

Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation

Jack Clark, 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

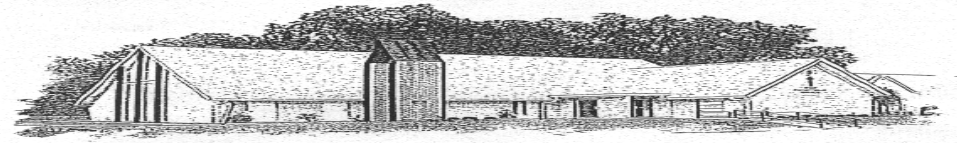
Connected Family

Connor Bradshaw – Kathy Porter’s grandson, Bert Lowe’s niece – Luna, Mike Rich – Mary Tidwell’s son, Letty Tennison – Cindy Ratliff’s mother, Colton Wallace – Cody Conway’s cousin, Family and friends of Helen Crim

Friends and Neighbors

Joanna Kim – on the death of her son Tobias, Myra Folmar – friend of Bert Lowe, The Staff and Leadership of Grace Presbytery

Those loved ones known only to God



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Now what?

We had a very full Lent and Easter season as members of this church. There was much to do, much to think about, much to decide, much to experience. We had brand new hymnals to prepare and distribute to the Sanctuary pews. We had new Lenten hymns to introduce and items to be selected, ordered, and set up for Holy Week and Easter morning. We consulted with worship leaders from this church and from the United Methodist Church to determine the details of the services we would conduct together. We checked the timing. We practiced our parts. We double-checked the materials, set up rooms, notified people, checked Easter recipes, prepared for the weather, and we prayed, and prayed, and prayed, that God would be pleased.

Then it was here. We heard once more the story of the triumphant ride into the gates of Jerusalem. We remembered in the dimness as we shared the *Last Supper* together. We heard the hauntingly magnificent music of his last day on earth. We waited through Saturday. Then Easter morning came again with shouts of *Alleluia! He has been raised!* It was exhausting. It was renewing. And it was wonderful.

Now what? Do we return to our pre-Easter doldrums? Do we repeat our *this-is-all-there-is* beliefs? Do we echo the regrets and the losses and wonder if it will ever improve? Do we revisit our failures and remind ourselves of what a disappointment it all is?

Well, I would say – let’s not do any of that! Let’s think of ourselves as Easter People! Let’s expect God’s promises to ring true. Let’s work together to make a difference. Let’s sing praise to the God who never gave up on us. Let’s work hard every day to change the world and bring in the Kingdom. Let’s give thanks to the Resurrected One and show how honored we are for all he gave on our behalf. Let’s grow and change and dance and laugh because of the Lent and Easter seasons we’ve just journeyed through. Let’s praise our magnificent God again.

We are blessed, Easter People!

Candice

Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” – Matthew 28: 18-20

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MAY

Several of you have sent in your request to change your method of delivery of the Pipeline to your email address. We also have several email addresses on file that are used for other types of communication. So this month several of you (ones that we have their email addresses) will have received the “bonus” edition of the Pipeline by email. No doubt you were highly impressed with the colors, pictures, graphics and clarity of our newsletter. Martha has been doing a great job pulling together all of the articles, events and information for the Pipeline and the paper copies just don’t do it justice.

We ask all of you who received the email edition to try it for two months. Sounds like a TV offer, doesn’t it? During this two month period you will still be receiving the paper version. If you find, after the trial period, that you would still rather receive by mail, just let me know and I will remove your email address from the list. You will then only receive the paper version by mail. Easy, right?

Communications chair,
Kelly Weaver



Did You Know?

Climate change is a reality and simply cannot be denied any longer:

- ◆ 97% of climate scientists surveyed (by George Mason University) believe “global average temperatures have increased during the past century,” as compared with 62% scientists in 1991 (Gallup Poll).
- ◆ 84% of climate scientists say they personally believe human-induced warming is occurring, as compared with 41% in 1991.
- ◆ Based on current trends, 41% of climate scientists believe global changes will pose a very great danger to the earth in the next 50 to 100 years.
- ◆ But didn’t God say, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over the earth . . . “?

Tom Laney for the Christian Education Committee

Rev. Klein, Bill Stanley
Tom Laney, Judy & Cali,
Kathy Porter, & Jan
Pennal



Just some of the folks learning carpentry skills, along with the dog.

Ms. Bert! The hand-rails are above you!

Bert Lowe & Kathy Porter



Kelly, really? Heels? While painting? Run, Tom, Run!

