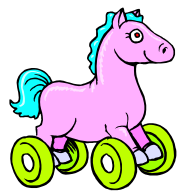


### August Session Highlights

- A quorum was determined and the meeting was opened at 6:33 pm.
- The devotional and opening prayer was give by Martha Coker
- The minutes from July 21, 2009 were approved.
- Session Training - Each person was asked to bring a personal item and to share what the item says about them.
- Linda Helms from the Financial Review Task Force presented the report from the financial review from 2007 and 2008. A motion was made to have a special called meeting of the Session to discuss the report and the recommendations from the Task Force on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 6:30 pm.
- The treasurer's report was accepted as given.
- Communion on Sunday August 9th had an attendance of 67.
- A bid for repairs to the outside of the church building was presented from the Property & Maintenance Committee for \$13, 276.14. After discussion the Session decided to hold off on the repairs for the time being.
- A motion was made to give permission to have the Pumpkin Patch with the stipulation that the Mission Committee will bring recommendations to the Session on where the money will be given.

*Submitted by Jenna Bentley, Clerk of Session*



There are some activities planned by **The Toy Shop** staff. The next meeting for all interested persons will be an organizational meeting on **Thursday, September 10 at 9:30 am** at The Toy Shop. The activities that are planned will be discussed in detail so that anyone who hasn't worked for The Toy Shop before will be encouraged to participate and learn more. A sales representative of Silpada Jewelry who is a Duncan native, has offered to have a jewelry sale party at The Toy Shop. This will be on **Tuesday, October 13, 3-7 pm**. 15% of the sales will go to The Toy Shop. This come and go affair should aid The Toy Shop funds.

*Submitted Martha Coker*

### Stewardship Committee

My Dear Friends,  
 Luke 6:38 states "Give and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. For by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you in return."

Yes, God blesses us in many ways. Not always in the way we want or expect, but always in the way we need. I know that I have been blessed in many ways.

Our church supports many and varied missions such as Christians Concerned, the Morgans, Goodland and others. And, you were a part of that. But we can do more and better.

If you have been giving a certain percent, please consider increasing your giving a percent or two. You probably won't miss it and it will make a difference and your blessings will increase. Remember the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

*Steve Reasor, Stewardship 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.

Thank You

### KIDS FOR CHRIST

KFC will have an Open House On Sunday, September 13th, immediately following the worship service. Please come to our newly redecorated Sunday School Classroom and see the projects our class has been working on.

*LaJuan Fleming- for KFC*

### Youth Food Harvest

The September "Food or Item of the Month" is **Shampoo** (each month will have a new food or item). Please bring your donation to the church on the **third Sunday** of each month & the youth will take it to the Christians Concerned Food Pantry.



### Happy September Birthday!

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



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| 9/04 Vicky Benson        | 9/16 Carroll Goss    |
| 9/04 Julie Martin        | 9/17 Helen Sue Lowe  |
| 9/05 Scott Postlethwaite | 9/17 Wayne Miller    |
| 9/06 Augusta Slagle      | 9/18 Peggy Gilchrist |
| 9/08 Cindy Goodner       | 9/25 Barbara Murphey |



*A lunch honoring September Birthdays will be held at El Palacio at noon on Wednesday, September 16th. Please call in your reservation to the church office.*

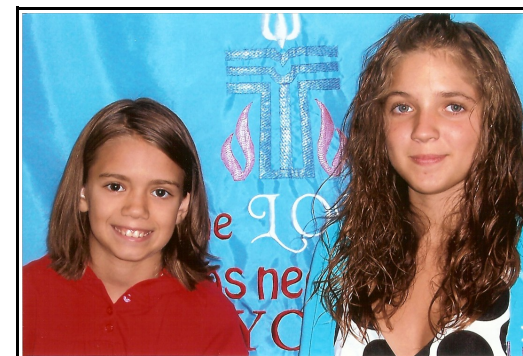


*Welcome to the August FPC Birthday Party at El Palacio There's an Empty Chair Waiting for you in September*



### Together Again

On her Summer vacation from school and her home in Marysville, Ohio, Jaymie Barthell (L), Jim and Sally Barthell's ten year old great-granddaughter, was a welcome visitor at Sunday School and Worship services with us on July 26<sup>th</sup>.



She was met in the Narthex by Kaitlin Caldwell. After renewing their old friendship, the two "Kids For Christ" spent a happy and prayerful morning together.

*Thanks to LaJuan Fleming for the picture*





Flu seems to be on the horizon. Two states which usually are not experiencing flu at this time of year are having widespread flu activity. The reports state the H1N1 (also referred to as 2009A flu) vaccine will probably be delayed. So, what's your plan? How will this fit with an immunization for seasonal flu? How will you avoid either of the flus until you're immunized?

