

# The Lamb's Kin

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## A Devotion for April

**He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."**

*Psalm 91: 1, 2*



## The Mission of First Presbyterian Church

The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to proclaim the word of God the Father Almighty, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit as commanded in the Scriptures. Spiritual growth is encouraged through study, prayer, praise, music, and worship; Christians and nonbelievers are nurtured with love and compassion and stewardship of time, talents and financial resources is kindled in response to God's call.

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The story is told that following Wellington's defeat of Napoleon at the great battle of Waterloo, Wellington sent the news of his victory to England. A series of stations, one within sight of the next, had been established to send code messages between England and the continent. The message to be sent was, "Wellington defeated Napoleon at Waterloo." Meanwhile a fog set in and interrupted the sending of the message. As a result, people only saw news of "Wellington defeated –" Later, the fog cleared and the full message continued, which was quite different from the outcome the people originally thought had happened!

The same is true today. When some looked at what took place on Good Friday, the death of Jesus on the Cross, they saw only "defeat." Yet, on Easter, at the resurrection, God's message was completed. The resurrection spelled "victory."

This year during Holy Week we have the chance to get the message right once again. Our first opportunity will come on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, at the annual joint Maundy Thursday service with First Christian Church. First Christian is located at the corner of Oakes and College streets across from Shannon Hospital. The worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of First Christian Church, and our Children's Choir will join the Children's Choir from First Christian in order to present a portion of that evening's music.

Our second opportunity to prepare spiritually for Easter will take place the following evening, April 10<sup>th</sup>, which is Good Friday. This year we will conduct a Service of Tenebrae, which is also known as a "Service of Darkness." This powerful worship experience begins with the Sanctuary bathed in light, and then as the service progresses the light is gradually extinguished until, at the Benediction, the Sanctuary goes completely dark. The story of Jesus moving towards the Cross, and then the final words of Jesus on the Cross, are read as the worship service unfolds. The darkness serves as a tangible reminder of Christ's sacrifice, as well as a reminder of the darkness that swept over the land as Jesus died. If you have never participated in a Tenebrae service I encourage you to do so this year.

Our third opportunity to greet Easter will then take place Easter morning, Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The annual Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 a.m. at the Lake Lodge. The Praise team will lead us in music, the Deacons will prepare a delicious breakfast, and we will greet the sunrise at 7:17 a.m. – that is if there is no snow and ice as you had two years ago – or thunderstorms and rain as we experienced last year!

From the Lake Lodge we will return to the church to celebrate the Resurrection at both the regular 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service and the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service of worship. Brunch will be served between the two regular worship services, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated during both worship services, and an outstanding brass ensemble will bring us additional music both prior to and during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour.

Last year I was happy to learn that many of you attend two worship services on Easter in order not to miss out on any of the great music. In the Resurrection we have much to celebrate, so plan to participate in all of the opportunities that are available as we look forward to the glad news of Easter!

## GRATEFUL HEARTS



Jim and I wanted to say thank you for the “comfort food”. It truly was. We also want to say thank you for the flowers that were brought over after the service. We still need a lot of prayers.

Mary Van Kirk

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the flowers from the altar. I have no idea what kind they are, but they are yellow and pretty. I am on the road to recovery from my surgery and thank you for your continued prayers for me to heal properly. Thank you so much!

Love,  
John Granaghan #3

Dear Church Family -

Many thanks for sending us communion. Also many thanks to the Allisons for using their time to deliver it.

Thanks again,  
The Cospers

Dear Susan (Gober) and Staff at 1st Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for allowing Troop 5031 to hold an international dinner last week! We had almost 90 in attendance and greatly appreciate your efforts in providing tables, screens and microphone for our dinner and program. Please accept this offering as a token of appreciation from Girl Scout Troop 5031 and the other troops who participated.

Sincerely,  
Allison Satterfield, Leader, Troop 5031

Dear First Presbyterian,

Thank you very much for the Valentine’s Day package. It is nice to know that ya’ll still think about us while we are gone. I’m looking forward to coming to service the next time I come home.

