

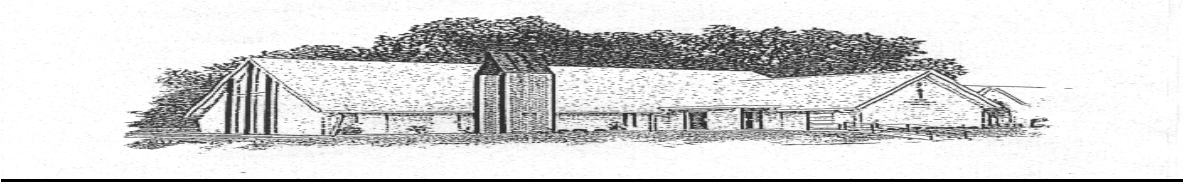


In December ,FPC was given an award by The Keep Henderson Beautiful Organization for educating youth about “Going Green”

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Ash Wednesday

Why do we acknowledge it? What does it signify? Isn’t it Catholic?

The season of Lent spans 40 days, not counting Sundays. It begins on Ash Wednesday, and concludes on Saturday before Easter morning. The Lenten time focuses on Christ’s final days on earth, his efforts to minister to as many as he possibly could, and his challenge to teach and train the twelve who would follow him.

Follow him? Where was he going? Yes, we know, but the original disciples could not fathom death, let alone crucifixion and resurrection. We know what his last days consisted of; we know where the journey would take him; we know why he agreed to go through it. We know he did it all for us

And we know we are not worthy of Christ’s endurance of excruciating pain, powerful thirst, rejection, solitude and finally death. We are not worthy of what he accomplished on our behalf. We are not worthy at all. Not any of us. So, we wear ashes – to remember *his* place, and *ours*.

Ashes signify mourning and sorrow because of the death that sin brings into the world. Wearing ashes is a sign of humility and a visible mark on us as sinners – unworthy of God’s gift of the Christ who sacrificed himself for us. Ash Wednesday is a somber day to reflect on what needs to change in our lives if we call ourselves “Christian.”

You are invited to attend our Ash Wednesday worship experience in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. It will be a somber service of prayer and penitence to begin the long journey that Jesus took on your behalf, knowing all the time where it would end for him.

May you be blessed with a deep understanding of the season, and the profundity of the gift given for you.

Candice

“..... you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” – Genesis 3:19c

Behind the scenes, the Chancel Choir has worked two long Saturdays straightening the choir room and filing massive amounts of music! If you have the chance, stop by and check out the fruits of our labor! Additionally, we will add a new dimension to the Sunday services of Lent by wearing different robes. We hope you sense a deeper meaning in your worship experience through the music we offer. We welcome and encourage new choir members, so please join us! We rehearse at 8:30 each Sunday morning. Although this hour is a time of working hard on our music, it is primarily a time of fellowship with those who love to sing praises to our Lord! Please join us!

Mary Tidwell
Organist & Choir Director



Building & Grounds Team

The infamous railing for the hallways have been delivered! It is of furniture quality & will add comfort & safety while enhancing the appearance of our hallways. We will be scheduling a work day in March to install the railing & apply a finish. The team covets your support by encouragement through your prayers, financial support, & physical work.

Team Leader,
John Tieken



"If I am not in God's grace, may God put me there; and if I am, may God so keep me."
—Joan of Arc

We are only trustees
for those that come
after us. *— William Morris*

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"The love of money is the root of all evil?"
Is that the whole Treasurer's Report?"



"Even though the last meeting was an eternity, Sam, we'll continue to call this report the minutes."

Did you know that the Member Care Committee assists Rev. Klein in providing home bound members communion every month? Did you also know that you are greeted by a smiling face that is happy to see and visit with you. Yes it's true. This is very rewarding not only for the recipient but for you the volunteer. Right now we are looking for elders that will join us this year. Sign up now while there's still an opportunity to be a part of this invaluable worship experience.

Please contact me by email stevel@lowetractor.com or call me at 658-0323 with any questions.

Steve Lowe
Member Care Chair



Lent begins



In *The Story of the Easter Robin* (Zonderkidz), Dandi Daley Mackall retells an old Pennsylvania Dutch tale of the robin's compassion as he witnessed Jesus' death.

On Good Friday, a plain brown robin flying over Jerusalem was curious about the "nest" atop Jesus' head. When the bird realized it was a crown of thorns, he tried to dislodge it. As the robin pulled out a long thorn

from Jesus' forehead, a drop of blood landed on the bird's breast, staining it red. Now the robin's red breast is a symbol of Jesus' loving sacrifice, and the robin's early -spring song is a reminder of Jesus' joyful resurrection.



