

## Trinity

Father, Son and Holy Spirit!  
All are one!  
And all the same!

In your mercy,  
Undeserving,  
Grace unending,  
By your name!

Heavenly Father!  
Beautiful Savior!  
Wisdom and Wonder!  
Show me the way!

Come, Creator!  
Shelter me, Shepherd!  
Open my eyes,  
To each new day!

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In your mercy,  
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Amen.

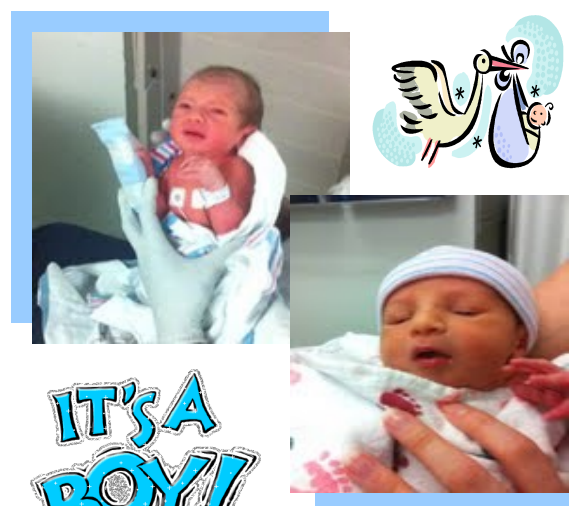
~Jim Barthell



The smiles were big and hearts were overflowing with love when the family of Peggy Gilchrist hosted her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday reception on September 18 in FPC's Fellowship Hall. Many members of Peggy's church and community family were also on hand to add their love and sincere best wishes on her very special day.

"The Life of Christ and His Continuing Work, as depicted in the Symbolism of The Windows", by Rev. Pat N. Easterling (FPC 1949-1956) has now been added to the History Section of the church website, [www.fpcduncan.com](http://www.fpcduncan.com).

Submitted by Jim Barthell



IT'S A BOY!

LIAM

Congratulations to Jim and Sally Barthell on the birth of their great-grandson *Liam James Mahan*. Little Liam was born September 6, 2011 and weighed in at 5.4 lbs and was 18 inches long. His proud parents are Tanner and Laura Mahan and his grandparents are Jim Jr. and Connie Barthell.

## Happy Wedding Anniversary

to

Jerry & LaJuan Fleming,  
married 56 years  
on October 1<sup>st</sup>

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Scott & Leah Berning  
married 28 years  
on October 1<sup>st</sup>

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Jim & Helen Sue Lowe  
married 11 years  
on October 28<sup>th</sup>

## Happy October Birthday!

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



10/04 Randy Fair  
10/06 Joanne Flanders  
10/07 Terry Evans  
10/10 Ajenda Johnson  
10/11 Chip Woods  
10/13 Caron Hawkins

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

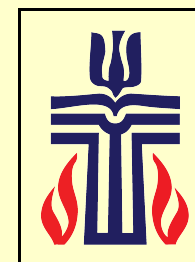


If we missed your Birthday, please let us know.

A lunch honoring October Birthdays will be held at El Palacio at noon on Wednesday, October 19th. *Everyone is welcome.*

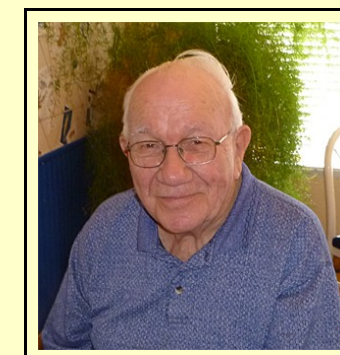
Please call or email me your plans to attend and I'll contact the restaurant with our reservation each month. Thank you, Sally  
Telephone (580) 470-9933 or Email [salsroom@jimbarthell.com](mailto:salsroom@jimbarthell.com)

## "....When You are Among The Very Young at Heart"



How does the song go? "...Don't you know that it's worth every treasure on earth to be young at heart."

We were rich beyond any treasure, as we all got together with Peggy and Leah to celebrate their September birthdays and share their joy of being "Young at Heart."



"AUTUMN IS A SECOND SPRING WHEN EVERY LEAF IS A FLOWER."

