

*Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:*

**Members of the Congregation**

Jack Clark, Mark & Linda Davis, Jordan & Sunshine, Tom & Syble DeLoach, Jane & Tolly Dill and Diane Dill, Bob Hays, Joyce Huggins, Claudine Kennedy, Billie Manck, Peggy Morgan, Debbie Murphy, Neil Pennal, Alicia Rich, Patsy, Ginny and Tela Snelgrove

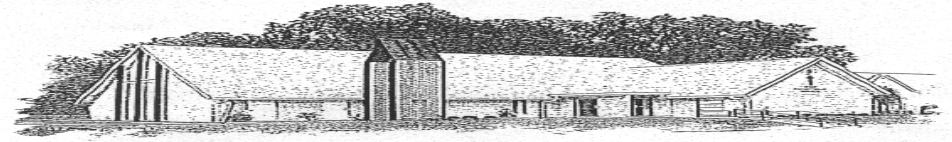
**Connected Family**

Connor Bradshaw – Porter’s grandson, Brittany McLane – Schauwecker’s granddaughter  
Letty Tennison – Cindy Ratliff’s mother, Colton Wallace – Cody Conway’s cousin

**Friends and Neighbors**

Myra Folmar – friend of Bert Lowe, Rev. Sharon Murray – friend of Candice Klein  
The Staff and Leadership of Grace Presbytery, Regan McDonald – friend of Kathy Porter  
Gary Buster – friend of Tom & Pat Laney  
Those loved ones known only to God

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**TRIGGER THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GUN VIOLENCE**

“*You shall not murder.*” The Sixth Commandment. When God gave the stone tablets to Moses, they were divided in half. The first five Commandments deal with our relationship with God. The second five have to do with our relationship with each other. And the first commandment on the second list states “*you shall not murder.*” It’s one of the commandments that most people remember. Most of us don’t need it. That is, no one has to tell us not to kill someone else. No one has to write that rule down. We already know that.

But murder continues to happen in America every day. And it happens too often without thinking, without even choosing a victim. Gun violence happens in schools around the country, in movie theaters, in shopping malls, on military property, in neighborhoods like yours and mine, and the perpetrators just started firing, aiming sometimes at people they don’t even know.

So, on two Wednesdays in August – the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>, your Christian Ed Committee has voted to show a documentary film, followed by conversation, about gun violence in America. It’s not about the Second Amendment. No one will ask you to give up your guns, or to vote against having them. It’s about violence. If you are a responsible gun owner, then this film is for you. If you are a gun advocate, then this film is for you. If you disagree with having guns in the home, then this film is for you.

Produced by the Presbyterians for Disaster Assistance (PDA), *Trigger* shares the story of how gun violence impacts individuals and communities and examines the “ripple effect” that one shooting has on a survivor, a family, a community and a society. *Trigger* also addresses the critical issue of gun violence prevention by moving the conversation away from the polarizing extremes that have long dominated the debate, and lifting up the voices of those who seek a new way forward.

Please save the dates and come to this vitally important conversation. Perhaps we as a church cannot do anything about gun violence. But perhaps we can. Perhaps no one will hear us when we state our opinion. But perhaps they will. Perhaps this will never happen in Henderson.

Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have a light dinner together, provided by the C.E. Committee, we will watch this documentary together in two meetings, and we will follow each presentation in dialog with each other. It’s time to talk. This is not the behavior that God wants our community to experience.

Peace, *Candice*

“You shall not murder.” – *Exodus 20:13*

## EAST TEXAS DISCUSSION OF 221<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY



A gathering at the First Presbyterian Church in Kilgore was held on Sunday afternoon, July 20, to discuss the June meeting of the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly in Detroit. Grace Presbytery East Texas Commissioners present were Ruling Elders Carole Cook of Jacksonville and Tom Sartor of Kilgore and Teaching Elder Shane Webb of Mt. Pleasant. Alternate Commissioner present was Ruling Elder Kathy Porter of Henderson. Members of Grace Presbytery Staff present were General Presbyter Jan DeVries, Stated Clerk Gerry Tyer,

Director of Cross Cultural Mission and Ministry Joanna Kim. Gerry Tyer moderated the meeting.

