

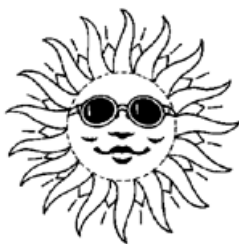
Rev. Candice presenting 2014 Kids for God graduates, Jordan and Jamashia with certificates of completion



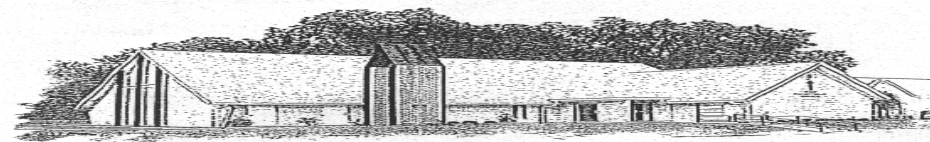
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Who's Taking Care of Your Church?

When I was growing up, my brothers and I all contributed to the working of the home. We had chores and expectations, we had duties that were age-appropriate. And we were simultaneously expected to do well in school, because that was our "job" outside the home. When the family purchased a vacation or special gifts at Christmas, we were always aware that our participation in the running of the house counted toward that reward. Oh, we didn't participate financially. But Daddy wanted us to know that when we mowed the yard, or folded laundry, it meant that he and Mother had time to do other things – like concentrate on *their* work outside the home.

Now, you and I are a part of a church family, where everyone contributes to make the church run well. Each of us have a task or assignment, so that the church will function. Some of us have more than one task. When the task isn't completed, or isn't completed well, another member must take on added work, and do the chores that we did not.

What happens if one of our individual tasks is to contribute financially, but we don't? What happens if some contribute financially, but insist that the contribution be spent on the neighbors who are hungry, or need shoes? After all, Jesus said, "give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." (Matt 5:42) So, how can we *not* give to neighbors in need?

Well, if some don't contribute to take care of the church, then other members must contribute even more. If some choose not to take care of the church but give all their funds to the neighbors, then our house will deteriorate. If we don't complete the task we agreed to do, members of the church family have to take on added work, and then they feel resentful. If we have been ordained as Elders, it's because God called us to leadership, through the voice of this congregation. Not a life of ease, but a life of leadership. Not a life of toil, but a life of leading others – by example, by gifting, by completing the task we were given as part of the family of God.

Who's taking care of your church? Are you doing enough? Or are you waiting for others to do their share and more? Are you spending your time here, or are you showing up only on festive occasions? Are you using your talents, or are you waiting to be entertained? Are you giving your financial gifts lavishly? Or are you insisting that all your finances go elsewhere?

What if all those questions were asked, not by your Pastor, but by God? Would you answer them differently? Because I think God is asking them.

Blessings abound!

