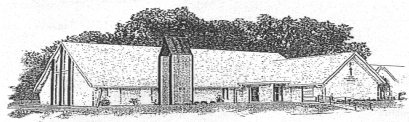


COUNCIL ACTIONS

July 14, 2016

- **Worshipped and prayed together**
- **Reviewed Fall Semester Scholarship recipients**
- **Discussed feedback from Rev. Kendal Land's rotation at FPC**
- **Discussed prayer time with Henderson Police Dept. and sign up sheet**
- **Discussed preparation for the Sanctuary Dedication Service**
- **Discussed personnel and reviews**
- **Reviewed options for Theological Sunday, Sept. 18**
- **Noted that committee budgets are now due**
- **Gave permission for use of FPC communion ware at Presbytery meeting in October at FPC Kilgore**
- **Appointed directors of the FPC Church Corporation**
- **Reviewed preparations and noted the date of the Neighborhood Party on October 22nd**



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Our God Be Praised!

Did you enjoy the celebration as we dedicated our “new” Sanctuary to God? If you weren't able to be here that afternoon, have you spoken to people who were? Did they tell you about full pews, and returning friends? Did they mention names of important people who were present that day? Do you understand that we were all here, as members, former members, friends, and family to recognize and honor The Most Important One of All?

This is a truly wonderful church, with a truly lovely congregation. And you were wonderful long before I arrived among you. There are many congregations, some Presbyterian, some not, who think that they are warm and inviting, but if you arrive as a stranger, you may find that's not the case. Not so, here at FPC Henderson.

So, when I tell you I'm grateful for the renovations that have been completed – not just in the Sanctuary, but also in four restrooms, a new library, an updated classroom, a remodeled pastor's office, and some very long hallways, I need you to understand that I recognize that those places were previously built, previously designed, and previously gifted by a *great cloud of witnesses*, who are still appreciated today. I also recognize that after all of us are gone, there will be new ideas and new arrangements for new building changes that will fit in a new world. And those people will appreciate you and your gifts.

Please thank a Building Commissioner. Please offer a substantial financial pledge for renovation of yet another space, and please thank the One who deserves all thanks and praise. It is the Almighty who deserves our attention and our praise. It is the Triune God who has decided that this Presbyterian Church will continue to minister inside and outside its beautiful walls. It is Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church whose name will go on because we continue to care for a sacred space known as the First Presbyterian Church of Henderson.

I am honored to serve among you.

Candice

I was glad when they said unto me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

– Psalm 122: 1

OUTREACH NEWS AT FPC

It's that time again! Party time for our church neighbors is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 22 for our annual neighborhood party. Like last year, the party time will be 4:00pm until 6:30pm. We will be entertaining our guests in the fellowship hall and serving chopped brisket sandwiches with chips, cookies and cold drinks! Our ever popular bingo session will follow, but with a little different twist for you, church member. The outreach team is asking each of you to look through your items at home. If there is something you do not want anymore, and it is still in good shape, please donate it for our bingo prizes. More information will follow in the coming months but please mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 22 !!

Again, our church helped Betty Elder's back to school supplies efforts by buying \$250 of supplies. The money was taken this year from our memorial fund. Lynn Tieken and I secured these items for our church. As you know, many children around the county are helped as they ready for the new school year!

Meals on wheels needs your help! We are asking each of you to consider volunteering to deliver meals on Fridays. Two church members always go together. You may volunteer once a month, or more, whatever fits your schedule. Please be in contact with me or Bert.

Outreach is ongoing! Jump on board...you will never regret being the arms and legs of Christ!

God's Love Matters,
Jan Pennal, chair



The Reynolds family keeps growing! Travis and Patsy Reynolds are the proud great-grandparents of twins—Hattie Louis and Hunter Wayne. Parents are Jared and Andrea Reynolds of Longview. Grandparents are Elmer and Anita Reynolds of Henderson, and Tom and Cindy Green of Longview.

Another great-grandmother is Ina Rowell of

Henderson. The twins' big sister is Caroline. The twins arrived on July 28--Travis and Patsy's 65th wedding anniversary! Congratulations, Reynolds family!

