

At 6:35 pm on Friday evening, October 28, at The Well on Main Street Duncan, John 6:35 was lifted from the pages of the New Testament Book of John ...as a promise of life fulfilled.

**"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35**

Indeed, all who came hungry went home filled – nourished and sustained, both in body and spirit!  
We are pleased to leave comment and imagery to the words of Elizabeth Collins, below, and the wonderful pictures so generously provided by Elizabeth G. Skahill

~Jim Barthell



".....It began with an amazing meal prepared by the First Presbyterian Church, and then out of the blue, several volunteers from the Tri-County Homeless Prevention Core Group came to help, just because they heard about J.O.H.N.: 6:35 and wanted to be a part of this amazing outreach. The evening just kept getting better and better and our numbers increased to an all-time high, with a total of 224 served. There were a lot of new guests and even families who came to eat. What a blessing it was to SERVE our guests; and to see the smiles on their faces was priceless! Edwina Reddick, one of the volunteers from the Tri-County Homeless Prevention Core Group, felt led to share with us how blessed she was to be there and to help. She ended our perfect evening by singing to us, "Go Light Your World-Carry Your Candle". (Photo Right)

~Elizabeth Collins & The Well Ministry Team

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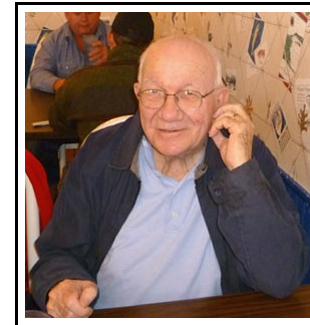
"We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Hanging of The Greens – How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?



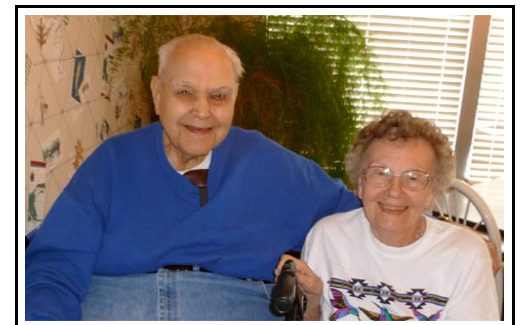
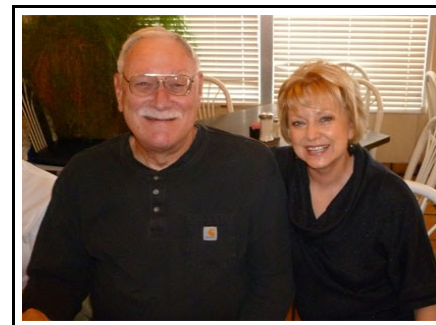
With garlands of pine and fir whose leaves are ever living, evergreen ~Thanks be to God

*"Happy Birthday Jerry.....  
And Tracy & Pat, Here's Your Picture"*



A late fall chill was in the air outside El Palacio, but it was warm and cordial inside as we all wished a very happy birthday to Jerry Fleming.

Please join us in December.



## Christmas Joy Gift

At Christmas time, the Presbyterian Church has a "sharing". This offering is split between Presbyterian ethnic schools and colleges and the Board of Pensions. Some years ago, the women of the church decided to take an offering at the Christmas luncheon. They elected to add their offering to the offering that is taken by the congregation. The luncheon offering is turned over to the treasurer of the church. Our other two offerings that are taken at the other women's gatherings (the Birthday Luncheon and the Thank Offering Luncheon) are remitted to Presbyterian Women.

Submitted by Martha Coker



I would like to invite you and a friend to join us for the Presbyterian Women's Christmas Joy Gift Luncheon. It will be held on December 2 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Ann Robinson has written a new Christmas Story entitled "A Taste of Heaven" that she will be sharing with us. I know everyone will enjoy hearing it. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Nancy Grantham,

## Merry Christmas



"For unto us a child is born" Isaiah 9:6



## Merry Christmas to my Church Family,

It is an exciting time of the year. One of my favorite parts of the Christmas tradition is the music and FPC Choir is preparing a wonderful cantata this year called "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem" (Rediscovering the Joy, Peace and Love of Christmas) by Pepper Choplin. We are joining forces with St. Paul's Methodist Church and are very excited to invite everyone to come and experience Christmas with us. The "Lead me Back to Bethlehem" performance will be **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.**

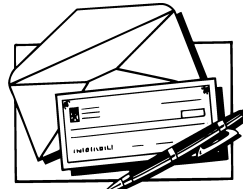
On a personal note, G&G School of Music (my music store in Lawton) will be having recitals Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. These are free to the public and will take place at Liberty Heights Christian Church, 1802 NW Elm Avenue in Lawton. Students taking piano, guitar, violin and band instruments will perform.