Tom Laney & Kelly Weaver



We are fast approaching the summer months! The Chancel Choir has been hard at work since the fall preparing anthems in order to take part in the various worship services. I am so grateful for them and appreciative of their efforts. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have sung solos or duets, as well. Your desire to serve and ability to do so leave me with a grateful heart! And, finally, I thank all the congregation who have been so supportive of our efforts! First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, may be small, but its heart is large!

Mary Tidwell
Organist & Choir Director



Building & Grounds

The Building & Grounds Team is happy with the work completed on the handrails. We are looking forward to working on the doors throughout the hallway to match the handrails. I noticed the caption on the sign yesterday, “A Unified Church Glorifies God” and I believe we are a congregation that is truly working in that direction. I felt a wonderful sense of fellowship going on during the handrail installation. Some measured, cut, and attached the railing to the wall. Others provided meals and some applied stain, polyurethane, and some prayed for the safety of the workers. I witnessed people on their knees and on their bottoms while doing the work and I am well aware of how hard it was to get back up. But they did it with a joyous spirit! I am very proud to be a part of FPC Henderson.

Building & Grounds Team Leader,

John Tieken



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Alleluia Happenings

“Does God ever get tired of us singing the same songs?” “Do angels sweat?” “Did Jesus have a middle name?” “Could David beat a dinosaur?” “Are there peanuts in heaven?—‘Cuz I’m allergic” A dear friend recently sent me a “Faithfully Funny” Hallmark card that reminded me of just how much fun Christian Education can be!

We all have questions. Our Lenten study was valuable in that it helped us to be better prepared to answer some of the questions posed by those who struggle with belief about Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection. *In Jesus, The Final Days—What Really Happened*, authors N.T. Wright and Craig A. Evans concisely present historical facts that successfully debunk popular myths about Jesus’ crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Our Teaching Leader, the Reverend Candice, led us through this important study with insight and expertise, having studied many writings by N.T. Wright in seminary.

Our Teaching Leader’s work is never “done.” After the adults’ Lenten study, Candice resumed leadership of the Seekers’ study of John Ortberg’s book, *The Life You’ve Always Wanted—Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People*. Ortberg is a Presbyterian pastor and author who challenges each of us to live a Christian life that’s worth living, with growing closeness to Christ Jesus.

The Andrews Class has returned to their study of the Book of Mark under the leadership of Elder Jimmy Chapman. Mark is probably the earliest written Gospel and brings an urgent message about God’s coming kingdom. Using the Common English Study Bible, Jimmy mines each verse for relevance and timelessness.

The Joy Class for younger folks is continuing the study of “We Believe,” and the nursery is equipped to offer biblical training to our “wee ones.” Don’t forget to visit our church library!

Please pray that God will give us wisdom as we look for studies for all ages that will awaken us to Jesus’ presence in our lives and will strengthen our resolve to follow Him. Our CE Ministry Team members—Jimmy Chapman, Pat Laney, Tom Laney, Jan Pennal, Kathy Porter, Lynn Tieken, Rev. Candice Klein and I—would welcome any suggestion you might have for studies that would help to make your life an Alleluia!

Bert Lowe
CE Team Leader



According to one account of Jesus’ ascension, commonly called the Great Commission, he told the disciples to do several things. Which of the following was not part of Jesus’ instructions?

- A. Make disciples
- B. Perform miracles
- C. Teach
- D. Baptize

Answer: B (See Matthew 28:19-20.)

Summer Outreach Plans

There are different ways of reaching out to others and your 2014 Outreach Team is planning some new and different ways indeed! Here are the plans for this summer. June: two Saturdays in June we will engage in "Water in the Park" where we will gather (as a committee and any and all church members are invited to gather with us) to hand out our new water container bottles to folks who gather at FairPark. Our goal is to reach out to those "right next door" and let them know we are here and they are welcome to join us anytime.

July will bring a new way of newspaper advertising as we use testimonial ads to tell others about why we love our church. And on August 10 we will have a "friendship Sunday" where we will have invited our friends, co-workers, social club and organization friends, next door neighbors, etc to join us for worship and for a luncheon in their honor. In June, July and August you will receive more specific information about each event.

Peace,
Jan Pennal, outreach chair



Tuesday May 13th we will have an Italian Supper starting at 5:20 or maybe a little later for those who work. For the summer holidays we will not meet in June and July. We will meet again on August 12th for a Watermelon and Ice Cream Supper starting about 5:30. This might change because the Fellowship Committee is teaming with Jan for the "Bring a Friend to Church". Tuesday September 30th we will have a Chili Supper at 5:30.