Thanks,  
Chris Williams

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I just wanted to thank you all for the wonderful care package I received for Valentine’s. I really appreciate it. It is so nice to know that the church is thinking of me while I am away at college. Thank you again and God bless.

Sincerely,  
Brady Quam

Dear Bill,

On behalf of my entire family I would like to sincerely thank you for your overwhelming generosity. We found ourselves grieving the loss of my nephew Charles in a town where we knew few people. Your presence and service to my family while in San Angelo was much appreciated, not to mention that wonderful lunch you put together for us on Saturday. If there is ever a time where I can similarly help you or anyone from your San Angelo congregation, please call on me.

Sincerely,  
Faith Alford

## YOUTH NEWS

On behalf of the youth, the Youth committee and myself, I want to thank the congregation for supporting the youth program with our fundraising lunch on Feb. 15th. Donations helped us raise nearly \$1,300.00 to go towards our transportation expenses this year. Thank you for your support! The youth group is quietly enjoying Spring Break before heading down the home stretch of the school year. We have had a great year so far. We are gearing up for Youth Sunday and our summer trips already. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Kent Jasperse  
Youth Director



# Happy Birthday!



4/3 Courtney Nagel, Lane Puckitt  
 Madalyn Brown  
 4/4 David Kappelmann  
 4/5 Libby Ferguson, Lauren Heare, Sarah  
 Hardwicke  
 4/6 Milt Johnson, Robert Hohn  
 4/7 Gladys Dempsey, Dorothy Thiele,  
 4/8 Bernard Akin, Susan Brooks, George Sisco,  
 Sam Edwards  
 4/9 Colin Early

4/11 Danielle Duke  
 4/12 LeeAnn Erwin  
 4/13 Pollyanna Stephens, Clay Junell, Chris Williams  
 4/16 Dwight Byrd, Buck Kilman  
 4/20 Maggie Francks, Nancy Hooker, Steve Cecil  
 4/21 Katie Halbert  
 4/25 Ann Hindman  
 4/27 Barbara Hesse, Kristin Hale, Lorraine  
 Kemp  
 4/28 Steve Boster, Clint Symes, Morgan Fielder  
 4/29 Will Gober

## Easter Lilies

are on sale in the church office. They may be placed in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$8.00 per plant. To place an order please call the office, 655-5694, or fill out one of the lily cards located in the pew racks. Please specify on your check that it is for "lily fund".



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## Our prayers and sympathy to...

Kelly and David Monk and family on the loss of David's grandmother, Allene Cochran, who passed away February 24;

Susan and Dwain Gober and family on the loss of Dwain's grandmother, Ida Hudson, who passed away on February 26;

Caitlin Jones and family on the loss of her grandfather, William Jones, who passed away March 2, 2009;

Lisa Diebitsch and family on the loss of her mother, Tommie Huling, who passed away on March 11, 2009; and

Bob and Cybee Hamblen and family on the loss of Bob's stepmom, Dorris Smith Hamblen of Goldthwaite, who passed away on March 12, 2009.

## Usher/Greeter Schedule

### April 5 - Palm Sunday

8:30 Neal and Evalie Grigg  
Milt and Christine Johnson  
11:00 Jim and Jean Johnson,  
Carson Lauer

### April 12 - Easter

8:30 Mitch and Sharon Lane  
Jerry and Jessie Lee  
11:00 Cindy McCammon, Frank  
Rose, Mary Louise Strain,  
Ken Newman

### April 19

8:30 Bub and Susan Williams  
Rod and Renee Winn  
11:00 Don and Bette Allison, John  
Allison

### April 26 - Combined

8:30 No Service  
11:00 Richard Duerksen, Ginger  
Heare, Vic Choate

## PROJECT DIGNIDAD

Food for the month of

April

Canned vegetables

Please place your  
donations in the basket  
in the Commons



**"Blessed is the one  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord!"**

Mark 11:9

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# VBS Volunteers needed

**J**une 8-12 are the dates for this year's Vacation Bible School. Children, youth and adults are guaranteed to be swamped with fun as we embark on a week of adventure discovering God's presence, power, love, life and care using Group Publishing's Crocodile Dock. Not only will kids experience amazing Bible adventures, they also will watch for God in everyday life through something Group refers to as "**God Sightings**". Kids will discover that God is active in all of our lives and his fingerprints are everywhere!