We will resume having Bell Choir in January on Wednesdays at 6 pm every other week (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Weds). If you want to play one bell we can make that happen or if you want to play a solo, we can make that happen as well. There are plenty of bells to go around.

Thank you Church for being so supportive of FPC's music programs.  
Musically Yours,  
Hollie Le

For more information on any of these performances, email Hollie at [hhpianostudio@yahoo.com](mailto:hhpianostudio@yahoo.com)

## B IS FOR BUDGET, S IS FOR STEWARDSHIP



### Don't Forget Your Tithe

In November, I wrote about the Session and Diaconate working on preparing a list of their needs for the coming year. Those needs are thoughtfully considered and molded into a BUDGET proposal that is an estimate of our expenses for next year. I also mentioned that big things lie ahead. Martha Copland spoke last week about the organization and work of our Designated Pastor Nominating Committee. This is part of God's plan for us in 2012.

We have held our own financially in 2011, despite record snows and record heat. Presumably we can do the same in 2012. But our BUDGET will be significantly impacted by the expense associated with the search for a new pastor. We will be responsible for our prospective pastor's travel arrangements, hotels, meals and moving expenses.

Therein lies the problem. Should we think things are OK and just renew our pledges for the new year, there simply won't be funds available for a proper and thorough search for the person God has called to lead us. At Session, the DPNC reported that it may require as much as 10% of our church's entire 2011 budget to complete the work over the next few months.

This is where STEWARDSHIP begins. We must all prayerfully consider what we can do to further God's work here at First Presbyterian Church in Duncan. We must faithfully stretch our giving in order to reach our goals. Each of us is a STEWARD of the church. Practice good STEWARDSHIP when your pledge card comes in the next several weeks.

What we give matters!

Submitted by Lonnie Helms, Stewardship 2012

## Youth Food Harvest

The DECEMBER "Food or Item



of the Month" is **COOKIES.** Each month will have a new food or item.

Please bring your donation to the church on the **third Sunday of each month** and the youth will collect it for the Christians Concerned Food Pantry.

## Happy December Birthday!

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

12/04 Nancy Grantham	12/15 Rosella McQuain
12/06 Corey Helms	12/29 Bennie Drake
12/07 Holli Hill-Le	12/30 Fallis Beall
12/13 Lonnie Helms	12/30 George Copland

If we missed your Birthday, please let us know.

A lunch honoring December Birthdays will be held at El Palacio at noon on Wednesday, December 21st. *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)

## Christmas Wish List

This is a way that anyone can participate in creating a special, fun and creative nursery. The mural is a slow process, but the end result will be fabulous. When we get closer to being through with the masterpiece on the walls, we will order the new carpet that will come up the sides, like in the sanctuary. The carpet we want comes in 15 foot width. Perfect. A baby bed has also already been ordered.

Now back to how anyone can participate. Peggy Gilchrist and I will be picking out the new stuff at Walmart for the nursery. Our children who do not stay for services that go to the nursery, will also have new stuff. The new stuff is so much fun. This is how it will work. Walmart has a wish list registry at the jewelry counter at the front near the check out stalls and the computer /video counter will also have a print out available. The list will have all the requested items including the mattress for the bed. You pick out what YOU want to buy and the wish list will automatically be brought up to date there at the store. You actually get to choose what your money is spent on. Walmart will contact the church of items that have been purchased or you can pick it up yourself to bring to the church.

Realistically, the room may not be finished by Christmas, but we can have the baby bed set up to showcase all the new "stuff". I can see the anticipation building as the wish list is fulfilled. Happy shopping! Shopping for babies and kids is so much fun.

Submitted by Vicki Zimmerman, Inside Ministry

## DUNCAN TOY SHOP



Over the registration period, approximately 300 children were registered to receive gifts from the Duncan Toy Shop.

All of the toys are already paid for and ready to be packed in boxes and delivered. The Toy Shop will be open from December 1-December 15, Monday-Friday, from 9am-5pm, to pack boxes. Boxes will be **delivered** on Thursday, **December 15.** If you would be willing to help pack boxes or deliver, you may call the Toy Shop at 255-9625 or contact Kassie in the church office. Any help would be greatly appreciated, even if you only have time to deliver one box. Delivery is typically made in pairs and a pickup or SUV work nicely to get the deliveries made. All leftovers will be delivered from 9-noon on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Martha Coker



The best gift is from above.  
Jesus is the reason for the Season.