

# GOD'S PEOPLE DOING GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WORLD

## Investment Opportunity

Do you find it hard to pass up a good deal? Do you like to prepare for the future? Listen closely and I'll make you an offer that will be oh so hard to refuse.

We are blessed each week with the presence of a few of God's little angels. We are told in the Book of Order that our responsibility to the children is to nurture them in the Christian life. Whether members or visitors, we must provide a caring and nurturing environment.

So what is the investment opportunity? It is really quite simple. Pick out a Sunday and commit to sitting with the children in the nursery after the children's message for 30 minutes or so. Not every week, not even every month, but maybe once every three months. This exclusive offer is made so that nearly everyone can participate in the investment of a lifetime.

Our children are our church's future. They need to see our commitment to them. Be the first to enroll in this unbelievable offer. We expect to see long lines waiting to make their investments, so don't delay. We are making this chance available to two people each week. Sign up for your Sunday on the calendar in the Narthex.

**Remember the children's song ... "Jesus loves the little children..."**

*Submitted by Lonnie Helms*



**World Health Day** is celebrated every April 7. This year the focus will be on urbanization and health. With the campaign "1000 cities - 1000 lives", events will be organized worldwide calling on cities to open up streets for health activities.

In our corner of the world you might participate by picking up litter as you walk through your neighborhood, removing standing water from your backyard or the street or cleaning the air by planting a tree or shrub.

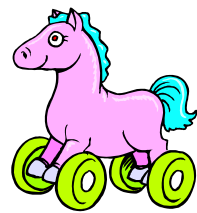
Cleaning our environment is also a fantastic way to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22. Join in!

(Please visit the World Health Organization at [www.who.int/world-health-day/2010/about/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2010/about/en/index.html) to learn more about World Health Day and this year's theme.)

*Joanne Flanders, MS, RN - Parish Nurse*

## Toy Shop Rummage Sale

The Toy Shop will hold their annual spring rummage sale in the garage of the Stephens County Museum building. There are garage doors on the east side of the building. The actual sale will be held on Friday, April 9 from 8:30am-6pm and Saturday, April 10 from 9am-1pm. Volunteers will start moving merchandise from the Locke Building at 7<sup>th</sup> and Main on Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Anyone who can move boxes and/or has a pickup is asked to come to the Locke Building at that time. For those not able to lift but willing to unpack boxes, you might wait about an hour or so and go straight to the museum. Donations will be taken and boxes continued to be unpacked on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am-2pm. Thursday will be a work day only if needed. This rummage sale has grown to be quite an event so all those who have an hour or more to give anytime that week would be appreciated.



*Submitted by Martha Coker for Kathy Snider, Toy Shop Chair.*

## PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our friends and family  
in our prayers

\*Matthew Fleming - Marines  
\*Capt. Michael Pruden - Marines  
\*Jason Kramer - Army

Jimmy & Rachel Livingston

Sam Thompson

Imogene Dove

Pat & Colleen Winn

Bob McKee

Ron Twelves

Susie Grantham

Ann (Helms family)

Jessica Jones

Josie Brown

Lu Morgan

Mary Cearley

Chase O'Bryne

Al Hruby

Doris Stokes

Helen Sue Lowe

Carroll Goss

Terry Evans

\* Currently serving our country

## REMINDER TO BRING:

Campbell Soup labels, box tops for schools coupons, empty pill bottles, aluminum pull tabs and empty ink jet cartridges to the church office to help others in need.

