



Father's Day

Father's Day approaches. A recent survey in the popular media asked: "What is the greatest gift your father ever gave you?" The published answers varied from "a list of best life advice" to a hearty laugh to "utter devotion to my Mom" (he was her caregiver). A comment of significance to me was "even though I wasn't his biological child, my father raised me as his own".

I searched the literature: one consistent finding is that "fathers are not mothers!" The studies revealed that men are capable of nurturing children and do it differently than women. The information goes on to explain that father/child play affects "cognitive and social development, problem-solving skills, reciprocity and turn-taking and encouragement" while women approach play activities as verbal interaction.

So what is the role of the father in the family? A father affirms his daughter's feminity, moral values and assists her to relate to and interact with the opposite sex. She gains approval from him for her accomplishments which strengthen the special relationship they share. And what is his role with his son? These are simple but equally critical things a dad must do: He helps the boy understand that the boy IS a priority over the dad's many other demands. And he nurtures (which actually means "to protect") through hugs, kisses, cooking with them, playing with them, reading to them and helping their mother.

The words of Frank Pittman, MD are a wise reminder for these days: "These guys who fear becoming fathers don't understand that fathering is not something perfect men do, but something that perfects the man. The end product of child-raising is not the child but the parent."

Submitted by Jo Flanders

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD



On May 17, 2015, Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church were delighted to present Lois Harris with this year's Honorary Life Membership Award. Since its inception in 1912, this award has been bestowed on members of this congregation. The recipients have been chosen by their peers because of their commitment to Christian service within the congregation and/or to the community. The award can only be given once in a lifetime and can be bestowed on either a man or a woman. In our church, there is a plaque in the parlor with each recipients name on it and Lois will be the 72nd name added to that list. CONGRATULATIONS, LOIS!

Submitted by Joan Drake

Happy June Birthday!

Let's Pray Prayers of Joy for These People on Their Special Day!



6/12 Sally Barthell

6/17 Audrey Waggoner



6/13 Kaitlin Caldwell

6/25 Rick Trent



6/17 Bruce Vineyard



If we missed your Birthday, please let us know.

A lunch honoring June Birthdays will be held at El Palacio at noon on Wednesday, June 17th. *Everyone is welcome.* Please call or email me your plans to attend and I'll contact the restaurant with our reservation each month.

Thank you, Sally

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If you have anything that you would like to share in F-A-W email it to fpcduncan@gmail.com, call Eileen in the church office at 580-255-5769 or drop it by the church office. We have a mailbox set up in the copy room.



From the Editor



Youth Food Harvest



The "Food or Item of the Month" is "Pasta and Sauce"

Each month will have a new food or item. Please bring your donation to the church on the **third Sunday of each month** to be delivered to Christians Concerned.

If you would like to be a part of the FPC Duncan Prayer chain,



contact Gladys Taylor at 255-8265.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our family and friends in our prayers

Augusta Slagle, Ron Twelves, Pat & Colleen Winn, Mary Cearley,

Jim Barthell Jr., Emily Ritter, Stacey Soltysik, Fallis Beall,

George Copland, and Scotty Elliot



LET US REMEMBER THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

WORSHIP SERVICE

George Copland, Jack Murn,

Audrey Waggoner, and Augusta Slagle

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We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on **June 7, 2015** during the worship service.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS
June 19, 2015**



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**DON'T GO TO CHURCH,
BE THE CHURCH.**

WHAT IF WE USED THAT SLOGAN ...

We made bumper stickers and t-shirts? We passed out flyers? We invited people to come to worship? Would our church look and feel differently? That is exactly what happened on the Day of Pentecost. Peter got up and made a speech—called a sermon today—something awesome had happened only a few months after the resurrection of Jesus. A lot of people with different faces and languages came together to celebrate a great festival in Jerusalem. *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from, heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues of fire appeared among them...*

The "church-to be" people looked, acted and felt a dramatic change. In these moments of heavenly fire and common language, they each and together experienced genuine spiritual transformation. Most church folk today trace their beginnings to that day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-21) considering that day to be the birthday of the entity we call the church. Slogans, bumper stickers, websites and flyers are good modern tools for communicating our message. **"Don't go to church" BE THE CHURCH** conveys our heartfelt desire to be the Body of Christ in the world, not just a "bricks and mortar" church.

Peter concludes his Pentecost sermon with a dire recollection of the vision of the prophet Joel: *In the last days, it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh... The sin shall be turned to darkness... The everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.* While the above mentioned tools of communication are effective witnesses, only humans can be the vehicle for the Holy Spirit to be conveyed to the world. Humans such as us are given the powerful message of Pentecost—the gift of the indwelling Spirit of God—to give to the world that all may be saved. **DON'T GO TO CHURCH –BE THE CHURCH!**

Happy Pentecost celebration and blessings on you and your households!

Rev. Kathy E. Vineyard

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