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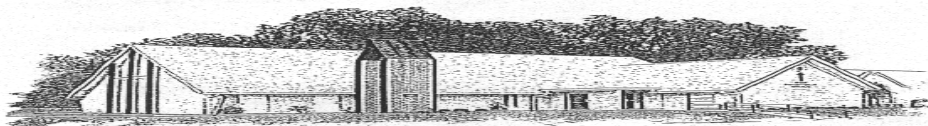
Did you know that NBC News reported on May 13th that more than 40 percent of bee hives died in the past year. Since April 2014 beekeepers lost 42.1 percent of their colonies according to an annual survey conducted by a bee partnership that includes the U. S. Department of Agriculture.



Lowe’s plans to stop selling pesticides linked to the massive decline of honeybees around the world. Lowe’s announced in April of this year that it would phase out products containing neonic pesticides over the next four years. Neonicotinoids have been linked in multiple studies to the deaths of birds, bees, and other animals. In April the EPA also announced that it would stop issuing new permits to use the pesticides. Home Depot announced last summer that it would label plants treated with neonicotinoids. We have a bee to thank for every one in three bites of food we eat. Let’s research our pesticides and help protect the honey bees!

C.E. Green Team

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And there was a storm.....

I traveled to Houston on Memorial Day. The trip was planned, and it was a clear and predictable drive. Molly and I visited with friends, had dinner together, and afterward traveled to another friend’s home to spend the night. I hung up clothing that had been packed in a suitcase, and then opened up my smart phone for whatever news and questions I had missed through the travel day.

***What? Storms? In Henderson?* I had no idea. Several of you posted information on FaceBook, some sent emails, some texted me. I looked at pictures, checked in with many of you, and marveled at how ready you were to care for each other.**

Then that same storm traveled to Houston, and I realized first-hand how powerful it was. As I write this, the power has not yet returned to thousands in Henderson. But love abounds. Trees have not yet been removed from yards and roofs and streets. But love abounds. Businesses, and even churches are not yet able to re-open. But love abounds, Weather reports anticipate more rain through the coming week, and still love abounds. Will we get through this? We will, because the Creator of all the cosmos has designed people who belong to the Covenant, worship the Sovereign One, and take care of their neighbors.

Please tell us how you can help someone else. Please step up once again and serve our God as you serve us. Please allow us to know how we can serve you and your family. It is my honor to walk this journey alongside such wonderful people of God.

Bountiful blessings,

Candice

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” – Romans 12:10



The Family of
Justine Moore Stanley

Acknowledges with grateful
appreciation the kind expression
of your sympathy

The grandchildren were wonderful.
With Bill's brother and family staying
with us, it was so appreciated to have
food to offer them.

You are all so loving and supportive
of our family. We are truly grateful
to you all.

Sincerely
Bill & Leher



Thank you all so
much for the love offering!
We will use the money for
the travel & hotel expenses
and gas & meals out while
transitioning.
Your kindness & generosity
are so appreciated.
We will miss everyone &
Henderson so much!

Thank You so much—

May the world always be
as wonderful for you
as you make it for others!

Much Love To Our
Church Family,
Mark, Linda & Jordan

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

There were several worship emphases in May: Legacy Giving on May 3rd, and Mother's Day/Gifts of Women service on May 10. This was a meaningful service with our ladies leading all elements of worship. Due to storms and electrical power outage at the church, the worship service was cancelled on May 17th by a called session meeting following Sunday school. On May 24th we observed Pentecost Sunday, as well as Memorial Day remembrances of both deceased and living members of this congregation who have served in the military. Everyone enjoyed seeing the pictures and mementos displayed in the narthex.

In the absences of the pastor, the worship and Communion service On May 3rd was conducted by Rev. Dr. David R. Jenkins, of Frankston, a Presbyterian chaplain; on May 31st, Dr. Sharon Templeman, professor at Stephen F. Austin University preached. Dr. Templeman is a candidate for Commissioned Ruling Elder.

The committee continues to appreciate the decorative talents of Lsha Stanley and Kathy Porter in the narthex and sanctuary. The Choir begins its summer recess on June 7.

Tom Laney,
Worship Committee Leader

Bible Quiz

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

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



Answer: C (See Genesis 16:15.)



Tornado 2015



MISSION WORK AT FPC

Special offerings are a big part of the mission committee's work. At press time of this pipeline issue, we will have two of those offerings "in the can". Thanks to God for this generous and unselfish congregation. Thank you for thinking of and praying for all people...our members, friends and family, and others who we do not and may never know. Thank you for giving of your money to help those in need and assisting those who want to help. Thank you !!

We have a very interesting story here at FPC about our mission giving. I think it is remarkable.

