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Issue One

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant 10 years later.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life’s uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life’s inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life’s temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: “Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end” (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to [make You the foundation and center of our lives](#) this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.

May God Bless Us and Our New Pastor in 2019

The Communications Team

Dear Church Members and Friends,

"There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind."
This C.S. Lewis quote is appropriate for the new day in the New Year with our new pastor. We will be celebrating this new day at First Presbyterian Church Henderson with Rev. Michele R. Goff on January 6, 2019 as she begins her pastorate with us. We extend a warm and celebratory invitation to everyone to join us as we celebrate this day of new dawning for our church.

Your presence at Rev. Michele's first service in our pulpit will help further the beacon of light from our church and our commitment to our Triune God, our church, our community and, now by the Grace of God, our new pastor. Psalms 122:1 says, "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord." Let us remember this as we now begin this new chapter in the continued life and work of First Presbyterian Church.

Please plan to join us at 11:00 am on January 6th for worship service followed by a time of fellowship with Rev. Goff. We hope you will bless us further with your presence.



Beautiful service of Lessons and Carols on December 23rd

Thank You



Session and Members of FPC,

*Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.
Your gifts were greatly appreciated.*

*The Staff of FPC,
Lisa, Marty and Josh*

**Cindy Ratliff made gifts
for all.**



Gifting our wonderful staff!



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**Fabulous food and
fellowship at Christmas
luncheon**



Hello First Henderson!

I can't wait to meet all of you. I am delighted and blessed to be called as your next pastor. I have enjoyed the time I have spent with the PNC and I look forward to meeting the people they represent.

I am a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. I have enjoyed my first call with the pioneers of Aztec Presbyterian Church in the Four Corners area of New Mexico. Now I am excited to be diving in to the next chapter of my ministerial life.

I was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, and raised in northeastern Oklahoma in Ponca City, Stillwater and Tulsa. I am an Oklahoma Sooner graduate and football fan. But what's football without a little rivalry?

Before answering the call to full-time ministry, I worked in the high-profile, high-pressure industry of television production for almost twelve years. Growing up Catholic on my mom's side and fundamentalist on my father's, I never imagined that I would be in the pulpit on Sunday mornings.

My husband Larry and I have two large rescue dogs. Hercules is our wise old blue-tick coonhound. Andi is our black lab mix and mischief maker. In my free time, I am an avid science fiction reader and I'm learning how to knit.

We are looking forward to getting settled in to Henderson and the rhythm of life in East Texas.

Happy Thanksgiving!
See you soon,
Rev Michele R. Goff




**Celebrating and remembering this past year
and looking forward to the year to come.....
Fellowship Committee**

**Claudia, Mary, Judy, Lavonne, Jan M., Cindy,
Katie, and Weldon**

(and in memory of our sweet Bob Schauwecker)

**DUTY ELDER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:
Bill Stanley**



**HELP US TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WE ARE
HERE! LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HENDERSON, TX.**




OUTREACH

The overall goal of our Outreach Team is to show God's love to church neighbors and to those in need, especially as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. On Monday, December 17, three members of our Team visited residents in our church's neighborhood as we delivered 2019 wall calendars and peppermint sticks. We also invited them to attend our Christmas Eve service. Jan Pennal posted a reminder of that special service on our church sign.

Outreach responded to a request from one of our home-bound church members to help her caregiver, a single mom, who needed help in providing Christmas gifts for her two young daughters. Other Christmas projects included providing Christmas gifts for 17 male residents at Rusk State Hospital. Many thanks to our church members who generously provided those gifts. Members of our congregation also honored and/or memorialized loved ones with \$7 donations to Henderson Interchurch Ministry to provide Christmas food baskets for those in need.

We owe special thanks to Jan Pennal for setting high goals for Outreach and for helping the current chair and team members to stay on target.

Bert Lowe, Outreach Chair
Committee Members - Jan Mims, Claudia Morgan-Gray, Mariella Pennal, Kathy Porter & Lynn Ticken



Session Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs for 2019

Building and Grounds----Chair - Steve Lowe, Co-Chair---- Claudia Morgan-Gray
Christian Education---- Chair - Bert Lowe, Co-Chair---- Kathy Porter
Outreach---- Chair - Bert Lowe, Co-Chair---- Claudia Morgan-Gray
Communications---- Chair - Kathy Porter, Co-Chair---- Kelly Weaver
Fellowship---- Chair - Claudia Morgan-Gray, Co-Chair---- Jan Mims
Personnel---- Chair - Claudia Morgan-Gray
Finance/Stewardship---- Chair - Kelly Weaver, Co-Chair---- Lynn Ticken
Member Care---- Chair - Jan Mims, Co-Chair---- Steve Lowe
Worship---- Chair - Lynn Ticken, Co Chair---- Kathy Porter

**Council Actions
December 20, 2018**

- ♦ Prayed and worshiped together
- ♦ Examined and approved incoming elders
- ♦ Made committee assignments
- ♦ Discussed pledges and the budget
- ♦ Combined the functions of Outreach and Mission into one committee: Outreach
- ♦ Reviewed the church roll
- ♦ Set Session retreat for January 26
- ♦ Heard a report of the December 1 Grace Presbytery Meeting

Class of 2020 Ruling Elders

Kelly Weaver
Steve Lowe
Jan Mims
Kathy Porter

Many thanks to the Ruling Elders who are going off session!

Bill Stanley
Mary Lowe
Tom Weaver

Into the Church Triumphant

Bob Schauwecker

December 15, 2018



**We have received memorials in
December in memory of:**

Bob Schauwecker
Joyce Henneke



**Looking forward to a great, colorful & blessed
New Year**

**Claudia, Kathy & Kelly (your Personnel Committee)
& Lisa, Marty & Joshua (your FPC Team)
(... And soon Rev. Michele)**



**Everyone please check your information
in the FPC Directory and let us know
of any updates or corrections. We
will be revising and distributing a new
directory after the new year.**

Please keep these dear ones in your prayers:

Members of the Congregation: Carolyn Boren, Debbie Castro, Fonta Conway, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, Lavonne and the family of Bob Schauwecker, and Carol Scoggins and family.

Connected Family: Billy Tapley (Bert's brother)

All who need our prayers





January 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>****Reminder****</p> <p><i>Bring H.I.M. donations the First Sunday of every month</i></p>		 <p>1</p> <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p><i>Meals On Wheels</i></p>	5
<p><i>Communion</i> 6</p> <p><i>Welcome to the Pulpit</i> <i>Rev. Michele Goff</i></p>	7	<p>8</p> <p><i>Choir Practice</i> <i>6:00pm</i></p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p><i>Meals On Wheels</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Debbie Castro</i></p>
13	14	<p>15</p> <p><i>Choir Practice</i> <i>6:00pm</i></p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p><i>Meals On Wheels</i></p>	19
<i>Kay Warren</i>				<i>L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm</i>		<i>Kathy Porter</i>
20	 <p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Choir Practice</i> <i>6:00pm</i></p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p><i>Meals On Wheels</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Session Retreat</i></p>
27	<p>28</p> <p><i>Pipeline Deadline</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Choir Practice</i> <i>6:00pm</i></p>	30	31		
<i>Juan Castro</i>	<i>Katie Hurst</i>					