ALBERT CAMUS

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Okay, well maybe not quite yet. But it will be. And soon! The first Sunday of Advent is November 27 and our sanctuary will be adorned from that Sunday through Christmas with beautiful poinsettias.*

*Order forms will be available in the bulletins from October 2 through October 16. The price for each poinsettia will be \$13.*

*We will also need someone who is willing to "tend" to the poinsettias. This will entail moving and watering them so that they will remain healthy and beautiful during the Advent Season. If you are interested, please contact the church office.*

## Locke Building

For a few years now, the Locke Building has been a storage place for items donated to the Toy Shop Rummage Sale and for Christmas gifts. It has not only been a storage place, but where the sale was held. The Department of Youth Services have become tenants of the building and the building will soon be demolished. All the "stuff" for the Toy Shop Rummage Sale is almost ready to be moved to their new location at the fairgrounds. **Help is desperately needed to get moved from the Locke Building to the fairgrounds.** Pickups, drivers and helping hands are needed. Please help if you can. Come to the Locke Building by the railroad tracks on the corner of Main and 7<sup>th</sup> at **2pm on Sunday, October 2.**



*Submitted by Martha Coker*



*You're Invited!*

On **October 9**, immediately following morning worship, the Inside and Outside Ministry Committees are joining forces to provide you with a lunch of lasagna, salad and bread. Dessert? Of course!!! We have invited a group from the **Cameron Campus Ministry** to visit with us that day and they will assist with the liturgy during worship. After lunch, they will present a short program to inform us of their work and will be available for questions. We hope you will attend this Fellowship and Renewal Luncheon and the Mission Outreach for Cameron. Our young people go off to college without strong support sometimes and it is wonderful to know that there are dedicated people who are available to help them continue down the path of Christian living. Join us and celebrate this mission. FPC has been a prayer partner with CCM and last year we were financial partners as well. Come hear what God is doing in the lives of our youngsters. You may be amazed.

*Submitted by Rosella McQuain,  
Inside Ministry*

## Three Men

**Building a Community of Faith  
A Parable Based on Romans 12:3-8**

Three men are making their way through a densely wooded area, filled with obstacles and peril, late at night: a very old man, a robust middle-aged man who is blind and a very young man.

They walk together, hand in hand in hand. The middle-aged man, who speaks only English, is in the middle.

The old man, weak and in failing health, is the only one of the three who knows the way through the woods. He speaks only Spanish.

With his right hand, the middle-aged man gives support to the old man.

With his left hand, the middle-aged man holds tight to the hand of the young man, who is bilingual and who foolishly tries to break away and wander off, into the darkest and most dangerous area of the woods.

Together, the three men reach their destination, far beyond and well clear of the densely wooded area.

And so, old, weak and unsteady, in failing health, blind, foolhardy, and challenged to communicate – collectively, the men find their way to the place they seek. Individually, all three men would surely have perished in the woods.

Jim Barthell

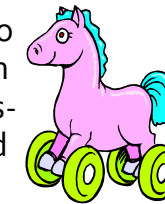
## Toy Shop Reminder

Annual Toy Shop Rummage Sale  
**October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Where:** Stephens County Fairgrounds  
(North End)

**When:** Thursday, October 6th 8am-6pm  
and Friday, October 7th 8am-2pm

Donations may be brought to the fairgrounds 9am-6pm on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. All rummage goods and help will be appreciated.



*Submitted by Martha Coker*

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

Twenty minutes fly by when you are being entertained by the kids that choose to go to the nursery. That's right folks, you get to stay in service until right before Tracy's sermon and you can listen to the sermon on the nursery speaker. Our nursery worker, Amanda does a marvelous job, but for many reasons we need two adults to be in the nursery for those last 20 minutes of service. They even come back into the sanctuary for communion.

We have done very well so far with volunteers, but we are now desperately needing more to sign the volunteer sheet in the church office. Okay, you think you are too old. You don't have any diaper duty, you don't have to get down on the floor to play (unless you just want to), you might watch a cartoon movie or color. Visiting with the kiddos one on one is very rewarding and gives our youngins a chance to get to know you. Have you noticed how the children are responding to the Passing of the Peace? How does it make you feel when they recognize your face in church?



Take this opportunity today to call the church or come by to see what Sunday you can volunteer in the nursery.

*Submitted by Vicki Zimmerman, Inside Ministry*



Every year we celebrate the Lord's Supper with other Christians around the globe. This year we have planned a very special communion service to connect us as brothers and sisters across the planet. It is exciting to think about being connected to others who love our Lord Jesus Christ. We Presbyterians are all about connection, so be sure to bring your ecumenical heart to church on **October 2 for the celebration of World Communion Sunday.** In this world of turmoil and tribulation, it is worth noting that the Peacemaking Offering will be received this day. Come prepared to pray for peace and be in communion with the community of saints.

*Submitted by Rosella McQuain, Inside Ministry*



The choir is already hard at work on the music for the upcoming Holiday Season. We have Anthems ready and soloists anticipating their time of worship. If you are interested in singing in the Cantata you may come to rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7:00-7:30pm. Bells will resume January of 2012. If you are interested in joining us, contact Holli at [hhpianostudio@yahoo.com](mailto:hhpianostudio@yahoo.com) or on her cell 580-595-0301.

*Musically Yours,*

*Holli*

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil. It has no point." - Author Unknown



Are you interested in having a **LARGE** print bulletin available for Sunday worship? If you are, please let the church office know so that we can work on better accommodating you.