

A Steward's Prayer

Father of all mankind, throughout this day help me to remember that a very real portion of your Kingdom has been placed in my keeping. Therefore teach me to love you:

† *With all my heart ...* that I may love those whom you love, giving back to the most unlovable and difficult, your own everlasting mercy and compassion;

† *With all my soul ...* that I may seek fresh ways in which your divine power may surge through my commonplace routine from morning till night;

† *With all my strength ...* that my hands may work the works of God who sent me, that my energy may be poured out for the needs of your family, until all I own or earn or gain may be spent in a stewardship of loving kindness; and,

† *With all my mind ...* that I may think your thoughts from moment to moment, making beautiful and significant each expenditure, always placing you first, that your Kingdom may come through my sharing, my caring, my daring ... for your name's sake. **Amen.**

M. Applegarth

Day By Day

Stewardship is not just a question of checkbooks, but a question of how a person lives day by day. We're all stewards of God's bounty, including love and consideration, helpfulness and even courtesy. Stewardship embraces a sort of volunteer attitude. It is a natural characteristic of Christians, but it takes practice and awareness.



Happy Wedding Anniversary

to
Jerry & LaJuan Fleming,
married 55 years
on October 1st

~
Scott & Leah Berning
married 27 years
on October 1st

~
Jim & Helen Sue Lowe
married 10 years
on October 28th



Happy October Birthday!

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



10/4 Randy Fair
10/6 Jo Flanders
10/7 Terry Evans
10/10 Ajenda Johnson
10/11 Chip Woods
10/13 Caron Hawkins

10/14 Mike Grantham
10/16 Pat Hale
10/16 Tracy Evans
10/19 Joe Smith
10/21 Dora Kirk
10/28 Colleen Pollock
10/30 Bianca Johnson



If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

A lunch honoring October Birthdays will be held at El Palacio at noon on Wednesday, October 20th. *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
470-9933 or salsroom@jimbarthell.com

CAN ONE?

Can one person make a difference? How about Bill Gates and Warren Buffet challenging the nation's billionaires to pledge to give at least half of their net worth to charity? Look what Boone Pickens has done at Oklahoma State. Not a billionaire? How about Mother Teresa or Billy Graham? Not a nun or a preacher? Then there, of course, are Moses and Jesus. Each of us has God given talents and we are biblically instructed to share a portion of those gifts of time, talent and money back to God in his honor to fulfill the command to spread the good news and to aid the hungry, sick, bereaved and afflicted.

The Stewardship/Finance Committee is making plans for this year's Stewardship Campaign using the theme, Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in your Congregation: "More than Enough," from 2 Corinthians 9:8. Kickoff is set for October 31 with the dedication being set for November 21.

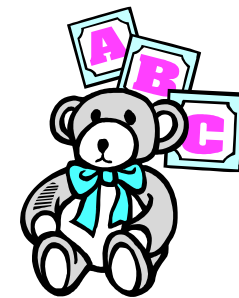
You can make a difference. Pray about your importance to God and his need of your stewardship of the gifts you have received. As Rev. Tracy says, "...It's all that easy and it's all that hard."

Stewardship Committee, Sue Beall



They say "All Good Things Must Come to An End"

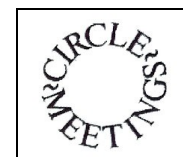
But the good work of The Cornerstone Quilters, nearing completion now, is coming to a "New Beginning"; the beginning of the Delta Early Head Start Center which will be lovingly decorated by the beautiful wall hanging quilts produced by The Quilters.



Nursery
Help
Needed



Friday October 1st is the date for the Thank Offering salad lunch. It will be hosted by Circle II. Please plan to attend and enjoy the food and fellowship.



Circle I meets Oct. 8 at 10:00am
Circle II meets Oct. 14 at 1:30pm. Please plan to join us in the study of Revelation.

Happy Birthday Leah!



Veo que trajo a su propia piñata.



Leah Berning was the only birthday honoree to come to the September Party at El Palacio. But, for the first time we needed two tables to seat Scott and eighteen additional members of Leah's FPC church family who came to celebrate. Let's make it three tables in October!

Youthful Church Anecdotes

more cont'd....

Problems came up on details related to the building of the new church. Some seem almost trivial today but others were given serious consideration. My father had a responsible position on the building committee. Sometimes he would come home very upset over some item really not worthy in his estimation to be given any time for discussion. One item I remember was the color of the brick to be used on the new church. It took quite a while to resolve that one.