To Our Sisters and Brothers
First Presbyterian Church
Henderson, Texas

Dear Fellow Children of our Loving Father,

If we had a list of all of you who have brought food to us, helped us at the church and in other ways, we could not even begin to thank you for all you have done.

Truly, in you we see the Resurrected and Living One. What Love is this? It is love from Above.

And it is far, far more than what you have done. We see God in what you do, but more than that we experience the presence of God in you. That fellowship with The Divine through you brings great comfort, encouragement and strength.

And let us all thank and praise God for God's gifts to us through our pastor! Again and again God's Word and words come to us through Scripture, liturgy, music and sermon. God comes to us again and again through our Pastor Candice Klein.

Oh! thank you! And thank God for you and for amazing gifts through you!

The family of Diane Dill
Tolbert and Michael Dill
Courtney and Aubrey Lanham
Sam and Cathey Lanham



Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation: Judy Andrasko, Jack Clark, Syble and Tom DeLoach, Tolly Dill and family, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Debbie Murphy, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Sue Williams, Ruling Elders serving on Session

Connected Family: Connor Bradshaw – Porter's grandson, Diane Dill and Mike Dill - Tolly Dill's daughter and son, Mark & Angela Clark, Kent Clark, Our college students away at school

Friends and Neighbors: Dr. David Craig – friend of the congregation, PNC at First Pres, Kilgore as they search for a pastor

Those loved ones known only to God



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CELEBRATES VBS SUMMER MINI-MUSIC CAMP

Our hearts are full of THANKS to God for the parents, grandparents and guardians of the wonderful children who participated in Vacation Bible School (VBS) Summer Mini-Music Camp at our church July 18-21. THANKS for entrusting your children to us during one of the hottest weeks on record in more ways than one! Every minute spent with your children was a joy!

Also, our sincere THANKS to all of the 30 volunteers from the three churches that came together again this year—First Christian, St. Matthew's Episcopal, and First Presbyterian—to provide Vacation Bible School. This year, it was our turn and our honor to be the host church. The volunteers generously spent much time and effort—planning, cooking, decorating, setting up, finding games—and doing everything that kept things running smoothly, safely and happily for the kids.

Heartfelt THANKS to the three pastors—Dr. John Cunyus, Rev. Patsy Barham, and Rev. Candice Klein. They encouraged and inspired us by their interest in the details of preparation and the work itself. They made the lyrics of the praise songs come to life with down-to-earth examples. Seeing Dr. Cunyus show the kids what was meant by “I Shall Not Be Moved” was great fun!

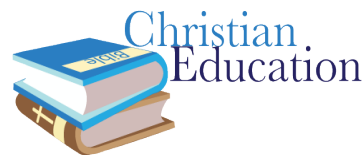
And a MILLION THANKS to Mark Reeves, CAGO, Music Minister at First Presbyterian Church, for designing and conducting the Summer Mini-Music Camp for our VBS program. Mr. Mark's gift to the kids came with added value: great experience, excellent music teaching skills, and a big heart for the kids!

As the kids lined up to perform in the Sanctuary, they were excited! They were wearing their bright new VBS T-shirts and were eager to present the songs and movements they had learned during the week. They could hardly contain themselves, but their eyes were focused on “Mr. Mark” and his assistant, Tela Snelgrove. All eyes of the parents, grandparents, guardians, friends and volunteers were focused on those singing, dancing, happy kids! Praising God has never been more sincere or more fun!

Those days of Vacation Bible School had whizzed by. The end result was heart-warming. On behalf of the Christian Education Ministry Team to ALL who were involved—THANKS BE TO GOD!

In God's immovable grace,
Bert Lowe, CE Team Leader

Team Members—Jimmy Chapman, Rev. Candice Klein,
Pat Laney, Tom Laney, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Kathy Porter



The Scholarship Committee is pleased to report that \$2900 has been distributed to the following students for use during the fall semester of 2016. We appreciate continuing gifts to this fund from members of our congregation.

