





First Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 2010

Sunday Regular Schedule
 9:15am Disciples Class
 9:30am Sunday School Class
 10:30am Fellowship
 10:45am Worship Service

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
During Advent (thru Dec 19), Tracy Evans will lead a combined 9:30 a.m. Sunday School class, meeting in Fellowship Hall, using "The Best Songs Come at Night" by J. Ellsworth Kalas			1 "Toy Shop Blitz" 6:00pm Inside Ministry Comm. mtg 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 12:15pm Diaconate meeting	3 12:00pm Joy Gift Luncheon	4 6:00am-1:00pm Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast in FPC Fellowship Hall
5 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 	6	7	8 10:00am PW Council meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 1:30pm Circle II meeting	10 10:00am Circle I meeting	11
12 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 1:30pm Bell Choir 2:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	13	14 6:30pm Session meeting	15 Noon Birthday lunch @ El Palacio 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Christmas Cantata Christmas Joy Offering Youth Food Harvest (Cookies)	20	21 5:00pm-7:00pm Open House at Rev. Tracy Evans	22 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	23 FAW Deadline	24 <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Communion at 6:30pm</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	



Ushers: Mike Grantham
 Charlotte Utley

Hospital Visitor: Bennie Drake
Presby Cab: Bennie Drake



New Church Officers



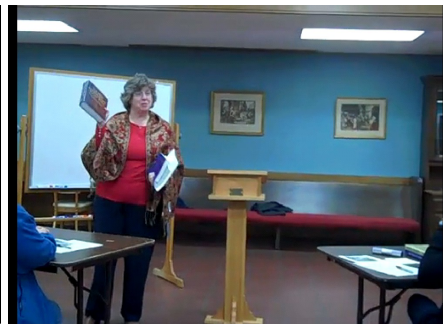
Pictured above, (L to R) newly elected church officers, Vicki Zimmerman (Elder), Robin Caldwell (Deacon), Jerry Fleming (Elder) and LaJuan Fleming (Deacon). All are present and ready for their first night of officer training, following their election at the October 31 congregational meeting.

Above – After his presentation, Reverend Jim Burns was available for more personal exchanges – here speaking with Elder elect Vicki Zimmerman.

Right – Currently a Deacon, Jack Munn, here with Robin Caldwell, is a veteran church officer, having previously served in all elected offices.



Elder Al Turner and Reverend Ann Wasson, below, were among the guest speakers recorded on video as they presented their portions of the officer training program. (Video Capture)



On Christmas Day, 1910....

.....William H. Taft was the 27th President of the United States and Charles N. Haskell was serving as the very first Governor of the State of Oklahoma. The Philadelphia Athletics had defeated the Chicago Cubs to win the 1910 World Series and the Shelby, (Ohio) Blues were the champions of professional football.



Oh yeah..... and my father, Charles Grant Barthell, age 12, received the copy of The New Testament that I now carry to church with me every Sunday. It was a Christmas gift from

his grandmother—my great grandmother, Martha Malvina Page Barthell, pictured here. Great Grandma was the daughter of Jonathan Page, a circuit riding preacher of the Bible. She knew a lot about the Bible and even more about little boys. Her Christmas inscription to my father in the little book reads, “I want to ask you one thing and that is to spend 10 minutes every day in reading this book.”

One of the poinsettia plants in our sanctuary this year commemorates the centennial anniversary of my book. It also announces the retirement of great grandma's Christmas day gift to a well deserved place in my library.

Well done, little book! Well done!
Now take your rest.

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to all -
God's Grace and Peace,
Jim Barthell

Remember in December

Friday, December 3 – Presbyterian Women – Joy Gift Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, December 15 – December Birthday Luncheon at El Palacio 12:00 Noon

Sunday, December 19 – Christmas Joy Offering and Christmas Cantata – Morning Worship Service

Tuesday, December 21 – Tracy Evans Open House 5-7p.m.

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service 6:30p.m.