As you know, John Tieken is a member of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. By his commitment, he helped us put a face on our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. And, our Pentecost offering had another Tieken face. Mary Megan, John and Lynn's granddaughter, is in the discerning stage of becoming a YAV (Young Adult Volunteer). Two great offerings to help with hunger, empower self-development of people, assist in disaster areas and to help at risk children and to nurture young people, like Mary Megan, in their spiritual journey. Isn't it wonderful to be a part of something so special as these offerings?

Your mission committee voted to spend \$200 of our \$225.09 Kroger money we have earned so far through our Kroger Community Rewards program. If you are not signed up for it, please do so. The Red Cross received \$100 towards "where needed most". We gave the money in April, perhaps we helped the residents of Van after the Mother's Day tornado tragedy! The other \$100 was given to Heartsway Hospice in Carthage in honor of my dad, Neil. My mom and sisters were very moved by Jimmy's motion and the committee's decision. Thank you !!

Our quarterly payments have been made to Grace Presbytery, Henderson Interchurch Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Camp Gilmont, Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center and Presbyterian Children's Home.

Also, there is an updated copy of *RUSK COUNTY AGENCIES AVAILABLE TO HELP* in the church office for all who would like a copy. This is a good reference to have when asked by those in need where to find help for paying utilities, food, shelter, etc.

It is a pleasure doing mission work with you!

Grace and peace,
Jan Pennal, chair



IT'S GOOD TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN

It is good to be a Presbyterian Woman in Henderson Texas and elsewhere.

Our group met Monday, May 18th for our end-of-season salad luncheon. Those attending -- Kathy Porter, Lavonne Schuauwecker, Peggy Morgan, Carol Scoggins, Fonta Conway, Pat Laney, Pastor Candice, Bert Lowe and Claudia Morgan-Gray. The only thing better than the food that day was the company. After enjoying a lovely lunch and conversation, Carol lead the lesson for the day – Remember which had all of us focusing on our extended families and the stories of our faith journey with and through those family memories. It was a good day to share.

Our normal meeting time is the 4th Monday of each month (September – May) at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. Unless otherwise arranged, the meeting is “brown bag.” Our next meeting will be Monday, September 28, 2015 – so save the date.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *“Among the most wonderful places to be in the world – in someone’s thoughts, someone’s prayers and someone’s heart”*

So for today and every day, go forward and be nicer than you have to be in every encounter. And remember, “the world is full of good people. If you can’t find one..... be one!”



ANDREWS CLASS STUDY OF THE REVELATION

I really cannot think of anything much better than a group of people who sincerely care about one another coming together for a Bible study. This is exactly what you get in FPC's Andrews Sunday School Class every Sunday we meet.

On Mother's Day - May 10th, we started the study (once again) of the last book in the New Testament known as The Revelation. Jimmy Chapman is leading the study with the help of John Bruce Hillin and Bill Stanley, and it promises to be a great one! It is never too late to join in the study and conversation. Much can be learned from so many.

Revelation is a book of hope. As Jimmy pointed out, it is not a book to be scared of, but it is also not a book for the comfortable and successful, but rather, for the faithful. Possibly written by the apostle John (but not 100% sure), we will realize that it was not written for us, but it is timely and we can learn greatly from it.

I invite you to come and join in this study as Jimmy leads us. The Life Application Bible comment sums up this study nicely, "As you read the book of Revelation, marvel with John at the wondrous panorama of God's revealed plan. Listen as Christ warns the churches, and root out any sin that blocks your relationship with Him. Have hope, knowing that God is in control, Christ's victory is assured, and all who trust in Him will be saved."

Won't you come and let us learn from you too? Hope to see you there!

God's Blessings,
Jan Pennal, Christian Education team member

THANK YOU!!
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Thanks to those of you that have sent in your information update. We are going to try something new and something old. For the new, those of you that receive your Pipeline electronically, there will be an attachment that should allow you to fill out the form and reply it back to me. We have done a bit of testing and some can fill it out and some cannot. Please do not stress over this. If you can, great, if you cannot, not to worry because here is the old part. There will be copies of the forms in the Narthex for you to pick up, fill out and place in the plate. How easy is that?

We appreciate your time in providing this vital information. It is very important to all of us that we stay connected.

Kelly Weaver
Communications Committee

Bible Quiz

Which of the following is an accurate husband-wife match from Scripture?