The Fellowship Committee met on Feb. 18. Those present were Fonta, Debbie, Bob, Lavonne, Kay, Patsy, Travis, Judy and Candice. Travis opened the meeting with prayer. We voted on having Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. We will start serving at 5.30 on March 4. On April 1 we will have a Mexican dinner starting at 5.30. On Easter Sunday we will have our Sunrise Service and breakfast at 7.45. On Tuesday May 13 we will have an Italian supper starting at 5.30. For the summer holidays we will not have a fellowship meeting for June and July. We will meet in August on the 12th with a watermelon and ice cream social at 5.30. On Tuesday Sept. 30 we will have a chili supper at 5:30. We voted to have a clean the kitchen on March 3 at 9 a.m.

Judy Andrasko
Fellowship Committee Chair



DID YOU KNOW?

The typical American home uses 300 gallons of water every day. Three fourths of all water is used in the bathroom. The toilet accounts for 28 % of water use. A four minute shower uses 20-40 gallons of water. A full bathtub requires up to 70 gallons of water. A faucet leak of 1 drip every second adds up to 5 gallons every day. Water is essential to life and human and economic development. Demands for water are increasing in order to satisfy the needs of a growing world population for food production, energy, industrial and domestic uses. Waste not, want not continues to be a good rule to follow with this valuable resource!

C. E. Team



Moses was a prophet and lawgiver for God's chosen people, the Israelites. What does the name Moses mean in Hebrew?
A. "Out of the water" B. "Giver of the Law"
C. "Prophet" D. "God is good"

Answer: A (See Exodus 2:10.)

WONDERFUL WORSHIP NEWS

The FPC Worship Team met recently to discuss the dreams and goals, as well as the budget and responsibilities for Worship. Members of the team are: Fonta Conway, Margaret Hillin, Sally Hosea, Mary Tidwell, John Tieken, Tom Laney, Lynn Tieken, Pat Laney, Kathy Porter, and Rev. Candice Klein.

The Worship Team Leader discussed with the group the responsibilities of the Worship Team as outlined in Section 1 of Worship in the Book of Order. She reminded them that the primary purpose of Worship is to “Glorify God” and we like to do that with joy each time we worship together. It’s the foremost reason we gather on Sunday. In a nutshell, the Worship Team is charged with assisting the Pastor in the elements of worship to glorify God.

The team discussed the upcoming service on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Ash Wednesday is the first day of our journey through Lent, a six-week period of reflection and preparation for Easter Sunday. This year the Ash Wednesday service will be in the Fellowship Hall and will begin at 6:00 p.m. We hope you all will come and share together this first step on our journey to Easter.

The Worship Team hopes to have the new hymnal *Glory to God* in the pews for the beginning of Holy Week. We know you have noticed the displays around the church, and we hope you will take a moment to look through the new hymnal. We invite you to honor someone or memorialize someone by buying a copy or several copies. The cost is \$15 each. We hope to have the book plates in the hymnals before placing them in the pews for Holy Week use.

Members of the Worship Team ask you to join us in thanking Fonta Conway for facilitating the audio-sound system in the Sanctuary during worship, Travis Reynolds for leading and identifying ushers, and Sue Williams for calling us to worship on Sunday mornings by ringing the tower bell.

We hope you will share your worship ideas as well as your prayers for our collective worship experience this year as the team explores ways to enhance our worship of the Triune God.

Kathy Porter
Worship Team Leader

The Book Corner

NEARING HOME by Billy Graham

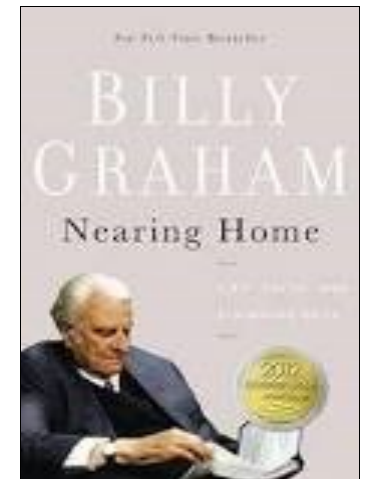
A Billy Graham Crusade was the very first event in the new Texas Stadium in 1971 – before the first Dallas Cowboy game – and my family was excited to be in that crowd. Like most of us, we have followed his life and ministry as an evangelist, author, and pastor to presidents from President Truman to President Bush. I so enjoyed this book in large print from our church library.