Judy Andrasko
Fellowship Committee Chair

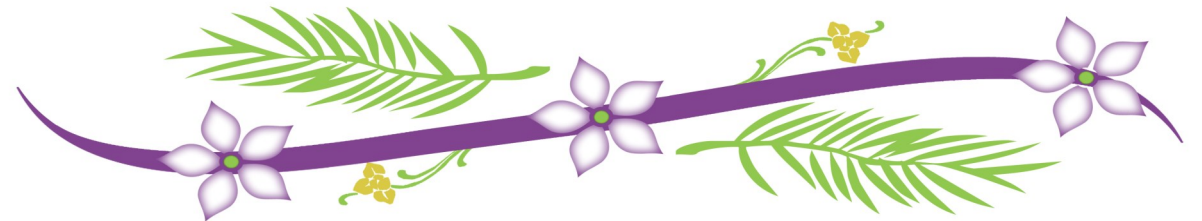


Dear family in Christ, when I opened the box containing the orange blanket, my heart opened up and I cried in sweet communion with you + Christ. Every time I tell others about the blanket, I tear up remembering your love for me in Christ. I use the blanket on my nursing home bed and I

know it will find a special place in my new home. I continue to be astonished by your love through your birthday wishes! I love your prayers. Please continue to pray for me. In Christ's love,
Diane Dill

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Dear Church Family
The cards & prayers
& love you all share
with me are so
deeply appreciated
Sincerely
In Christ's Love
Dillie Mand





March 20, 2014

Bob Schauwecker
c/o First Presbyterian Church
311 South High
Henderson, TX 75654

Dear Bob:

I wish to specifically thank you and First Presbyterian Church for your support of the Christ's Foundry Youth Mission Trip over this past Spring Break. I especially thank you and Lavonne and the others from your church for the delicious meal you served to our group on Monday night.

Aside from a mission trip taken by the youth band, this was the first mission trip taken by our youth group. For many of these young people, this was the first time they were away from their parents for seven days. Indeed, the trip was filled with many firsts!

The trip exceeded all of our expectations. The youth loved staying at FUMC Henderson with her wonderful youth facilities and activities available. The kids wore me out on the basketball court and ping-pong table! We were fed in quality and quantity beyond expectations. The kids really bragged on the hospitality of the people of Henderson. And worship exceeded our expectations. We usually struggle for the youth to sing and participate in worship, but our evening devotions were Spirit-filled and greatly blessed in both worship and in sharing.

Such an amazing trip would not have been possible without your support. On behalf of these youth, their families, and the Christ's Foundry community, I thank you. While we received many signs of gratitude from the Hiway 80 Mission, the Children's Advocacy Center, The Prayer Center, FUMC Henderson, and Habitat for Humanity for the work the youth performed, we were the ones who were the most blessed by the trip.

Showers of Blessings,

Owen K Ross, Pastor/Missionary



Responding to Weekend Tornadoes

Severe thunderstorms moved across the Central and Southern United States April 25 through April 28, 2014. Strong winds, large hail and at least 30 tornadoes were reported.

Mayflower and Vilonia, two towns located just northwest of Little Rock, Arkansas, sustained the most damage from the storm. At least 16 fatalities have been reported in Arkansas. Fatalities were also reported in Oklahoma, Iowa and Kansas.

PDA has been in contact with mid councils in the affected areas, and One Great Hour of Sharing funds and funds designated for disaster response in the United States are available for immediate disbursement. National Response Team (NRT) members are enroute to Arkansas at the request of the Arkansas Presbytery to offer support in assessing the damage and developing a response to these storms.

PDA has no report of Presbyterian Churches affected and will support the ecumenical, inter-faith, and community disaster response efforts as well as the response by mid-councils through Presbyterian Churches in neighboring communities.

What You Can Do

You can stand in the **GAP** for disaster survivors and help the church with this response.

Give. Share your financial blessings by designating gifts to [DR000015-2014 tornadoes](#). Individuals may give through your local Presbyterian congregation, [online](#), or by mailing a check to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Act. Like us on Facebook ([PDAcares](#)) and share updates with your congregation and others.

Pray. Please pray for the success of those involved in rescue and early response efforts; and that through the response of the faith community, the people and communities impacted by the tornadoes and those offering assistance will be reminded of the faithful hope that is found in Christ

Wonderful Worship



Since the last Pipeline edition, we have dedicated and sung from the new Presbyterian hymnals. All the hymnals were paid for by generous members and friends of the congregation who requested a plate be put into the front of each book. We worshiped with God's people in this church, the United Methodist Church, and extended visiting family through Holy Week, and entered the season of Easter. Easter is a period of time rather than just a day. The Easter season is the period of 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. Our sanctuary colors have changed from the purple of Lent to the Easter season of white and gold. White symbolizes the hope of the resurrection and gold symbolizes the light of the world brought by the risen Christ. Easter should be the most joyful time in our church year. May our worship during this Easter season truly express our gratitude for God's love and grace to us through the resurrection of Jesus. Alleluia!