- A. Abram and Ruth
- B. Boaz and Ruth
- C. Hosea and Ruth
- D. Ananias and Ruth



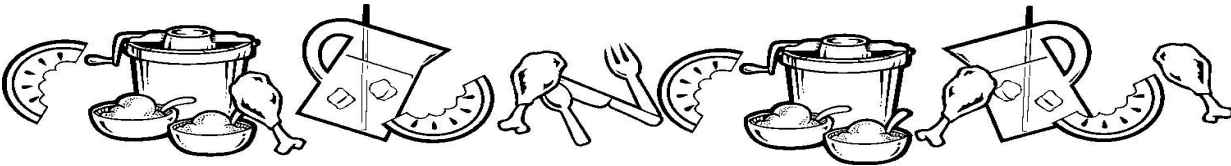
Answer: B (See Ruth 4:13.)

For fathers and other good and faithful men in our lives, we give you thanks, O Father-God.



Your Personnel committee is please to announce that Lisa Temple has started training with Martha as her replacement. We believe Lisa will be a great fit for the position and are very excited to have her join us as Church Secretary. If you have an opportunity, please stop by to say hello and welcome her. The Session will need to approve her hiring at our next meeting, which will be in June.

Our thanks go out to Martha for her patience while we searched for her replacement. She has been waiting since September! Not only that, but she has also agreed to train her replacement. We know that Martha will be greatly missed and has been so instrumental in keeping the business part of our church running smoothly. Thank you Martha.



Fellowship Committee has been busy for the past two months with Easter Sunday and Mother's Day. Plans are being developed for the summer months. The Fellowship Committee will be working with the Outreach Committee on the Friendship Sunday coming up in August. The next event will probably be a chili supper some time in June.

Again if you have ideas for this committee, please give them to us.

Fonta Conway

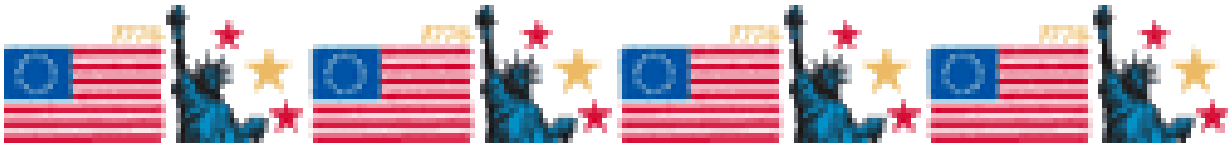
OUTREACH-----JULY OPPORTUNITY

Outreach is ongoing. As you all know, FPC has supported the Betty Elder back to school drive for many years now. This year is no exception; however, your outreach team has decided to organize it a little differently. Because of the mission committee's August push of Heifer International, we will collect our generous donation of August school supplies in July. Indeed, you can collect anytime between July and the back to school supplies late August delivery date, but we are encouraging all to get it done early so we can concentrate on one project at a time. As usual, boxes will be set up in the narthex with lists attached of the school items needed.

THIS YEAR WE ARE SETTING A GOAL: 50 UNITS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.....spirals, notebooks, folders, pencils, crayons, glue, Kleenex and markers. If you want to throw in something extra in your "unit", that is certainly allowed. We are adding a visible new twist. We will be able to see how well we are meeting our goal by charting it. Be watching for this in July !!

So.... our outreach July challenge is collection of back to school supplies!! Let's get it done for our children!!

**Grace and Peace,
Jan Pennal, chair**



*“How we walk with the broken speaks louder than how we sit with the great.”
—Zig Ziglar*

June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Tim Wasson	12	13 Cody Conway
14	15 Adopt A Block 4:30 p.m.	16	17	18 L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00 p.m.	19	20
21 Father's Day 1st Day of Summer	22 Pipeline Deadline	23	24	25 Session Meeting 7:15 p.m.	26	27
28	29	30 Mariella Pennal		Spanish Classes every Thursday 6:00 p.m.		
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SESSION ACTIONS

May 21, 2015

- Worshiped and prayed together
- Appointed Commissioner to Presbytery meeting June 6 in Tyler
- Determined that the cost of organ repair should be shared by Worship and Sanctuary Renovation funds
- Approved a request from the Sanctuary Renovation Commission to purchase lighting equipment from Texas Lighting Company
- Approved a request from the Sanctuary Renovation Commission to be given authority to choose an electrician for renovation
- Chose a temporary secretary on a trial basis

Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation: Carolyn Boren, Robbie Brooks, Jack Clark, Jane and Tolly Dill (and Diane Dill), Joyce Huggins, Mary Lowe, Doris Madkins, Billie Manck, Peggy Morgan, Debbie Murphy, Neil Pennal and the Pennal family, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove and the family of Bob Hays

Connected Family: Connor Bradshaw – Porter’s grandson and Tammy Hillin’s mother

Friends and Neighbors: The responders who helped our neighbors and Our neighbors affected by the storm
Those loved ones known only to God