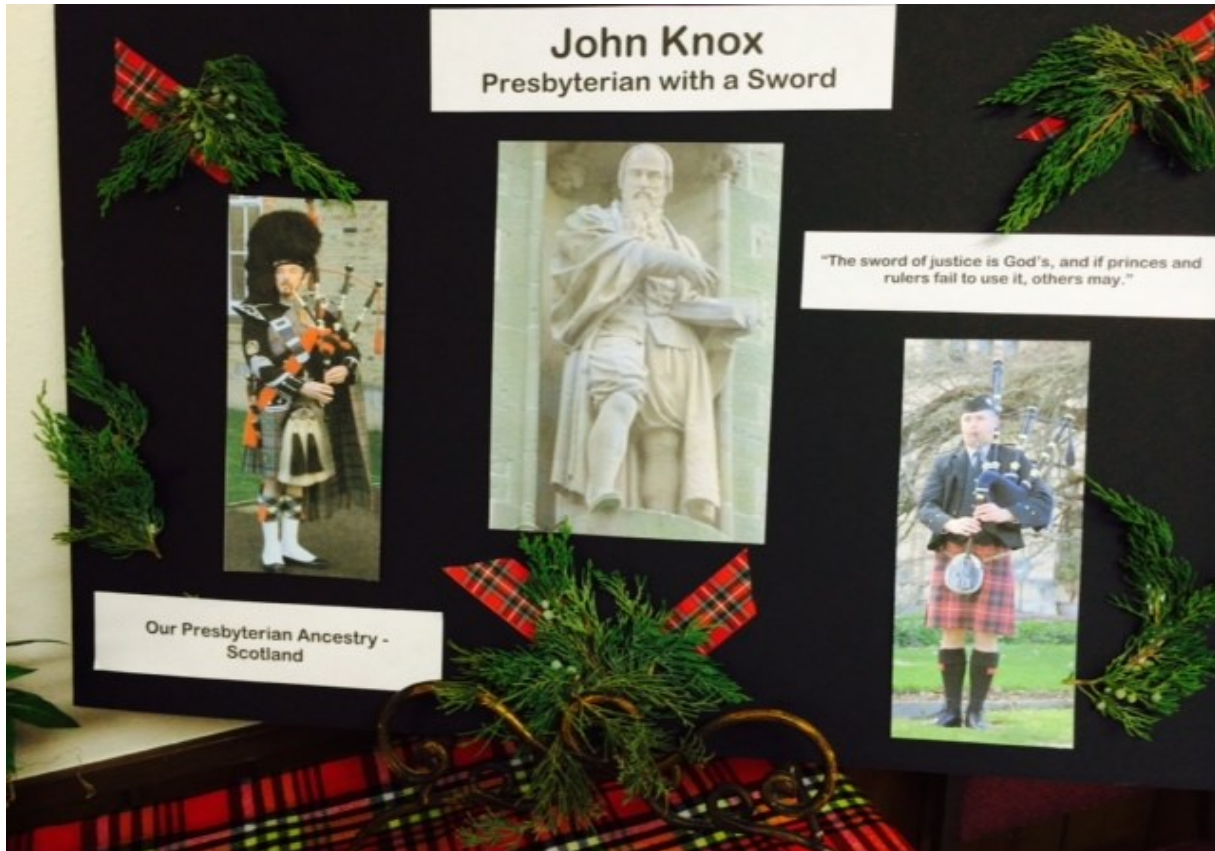
Candice

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." - Luke 6:38

Session Actions

May 15, 2014

- Expressed appreciation for the work Linda Davis did on the Kids for God bulletin board.
- Approved the request from the Christian Education Team to use \$500 from the Youth Memorial Fund towards the tuition for Tela Snelgrove to attend a leadership conference for youth by People to People to be held at Tulane University on June 22-28.
- Voted to proceed with plans to renovate the sanctuary.
- Agreed to invite a seminary student from Austin Theological Seminary to preach on September 21.



The Class of
Two Thousand Fourteen
of
Henderson High School
announces its Commencement Exercises
Friday evening, June sixth
eight o'clock
Lion Stadium

In case of inclement weather,
the Commencement Exercises will be
held at Lion Stadium
on June seventh, at eight o'clock.

Hunter Lane Davis
2014



What a joy to read
all those very familiar
memos on the card I
received. I still miss
all of you. You took us
into your fold with such
loving care and I feel
you still with me during
this very difficult time.
Peace and love to
each of you.
Janice McCreedy

Building & Grounds June 2014 Report

The B&G Committee met Monday 06/09/14 at 5:30p.m., in the parlor. Those in attendance included Bill & Lsha Stanley, Bob & Lavonne Schauwecker, Mary Lowe, Tom Laney, John Hillin, Sally Hosea, Rev. Candice Klein, Kathy Porter, Judy Andrasko, and John Tieken. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bill Stanley. With a good bit of discussion it was decided that we purchase one door, strip one of the original doors, stain and apply polyurethane to both doors. We would then make a decision which process would work best. As a committee, if we decide to purchase new doors, we shall make every effort to see that the old doors do not go to the landfill. We then appointed Lsha Stanley, Sally Hosea, Mary Lowe, Rev. Candice Klein, Tom Laney, Kathy Porter, Bill Stanley, and John Tieken to a task force to decide which one of the recommendations from Mrs. Odom we want to use regarding sanctuary work. Kathy Porter shall be a representative from the Worship Team. When we make those decisions we hope to meet with Mrs. Odom and work out the details of color, textures, lighting etc. We then plan to accept bids. Equipped with this information we shall report our findings to the session. The meeting was adjourned prayer with prayer by Sally Hosea.

As team leader for the committee I continue to appreciate everyone's help in our efforts to make our facility one we are all proud of.

Respectfully,
B&G Team Leader,
John Tieken



What was the first plague God brought upon the Egyptians when Pharaoh refused to let the Hebrews leave his land?

- A. Water turned to blood
B. Dense darkness for three days
C. Death of all Egyptian firstborn males
D. Swarms of gnats

Answer: A (See Exodus 7:20-21 ff.)

