

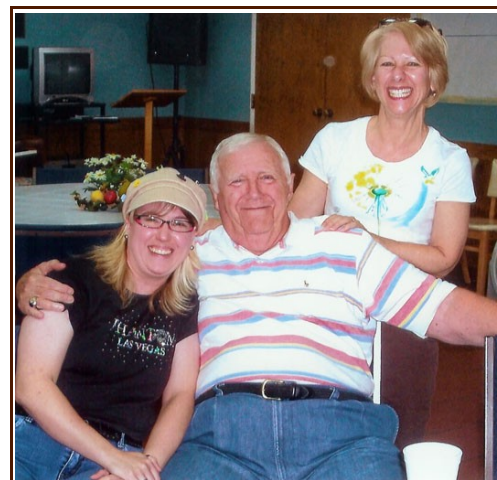
The Ice Cream Was



Scoops of Fun!



& Very Social!



Looking for Editor

Sally Barthell has faithfully served as Editor of the Faith-At-Work for almost three years. She is ready to hand over the job to someone else. Most of the work is done the last week of the month, and Sally is willing to provide the necessary training. If you might be interested in serving in this capacity, please let Sally or Tracy Evans know.



We all joined with Tracy Evans and Session Moderator Jenna Bentley to welcome Scott and Leah Berning as new members during worship service on Sunday, July 26, 2009

From Your Stewardship Committee

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it". Proverbs 22:6

What do children have to do with stewardship? The Goodland Academy in Hugo, Ok has been a big part of our mission for many years. We send a portion of our mission budget to them each month and many of our members do extra things to help Goodland be the best chance for many boys.

I know a young man who grew up there and he is now in the service of his country and has become a fine young man with a positive future.

Because of your stewardship, YOU WERE PART OF THAT.

Give until you feel good.

Bill McQuain, member of Stewardship Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Wylla Leonard, long-time member of First Presbyterian Church, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Friday, Aug. 21 at 2 pm at Sterling House. You are invited to attend this important occasion.

Submitted by Jo Flanders



Happy August Birthday!

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

8/02 Judith Holtmyer	8/13 Dane Steil
8/02 Don Moody	8/14 Marshall Hawkins
8/03 Sue Beall	8/15 Linda Helms
8/04 Stan Martin	8/20 Isaac Martin
8/09 Richard Marks	8/21 Katherine Hruby
8/11 Jerry Perkins	8/23 Wylla Leonard
8/11 Elizabeth Steigleder	8/26 Brin Fair
8/12 Ryan Grantham	8/26 Bill McQuain
8/12 Tinker Hruby	8/27 Katherine Rogers



A lunch honoring August Birthdays will be held at El Palacio at noon on Wednesday, August 19th. Please call in your reservation to the church office.

THANK YOU

Dale & Colleen Pollock want to thank our church family and Tracy Evans for being there for us during my falling accident and Dale's gall bladder surgery. We are both doing well now.

Dale & Colleen Pollock



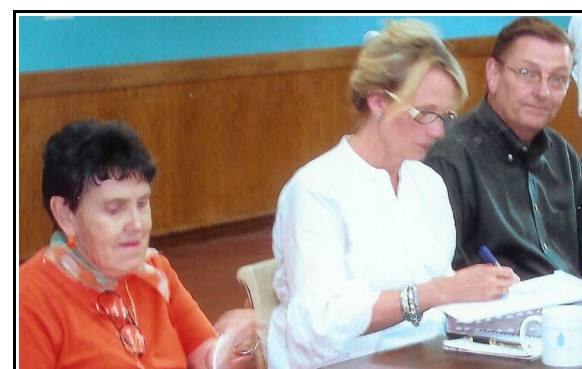
This Summer Reverend Tracy Evans is Leading a Monday Evening Bible Study, "The Bible from Scratch – The Old Testament for Beginners."



This overview of the Old Testament offers all participants, beginners and advanced, the opportunity to understand the relationships of the various parts of the Bible and place biblical characters and events in their historical context.

The lively study sessions encourage animated interaction among all participants. Session titles include -

*The Books of the Law
The Narratives of Genesis
From Egypt to Canaan
From Joshua to Nehemiah
The Books of the Prophets &
The Books of the Writings*



John Calvin (and We) Celebrate 500 Years

Princeton Theological Seminary has graciously provided a study of John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* at <http://www2.ptsem.edu/coned/calvin>. John Calvin's axioms were: "...that there is one God, who is just and good by definition; that Jesus Christ is God's Son and the Bible is God's revelation (renewing and expanding what was made known in creation but lost to sight by the fall); that because the Bible is God's Word, it cannot materially contradict itself and must all fit together in such a way as to be practicable." (McKee, Elsie, "Reflections for the week of January 1-4". *Calvin 09 - Read the Institutes*. Princeton Theological Seminary. January 1-4, 009. Web. 22 Jan. 2009. <<http://www2.ptsem.edu/ConEd/Calvin/archive/>>.)