## Financial Update

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of March 22, 2010 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date \$53,138.09

Yearly Expense to date \$42,454.42

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends,  
Thank you very much for the wonderful gift of \$208.33 you gave in support of the boys at Goodland. I thank God for you, our faithful supporters, who give so that our boys might have hope for a future. Your servant in Christ, David L. Dearing, CEO

## THANK YOU

Lynn and I would like to thank everyone who helped us with the Spud Luncheon this year. I know there are so many more than those included in this e-mail so if you worked with someone that I might not have an e-mail for or accidentally overlooked, please thank them for us on behalf of all of those we serve at Christmas. It was a great year (once again) thanks to all of you. We don't have our numbers totaled yet so can't tell you how much we made, but we fed over 1000 people! We have heard lots of positive comments and that is thanks to all of you. We could NOT do this with out you. Thank you so very much!!!! Kathy and Lynn, The Toy Shop

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,  
Thank you all for your most recent gifts of \$192.66 & \$56.00 and your donation to the Christians Concerned Pantry. Your continued support is essential to help us help those in need in our community. Sincerely, Peggy McCoy, Christians Concerned

## THANK YOU - WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Duncan Rescue Mission for the \$50.00 donation. Please say thank you to everyone who helps us continue to service people of our community.

Gabriel House for the \$50.00 donation which will be used to purchase snacks & supplies for the children.

Christians Concerned for \$18.50 to help those in need in the Duncan Area.

## THANK YOU

Dear Tracy & family of First Presbyterian Church,  
The family of Marguerite English would like to give special thanks to her Presbyterian Church family who showed love & kindness during her long illness. Our thanks to Rev. Tracy Evans for her heartfelt message.

We are thankful for the wonderful & delicious luncheon in loving memory of Marguerite prepared & served by the Women of the Church, Jo Flanders, Pat Hale, Vicki Zimmerman, Martha Coker, Ann Robinson, Cathy Rogers and the church's part with the luncheon.

Thanks for all the prayers, goodies, cards, inspiring notes & flowers through-out her illness.

Marguerite enjoyed reading the church programs mailed to her by Pat Hale & she checked the Prayer Corner to read her & Bonnies name on the list & was very thankful for all the prayers.

Blessings to all, Marguerite's family & friends

P.S. We love all of you with all our hearts!

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<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
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Helen Sue Lowe	Steve Reasor	Rosella McQuain

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<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Joan Drake	Jack Munn	Leah Berning
Sally Barthell	Mike Grantham	Charlotte Utley

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We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on April 1<sup>st</sup> during the 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd**

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*"See, I am doing a new thing."* Isaiah 43:19a

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time at First Presbyterian Church! As I write this, it is just before Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The church is full of practices and preparations for this wonderful time in the church as we celebrate the journey of Jesus Christ to the cross and his Resurrection.

But there is much more going on than simply worship! At our congregational meeting in January, I presented the new "organizational chart" of our committees. The session was excited to move to this new way of seeing our ministry together. We have three identified areas of ministry:

- **Our Nuts and Bolts Ministry** includes those things that help keep the church functioning day to day. Property & Maintenance and Stewardship/Finance committees are part of this. Personnel will be part of this in coming months.
- **Inside Ministry** addresses those things that take place with the membership and are on-going. Worship, Christian Education and Fellowship & Renewal are included in this area.
- **Outside Ministry** is the work we do beyond, in the community and the world. We are including the Witness & Evangelism, Mission and our Diaconate in this area.

None of this is a drastic change; it is a new way of seeing the work of the church. We still have committee meetings; we still have reports and plenty of work to carry out. But when we see this work as part of our ministry together, we see that God is part of it all and that we are all truly in ministry together. Christ has called us and we are responding!

Each of these ministry areas has two session members guiding them. Helen Sue Lowe and Steve Reasor are the Nuts and Bolts elders; Lonnie Helms and Rosella McQuain are the Inside Ministry elders; Bennie Drake and Peggy Gilchrist are the Outside Ministry elders. Contact one of them if you are interested in serving in their ministry area!

And on another note, we continue to make progress on our venture with Early Head Start in the Cornerstone Building. The city has approved the zoning change and the architects have developed plans for adapting the building for use with infants and toddlers. Please keep in your prayers those who are hard at work to make this program a reality!

May you know the blessings of the Risen Christ,

Tracy

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