Your Christian Education (CE) Team Takes a Look at 2014 Goals

Our Pastor has asked Session members to make a six-month review of progress we've made toward meeting our 2014 goals, how we plan to meet our unmet goals by the end of the year, and to decide on the legacy we want to leave on our Church for this year. My first thought was run away to Florida and catch the next ship to Tarshish, but I was afraid that ship would already be full of other Session members.

So the Christian Education (CE) Team and I claimed God's promise to give us wisdom if we asked. We asked. And we have made our six-month evaluation and have brainstormed about our desired legacy. This exercise has been a good one—both worthwhile and gratifying.

At the first of the year, we adopted 14 CE goals submitted for 2014 by Kathy Porter, our immediate (and amazing) past Team Leader. Talk about a legacy! As we analyzed our progress, we happily marked off one goal as done—the Lenten study about Jesus' final days, well attended with keen interest. Other goals are either in process, ongoing, or both.

We are making good progress on one major goal in particular: to have Sunday School curriculum and teachers in place for all age brackets in order to serve visitors of any age who may be looking for a church home. To this end, we have selected curriculum for “millenniums” (young adults with children), and for small children in the nursery. We have also chosen curriculum for new members, and are still looking for a study that may be of interest to teenagers. If you, your family or any of your friends are interested in any of these classes, please let us know.

We believe our desired legacy in Christian Education must be to contribute to the spiritual nourishment and development of our congregation by all means possible, including classroom study, website, videos, visual aids, speakers at fellowship meetings, telephone announcements, library resources, history center, “Go Green” education, and partnering with churches of the Reformed tradition to provide Vacation Bible School for children of our church and neighborhood. Our desire is to keep on keeping on in this deeply satisfying work. We are open to your suggestions and appreciate your prayers.

In Christ's love,

Bert Lowe, CE Team Leader, Jimmy Chapman, Pat Laney, Tom Laney, Jan Pennal, Kathy Porter, Lynn Tieken and Rev. Candice Klein

Communications

Hoping all of you are having a wonderful start to your summer. As we have done in summers past, we will condense four months of the Pipeline into two months. This edition is for June and July. In August we will publish an edition that covers August and September.



Converting the Pipeline is coming along nicely. Several of you should have received the last edition by email (along with the mailed paper copy). I hope you agree that it is a great way to receive it. If we have your email address and you did not receive the electronic version of the Pipeline, please check your spam or junk file. Sometimes your firewall protection will place incoming items there and it is easy to fix. Just click on "allow" and you shouldn't have any problems. If we have your email address but you did not receive it and you checked your spam or junk and it still is not there, please email me at hendersonfirstpres@gmail.com and I will double check my record.

Personnel

Petra Flores has resigned as our nursery attendant and we are very sorry to lose her. She has been with us for some time and is a very fine young woman. Petra had moved to Tyler and had a full time job while attending college. Her work schedule had been changed and she no longer had weekends off; therefore, she was unable to continue with us. We wish her all the best and will certainly miss her.

We are currently searching for a new nursery attendant that would be available for every Sunday morning at 9:30 am and on some special occasions. They will need to provide some Christian education (we have the curriculum in place) and pass a background check. If you know of anyone that would be a good fit, please let me know.

Kelly Weaver, Chairperson

III. August Friendship Sunday

Come one come all to our Sunday, August 10 Friendship Sunday. This is the last summer event from your outreach team. We want everyone to invite and bring at least one person to worship with us on Sunday August 10. After worship we will have a fellowship luncheon in their honor. This promises to be a fun way to worship and fellowship together as we wind down the summer.

So, invite your co-workers, friends, the neighbors you live by, your best friend from out of town, a walking buddy, etc. to come and simply worship God and fellowship with us at lunch afterwards.

All members are asked to bring your favorite dish!!

These summer outreach events are ones you do not want to miss !! Your outreach team members of: Lsha, Sue, Linda, Kelly, Judy, John, Bert, Lynn and Kathy want you to come and participate in honoring our Lord by helping us all reach out to others.

Christ's peace,

Jan Pennal, chair



we will have our next fellowship dinner in august....it will be a watermelon and ice cream social....more about this as august approaches....

judy andrasko....fellowship chair



Which of the following is an accurate father-child match from Scripture?

- A. Saul and David
- B. Zechariah and Joseph
- C. Abram and Ishmael
- D. David and Boaz

Answer: C (See Genesis 16:15.)

