustin Johnson  |
| 9 - Karly Brooks     | Eliana Melton        |
| Marge Dome           | 25 - Zack Eastburn   |
| Nell Hollingsworth   | Walter Goll          |
| 10 - Suzanne Bickham | 27 - Lien Ege        |
| Jake Burton          | 28 - Jan Paine       |
| Charlotte Graham     | 29 - Cindy Brelsford |
| Jud Murray           | Jimmie Jakubowski    |
| 11 - Don Ray         | Janel Walker         |
| 12 - Austin Bogert   | 30 - Jack Moore      |
| Katherine Graham     | Kyle Moseley         |
| Caroline Jackson     | Mark Moseley         |
| Felicia Moore        |                      |
| 13 - Marjorie Davis  |                      |
| Nancy Rue            |                      |
| Craig Sisk           |                      |
| 14 - Shelby Browne   |                      |
| Jonah Kral           |                      |
| 15 - Amy Jackson     |                      |
| Taylor LeGrand       |                      |
| Thomas Schindler     |                      |
| 16 - Ethan Layman    |                      |



## FINANCIAL REPORT—APRIL

Monthly Receipts \$89,592 [Budget \$93,247]  
 Monthly Expenses \$88,520 [Budget \$96,151]  
 Year to date net Income under Expenses—(59,288)

### *Mission Donations paid from budget*

Sick & Relief assistance	387
Newgate Breakfast	213
Contingencies	486
Grace Presbytery, Synod, PCUSA	4167
Theological Education/PCUSA	267
Newgate Stewpot	600
LIHN— in-house project	185
House of Hope	1000
Longview Community Ministries	1500

*From House of Hope Rescue Mission's Executive Director  
 Sister Helen Johnson:*

Thank you for your donation to the House of Hope. Your contribution makes it possible for us to provide for all the basic needs of homeless women and children in the East Texas area. We offer up prayers of thanks daily for all those who contribute to our facility. The significant changes in so many lives would not be possible without your desire to help. To God be the glory! Once again, thank you so much for your prayers and support. Words cannot adequately convey our gratitude. God's blessing be with you. Thank you for your generous contributions to the House of Hope.

## CLERK'S CORNER

From the May 11, 2010 Session meeting:

Building and Grounds: Thanks were expressed to Susan Cook's girls Bible study group who fertilized the azaleas and to Bill Rotzler's boys group who trimmed shrubs and bushes.

Christian Education: Host homes are still needed for the college-age Camp Gilmont counselors who will be leading Vacation Bible School at our church from July 12-16 for 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Worship: The Session approved the motion to upgrade the current sound system. The upgrade will include replacing the main mixing console, adding stage input and floor connectors, and repairing damaged items.

## LCM FOOD BOX FOR JUNE

Our Food Box is located in front of Grace Hall

Food needs: 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](mailto:lcmprogram@cablelynx.com) or cal 903-753-3561, ext 207.



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This Bellringer is available by e-mail  
Please contact the church office at  
[kimstanley@fpclongview.org](mailto:kimstanley@fpclongview.org)  
Or call 903-757-2525

## ADVENT IN JUNE

You can help the Decorating Committee make new Chrismons for the sanctuary Chrismon tree. The current Chrismons (Christ's monograms) are in disrepair and in need of replacement. Please take a prepared kit for one (1) Chrismon and complete it before November 1, 2010. Each kit includes:

- Directions and a picture
- Fabric and backing materials
- Beads and sequins
- Needle and thread



Contact any member of the Decorating Committee for assistance or information:  
Joan Osborne, Jane Bogue, Barbara Walker, Tammy Moyes, Judy Smith, Dot O'Neal

## YOU ARE INVITED...



The dedication of the B. W. Crain, Jr. Conference Center at Camp Gilmont will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 5. Recognition will be made of memorials to David Mobley, Paul and Susie Morris and Mickey Melton with special appreciation to Rosa May Griffin Foundation, Missionary TECH, Ronnie Spradlin, and all the employees of R. Lacy, Inc. A reception will follow.

RSVP to [cgilmontpc@aol.com](mailto:cgilmontpc@aol.com) or telephone 903-797-6400. Camp Gilmont is located 6 miles northeast of Gilmer on Hwy 155 North.

## NEXT SENIOR ADULT RETREAT AT CAMP GILMONT

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2010

“MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. BOB CRILLEY  
OF 1ST PRESBYTERIAN, GRAPEVINE

JULY 4 COMBINED WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.

LIHN WEEK JULY 4 THRU 11