Gerry Tyer put forth the topics and asked Commissioners to speak to the topic and then asked for questions from the audience. The first topic was same-sex marriage. The GA adopted an “authoritative interpretation of the constitution to grant pastors discretion in determining whether or not to conduct same-gender marriages in civil jurisdictions where such marriages are legal.” This interpretation went into effect on June 22. A constitutional amendment to the

*Book of Order* was proposed that would change the definition of marriage from “between a man and a woman” to “between two people, traditionally between a man and a woman.” Any change in the constitution requires approval from a majority of the denomination’s 172 presbyteries—a process that takes roughly a year. The vote will be taken in Grace Presbytery at the March 2015 meeting.

Also to be voted upon in Grace Presbytery at the same March meeting will be the Belhar Confession which the GA recommended for ratification and addition to the *Book of Confession* which will require a two-thirds vote of the 172 presbyteries.

The closest vote of the Assembly came on the issue of divestment from Caterpillar, Hewlett-Packard, and Motorola, 310 in favor and 303 against. The recommendation to divest came from the Mission Responsibility through Investment Committee which determined that the three companies are engaged in non-peaceful pursuits in Israel/Palestine. MRTI has spent a decade monitoring and attempting to engage in dialogue with the companies.

## OCTOBER MISSION



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## SEPTEMBER MISSION

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A Season of Peace



Credit: Pastor Jairo Barriga

**Dear friends of First Presbyterian Church of Henderson,**

**Thank you so much for rewarding me with your scholarship. I am honored to have received this from my grandparent's church! I am very grateful for your support, and I especially appreciate the unexpected opportunity to be eligible to apply for it. The scholarship will be so helpful with the numerous expenses that I will have at Texas Tech. I'm very excited about the classes I am enrolled in and am counting down the days already! The generous scholarship you have awarded me is going to help me get off to a great start at Texas Tech University.**

**Thank you again,  
Will Rever**



**Dear Ms. Scoggins and First Presbyterian Scholarship Committee,**

**Thank you so much for granting me a scholarship for this fall. I am looking forward to attending Texas A&M and will be in the College of Architecture studying Visualization. Hopefully, there will be a few weekends I can slip away to Henderson for a visit and will come to worship with you. My family and I appreciate your support and I will work hard to make you proud.**

**Gig 'Em,**

**Ben Laney  
Class of 2018**



Another divestment proposal, to stop investing in fossil fuel companies, came to the assembly from 12 presbyteries. While agreeing on the need for action on climate change, the Assembly opted to follow the denomination's established process for investment decisions which refers the overture to the MRTI and requests a recommendation for the GA in 2016.

This year's Assembly voted to reduce the number of synods from the current 16 to between ten and twelve. It was also noted that a process to rewrite the Worship section of the *Book of Order* will begin soon as changes are necessitated by the New Form of Government which became effective in 2011.

To find out about more actions of the General Assembly, go to [oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221](http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221). Also, the Presbyterian News Service published a number of articles about the actions of the Assembly. They may be found in the PC (USA) archives at [pcusa.org/new/archives/2014/6/](http://pcusa.org/new/archives/2014/6/).



### Christian Education Special News

Our very own Tela Snelgrove participated as a Leadership Ambassador in the People-to-People Leadership Summit Program at Tulane University in New Orleans the week of June 22-28. She successfully earned 40 service learning hours, which will be helpful in getting into the college of her choice. True to her nature, Tela gave 100% to every project assigned, which included painting benches and walls inside a school damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Eleven-year-old Tela was the youngest of approximately 145 participants in the Summit—which was an achievement in itself! In her report to our congregation on the 13th of July, she shared highlights of that exciting week. A favorite part of the week was feeding marshmallows to the alligators! She admitted that she was “scared to death” when she got there, but by the end of the week her instructors recognized her as their “Number One Success Story.”

Tela is a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, and an active member of Kids for God. Her mother and grandmother, Ginny and Patsy Snelgrove, and her great grandfather, Bob Hays, are long-time members of our Church.

**OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEAR TELA!**

Christian Education Team—

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



**WONDERFUL WORSHIP**

**It takes a village to produce worship. Yes, it takes more than a worship committee to have worship. Our theater is the sanctuary and the actors are all us people along with the pastor. Who is our audience? God. What we do on Sunday morning is called Liturgy—a word from the Greek that means the “work of the people.” Worship is an action word which describes our adoration from self, outward to the adored. “Worship the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:2.**

**So worship is active participation by ALL who assemble. Each of us in the pew has something to do, something to bring, something to offer, beginning with gratitude for the Lord. As we assemble in a fellowship of believers, we all recognize and appreciate the praises, the thanksgiving, and offerings of each other. You each have a part, and it is special before God.**

**The Worship Team wishes to express appreciation for your encouragement this year. We especially wish to thank our bell ringer, our head usher and his ushers, all the liturgists, our sound people, our advisory decorator, our dedicated choir, our pianist and our organist, and our thought-provoking preacher. Special thanks to Rayford Florist for bringing into our sanctuary a reminder of God’s creative beauty in flowers.**

**Thanks be to God for our church and all its people.**

**Kathy Porter on behalf of the Worship Team**

**JULY 31, 2014 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

	PLEDGES	PLATE
Anticipated	\$ 11,475.00	
Received	11,915.00	\$ 763.00

**CUMULATIVE FOR THE YEAR 2014**

	PLEDGES	PLATE
Anticipated	\$137,700.00	
Received	88,870.00	\$5,969.00

**Outreach is ongoing and it is the way it should be!**

In June, we reached out in a different way with our new "Water in the Park" endeavor. In July we started talking about advertising in a new way with "Testimonial Ads". We have postponed this to work on getting more participation.....but, it too will happen! On August 10, we had a very successful "Friendship Sunday". Approximately 60 members and guests came together for great worship and fellowship. Our pastor's sermon was based on Matthew's account of Jesus walking on water during high and choppy waves and storm. She reminded us all that "God defies all odds to get to us" in the storms of our lives. The fellowship food and fun was well received and all seemed to have a great time. Our own Fonta and Margaret "stole the show" when we showed our "Going Green" video to our guests as an entertainment segment. (I will tell you, that short video is one of the best "documents" this church has ever produced.....great job, Kathy). Thanks to all church members who were able to participate in bringing guests, food or both ! Also a big thank you from the Outreach team to Judy's Fellowship team in helping with the meal preparation. It was much appreciated !!!

As summer winds down, please keep in mind other projects in the works.

1. Back to school supplies are being gathered in our narthex for Betty Elder's yearly mission of love for all area needy children. The organization of this effort is amazing and Betty has it running like a well oiled machine. Any supplies you can purchase would be much appreciated. DEADLINE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

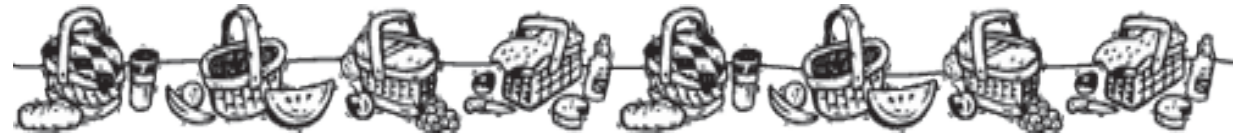
2. The whole month of August is set aside to all church members to sign up for or re-enroll in the KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM. As you know, this money is kept local for mission work. Two Sundays have been set aside for church members to get help in getting this done before our new year starts on Sept 1. On Sunday, August 17 and Sunday, August 24 immediately after worship, Lsha, Bill and Jan will be available to help you. Please bring your Kroger Card. If you do not have one, you can simply go to the Kroger Customer Service counter and get signed up for a card...it costs you nothing. We want to get everyone signed up.....even if Kroger is not your primary grocery store. Every little bit helps as we receive a percentage of total sales through the year. As you all know, this is a great opportunity to give back...and all you have to do is shop for groceries.....who doesn't like that?

Coming up in October is our Neighborhood Party.....Saturday October 18. Please mark this on your calendars now and be thinking about what you can do to help when called upon. It will take us all to treat our guests as Jesus taught us to do.