Billy Graham writes that all his life he was taught how to die as a Christian, but no one ever taught him how to grow old. That realization was his inspiration in writing this book at age 92 in 2011. I soon realized that it was not written just for ‘old’ people, but for people at every stage of life.

He shares how he learned to deal with grief: the loss of friends and family and his beloved wife Ruth. Steps helpful for coping with grief are given. Dealing with uncertainty as we age covers many aspects. He addresses transitioning to retirement with examples and stories as he relates work and the Bible and gives suggestions to consider concerning retirement.

In each chapter Rev. Graham focuses on the promises found in the Bible. His use of scripture was one of my favorite things in the book. In a sense, no matter our age, we all are ‘nearing home.’ His hope is that with God’s help we learn to grow older with grace and find the guidance needed to finish well our life’s journey.

Pat Laney for the C.E. Team



OUTREACH featuresKids for God
(everything inquiring FPC members need to know)

- * Kids for God began as Kids on Stage for God, an outreach after school ministry envisioned by Vivian Hicks, long-time member.
- * Our current "Kids for God" was renamed by the kids themselves about five years ago when we discerned that "Kids on Stage for God" was not living up to its name. (However, kids are natural actors, and often act out Bible story scripts).
- * We require registration of each child by the parent or legal guardian.
- * Kids for God is held every Wednesday from 4:15pm until 5:15pm, whenever school is in session. We are considering keeping this timeframe year-round.
- * Kids must be in elementary school--strictly 1st through 6th grades.
- * Regular attendance during the past four years has ranged from 4 to 15 children. The larger number included middle school and pre-school children. This year we have limited the ages of the children we allow to join--with no exceptions-- in fairness to the children and the leaders.
- * We have a "safety plan" in place in case of an event that threatens harm. This plan was approved by a Crime Prevention Officer with the Henderson Police Department.
- * Lesions and activities are currently from a multiage Sunday School curriculum purchased quarterly from Group. Each session begins with refreshments, sharing "glads and bads", prayer, and a brief attention-grabber game. Each lesson is based on scripture, and a simple craft is made that helps send the main point home.
- * Special sessions are held for several celebrations such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and End of School.
- * Five members of the church (Bert, Linda, Lynn, Sue and Kathy) are faithful volunteers who work together to keep the kids happily "on track" with the program. Background checks of volunteers are now required every two years.
- * Each year, the children participate in a service project of their choosing. This year they are collecting pennies and other change to send to UNICEF to provide special-treated mosquito nets to help people avoid malaria and other diseases. Our kids helped save lives! Last year, they raised money to purchase baby goats for poor people around the world. This is done through Heifer International, which also provides training to enable the recipients to become self-supporting. Our kids helped entire villages! For two years before that, the children chose SmileTrain to help correct cleft palates of young children who could not be helped without help. Our kids helped change little ones' lives! Linda Davis is in charge of these projects from start to finish. She even provides hand-decorated containers, all recycled, for the kids to use to bring pennies from home. The kids always double or triple their goals!

THANKS BE TO GOD !!

This feature presentation of FPC's outreach program, Kids for God, was brought to you by Bert Lowe and Jan Pennal.

PIPELINE CHANGE

Ever ask yourself what else you can do for your church, your world around you? May I make a suggestion? Allow us to send your copy of the Pipeline to you by email. The church spends approximately \$800.00 per year for postage, paper, copier toner, etc. to mail out the Pipeline. We also have several dedicated volunteers that make time to fold, tape, apply mailing labels, sort and deliver several trays to the post office for mailing. We could also become more "green" if we could reduce the amount of paper we use (4 pages of legal size paper to each of the 200+ recipients).

Maybe you are not a computer person and are not able to receive your Pipeline by email. You can still help reduce postage costs by picking up one of the available copies of the Pipeline in the Narthex.

We want to be sure that everyone who wants a copy of the Pipeline, gets a copy of the Pipeline. It is a great way to let everyone know what is going on with our church, our members and our extended church family. If either of these alternatives do not work for you, we will certainly continue to mail a copy to you.

Please take a moment to fill out this form. You may mail it back to the church, put it in the collection plate or email your information to me at onweaverpond@gmail.com.

Kelly Weaver

Communications Chair

I would prefer to receive my Pipeline by

- ☐ email to _____
- ☐ picking up in the Narthex
- ☐ continuing to receive by mail

Name: _____

The Mission Committee met on February 17, 2014. Plans for our next special offering of One Great Hour of Sharing that will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 4, 2014 were made. Offering envelopes will be in the pews before the Ash Wednesday service that begins at 6:00pm in the church sanctuary. Make plans to attend this very moving worship service.