Kathy Porter, Worship Team Leader

The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for their extra giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help **restore hope to those affected by natural disasters** through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, **provide food to the hungry** through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and **assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed** through Self-Development of People. Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing can be given throughout the year and not just during Lent.

The next special offering of the year is the Pentecost Offering. It begins after Easter and runs through Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014. The Pentecost Offering provides Presbyterians the opportunity to **invest in the future of the church** by supporting ministries that **encourage, develop, and support its young people**, as well as **provide assistance to at-risk children**. In addition, **40%** of this offering can be kept by individual congregations for use in their own communities. Special offering envelopes for the Pentecost Offering will be in the pew racks, or just mark your check.

The Mission Committee voted to share \$150 of our Kroger money with the Outreach Committee to help with their local programs. Many of the retail businesses and credit card companies offer special incentives to shop with them. It may be in percentages off the price, points for travel or shopping, or just plain cashback. Kroger is one of those companies that help their local mission and outreach programs. The money is given to our church to enable us to give more back. So, just remember, to **SHOP KROGER**. If you do not have a Kroger card, check with Debbie Wasson or Jan Pennal for more information.

Until next time,

Debbie Wasson, chair

The Book Corner

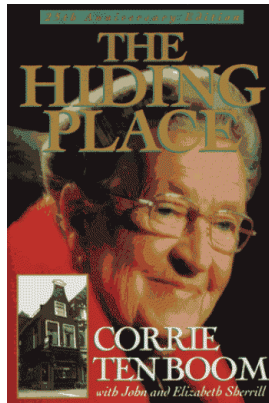
THE HIDING PLACE by Corrie Ten Boom is in our library. I love to read true stories and to watch true films and this story is no exception as it is available both in book and film format.

What a story.....what a life...well lived in the midst of a horrifying time! Ten Boom spoke of her experience. " Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives, is the perfect preparation for the future only he can see."

As you all know, "*THE HIDING PLACE* is a riveting page-turner describing how a middle-aged Dutch watchmaker became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. But this beloved book is much more than a dramatic story. Every page shines with timeless virtues cultivated in the haven of a gentle watchmaker's shop--and tested in the horrors of Nazi Germany. For 25 years readers of this book have learned that there is no pit so deep that Gods' love is not deeper still."

Thanks be to God for the life of Corrie Ten Boom and her family!

Jan Pennal



Complete the following Bible verse:

"A gentle answer turns away _____, but a harsh word stirs up _____."

- A. an argument; obedience
- B. wrath; anger
- C. jealousy; resentment
- D. falsehood; truth

Answer: B (See Proverbs 15:1, NIV.)

PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE SUNDAY

MAY 25, 2014



THE REV. DR. RONNIE HOLLOMAN, PREACHING

Do Presbyterians wear kilts? How can I find out about my family's tartan plaid? What in the world is a "kirk"? Who was John Calvin? Who was John Knox? What's the history of the Presbyterian Church? How far back does that history go? Aren't we a "reformed" church? What does that mean?

Would you like to learn more about your heritage as a Presbyterian? Would you like to hear some of your Presbyterian history? Would you like to know more about the denomination and how it formed in both in Europe and here in the U.S.?

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday this year, is May 25th, and it's a day when we will celebrate together, reflect upon, and learn more about our Presbyterian Faith. On that Sunday morning, **the Rev. Dr. Ronnie Holloman** will be our guest Pastor at FPC. Ronnie now serves on staff at Grace Presbytery as Senior Director of Ministry & Church Transitions. Just prior to that, Ronnie was the Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Maybank.

And his *real* claim to fame is that he is the father-in-law of the Rev. Jonathan Murray.

We hope that you will plan to be here to welcome our guest speaker on **Sunday, May 25th**. We hope you will plan to learn more while you're here about your Presbyterian roots. And we hope you'll step up to make certain that Ronnie Holloman leaves here knowing that FPC Henderson is the *jewel* of East Texas Presbyterianism!

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 National Day of Prayer	2	3
4	5 Home Communion	6 Sally Hosea	7	8 C.E Meeting 10:00am	9	10
11  Mother's Day	12	13 Tolly Dill Pat Laney Patsy Reynolds	14	15 Candice Klein Session Meeting 6:30pm	16	17 Door Fixing Day
18 Bert Lowe Mary Lowe	19 Adopt-A-Block 4:30pm	20	21 Mike Dill	22 Candice away 20th—25th	23	24
25 Presbyterian Heritage Sunday	26 Tela Snelgrove 	27	28	29	30	31

Memorial Day
Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives