

# GOD'S PEOPLE DOING GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WORLD



The Joy Gift Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, Dec 4th. Please try to attend and bring a guest or two or three. The Presbyterian Women's Council will host the pot luck luncheon and provide meat dishes and dessert. Please bring a side dish or salad or just come and enjoy. Beside enjoying a wonderful meal, an outstanding program is planned. Program chairman, Nancy Grantham has lined up Bonnie Holden with "The Cajun Christmas Story". Please come and enjoy a little food, fellowship, worship and entertainment in the middle of your day. Remember, laughter is good exercise.

Joan Drake, Moderator



With the approach of year's end, it's important to deal with "what is" in a timely manner. And the "what is" at this time is the opportunity to review and, possibly, change your Medicare D plan. If you recently received a letter from your insurer identifying a raise in premium, you may want to read on. The literature identifies 6 common mistakes which are made each year. They are:

- 1) Staying with the same plan every year.
- 2) Allowing someone else to choose a plan for you (your insurance agent or pharmacist).
- 3) Choosing the same plan as your spouse.
- 4) Choosing a plan based on name recognition.
- 5) Choosing a plan without using the plan-finder at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).
- 6) Not signing up for a Medicare drug plan because you don't think you need it.

If you need help, just call for an appointment. Our work is strictly confidential.

Joanne Flanders, MS, RN - Parish Nurse



Rejoice in His Glory



## Say Hello to Holli Hill-Le

She's our new Music Director. Holli Hill-Le is a graduate of Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma where she studied under Dr. Hyunsoon Whang. Her recent accomplishments include two Senior Recitals at Cameron University, Lawton Community Theater's presentation of "Little Shop of Horrors" and Cameron University's presentation of "Hansel and Gretel".

In Holli Le's words, "I am blessed to be a part of your worship service and have many hopes for the music here at FPC. I am truly excited to play such a fine instrument and to have the bells available is a major plus. Thank You for the opportunity."

### REMINDER TO BRING:

Campbell Soup labels, box tops for schools coupons, empty pill bottles, aluminum pull tabs and empty ink jet cartridges to the church office to help others in need.



Our Prayers of Comfort and Sympathy for the family of Karen Ford, sister of Lois Harris.

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Our Condolences to the family of Joe Griffith who passed away November 20, 2009.



## PRAYER CORNER

*Let us keep our friends and family in our prayers*

- \*Justin Ezell - Army
- \*Matthew Fleming - Marines
- \*Capt. Michael Pruden - Marines

Jimmy & Rachel Livingston

Marguerite English

Sam Thompson

Imogene Dove

Pat Winn

Bob McKee

Ron Twelves

Tom Carey

Susie Grantham

Ann (Helms family)

Jessica Jones

Josie Brown

Larry Presgrove

Martha Copland

Lu Morgan

Mary Cearley

Chase O'Bryne

Bill Robinson

Alice Powell

Audrey Waggoner

Al Hruby

Helen Sue Lowe

Carroll Goss

Doris Stokes

Jim Barthell Jr.

Colleen Pollock

\* Currently serving our country

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church, Thanks to each of you for your donation of food to Christians Concerned's pantry. Your support is essential and always appreciated. Sincerely, Peggy McCoy, Christians Concerned

## THANK YOU

Tracy & Staff,  
Thank you so much for letting us use your beautiful church for our memorial service. We feel so at home there and everything turned out so well!  
Chisholm Trail Hospice of Duncan Regional Hospital

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends,  
Thank you very much for your gracious gift of \$208.33 you gave in support of the boys at Goodland. Your support is so important to the continuing success of Goodland Academy.  
Your Servant in Christ, David L. Dearing, CEO

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends,  
We want to thank everyone for all the prayers & love showered on us because of the death of our daughter-in-law Katie Moody.  
We appreciate your friendship,  
Fondly, Don & Beverly Moody

## THANK YOU

To FPC Women of the Church,  
Sincere thanks for your gift of \$50.00. Christians Concerned, as a United Way Agency, is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping those in need in the Duncan area.  
God bless and keep you, Christians Concerned

## THANK YOU

On behalf of Women's Haven Staff, Board of Director's, and Volunteers, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your donation. It's through such support, that we are able to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Again, we say thank you.

## Send Your Cards

### & Letters to:

Carroll Goss  
Harbor Lakes Nursing & Rehab Center # 107  
1300 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Granbury, TX 76048

## THANK YOU

Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your gift of \$166.66. Christians Concerned helps others because we believe God calls us to care. We consider it a privilege to do what we can to meet the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ.

God bless and keep you, Christians Concerned

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Mary Ann Kaminski		

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*We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper  
on Christmas Eve during The Candlelight  
Service*

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS  
December 26th**

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What are you waiting for? The children are counting down the days to Christmas...how much longer? How much longer 'til we get there? How much longer will we be here? How much longer do I have to wait?

Advent, by definition, is a season about that which is "to come." We await the coming Messiah's birth. That may all be well and good, but what about our day-to-day waiting? Waiting in those lines at the check-out. Waiting on our guests to arrive. Waiting for this day to be over. Some of us wait patiently; others are not so skilled in the practice. I find myself in both categories, how about you?

What are you waiting for this Advent, whether patiently or not? Are you waiting for certainty, for healing, for love, for approval? Are you waiting for recognition, for retirement, for enough money to simply pay the bills? Are you waiting for peace on earth, good will toward all? Are you waiting for a child to grow up, a spouse to settle down, a friend to call, and enemy to be prevented from calling? Are you waiting for God's kingdom to come?

Ask that question of Jesus, if you will, but be prepared, for he may well ask it right back to you. What are you waiting for?

For wherever eyes blind to the beauty and goodness of God

are opened, God's kingdom has come.

Wherever deaf ears are unstopped to the hearing

of God's liberating word,

God's kingdom has come.

Whenever filthy lives are cleansed by the promise of salvation,

God's kingdom has come.

Whenever dead hopes are resuscitated, whenever dead spirits are revived, whenever dead faith is reawakened, whenever dead courage finds strength again,

God's kingdom has come.

Whenever those who feel like they have no reason to live, whenever the discouraged

and those without hope hear the good news,

God's kingdom has come. [1]

Christmas may be many days yet on the calendar, or maybe just a few. But the gift has already been opened, and it is this:

God's kingdom has come,  
God's will is being done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Blessings to you this Advent and Christmas.

Tracy

[1] Author unknown. Taken from a writing in my files.



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