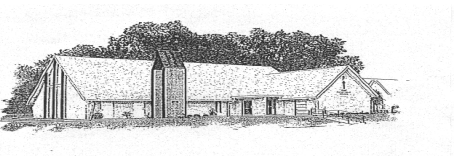


Did You Know?

Did you know that a professor at Yale University has an answer to the question when people ask “What can I do about climate change?” This is what William D. Nordhaus, Sterling professor of economics, Cowles Foundation, Yale University has to say: My answer is that people should address the threat of climate change in ways that best fit their personal interests and capabilities. Students can learn, and teachers can teach. Citizens can inform themselves. Engineers can develop low-carbon technologies. Politicians can confront the realities and speak the truth. Media can avoid meaningless balancing of good and bad arguments. As an economist, I can explain why carbon pricing (such as through carbon taxes) is the most effective mechanism to reduce emissions. There is much to do, for everyone.

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Plans

The year was 2008. I had completed three years of seminary for a Master's degree, and one year of chaplaincy for certification. I was working in three different churches, living with two dogs in a one-bedroom apartment in Indiana, looking for a full-time position in a church close to Virginia, because my parents were ageing and I was certain that God wanted me to participate in their care. I was feeling five years of *a whole lotta alone* because I'd sold my house in Houston, thus had no home to return to; the seminary friends I'd made had moved away with new jobs and churches of their own; I was tired all the time, because of working three jobs; and I was shaking my fist into the air because God had left me there. I was qualified; I was certified; I was ready, yet I was all alone in Indiana.

And then, I saw it – a write-up on the Presbyterian job site for a church in Texas. *Texas! That's the wrong direction. I'm supposed to move East!* As I read that write-up, describing a small church and the pastor they were seeking, I knew that it described me. I knew they were looking for me. But I wasn't supposed to return to Texas. My elderly parents needed me – in Virginia. So I ignored it.

And then, the email came through. A person I did not know, from somewhere in Dallas, TX wanted to know if I would consider a church. She wanted to know if I was available for a conversation. Well, I knew the drill. Finding a church, and having a church find you, takes a minimum of one year. Sometimes longer. But, I guess I could have a conversation. Yes, the church was in Texas, but a conversation wouldn't hurt. So, I agreed.

Very late that night, I got a phone call from a dear friend in Florida. Was she hurt? Was she sick? Why was she calling so late? She had been on the phone with people from TX, talking about me. *What? They were checking my references? They hadn't even talked with me yet!* In coming weeks, I spoke with people from that church in Henderson, TX, and I spoke with leaders from a COM in Dallas, and we exchanged paperwork, and articulated theology, and listened for the voice of God. I attended a meeting of Grace Presbytery in Waco, TX where the Moderator was an Elder from that church. After examination on the floor of Presbytery, he called for a vote. But instead of saying "Aye," he asked those in agreement to stand. Then, that Moderator (whom I had met only that morning) mouthed the words, *You just got a standing ovation!*

The Presbyterian journey that takes a minimum of one year, took us only five months.

I have begun my seventh year with you. We have turned grieving into joy. We have turned drudgery into dancing. We have grown and built and struggled and learned and we are closer than we've ever been to bringing in the Kingdom of God. And we have done it together. Why? Because my plans don't always look like God's plans. God's plans are always better.

It is my honor to serve with you.

Candice

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
— Jeremiah 29: 11

OUTREACH -- Will you help us reach our July back to school drive goal?

I know, you are saying, "back to school already?" Well, we have to get an early start on the drive this month because August will be dedicated to Heifer International. So, here we go...and here are the details of our July outreach project.....The back to school supplies drive will run from Sunday, July 5 through Sunday, August 2. Our goal will be 100 units in which one unit will consist of: 2 spiral notebooks, 2 folders, 1 box crayons, 1 bottle Elmer's glue, 1 package of #2 pencils and 1 set of accent markers. All supplies will be collected in the "school supplies boxes" designed by Lsha Stanley located in the narthex. The progress of the drive will be depicted by a graph designed by Weldon Gray and Claudia Morgan-Gray. The outreach team's goal for this project is to have fun and share in the support of our Rusk County eligible school children as they prepare to head back to school in August. Our outreach team looks forward to working along side you to accomplish this goal of 100 units !

Christ's blessings to you and yours,
Jan Pennal, chair--outreach



Tiekens' Granddaughter to serve as Presbyterian YAV

Mary Medina, granddaughter of John & Lynn Tieken has been accepted into this year's Presbyterian YAV (Young Adult Volunteer) program. Mary will be assigned to serve for one year in Boston, MA, beginning in August. She will be part of a group of young adults who will teach local people how to use vacant areas in the city to grow garden vegetables for personal use. She is excited, as are her parents & grandparents. Mary follows her grandfather - who volunteers with the PDA, and her grandmother - who is certified as a Master Gardener. *Well done, Mary!*



BOOK CORNER



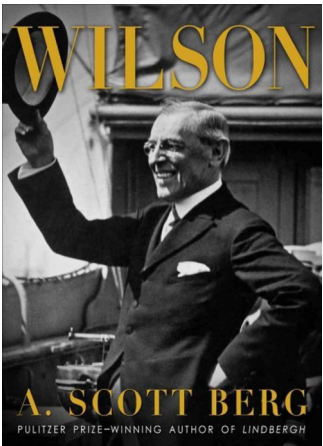
“Wilson”, by A. Scott Berg is a well-written biography of Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of our United States of America (1913-1921). He was the son of a Presbyterian minister, and his second wife’s father was also a Presbyterian minister.