The year of 2013 saw an extra \$547.00 given in donations for this worthy cause. One Great Hour of Sharing supports ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent.



One Great Hour of Sharing will start on Ash Wednesday, March 4, and runs through Easter Sunday, April 20. Donations can be made at any time and are always welcome. The committee will keep you informed about our other special offerings. Just remember, DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED. Till next time, Debbie Wasson, chair, of Mission Committee.



COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2014		
Rev. Klein	Moderator	Backup - All
John Ticken	Building and Grounds Chair	Backup – Outreach
Kathy Porter	Worship Chair/Clerk of Session	Backup – Communications/ Personnel
Jan Pennal	Outreach Chair	Backup - Worship, C.E.
Bill Stanley	Finance & Stewardship Chair	Backup - Building and Grounds
Steve Lowe	Member Care Chair	Backup - Mission
Judy Andrasko	Fellowship Chair	Backup - Member Care
Bert Lowe	Christian Education	Backup - Finance
Debbie Wasson	Missions	Backup - Fellowship
Kelly Weaver	Communication/Personnel	

Memorials

Dorothy Box- Jack Clark, Anne Sipes, Bob& Louise Slover, Evelyn Craig

Fredrick Charles Schauwecker– Tom & Syble DeLoach, Tim & Debbie Wasson, Travis & Patsy Reynolds

Wanda Houston-Dr. John Bruce Hillin, DDS, Travis & Patsy Reynolds



Into the Church Triumphant

Dorothy Box ~ December 30, 2013

Fredrick Charles Schauwecker, Jr. ~ January 29, 2014

Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation

Bill and Carolyn Boren, Jack Clark, Helen Crim, Mark & Linda Davis, Jordan and Sunshine, Jane and Tolly Dill and Diane, Bob Hays, Joyce Huggins, Claudine Kennedy, Billie Manck, Neil, Mariella, and Jan Pennal, Travis Reynolds, Alicia Rich, Bob Schauwecker and family, Patsy, Ginny and Tela Snelgrove

Connected Family

Connor Bradshaw – Porter’s grandson, Bert Lowe’s niece - Luna, Brittany McLane – Schauwecker’s granddaughter, Caroline Reynolds – Reynolds's great-granddaughter, Mike Rich – Mary Tidwell’s son, Letty Tennison – Cindy Ratliff’s mother, Colton Wallace – Cody Conway’s cousin, Kelly Weaver’s father

Friends and Neighbors

Jack Brooks’ father, The Rev Dani DeBeirs and family, Myra Folmar – friend of Bert Lowe, Johnny Jackson – husband of *the other* Mary Jackson, The Staff and Leadership of Grace Presbytery

Those loved ones known only to God



How wonderfully our church family has shown God's great love to us through:
Prayers, Prayer blanket, Visits, Emails, Cards
And now delicious lasagna, salad and bread.
We praise God and thank God and God's people.
Jane, Tolly and Mike Dill

I again wanted to thank all the lovely ladies for their Most Welcome and Precious Gift at Christmas Time. I was wondering how I could afford to go see my daughter, Sunshine in her time of need. Your gift was God sent and I was able to go spend a few days with her and the family. She had the surgery for her sinus cavities and they were able to get the vast majority of the infection cleared up. She is still on oxygen and still pretty puny (she has lost 26 lbs in the last 2 months. Since she is still at over 250 and 5 ft 3 in she needed to lose weight, but hopefully it comes off a bit slower now. She will probably never return to work, due to no immune system she can't be around anyone more then absolutely necessary. She may be able to work some from home. She is in much better spirits and has NOT had to return to the hospital since her surgery!! Thank GOD!! I just wanted to let you know how Deeply Appreciated your gift was and that I Love you all for being my church family!! Linda Davis, Mark and Jordan say Hi and Love you too!!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAPPENINGS

The 2014 Christian Education (CE) ministry team members are finding their new year to be challenging and rewarding. We owe sincere thanks to Kathy Porter and her 2013 CE team for setting and accomplishing high goals and standards, which we aspire to maintain.

One of our major goals is to provide new classes to serve young parents with families. We hope soon to provide biblical training for nursery-age children and a class for the "millenniums."

On Sunday, March 9, at 9:45am, our two adult classes will meet together to begin an exciting Lenten study, led by Pastor Candice Klein. We will discuss Jesus, the Final Days: What Really Happened, by Craig A. Evans and N. T. Wright. If you would like a better understanding of Jesus' final days on earth, please join us.