Consideration was given to providing space for a choir. Some members of the congregation wanted it located behind the pulpit but that would reduce seating in the sanctuary. Others suggested a choir loft be added at the rear. Lack of funds was the deciding factor in this case. What frustrated my father was that the church did not have a choir at that time. Another problem was presented for discussion. Reverend Bowling, our pastor, had a habit of giving long sermons. Many a noon meal was ruined as a result. Food was prepared at home as then there were no fast food places to pickup a meal. Restaurants had already served the noon dinner crowd and it took too long to wait for more food to be prepared second time. Waste was kept at a minimum. Several suggestions were presented for discussion to limit the length of his sermons. One was to install a sand bag on a pulley system over the pulpit and when twelve O'clock came to release the weight. Another was to install a trapdoor behind the pulpit and when twelve O'clock came to trip the latch. This idea was deemed unsatisfactory as the church did not have a basement. Some one suggested this must have been an oversight. It was no wonder my father often came home truly frustrated at times. And then there was the story about the old church steeple. But that will have to wait until later.

Every thing you have read is absolutely true whether it really happened that way or not.

George Jr.

Submitted by George Copland Jr.

THANK YOU

Dear friends at First Presbyterian Church,

All through this year and long before you have been so good to Al and me. Al seems to have stabilized for the time being, and I attribute his improvement to your love and prayers and support of his family.

He has enjoyed your cards and notes, visits, and the opportunity Tracy provided for him to take communion.

When I see you, you are most kind to inquire about him.

Thank you, also, for your support when my sister died. Having a church family such as you is a great comfort.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

Much love, Janis Hruby



LET US REMEMBER



Marlow Manor
702 S. 9th

Estella Trapp

Country Club Care
1904 Hwy 81

Carroll McClellan

Beulah Calloway Lavina Hofmann

Wilkins Nursing Center
1205 S. 4th

Wylla Leonard Elzan Rice

SIGN IN PLEASE

As a member of the congregation or a visitor, **please sign the Welcome Register** each time you attend worship service.

Financial Update

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of September 20, 2010 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date \$165,847.92

Yearly Expense to date \$142,561.71

Youth Food Harvest

The October "Food or Item of the Month" is **Canned Tuna**. 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



collect it for the Christians Concerned Food Pantry.

"IN TOUCH"- COMING SOON TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"IN TOUCH", a proposal originally brought before the Diaconate, is a member care opportunity.

It will allow the congregation to provide support for any of our members, and is simple enough that there can be a place for all who want to participate on either side, the providers or the receivers.

The Diaconate approved IN TOUCH to be proposed before Session, and the Session has given their approval for going ahead with the plan. We are very excited! Please be on the watch for more information about IN TOUCH to be forthcoming.

Submitted by Leah Berning

Did You Know....?

- The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) consists of **2.1 million members** in **10,700 congregations**, found in every state plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.
- Half of congregations have **100 or fewer** members, though 13 congregations have **4,000 or more**, including Peachtree in Atlanta, the largest with **8,806**. Nationally, average weekly worship attendance is **1.1 million**.
- **One in three active ministers are women** (32%), up from 7% over the last 25 years. Among elders, 52% are women; among members, 64%
- **The median age** of both members and elders is **60 years**; of pastors, **53 years**.
- Most Presbyterians (**59%**) **grew up in another denomination**, including 16% who grew up Methodist, and 10% Baptist.

Source: Presbyterians Today

The Same Old Song

One of the favorite songs of G.I.'s and their sweethearts back in the days of WWII went, "*Won't you tell me when we will meet again...Sunday...Monday...or always...*"

Here we are, some 75 years later, still singing the same old song.

These days you can find the answer in Friday editions of The Duncan Banner in the "Church Briefs" section.

What's the sermon topic for next Sunday? What time does your committee meet? What food items are the church youth collecting this month? It's all there, every Friday in The Banner.

Keep checking the "Church Briefs" section and you won't wind up with a sad face and an empty hand when the little red wagon comes your way.

Submitted By Jim Barthell

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Orders are being taken for Christmas Poinsettias for the sanctuary. Each plant will cost \$13.00. Request forms and envelopes will be provided in the worship bulletins the next two Sundays. Please fill out request form and leave it in the offering

plate.

Please place the money in the envelope provided and leave it in the offering plate also.

Please do not place request form in the envelope with the money.

Please have your request in by October 17.

We hope to have the names of those being honored and the donors published as a bulletin insert in December.

Submitted by Martha Coker