Thanks to ALL .....for ALL you do in big ways or small ways to our neighbors!  
Christ's peace,  
Jan Pennal, Outreach chair

## JUNE AND JULY SESSION ACTIONS

- Reviewed and discussed committee goals reached at mid-point in the year and work that remains to be done
- Discussed feedback for Presbyterian Heritage Sunday and Pentecost Sunday
- Agreed to combined issues of Pipeline for summer months
- Gave permission for the pastor to Celebrate the Lord's Supper at the closing worship service at Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church and to use our communion ware.
- Gave permission for the Henderson Men's Prayer Group to hold a meeting at FPC some Monday night in the last quarter of the church year
- Approved a request from Christian Education to hold a four session study on Gun Violence beginning in August
- Decided that Fellowship should continue to oversee congregational luncheons and suppers, special dinners, and providing food for families following a death in the family and special meals as requested.
- Expressed gratitude for the contribution of flowers in the sanctuary by Rayford Florist
- Reviewed process of hiring a nursery worker
- Set a goal of 4 elders for the Church Officer Nominating Committee
- Heard a report of highlights of the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly
- Began the process of pastor's annual evaluation by session and personnel committee



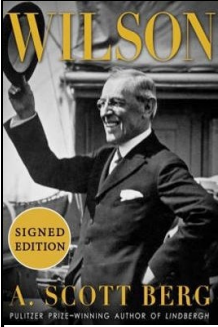
there was no formal meeting of the fellowship comm...we will have a meeting sometime in the near future....we have a new blind for the window in the kitchen...put up by mr. bob....the fellowship comm. will be helping with the friendship sunday luncheon following church on sunday aug. 10...on Tuesday aug. 12 at 6 pm we will have our fellowship watermelon/ice cream social with speakers toni sue and jerry hale..on their trip to Israel...please put in bulletin on sundays preceding programs...this sunday and the next for the watermelon/ ice cream social...thanks, Judy



The Finance Committee wants to make the congregation aware of the numerous ways in which a person can include the church in the person's financial plans for the future. Periodically throughout the remainder of this year and into early next year during worship a member of our committee will answer specific questions given to us from the congregation concerning financial planning. If you have a question you would like for us to address, please write the question down and put it in the offering plate or into the folder of Bill Stanley, our committee chair. You do not have to put your name on this question. We hope to be able to provide useful information that will assist the congregation and be of benefit to our local congregation.

Finance Committee





*Wilson*, by A. Scott Berg

I became interested in Wilson's life after visiting his birthplace and early childhood home, the Presbyterian Manse, next to the First Presbyterian Church which his father pastored in Staunton, Virginia.

Thomas Woodrow Wilson was our 28<sup>th</sup> president, serving two terms from 1913 until 1921, virtually the entirety of World War I.

He was a professor of history, President of Princeton College, and briefly, Governor of New Jersey. While at Princeton, he developed a standard for higher education that changed our education system.

This is a personal and penetrating biography of an influential and enigmatic individual. New information of his personal life came from the recent discovery of letters from his doctor and his middle daughter. It is a readable biography that captures the times, the happiness, and the melancholy of an abundant life which has not been given proper tribute in these times.

Woodrow Wilson was not a politician but a passionate visionary who grasped "the big picture." He blazed the trail for the New Deal and the Progressive administrations that followed him. He had faith in his ideas which were first self-deliberated and coated with the veneer of history; he could not understand why learned men could not agree with him. The defeat of his League of Nations, an overture for world government, was his bitterest political loss.

As the son and grandson of Presbyterian ministers and a student of theology and ethics himself, one can read "Presbyterian" on the decisions he made throughout his life. As an idealistic figure, his relationships with women were deferred. Once begun, he poured his energy into the relationships; this book interprets the rumors of his affairs. He died at the age of 68, a broken and tragic figure, worn by battle and disappointment in his failures.

A new softback edition of *Wilson*, will be in the library in September.

Tom Laney  
For the C.E. Team



**We found the ramp in horrid condition on our AAB walk. Have seen it just deteriorate for years, afraid someone, maybe even us would get hurt on it. Kathy, John, and I tore down the old ramp, and made new safe steps. Lynn Tieken**



**Dilapidated ramp in neighborhood**



**Replaced with steps**





**Outreach Team wanted to introduce and welcome Fair Park users to First Presbyterian Church. We visited with people and handed out water bottles in June.**

**Lsha, Lynn, Jan, and John carried cold water in a wagon to share.**



## Welcome, Marty Baughman!

Our new Nursery Worker is here! Marty moved to Henderson from Albuquerque, NM about a year and a half ago, to be closer to her sister and her family. While there, she worked in a church nursery for over fifteen years. She now works full-time at Double Eagle Construction. But listen to *this!* Marty raises pot-bellied pigs! Last weekend, there were 11 little ones, and another litter is on its way! She and her sister also raise dogs, hamsters, and guinea pigs, too, and sell them at Canton Trade Days. She says she also makes quilts in her “spare time.”