Members of our 2014 CE team are Jimmy Chapman, Pat Laney, Tom Laney, Jan Pennal, Lynn Ticken, Rev. Candice Klein, and team leader Bert Lowe. Pat Laney will head our library task force, with help and support of the entire team. Be sure to visit our beautiful church library soon and often.

Please let us know your specific Christian Education needs. We'll do our best to help meet them.

Bert Lowe, CE Team Leader

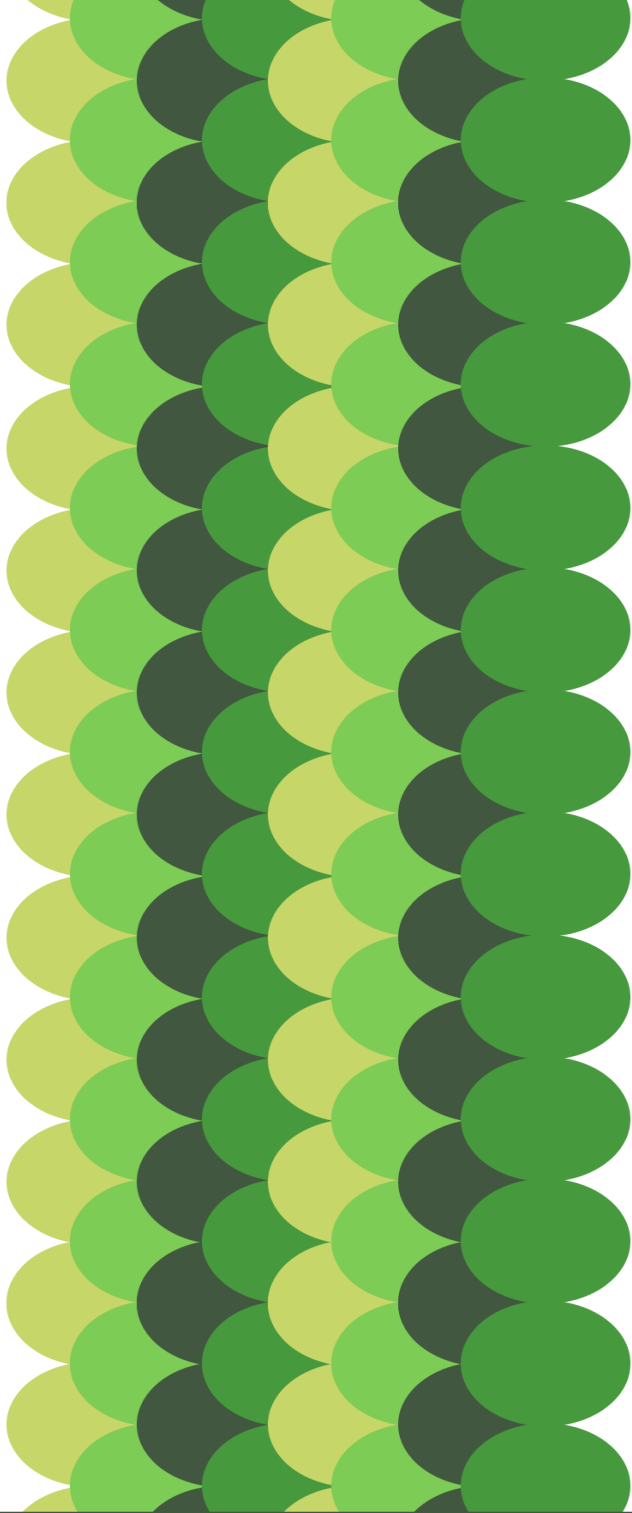


Brand new *Glory to God* hymnals are available for you to look through and to purchase for \$15 each in honor or in memory of someone special to you. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.



Gathering and fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning prior to worship. Tim and Debbie Wasson have donated a *Keurig* for us to use. Thanks, Wassons! They've also provided coffee, tea and hot chocolate. You may make your own cup and just press the button. It's magic! Enjoy some visiting time and a cup of your favorite morning treat.

March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Savings Begins	3 Claudine Kennedy	4 Pancake Supper 5:30pm	5 Worship Service 6:00pm Ash Wednesday	6	7	8
9	10 Serving Students Lunch Habitat Mission	11	12	13 Session Meeting 6:30pm	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 John Bruce Hillin	20 L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm	21	22
23/30 Robbie Brooks 23	24/31	25	26	27	28	29