First of all, WASH YOUR HANDS!!!! Use a comfortable water temperature, plenty of lather and lots of friction. Have your children sing "Happy Birthday" or "Jesus Loves Me" or recite The Lord's Prayer while washing their hands—that's at least 15 seconds—the time period needed to be assured that any germs have been washed away. The key is to let the water run off the tips of your fingers and to dry the hands thoroughly with a clean paper towel. Drying thoroughly will keep skin intact and will prevent infection. Use a clean paper towel to turn off the faucet and open restroom doors. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective and can be used when appropriate washing facilities are not available.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Don't cough or sneeze into your hand. Instead, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue. Each time you use a tissue toss the tissue in the trash—don't reuse. If you're caught unaware, cough or sneeze into your elbow.

If you're sick with a flu-like illness, stay home and away from others to keep from making others sick. Your isolation should continue until your fever has disappeared for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine. And whenever possible, avoid close contact with sick people. Children with symptoms may be placed in separate classrooms until they can be picked up from school/day care by a parent or guardian. Using a mask when around members of your family may offer some protection from exposure. However, it is expected that the disease will be highly contagious one day before symptoms are evident to seven days or more after the sickness is full-blown. If you leave the house to seek medical care, use the mask.

Check ingredient labels of over-the-counter cold and flu medications as they may contain aspirin. These and aspirin-containing products, e.g. bismuth subsalicylate (Pepto Bismol) should not be given to individuals age 18 years old and younger due to the risk of Reye's Syndrome. For relief of fever, acetaminophen or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are encouraged.

People who are at high risk for H1N1 flu may be different than those for seasonal flu. One might expect that pregnant women, children and health care workers will be among the first to receive the vaccine when it becomes available. The gathering of data regarding incidence and morbidity continues and may influence the plan for immunization. Keep alert for information. The following sites are reliable and will give updated information about plans for immunization:

1. <http://www.flu.gov>
2. <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1/sick.htm>
3. <http://pandemicflu.gov>
4. <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1/schoolguidance.htm>
5. <http://www.ok.gov/health/>

Joanne Flanders, MS, RN - Parish Nurse

**Reminder to bring:**

Campbell Soup Labels, box tops for school coupons, empty pill bottles, aluminum pop tops and empty inkjet cartridges to the church office.

[www.fpcduncan.com](http://www.fpcduncan.com)

Keep checking the church website as we are now posting current events. If you have a change in schedule or a news update....let me know and we'll get it entered. Thanks, Sally (salsroom@jimbarthell.com)

John Calvin (and We) Celebrate 500 Years

Princeton Theological Seminary continues to provide a study of John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* at <http://www.ptsem.edu/calvin2009>. 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, 2009. Web. 22 Jan. 2009. <<http://www2.ptsem.edu/ConEd/Calvin/archive/>>.)

The study of Book IV of *Institutes of the Christian Religion* commencing August 25, 2009, focuses upon "the church, the sacraments, the civil order, and how they work to 'increase faith within us.'" (Calvin Bulletin Insert #1 Grey, "Increase Faith within Us: Rediscovering Calvin for the Church Today". *Calvin 09 - Read the Institutes*. Princeton Theological Seminary. <<http://www2.ptsem.edu/coned/calvin/>>. Web. 22 Aug. 2009.) John Calvin "addresses questions concerning the purpose and shape of the church as well as its appropriate leadership and proper authority..."; teaches "about the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper as means of divine grace that sustain and nourish faith"; and explores "the relation of the church to civil authority..." (Mikoski, Gordon S., "Increase Faith Within Us: Rediscovering Calvin for the Church Today". *Calvin 09 - Read the Institutes*. Princeton Theological Seminary. <<http://www2.ptsem.edu/coned/calvin/>>. Web. 22 Aug. 2009.)

Weekly discussions of the *Institutes of the Christian Religion* will continue this month and throughout the year. Join us as we explore John Calvin's readings regarding the church.

Submitted by Lynn Wienck

***DEADLINE  
FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY  
IS SEPTEMBER 24TH***

**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

UPDATE FROM AMY

Dear Church Family,

I am about to begin my last year in seminary and I can hardly believe it. In less than a week from the time I am writing this I will be sitting for Ordination Exams. My classes at Rutgers start in less than a week and my classes at Princeton resume in less than a month. But with all this excitement it seems the thing that is exciting me the most is that Rebecca, my middle daughter, will be getting married soon!

Rebecca met Jason when the FPC youth went on a mission trip to Goodland fifteen years ago. Their friendship blossomed in the past two years and now that he is back from serving the Army in South Korea it looks like we're planning a wedding! They will be coming up to New Jersey to get married at the church Tim pastors. We don't have a definite date yet, but are certain that it will be in September or October.

Blessings to you all,  
Amy Florence

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