We are delighted to have Marty on staff with us. Please stop by the nursery any Sunday morning, introduce yourself, and welcome her to First Church, Henderson.



We have reduced our mailing list from 200+ down to 116. The reduction is mainly from changing to email delivery. Very few names were deleted off the list, some that did not want to receive by email offered to pick up a copy in the Narthex. This will go a long way to reducing our cost, labor and materials. Thank you all for your help.

Should you hear of someone that did not receive a copy of the Pipeline, please ask them to contact me and I will make sure they receive it. As mentioned several times before, we want everyone to get a copy if they want one.

Kelly Weaver



**This is it! It's here! The moment you've all been waiting for! Choir rehearsals have resumed after our brief time-off this summer! Choir rehearsals are FUN! They require no extra trip away from your home during the**

**week! Choir members are TERRIFIC people and we would love to have YOU join us! We meet at 8:30 on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary-hey! That's only one short hour before you normally arrive for Sunday School! And how can you beat being a part of a group singing praises to God?! Our arms are open wide to greet you as new choir members! Do join us this Sunday !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



### KIDS FOR GOD

**Kids for God will begin its new school year on Wednesday, August 27, at 4:15**

**p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be snacking, sharing "glads and bads," praying, playing games, and learning spiritual truths from the lives of famous Bible characters. Again this year, the kids will be choosing a service project and collecting pennies to give others hope for a better life.**

**This after-school ministry is for children in first to sixth grades. If you have grandchildren or have friends and neighbors who have elementary school children, please tell them about this children's ministry. If you prefer, please give us their names and phone numbers so we can contact them.**

**If you would like to help with KIDS FOR GOD in any way, please talk with Kathy Porter, Lynn Tieken, Sue Williams, Linda Davis or me. The pay is high. ..in joy!**

**Thanks, Bert Lowe**

TO: Our First Presbyterian Church Family

FROM: Bob & Cindy Ratliff

YOU ARE INVITED: To the Renewal of our Marriage Vow Service.

(40 years - Bob doesn't think we'll make 50 because of our age! I said what if we do? His answer was "we'll have a good chuckle and be grateful!")

WHEN: August 23, 2014 @ 2:00 p.m.

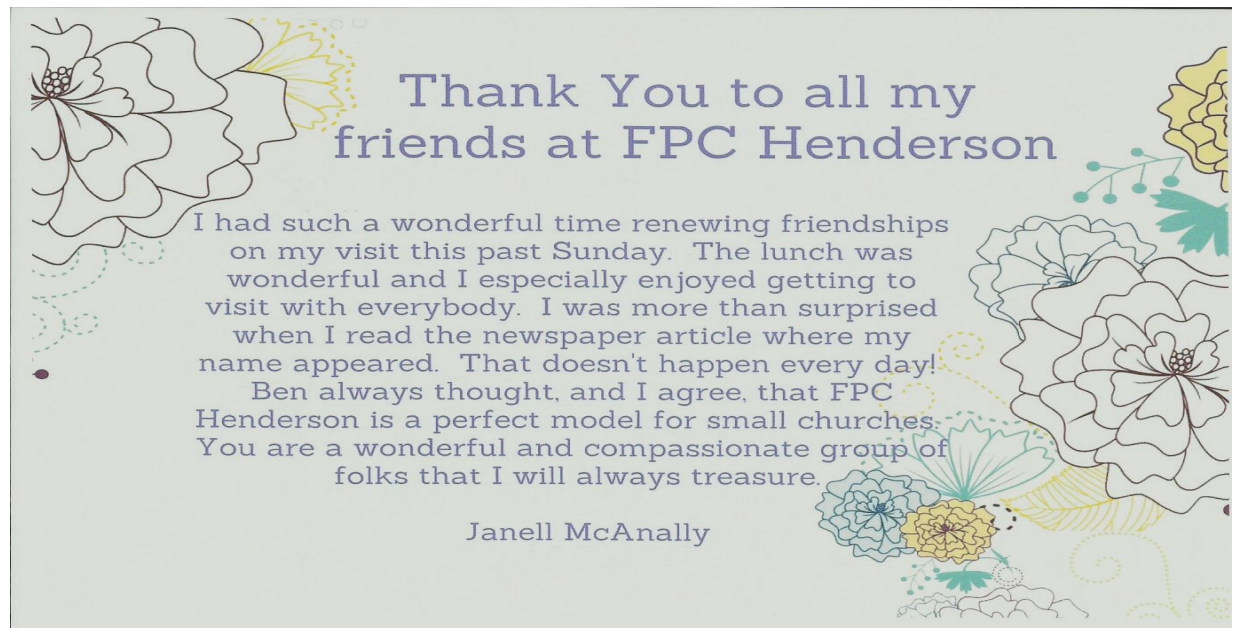
(2 day prior to our actual Anniversary)