OUTREACH SUMMER EVENTS



I. "Water in the Park" in June

Exciting news is on the horizon for FPC Outreach. First of all, on Saturday, June 14 and on Saturday, June 28 your outreach team will be leading any willing church participants in "Water in the Park". This project came about as our team met to discuss how we can use our location to the park in ways to let people know they are welcome. This event is aimed at simply letting our neighbors who visit the FairPark area who we are and that we are inviting and welcoming them to worship God with us. The "water" part of "water in the park" was named for the very attractive and new blue water bottles we ordered. The 200 bottles have our church name and logo on them and we will give each person we meet at the park one for their use. In addition to strolling, we will also have a water wagon set up to serve cool cups of water. It promises to be a fun and worthwhile endeavor for all who participate !!

"Seven things to know before you go" :

- * Who: FPC Outreach Team leaders and church members
- * What: "Water in the Park" - an outreach event for our FairPark neighbors
- * When: Two Saturdays in June: 14th and 28th from 11am until 1pm
- * Where: meet at 10:30am in fellowship hall for instructions and send off prayer
- * Why: to use our location to FairPark to invite and welcome people to worship God with us
- * Attire: blue FPC shirt (if you don't have one--wear blue and come anyway)--shorts/blue jeans
- * If you cannot attend, please pray for this event

II. July Testimonial Ads

Your outreach team wants to show glory to God by reaching out in a little different way concerning newspaper ads. We would like for our church members to participate in our July testimonial ads. They will be 2x3 ads that have a small picture of you and your statement that tells what worshipping God here at FPC Henderson means to you. Your picture and statement, if selected by the outreach team, along with our church information will run in the Sunday papers on July 13 and 20 and in the Wednesday July 23 edition. We are asking all members who wish to participate to submit your statements by Sunday, July 6. Help us show our church in a different light by making a statement of whatever touches your heart about your experience here at FPC ! Thanks !!

COMMENTARIES IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

In our church library, we have several excellent sets of commentaries. One set consists of 20 volumes by William Barclay on the New Testament. Barclay was a world-renowned Scottish New Testament interpreter. His volumes were revised in the 1970s, but still have considerable value. They are easy to read. Barclay has the scripture text in his books (usually just a few verses at a time), followed by lots of information. Barclay explains the scripture and then goes on to say what he thinks this means for today.

A newer series is the Bible for Everyone series (Genesis for Everyone, Mark for Everyone, Paul for Everyone, etc.) which consists of 22 volumes covering both the Old and New Testaments, although we have many more volumes for the New Testament than the Old. These volumes are by different authors and are also easy to read and understand. This also has the scripture text, a few verses at a time, followed by good information to explain what one has just read. An older series is the Laymen's Bible Commentary, covering both Old and New Testaments. We have 25 volumes in this series.

I believe that commentaries can be used in various ways. Some people can read a commentary when studying a particular book of the Bible. For instance, the Andrews Sunday School class is studying the Gospel of Mark, so any of the commentaries on Mark would be useful for teachers and students alike. Some people might just like to read a few stories from a commentary for their own personal devotional time. For instance, one could read Luke's parable of the prodigal son and then see how that is covered in different commentaries. This way, one would not have to read the whole commentary to benefit from it. One can also read commentaries to keep up with the lectionary cycle that Candice follows in her preaching.

Commentaries are very useful for preachers and teachers, but they are also good for Presbyterians in the pews too. I encourage everyone to go by the church library and see what we have on hand. There is good biblical information, in several different series, old and new, available. All of us can improve our biblical literacy and it is easy to do!

Jimmy Chapman



WONDERFUL WORSHIP

Your Worship Team continues to meet regularly to consider new and uplifting worship ideas. Since the May Pipeline we have reviewed the reception of the new hymnals, Maundy Thursday worship, Sunrise Service, and Easter Morning Service. We provided for our Music Director to attend a Music Conference this summer at Baylor University and for the pianist and organist to receive professional magazines regarding music in the church. We discussed the importance of congregants being in the sanctuary prior to 11:00 a.m. in order that we all begin holy worship of God together. We were also given a presentation by the pastor of sanctuary renovations that might be considered since the sanctuary space comes under the auspices of the Worship Team.

In our worship of our Triune God, we have remembered/honored our mothers and all women who have nurtured us along life's journey. We enjoyed the wisdom and proclamation from the Rev. Dr. Ronnie Hollomon on Presbyterian Heritage Sunday, who reminded us that the most important heritage we could ever inherit is our faith. We saw a well-designed pictorial display of the history of our Presbyterian faith and our own FPC history. Many thanks go to Pat and Tom Laney, Lsha Stanley, Margaret Hillin, and Fonta Conway for pictures and display items. A special thank you to Tom Laney for his timeline of our church, starting with the beginning of our country and all the way up to our present time. A few copies are still available in the Narthex.