Wilson served as dean of Princeton University, and was governor of New Jersey prior to his election as president. His first wife died during his first term, and he remarried within a year. Though he was opposed to getting into World War I, Wilson’s second term was dominated with it when he declared war after Germany’s unrestricted submarine attacks. He later suppressed anti-war movements, and began the first large-scale draft.

Woodrow Wilson was a progressive, and he leaned toward good working conditions for both men and women. The Federal Trade Commission was enacted. Although he did not agree with the 19th amendment, the Women’s Suffrage Act, he felt it should be decided at the state level, but it was passed during his second term.

To find out more, this book is in our church library. I found it to be an informative collection of facts about this interesting figure in our national history.

John Tieken



COUNCIL ACTIONS

June 18, 2015

- Worshiped and prayed together
- Met and hired Felicia Temple as Church Secretary
- Recognized June 21 as Men of the Church Sunday
- Heard plans from Outreach/Mission for Back to School Supplies Drive in July, Heifer Drive in August, and Friendship Sunday on August 30
- Acknowledged resignation of Director of Music effective August 1
- Decided to apply for certification from PCUSA as an Earth Care Congregation
- Reviewed VBS plans at First Christian Church June 28-July 1
- Reviewed plans for Pastors Pulpit Exchange during July
- Heard Commissioner's Report from June 6th meeting of Grace Presbytery



From Communications –

Reminder

Just a reminder, if you haven't completed your information update, please do so. You can pick up a form in the Narthex or fill out the form included as an attachment on the electronic Pipeline.

Communications Team

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S MINISTRY

The organization of Presbyterian men has a history that goes back to 1895. In 2007, after over a hundred years of combining organizations, the National Presbyterian Men's Ministry (NPM) evolved. This organization is part of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, an agency responsible for the whole mission and ministry of the PCUSA. The vision of the NPM is "to equip and train all men to pursue the will of Jesus through mission outreach, leadership, and discipleship." In the '50s and '60s our congregation was an active member of the predecessor organization and attended the annual conventions. We are not a member now, but most of the churches in Grace Presbytery are.

Tom Laney



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

On May 24 we observed Pentecost Sunday and Memorial Day. Remembrances of both living and deceased members of our congregation who served in the military were displayed in the narthex. Pictures of our servicemen were so interesting and well received that we plan to expand and improve the exhibit in 2016.

Dr. Sharon Templeman, retired professor at SFA, preached on May 31st in the pastor's absence. Attendance was good despite the trauma of the tornado on May 25th. The choir sang their last anthem of the season.

"The Great Pulpit Exchange" with some of the pastors in our area is set for the month of July. Candice will preach here on July 5th. The rotation will include Rev. Kendall Land, First, Longview; Rev. Gordon Blackman, Alpine; and Rev. Vickie Griffin, First, Jacksonville.

Tom Laney, Chair.



MISSION WORK AT FPC

Our Pentecost offering was \$426 for this year! Great work, especially coming off the record breaking One Great Hour of Sharing \$995 gift. But guess what? This \$426 might be a record breaker too as in 2013 we raised \$186 and in 2014, \$86. We serve a great God and such a generous bunch here at FPC!

At our July meeting we will plan the August Heifer International educational project. This will be a fun project and a time of learning as we hear more about and participate in helping others help themselves. Heifer can offer a lifetime of opportunities for a struggling and hungry family in an underserved and often overlooked part of the world. This month- long event will kick off on Sunday, August 5 and will run through Sunday, August 30 as we celebrate Outreach's Friendship Sunday. A video on Heifer will be shown at the luncheon and the results of the animals given during the month will be announced. August promises to be fun and enlightening!



The Kroger Community Rewards program gets easier and easier. It is now all on-line. If you set up an account last year, you can go to the website : Kroger Community Rewards and sign in and renew. Make a note on your calendar when your expiration date is and renew before it expires. If you have not created an account yet, you can do that as well. Be sure to write down the password you use and keep it handy so you can refer to it year after year. If you are creating an account for the first time, be sure to link to our First Presbyterian Church- Henderson account (#82009). And if you have created an account but misplaced your password, the system will prompt and assist you with that. All session members are asked to review your accounts now AND seek out other members to help through this simple process ! If you need help, please let me know.