Like last year, we will have four days at the main church campus and the final and fifth day a water fun day at the Lake Lodge!

To make all this fun happen we need you! The following station leaders are needed: Crawfish Crafts & Missions leader, Gator Games leader, Spotlight Drama leader, Snack Shack leader and a Dockside Drive-In leader. In addition we will need several Bayou Crew Leaders and assistant crew leaders to lead a group of 5-6 children through all the stations each morning. Youth who have just finished 5th grade through Senior High are encouraged to volunteer.

We have only two months to secure volunteers and plan for this huge week in the life of our church. Register to volunteer on-line:

[www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/fpcsanangelo](http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/fpcsanangelo)  
Call Susan Gober if you have any questions, 655-5694.



## REBUILDING TOGETHER (CHRISTMAS IN APRIL)

When: April 25  
Where: Meet at Youth Center  
8:00 a.m.  
What's the job: Landscaping  
Who to call: Ken Newman - 227-8786  
Sutton Page - 651-8481  
Church office - 655-5694

\*\* Youth under 18 must have signed permission slips to sign up

## 2009 SUMMER CONSERVATORY

July 13 - 24

≈ Registration begins April 1st ≈



**Volunteers are needed!**

Please call the church office, 655-5694, if you would like to be a part of this fun time!

## FPC Lenten and Easter Services

### **Palm Sunday April 5**

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services  
Congregational Meeting and light  
brunch between morning services  
during the  
Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.)

### **Maundy Thursday Service April 9**

7:00 p.m.  
A combined service with  
First Christian Church  
at First Christian

### **Good Friday April 10**

7:00 p.m.  
Service of Tenebrae  
(Service of Darkness)



### **Easter April 12**

Sunrise Service  
Time 6:30  
Lake Lodge - 2014 Willow  
Followed by breakfast  
  
Contemporary/Praise Service  
8:30 a.m.  
  
Brunch in the Commons  
between services  
  
Traditional Service  
11:00 a.m.

\* Flowering of the Cross \*

Bring a fresh flower to the commons during the  
Sunday School hour to be placed on the Cross of  
Flowers, which will be placed in the Sanctuary  
for the 11:00 a.m. service.

(We will need breakfast casseroles, fruit, muffins, etc. for the Easter brunch between services. If you are willing to bring something for the brunch, please call the church office, 655-5694.)

### **Member News and Notes**

Congratulations to Clay Palmer, a senior at Central High School, son of Steve and Donna Palmer and grandson of Milt and Chris Johnson, for being among the academic all-state athletes. Senior varsity athletes must have at least a 94 grade-point average to be named academic all-state.

Special recognition goes to Dorothy Schuch who is pictured on the cover of "San Angelo Senior's Guide." Dorothy is shown using one of the exercise machines at the Shannon Regional Heart Center.

A beautiful photo taken by Gwen Parsons (Elder and member of the Chancel Choir) in Muir Woods was published in the Sunday, March 22, edition of the Standard Times. In an article accompanying the photo Gwen writes about the beauty of the woods, including the fact that some of the trees are nearly 2,000 years old!

Many thanks are due Vic Meyer for completing his Eagle Scout project, which entailed repainting two of the old store-fronts that are a part of the Youth Building complex on Chadbourne Street. As many of you know, those two store-fronts had been in desperate need of beautification for many years.

Thanks also goes out to the Property Committee for providing funds to replace and rebuild portions of the wood on the aforementioned store-fronts – and to Donna Crisp for selecting attractive Victorian-era colors for the new paint.