- Baylee Boren (*Bill and Carolyn's granddaughter*) Tarrant County College
- Connor Bradshaw (*Kathy Porter's grandson*) Schreiner College
- Emily Bradshaw (*Kathy Porter's granddaughter*) Vanderbilt University
- Kameron Coe (*Mariella Pennal's grandson*) Texas Tech University
- Cody Conway (*church member & Fonta Conway's grandson*) Stephen F. Austin University
- Ben Laney (*Pat and Tom Laney's grandson*) Texas A & M
- Robert Rever (*Pat and Tom Laney's grandson*) Texas Tech University
- Will Rever (*Pat and Tom Laney's grandson*) Texas Tech University
- Hayley Scoggins (*Carol Scoggins' granddaughter*) University of North Texas

We are so proud that these young people are pursuing a post-secondary education and hope that we will be able to assist them and others following them for many years to come. Thanks again.

For the Scholarship Committee, Carol Scoggins



We were blessed to receive a new member at FPC in July, Jan Rita Mims. Jan was one of four children born in Phoenix, Arizona to Ray and Melba Pumphrey. She and her husband Jake have been married for 47 years and currently live on the Mims homeplace that has been in the family since 1880. They have two sons: Jason who is married to Tasha and has two children—Deelie and Keaton. David who is married to Kriste and has two children—Brylee and Braden. Jan spends her time with her family, is now involved with her new church family and ministries, and loves to read. Welcome and may your life be enriched here at First Presbyterian, Jan!

MISSION NEWS

(The below news is taken from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. Song of Solomon 8:7

Our hearts, prayers, and thoughts go out to the people of Baton Rouge and the Gulf Coast in the wake of catastrophic flooding. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (of which our own John Tieken is a member) has deployed the National Response Team to support the Presbytery of South Louisiana and the Synod of the Sun as they begin outreach to those affected.

We are asked to join in the response and encourage those in need by standing in the "GAP"....Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE. You may give online at www.presbyterianmission.org/pda or you may call 800-872-3283 weekdays between 8am - 6pm. You can send a check to the below address OR **YOU MAY ALSO GIVE A CHECK TO OUR CHURCH OFFICE EARMARKED BATON ROUGE/GULF COAST FLOODING BY SEPTEMBER 30TH AND IT WILL BE MAILED TO:**

Presbyterian Church (USA)

P.O. Box 643700

Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

ACT. You may volunteer to help with clean up and rebuilding by calling the PDA call center at 866-732-6121 or going online at..... pda.callcenter@pcusa.org

PRAY. Pray for families impacted by flooding through loss of property or livelihood; for first responders and all others who put themselves in harm's way to care for those impacted; that communities will work together and build stronger relationships and connections; for God's sustaining grace through it all.

In other Mission news, September 4th starts our third special offering of the year, The Peace and Global Witness Offering. It will run through World Communion Sunday, October 2nd. Posters, bulletin inserts, special giving envelopes and minutes for mission will all be used to remind you of the offering of Peace and Witness. Please consider your gift today!

It is time to renew your Kroger Community Rewards Card by going online to www.krogercommunityrewards.com. As you know, by linking our church to your Kroger card our church will receive a percentage of sales quarterly. This money is used for supporting mission work of all kinds. In 2015 we received \$541.24. So far in 2016 we have received 152.11 ! Great shopping!! If you do not have a computer and want to help, call Lynn Teiken, our "mission team computer specialist" and she can get you signed up! Please get this done by September 18th!

Speaking of mission money and where it gets spent, your mission committee met to give a total of \$1350 to the following persons/organizations: CWJC for Janet Richardson, Evergreen Life Services in Louisiana, American Red Cross, Presbyterian Pan American School in Kingsville, Rusk County Salvation Army, and three missionaries: Veda Gill (Pakistan), Charles and Melissa Johnson (Zambia), and Sharon Bryant (Thailand). TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

God's Mission Matters,
Jan Pennal, chair



MISSION EXPERIENCE POSSIBILITY

I'm sure there have been mission trips involving FPC, Henderson, but I have not been involved. I would like to suggest we schedule one in early 2017. FPC, McAllen has been approved and is serving as a host site for volunteers. The Catholic Charities is and has been serving as a reception location for refugees for well over a year and a half. The people working there are volunteers and could use a much deserved break. My thought is...a group of us could drive to McAllen (a full day drive), spend a week and drive home. We could relieve the existing volunteers. We would stay at the FPC, McAllen, church, dormitory-style facility. I fully understand there are conflicting feelings about the refugees. My challenge to you is to give a week of your time and see the situation up close and personal. I assure you that you will return with a different point of view from the one you get from sound bites on television.