The tangible side of this Kroger Community Rewards Program is as follows:

Checks paid out to our church for this year:	
1st quarter payout-----Sept, Oct, Nov 2014-----	\$104.79
2nd quarter payout-----Dec'14, Jan, Feb 2015-----	\$ 120.30
3rd quarter payout-----Mar, Apr, May 2015-----	\$121.26

Total after 3 quarters-----	\$ 346.35



FATHER'S DAY, 2015

The General Assembly of the PCUSA designated Father's Day, June 22, as Men of the Church Sunday, a special day to recognize the gifts and contributions of all men of the church: fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, grandfathers, fathers-in-law, single men, mentors, and all men who matter to children.

We recognized this event by organizing ten men onto a Men's Chorus to sing the hymn, "This is My Father's World." Participants were Juan Castro, Cody Conway, John Hillin, Bob Ratliff, Travis Reynolds, Bob Schauwecker, Bill Stanley, and Tom Weaver.

Tom Laney

Into the Church Triumphant

H. Neil Pennal

1930 – 2015

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CE) HAPPENINGS

Anything new in CE? Always! Come and see!

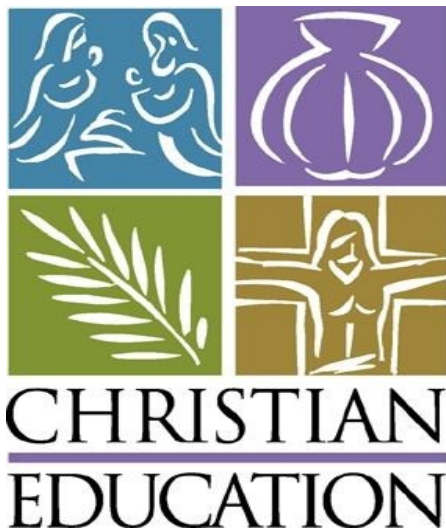
New curriculum? Yes! We're looking at new materials from Presbyterian Church (USA) for children. A very interesting curriculum has caught our attention: "Growing in Grace & Gratitude." It's rooted in Bible stories that reveal God's grace. Through activities, prayer and singing, children would gather in God's grace and learn to respond joyfully in gratitude. Our goal is to nurture faith and joy in the hearts of children and grandchildren of our members, neighbors and friends.

Our adult Sunday School classes are into new studies. As you know, the Andrews class has begun an in-depth study of the book of Revelation. Jimmy Chapman leads the class in exploring the rich meaning of this book. Under the guidance of Reverend Candice Klein, the Seekers class will soon begin an ever-timely study of *Where Is God When It Hurts?* by Philip Yancey.

Another exciting CE happening is our response to our General Assembly's "Call to Restore the Creation." Kathy Porter, our clerk of Council, has submitted an application to the PC (USA) for our church to become an Earth Care Congregation. Our Council has pledged to be careful, humble stewards of this earth in our worship, education, facilities and outreach. We'll keep you posted.

Come along and learn with us. Come and see!

Bert Lowe
Christian Education Ministry
Team Leader



.....And, we have one more quarter to go !! As you may remember, \$200 of this money has been spent on mission work (American Red Cross and Heartsway Hospice).

This is a great project for mission ! Everyone can get on board to help our church help others and it simply is done by going online and renewing or creating a new account linked to our church #82009...and shopping at Kroger. You will know you are contributing by looking at the bottom of your Kroger receipt. It will say " At your request, Kroger is donating to First Presbyterian Church-Henderson". If you know of folks who would like to participate with us and don't go to our church, you can help them sign up by giving them the website information.

God's Mission work is exciting at FPC!

Jan Pennal, mission chair



From Personnel

We are happy to welcome Lisa Temple as our new Church Administrator. Hopefully, some of you have had a chance to stop by and welcome her. She is a delight. While we are happy to have her join us, we are sad to be losing Martha. Martha has been a great asset and we will certainly miss her.



On another sad note, we are sorry to say that Mary Tidwell will be leaving us and joining ranks with Jack Brooks at the First Methodist Church. Mary's last Sunday with us will be July 26th. She has been gracious enough to offer to continue to program the organ until we have her replacement. We will certainly miss her and her great talent but wish her all the best. We will still be able to interact with her when we have our joint choir events.

Kelly Weaver



Great Preacher Rotation

During the month of July, Candice will be exchanging pulpits with three other Pastors. She will preach in their churches, and they will travel here to preach in ours. So, please be on the lookout, and welcome to our church:

July 12 - Rev. Vicki Griffin - FPC Jacksonville
 July 19—Rev. Gordon Blackman - Alpine PC, Longview
 July 26 - Rev. Kendal Land - FPC Longview



NEW OFFICE HOURS

Come visit us when the church offices are open.

Meet our newest staff member.

Lisa Temple is here to serve us!

MONDAY—FRIDAY

8:00am – 1:00pm

Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation: Carolyn Boren, Jack Clark, Jane and Tolly Dill, and Diane Dill, Joyce Huggins, Doris Madkins, Billie Manck, Peggy Morgan, Debbie Murphy, 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, Gigi

Friends and Neighbors: Our neighbors affected by the storm

Those loved ones known only to God

