

# The Lamb's Kin

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Scripture for March

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

*Psalm 30:4-5*



## 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 non-believers are nurtured with love and compassion; and stewardship of time, talents, and financial resources is kindled in response to God's call.

In the months ahead a number of changes and improvements will be taking place around our grand old church facilities. One of the long-awaited improvements will be the expansion and remodeling of the Church Kitchen. Recently the purchase of a beautiful new stove, convection oven, warmer and refrigerator were made possible by a gift from an anonymous donor. In addition their purchase was also made possible through memorials given in memory of Jean Sutto. Since that time, another anonymous gift has been given which will make it possible to fulfill the plans the kitchen committee created a few years ago.



Two used, 12-passenger vans have also been purchased for use by the youth of the church. These vans will replace our 1995 van, which has over 150,000 miles on it. With these two vans we hope to insure that our young people will have safe and reliable transportation for several years to come.

It is also time to repaint, re-plaster, and re-carpet the sanctuary. It has literally been decades since the sanctuary has received this kind of maintenance, and in anticipation of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary (in 2010) it is time to make sure our historic building looks its best! In addition to paint and carpet, the Session also authorized the purchase of new pew cushions. No one can remember when the cushions were last replaced, and many of them have lost their ability to adequately "cushion" us worshipping Presbyterians! The Narthex is also in line to receive new lighting, which will help to brighten up a space that often appears rather dark and uninviting.

Now that a new water line has been run to the church playground, the final phase of the playground design will also be completed. This will include special pavers designed by the children of the church, as well as a new picnic table and seats that have been in storage for the past few years. The children of the church – and maybe a few of us adults – will enjoy having a comfortable place to sit and have a picnic.

Another improvement, one which will not be very visible, is the installation of a sprinkler system to guard the sanctuary against fire. In an old building fire is one of the greatest threats, particularly in West Texas where the climate tends to dry out wood and wiring over time. The system is called a "dry system," which basically means that instead of water, the pipes hold air. Not only does this help to prevent leaks, but it also means the pipes can never freeze. If a fire is detected, water is then released into the system and is guided to the location where the fire is taking place.

Along with the improvements listed above, the sound system in the sanctuary is scheduled for an overhaul, the flooring in the Chancel area will be repaired and restored, the façade of the Youth Center will be securely braced with steel supports, new tables and chairs will be purchased for the classrooms, the dock at the Lake Lodge will be repaired, and a new storage building will be erected at the Lake Lodge in order to provide a secure place for the new kayaks and the paddle boat we purchased for the youth last summer.

In light of all the money we are set to spend on ourselves, the Session also approved a \$16,000 gift to the Mission Committee so that we might provide some direct help and ministry to others. For example, due to the current economic climate, the demand on our "Ministry of Compassion" has already reached nearly 25% of what has been budgeted for this year. This will surely be one place where this additional funding will be directed.

Stay tuned for updates on all of these various projects as plans are finalized in the weeks ahead. And, as always, thank you for your generous and faithful giving. I look forward to seeing you in worship as we move into the season of Lent and the joy of Easter.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**  
**at FPC**  
March 4 - April 1  
(except March 18, which is Spring Break)

Something for everyone!  
Children's choir, children's activities, Adult Bible study of Colossians (taught by Rev. Proctor)  
Music rehearsals  
Middle School and Senior High Youth Bible studies  
Supper served from 6:00 - 7:00  
(\$6.00 for adults & \$4.00 for children & Sr.s)

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**Grateful Hearts....**



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending me the beautiful arrangement of sanctuary flowers. The card that was delivered with them was so touching. "These flowers were in the sanctuary this Lord's Day. They heard the hymns that were sung, the scripture that was read and the sermon that was preached. In their silent beauty, they bring these thoughts to you." Every time I glanced at the flowers I remembered that verse which made me so grateful for your loving thoughtfulness.

God bless you!  
Maggie Francks

I just wanted to thank you for always sending me little care packages. I so look forward to them!

Thanks,  
Amy Dahl

Dear Deacons -

Thank you so much for my Valentine box! You are so sweet to remember me! Hope all of your Valentine's are lovely! Have a great day!

God Bless -  
Coree Proctor

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day care package! You have no idea how much that has made my week. The goodies inside not only made me happy but also all of my roommates! The sweet note and thought is very much appreciated! I miss the "home-iness" of First Presbyterian so much and can't wait to come back when I come home. (School is going great!) Thanks again!!

Sincerely,  
Ashley Darby

Dear Church Family,

We thank you so much for bringing us the beautiful assortment of tulips from the sanctuary. It brought joy to our hearts and the warmth of love to those cold winter days.

May God bless you,  
Annie and Fred Roeben

Dear Church Members,

Gladys and I were greatly surprised and pleased upon receiving the beautiful tulips brought to us. It is a good feeling to be included in the church's thoughts and services.

Bill and Gladys Dempsey

Thank you to Libby, Sarah and Kyle Grafa and Suzanne and Richard Dorris for delivering the beautiful flowers from the sanctuary. They lifted my spirits and reminded me of what great friends Earl and I have at FPC. The prayers, delicious food, cards, e-mails, phone calls and visits have made my recovery so much easier and were much appreciated. God has blessed me greatly!