AT: First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, TX

(Where we worship and praise God together!)

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING: In the Fellowship Hall

(Please, no gifts! Your presence is the greatest gift we can receive. There were only nine at our wedding along with 6 attendants. At least 2 or 3 of the attendants will be with us for our special celebration of our marriage vows! We will also have music this time, thanks to Mary Tidwell!)







Dear Friends at FPC Henderson  
 Thank you for your continued faithful support of the Camp Ministry at Gilmont.  
 We have had a summer full of blessings, sweet smiles, quenching rain, and growing together in Christ.  
 We appreciate you all!  
 The Gilmont Team

Thanks,  
 Everyone!



Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for the scholarship for my People to People leadership summit at Tulane University.  
 We leave the 20<sup>th</sup> and will be home the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. I will check in at the summit on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and it ends the 28<sup>th</sup>. I'm excited and nervous too.  
 Thank you for your love and faith in me. I will do my best to be a good ambassador while I'm gone.  
 I love you  
 Tela Snelgrove

P.S. I'll take a lot of pictures for you.  
 The fruit of the Spirit is love.  
 GALATIANS 5:22 NIV

## Reminder of Good Daily Habits for Your Health (spiritual, that is) . . .

Did you know that your church subscribes to two daily devozines (devotional magazines)—The Upper Room and These Days—for the use of those who attend or visit our church? Several copies are in the narthex waiting for you.

The Upper Room is published bi-monthly in 35 languages. It is inter-denominational, international and interracial. The publication includes an index to help us find pages dealing with special issues such as assurance, Christian community, God's presence, friendship, compassion, strength, help in times of grief or stress, and more. Each reading contains a Bible verse, a personal sharing by a caring person, and a prayer.

These Days is published quarterly, and is written especially for Presbyterian churches in the United States and Canada, as well as for the United Church of Canada and the United Church of Christ. It has the same basic format as The Upper Room, plus an action step at the end of each devotional. We believe you'll find both devozines to be excellent "food" that can help you maintain spiritual fitness. Be sure to take home one or both this Sunday, and recycle them by passing them on to a friend or family member, or by bringing them back to the church so that other members can share them with shut-ins or local prison inmates. All God's blessings as we grow in Christ together,

Bert Lowe and the Christian Education Team



Why did the Pharisees protest one day when Jesus' disciples plucked and ate grain directly from the field?

- A. Because a banquet was awaiting them; they didn't want the disciples to spoil their appetites.
- B. Because it wasn't the disciples' field; they had no right to the grain.
- C. Because it was the Sabbath and such "work" was prohibited.
- D. Because the grain wasn't yet ripe.

# August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Choir Practice Every Sunday Morning 8:30 a.m.			Kids for God Every Wednesday 4:15 p.m.		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Speaker from TPF 12:00p.m. Ice Cream & Watermelon Social 6:00p.m.		Session Meeting 6:30p.m.		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship Meeting Following Worship	Mark Davis Adopt A Block 4:30p.m.	Tom Laney	Trigger		Hunter Davis	Ratliff Wedding
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
B& G to Mabank PC following Worship	School Starts		Kids For God starts back Trigger	Tammy Hillin		
31						

# September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Choir Practice Every Sunday Morning 8:30 a.m.	1 Labor Day Office Closed Cindy Ratliff	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Adopt A Block 4:30p.m.					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Theological Education	Autumn Begins		Lynn Ticken		Tom DeLoach	Presbytery Meeting FPC Longview
28	29	30				
Elaine Davis		Chilli Supper 6:00p.m.	Kids for God Every Wednesday 4:15 p.m.			