In our worship we have remembered and observed the Ascension of the Lord, and we wore red to commemorate Pentecost with symbols of the Holy Spirit, wind and fire. This same Holy Spirit is with us today and guides our worship together every Sunday morning. Thanks be to the Lord.

Kathy Porter

Worship Team Leader

Presbytery Report to Session

Saturday, May 31, 2014, I attended the stated Grace Presbytery Meeting at FPC, Dallas, Texas, along with Rev. Candice Klein, Kathy Porter, and Jimmy Chapman. The church is located in the downtown area complete with several floors of a parking garage, large meeting rooms, and sanctuary with balcony.

The meeting began promptly at 9:00 AM with a call to order, opening prayer, declaration of quorum, and approval of the docket.

The worship service included Holy Communion, and a sermon delivered by Joe Clifford, pastor at FPC, Dallas. The entire meeting was streamed live by internet.

Included in actions by the Presbytery Council were the election of Jimmy Chapman, Rev. Candice Klein, and Ruth Ann Camp (Ruling Elder, FPC, Kilgore) to act as an Administrative Commission for the Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church, Mount Enterprise. The council also voted to sell Good Shepherd Community Center and Chapel Hill property to Mi Escuelita for a total of \$1,000,000.

The Committee on Ministry's motions included honorable retirement of several ministers and the receiving of several Teaching Elders into Grace Presbytery.

After lunch there were two breakout groups; one, being the Board of Pensions and the other, a preview of 2014 General Assembly meeting. The preview meeting was moderated by Jan DeVries and Gerry Tyler. The issue of sexuality with regard to the Presbyterian Church USA and all other mainline denominations, continues to be a major concern. I am reminded by a statement made by a Presbyterian minister from East Texas who said he would guarantee that when this issue is resolved there shall be another just as controversial, to take its place.

I continue to be pleased with the decent and orderly fashion Presbyterian USA meetings are conducted. I urge all PCUSA members to attend and participate in their respective Presbytery meetings and learn the whole truth about the life of our church.

Respectfully,

John Ticken



B.Y.O.M. !

(Bring Your Own Mug)

Your Christian Education Team continues to encourage environmentalism – “Go Green”- with our congregation. We are suggesting that folks “bring your own mug” for use with our new Keurig brewing system. This would not only help keep disposable cups out of the landfill, it would also be good stewardship to cut down on product expenses.

We bet most have a mug at home they can bring to the church for their personal use. And yes, everyone would be responsible for cleaning their own mug. A space will be provided in our kitchen for the mug collection, and it will be marked.

Reminder: FPC was awarded one of the first “Go Green” business awards by Keep Henderson Beautiful and the Chamber. As a church we recycle, and we want our members to recycle from their homes as well. The Recycle Center is at the Public Services Warehouse at 1203 Highland Drive (parallel to the railroad tracks), open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bring papers, junk mail, cardboard, no. 1 and no. 2 plastics, and plastic bottles to the bin on the left. There is a bin on the right for newspapers, and then a trailer for tin cans and aluminum cans. Separate cans in bags by tin or aluminum. We know you will feel good about recycling.

And remember: B.Y.O.M. !

Pat Laney for the C. E. Team



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Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (formerly the Cumberland Presbyterian Church) on W. Main St. in 1917.



First Presbyterian Church U.S. (formerly the Old School Presbyterian Church) in 1934 on N. Main St.

1844-1976

One of Henderson's Oldest Denominations

The town of Henderson was made the county seat in 1841, the same year that it was settled. But before it ever had any existence a court held its session under the shade of a spreading oak at the springs near the residence of Mrs. Yarn.

The pleasant location soon attracted others and during the same year a store house was opened by Mr. J. W. Flanagan. Before the close of the first year the population had sufficiently increased to have a school. This was taught under the management of Rev. J. M. Beckton (sic). Henderson's first preacher. Although a school was taught here in 1841, a schoolhouse was not built until the next year. From a "Historical Sketch of Henderson" written by Lena Carlton, 1882.

In Miss Carlton's essay the Rev. J. M. Beckton was a Presbyterian minister who indeed applied to the Commissioners of Henderson for \$341 to finish the new school house and new church he had begun in 1841. According to the minutes of the Commissioners of January 17, 1846, with James Smith, Richard Magee, Hiram C. Vanotick, William Caldwell present, it was resolved "That when the house now known as the Presbyterian Church and School House is finished agreeable to a contract laid in by J. M. Beckton the house to be finished by the 15th of February and that when the house (sic) is finished that James A. S. Pargason, Treasurer, is authorized (sic) to pay to the authorized persons by the Presbyterian Church the amount of three hundred and forty-one dollars out of any affect (sic) in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

In these 1846 minutes of the Commissioners, no mention is made to what branch of the Presbyterian Church the Rev. Beckton was the minister. (Some 50 years before, because of difference of opinion on ex-communicational procedures, the Cumberland Branch of the Church had been formed.)

At any rate, by 1859, there were two Presbyterian Churches in operation in Henderson again documented by the Commissioners Minutes of January 17, 1859.

"Deed gave to the Session of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to Lots No. 1001 and 1041 in Block No. 136 the same being two of the lots bought from Wm. M. Taylor, Administrator of W. F. Johnson's Est. Members of the session James Cameron, A. C. Robinson, E. L. Cameron, W. H. Street, John P. Grigsby, session and their successors in office." The Church was located at the corner of West Main and N. Van Buren Streets.

Deed gave to the Elders of the Old (sic) School Presbyterian Church in Lot No. 44 in Block No. 123 this 17th day of January 1859. This Church was located at the corner of N. Main and E. Fordall.

A further strain was put on Church organization with the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. The southern delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. walked out of the Assembly because the body passed a resolution supporting the union. From this split was born the Presbyterian Church U.S. (Southern).

In Henderson the Old School Presbyterian Church joined with the Presbyterian Church U.S. (Southern), even though locally it was still known as the Old School Presbyterian Church in 1862.

In 1904, the Cumberland Branch of the Church merged nationally with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and became known locally as the Central Presbyterian Church U.S.A. The church remained at its West Main location until 1941 when ground was broken for the new building at the corner of South High Street and Fairpark Avenue.

The Old School Presbyterian, known after the turn of the century as The First Presbyterian Church, U.S., sold their lot and building in 1935 to the U.S. Government for erection of a new post office building in Henderson, and in 1936 the church erected a new building on North Marshall Street.

In 1964, the two churches merged, becoming the First Presbyterian Church, U.S. of Henderson and in 1976 the church is located on the site of the former Central Presbyterian Church. Renovations were made to the existing church facilities in 1968-69 and the church will commemorate the Bicentennial Year on July 4, 1976 with the ringing of a bell made especially for the Cumberland Church before the turn of the century.



Central Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in the 1920's at Fair Park and S. High.



First Presbyterian Church U.S. in 1948 on N. Marshall St.

Historic Bell To Ring Today

On July 4, 1976 a bell especially made for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Henderson before the turn of the century will again be rung at the First Presbyterian Church, U.S. in commemoration of America's 200th birthday and the freedom inherent in its creation in 1776.

Although early records of the Cumberland Church in Henderson do not show when the bell was first rung at the West Main Church, early minutes of the Session of that church indicate the bell was cast by the Buckeye Foundry, Cincinnati, Ohio and hung long before the turn of the century. According to the memory of C. W. Hattig, the bellsmith was either German or English, who mixed the metal to produce the tone for this particular bell—there being none other cast with the same tone.

On December 6, 1892, the church building was destroyed by a windstorm. A new building was erected on the same site and the bell was rung in 1894. The bell traveled to the Central Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in 1941 some 47 years after the Cumberland Presbyterians had merged with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (nationally) and it was rung each Sunday after Dec. 11, 1941 until that building was demolished to make room for the present building, the First Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. at the corner of Fairpark Ave. and S. High.

A tower to house the bell was begun in 1975 and this will be the first time the bell has been rung since the renovated church was completed in 1968.




First Presbyterian Church, U.S.



Henderson, Texas

welcome
June 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Billie Manck	4	5	6	7
8 Bob Hays	9	10	11 Tim Wasson	12 Session Meeting 6:30	13 Cody	14 Water in the Park 11:00-1:00
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Water in the Park 11:00-1:00
29	30 Mariella Pennal					

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri Sat

July



		1	2	3 Chase Davis	4 4TH OF JULY	5
6 Closing Service Pleasant Springs PC 3:00pm	7	8	9	10 Session Meeting 6:30	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 John Tieken	19 Steve Lowe
20 Carolyn Boren	21 Adopt-A-Block 4:30p.m.	22	23 Jan Pennal Bob Schauwecker	24	25 Linda Davis	26
27 Jimmy Chapman	28	29	30	31		