With love from a grateful heart,  
Patt Warren



# Happy Birthday!



3/1 Margie Moore, Caroline Walvoord, Jamey Lane  
3/2 Lyda Heinrichs, Camille Studt, Drew Studt,  
Verna Morse, Londa Snider  
3/3 Debra Vetvick, Carolyn Mason  
3/4 Marsha Baxter, Elise Kappelmann, Steve  
Stephens, Jody Towery  
3/6 Michael Peters, Aliece Cargile  
3/7 Grant Baxter, Billy Harper  
3/8 Suzanne Hall  
3/9 Cathy Choate, Sutton Page  
3/10 Mitch Lane  
3/11 Carl McGill, Lal Williams  
3/12 Margaret Jorgensen  
3/14 Eva Boster  
3/15 Dale Bates, Jean McClellan  
3/16 Deanna Duke

3/17 Margay Massey, Kent Hill  
3/18 Brittany Branch, Becky Hartman  
3/19 Parker Beeman, Philip Allison, Beth Rion  
3/20 Tessa Monk  
3/21 Bil Morehead, Casey Puckitt, Kyla Harper  
3/22 Austin Patrick  
3/23 Catherine Walvoord  
3/24 LeRoy Olsak, Tim Lindemann  
3/25 Eric Probandt, Sharon Lane, Phoebe Hardwicke  
3/26 Christine Johnson, Mitchel Lane, Riley Hill,  
Morgan Barnett  
3/27 Abby Gober, Kevin McCoulskey  
3/29 Ray Dawson  
3/30 Ella Schneeman  
3/31 Beth Blanek

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## Our prayers and Sympathy to.....

Shane and Amy Hill and family on the loss of Shane's grandmother, Blanche Watson, who passed away February 2, 2009;

Lacy and Lane Allison and family on the loss of Lacy's grandfather, Malcolm Davis, who passed away February 7, 2009; and to

The family and friends of Kathryn Richardson, who passed away on February 22, 2009.

Parents - Grandparents - Youth

## SAVE THE DATE!

2009 Summer Arts  
Conservatory

July 13 - 24

Brochures Coming Soon!



### March 1

- 8:30 Randy Brooks, Tom Early, Randy Gardner  
11:00 Jim and Jean Johnson, Carson Lauer

### March 8

- 8:30 Polly Brooks-Harper, Joe Kilman, Leroy Olsak  
11:00 Cindy McCammon, Frank Rose, Mary Louise Strain, Ken Newman

### March 15

- 8:30 NO SERVICE  
11:00 Don and Bette Allison  
John Allison

### March 22

- 8:30 NO SERVICE  
11:00 Carter Behrens, Ellen Brown, Vic Choate

### March 29

- 8:30 Neal and Evalie Grigg  
Milt and Christine Johnson  
11:00 Richard Duerksen, Cybee Hamblen,

## Congratulations to...

Parents, Cassie and Bobby Millican, and grandfather, Dave Stinnett, on the birth of a son, Mason Michael, born January 26, 2009.



Food for the  
month of  
March  
is  
*Canned fruit  
and juice*



Please leave non-perishable items in the basket in the Commons.

# Music Ministry

“An Alleluia for Our Time”

by Joseph Martin

Special Music presented by

FPC Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 8, 2009

11:00 a.m. worship service

Special thanks to  
our musical youth

Lori Scott - for playing flute  
in worship

Madison Lindemann, Phoebe  
Hardwicke, Katherine Lauer  
- for singing with  
the Praise Team  
Feb. 15th

Celestial Bells

Meets Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30

Open to anyone 14 years and older

FPC Children's Choir

Celebrates Liturgical Calendar

Ash Wednesday - February 25

Palm Sunday - April 5

Maundy Thursday - April 9

\*Pentecost Sunday - May 31

\*(In addition to singing, kids  
will be making banners  
designed by Margaret Mallard.)

Special thanks  
to

Rick Stinnett, Dave  
Stinnett and Kristi Schulze  
for providing music at the  
Youth Fundraiser  
Luncheon

# CROCODILE DOCK GUARANTEED TO ROCK!



**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: Sing & Play Swamp Stomp leader, 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 to lead a group of 5-6 children through all the stations each morning. Youth are encouraged to volunteer. This is a great way to get any volunteer hours out of the way early in the summer and grow closer to the Lord while you do it!

We have only three months to secure volunteers and plan for this huge week in the life of our church. Think and pray about how you can become a part of the excitement. If you would like to volunteer, or if you would like more information, please call Susan Gober at church, 655-5694 or email her at [gosusan@msn.com](mailto:gosusan@msn.com).

## CROCODILE DOCK—WHERE FEARLESS KIDS SHINE GOD'S LIGHT!

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### Member News and Notes

Congratulations to Casey Puckitt, son of Lee and Sandy, on his engagement to Berkeley Sides. They are planning a September wedding in Lubbock, Texas.

Congratulations to Taylor Winn, son of Rod and Renee, who was pictured in a large color photo in the sports section of the Sunday, February 15, edition of "Standard Times." Taylor is a senior at Central High School and competes on the gymnastics team.

Congratulations to Lori Scott, a freshman at Central High School and daughter of Dr. David and Debra, for earning the highest ranking at the recent UIL competition. Lori played "Adagio and Allegro" by Handel, which she then performed on the flute during worship on Sunday, February 8. Lori will now move on to the state competition.

Congratulations to Vic Meyer, a junior at Central High School and son of Dr. Robert and Louellen, for having two ceramic pieces selected to be sent to the state competition in Houston.

Congratulations to Barbara Hesse and Margaret Mallard for being among the eight women to be honored as "Women of Distinction, 2009" by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas. They will be celebrated at a luncheon on Thursday, March 12, at the San Angelo Convention Center.