I also ask that you consider making a donation to PDA, earmarking it for the recent flooding event in Louisiana. You may go to PDA website for information or leave your donation in the church office and I will personally make sure it is directed as to your wishes. PDA has at least six representatives on the ground in the Baton Rouge area as I write this note. They are visiting with churches to set up host sites for volunteers. This work to help the survivors will be going on long after the TV cameras are gone. There will be "mucking out" opportunities for those who wish to do that kind of work.

We are continually directed by our Lord and Savior to help our neighbor.

John W. Tieken

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

National Response Team



**Back to School time means
it's time for Kids for God!!**

**Kids for God meets
every Wednesday
4:15pm - 5:15pm!**

WORSHIP TEAM REPORTS-----

Your Worship Team plans for 2017 with preparation for a proposed new budget which was presented at the August Session.

Members were invited to join in the workday at the church on Saturday, August 20th in preparation for the Dedication of our Sanctuary work on August 28th. We look forward to a large turnout on that date to celebrate all the work that has been done these past two years, and to thank those that took part and the anonymous donors. It should be a glorious celebration!

Due to the smaller pulpit size, we have decided to alter the pulpit paraments as they are too wide. Lynn has contacted Mirna Davila at Fabrics Creation and Embroidery to begin the alterations.

We still need volunteers to sign up to operate the Sound Board/Lighting/Recording Service each Sunday and as needed. There is a sign-up sheet in the church office and we would appreciate members to take a month at a time, in order to learn the routine. Bill Stanley has graciously fulfilled this position recently, and John Tieken is in training, but we need more people to step up and fill in. We all need time away, and need to know that the position is covered in our absence. Please consider serving in this way. A sign-up sheet for Liturgist is also in the church office. As in the past, we have names listed who have served before, and please check to see if the Sunday listed will work for you. Lynn will be calling to confirm and remind you.

The Great Preacher Rotation continues in the month of September with pastors from Longview's St. Andrew's Presbyterian gracing our pulpit on the 11th and FPC, Jacksonville on Sept. 25th. This is an opportunity to connect with our neighboring Presbyterians and to share fellowship. Please plan to attend and greet our neighboring clergy with joy.

Organist/Choir Director Mark Reeves was on vacation the first two weeks, but took time both weeks to program the organ for our services. Please take time to thank Mark, and also Tom Laney, for their diligent service to provide music on Sundays.

Lynn Tieken



Worship Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the theme of the opening ceremony of the Rio Olympics 2016 was *The Environment*? Over 3.3 billion people watched as scenes unfolded about dangers to our environment if changes aren't started now. (Course there was dancing and fireworks too). Included in the ceremony was a video showing major coastal cities with rising waters and the importance of forests (the Amazon is in Brazil.) Each competitor (11,000 of them) was given a seedling that will grow into what will be called the "Athlete's Forest."

We pray that the moments and realities shared at the Olympics Opening Ceremony will serve as a wakeup call which reminds us that climate change is a real and present danger that needs to be addressed.



2016 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3				1 C.E. Meeting 2pm	2	
4 Communion	5 LABOR Day Church Offices Closed	6	7	8 Cindy Ratliff	9	10
11 Nick Selzer & Mia Levetan Preaching	12	13	14	15 L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm Insurance Meeting 5:30pm Session Meeting 6:30pm	16	17
18 Theology Sunday Mark Reeves	19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24 Claudia Morgan-Gray
25 Vickie Griffin Preaching	26 Pipeline Deadline Tom DeLoach	27	28	29	30	Lynn Tieken