John Calvin, according to Princeton Theological Seminary's reading schedule, was born July 10, 1509. As such, this year John Calvin (and we) celebrate his 500th birthday. Weekly discussions of the *Institutes of the Christian Religion* will continue this month and throughout the year. Summaries will continue in the September newsletter.

Submitted by Lynn Wienck

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT First Presbyterian Church - 2007

OUR PROMISE TO GOD

We Promise to affirm our belief in You, pray for Your guidance and live in faith, thanking You.

OUR PROMISE TO OUR GOVERNING BOARDS

We promise to pray daily for our pastor, all church officers and church staff. We agree to encourage them, respect their decisions, and follow as they guide us.

OUR PROMISE TO EACH OTHER

We promise to show our commitment through a positive and respectful attitude, open communications and support of the church to the best of our ability.

We promise to reflect to all we meet the light of Christ and the love of God

We promise to work in joy with others to affirm the grace and power of Christ for the benefit of all – church, community and the world.

To the best of our ability, we promise to remember:

1. That respecting others opinions, does not mean being untrue to our own; and
2. That in response to hurt or anger we promise to respond with prayer and love, instead of negative unhealthy responses.

The 5th Annual **Fiesta in Fuqua** will be held Sat. **Aug. 1st from 9am until Noon**. The theme is "Immunize & Exercise". The "caring van" will be present for grade school children who need their immunizations brought up-to-date. With each of the sponsored activities, the child earns a "punch". The completed punch card entitles the child to a bag of grade-appropriate school supplies, lunch & rides at Kiddieland. The Duncan Breakfast Optomist Club and Stephens County Health Dept. are the two primary sponsors with a variety of service organizations participating. First Presbyterian Church has been a sponsor for several years. Any private financial donations are greatly appreciated. **Volunteers needed.**

Jo Flanders - Health & Safety Committee

Financial Update

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of July 19, 2009 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date	\$ 89,433.39
Yearly Expense to date	\$139,243.37



Reminder!

Women's Circle Meetings will begin the second week of September.
Circle I – Thurs 9/10, 1:30pm
Circle II – Friday 9/11, 9:30am

Tour Page Participation

Your participation is requested for building the First Presbyterian Church of Duncan, Oklahoma Tour Page in our website (www.fpcduncan.com). Please submit your photographs of places and objects within the church or outside the church that you find comforting or meaningful. (This will be a tour and will not include people.) Provide your name and the date the photograph was taken. If you want to provide further information such as why this item or place is meaningful, that too would be appreciated. The bench on the east outside wall under the kitchen windows is a wonderful place for sitting and reflecting. Our sanctuary with its high, flat ceiling criss-crossed with dark wooden beams is quite beautiful in its simplicity. Photographs and descriptions will be kept on file within the church and the Tour Page updated with your entries. Captions -- possibly with your provided descriptions in quotes, but no names -- will be included with each photograph on the Tour Page.

Included in the church newsletter each month will be a few Tour Page photographs and accompanying captions with the names of "written" contributors.

Submitted by Lynn Wienck

THANK YOU

Thank you to our church family for the prayers and concerns when our son was in surgery. His recovery is going amazingly well. Prayer Works!

God's Peace, Jim & Sally Barthell

LET US REMEMBER

Duncan Care Center 700 Palm

Estella Trapp

Alterra Sterling House

915 W. Plato

Wylla Leonard

Chisholm Trail Retirement Ctr.

625 N. Chisholm Trail Pkwy

Lavina Hofmann Ted Legg

Country Club Care

1904 Hwy 81

Beulah Calloway

Carroll McClellan

Wilkins Nursing Center

1205 S. 4th

Ben Hill

Nominating Committee News

The Nominating Committee met on July 22, 2009 and we will need to elect two Elders and two Deacons this year. Please be prayerfully considering who you would like to nominate to serve our church as an Elder or Deacon for the next three years. The members of the Nominating Committee are Peggy Gilchrist, Margo Jones, Lonnie Helms, Vicky Benson, Colleen Pollock, Vicki Zimmerman, Bill McQuain and Dennis Wienck

Submitted by Peggy Gilchrist, Nominating Committee

SIGN IN PLEASE

In order to better serve our congregation it is important that you, as a member of the congregation or a visitor, **sign the Welcome Register** each time you attend **Worship Service**.

You will find the Welcome Register on the center aisle side of your pew. Please sign it and pass it down the pew for others to sign; then return it to the aisle seat.

Thank you for your cooperation

Youth Food Harvest



The August "Food of the Month" is a little different. We have a need for **toothpaste**. (Each month will have a new food). Please bring your toothpaste to the church on the **third Sunday** of the month & the youth will take it to the Christians Concerned Food Pantry.