

A Devotion for November

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will. . . so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please {Him} in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
Galatians 5:22-23(NAS)

A person who is living a life worthy of God is. . .
Forgiving & loving
Shows fruits of the Spirit
(Galatians 5:22-23)
Pure of heart
Does what God wants
Christ-like
Tells others about Jesus and God
Knows when you should be sorry
Does what the Bible says
Teaches other people about God

As I look at that list (which is far from being exhaustive) I ask myself: How am I doing in each of those areas? Am I living my life worthy of God? and if not, what do I need to do today to begin living in a manner worthy of my Lord?

Marji Kruger

A message from our Pastor the Rev. Bill Proctor

Reflections of thankfulness from Bill

Though Thanksgiving is still nearly a month away as I write this, I think it appropriate that I list a few of the many things I am thankful for as the month of November begins.

1. I am thankful for those of you who so faithfully place food in the grocery cart, which is parked in the Church Commons. Each month this food is delivered to Nazareth Presbyterian Church for their ministry called Project Dignidad. This food is given to those in need, and the need for food this year has been great. Thank you for being such generous givers.
2. I am thankful for those of you who have volunteered to help out at the Wesley Soup Kitchen, which is located in the Wesley United Methodist Church on 18th Street. Our volunteers recently prepared and served enough soup and grilled cheese sandwiches to feed over 140 people.
3. I am thankful for those who are serving as Sunday School teachers for our children and youth. When a baby is baptized the congregation promises to provide a church setting where each child can grow up in the knowledge of God's love in Jesus Christ, and our volunteer Sunday School teachers are vital to the fulfillment of this promise.
4. I am thankful for the many who have volunteered to provide food for the Senior High Wednesday lunches. More tables and chairs have had to be added each week as we now regularly serve over 30 young people. This is a wonderful opportunity for our church youth to fellowship together midweek.
5. I am thankful for the volunteer members of the Praise Team and Cancel Choir. The gift of their time and talent adds richly to our experience of worship each week. In addition, the other pastors in town consistently tell me how lucky we are to have the musical leadership of Dr. Pamela Lee and Louellen Meyer. We are blessed indeed!
6. I am thankful for the family of Gil Horton for their recent and very generous gift of \$300,000 in honor of B.T. and Gil Horton to permanently fund our Speaker Series ministry, whereby we bring in significant speakers to enrich our church and community.
7. I am thankful that because of your generous stewardship we are privileged to give financial support to a wide number of local charities and Christian missions, as well as Christian mission work the world over.
8. I am thankful for the many improvements and upgrades that have been accomplished around our historic building. Did you know our new landscaping on the north side of the Sanctuary and the painting and repair that has been completed on the Chadbourne Street side of the Youth Center buildings has qualified us to receive a special recognition from the City of San Angelo?
9. I am thankful for our members who serve on Presbytery level committees, including Randy Gardner, Sandy Puckitt, and David Scott. Did you know that David Scott has been appointed Moderator of the Session at First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger, and that Rev. Dan Snider has been filling that pulpit each Sunday this fall?
10. I am thankful for the Church Staff, all of whom work diligently each day to make sure ministry takes place week after week.

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Member News & Notes

It is time to start thinking about Christmas and that includes poinsettias! The Sr. High Youth will be selling poinsettias again this year as a fundraiser. The cost is \$12.00 per plant and may be purchased in honor/memory of a loved one or friend or for personal use. The monies raised help offset the cost of the Sr. High ski trip and other youth events. Thank you in advance for your support of our youth program. You can either place your order with one of the youth or by calling Rebecca Rawlings, 655-5694. The deadline to order poinsettias is Monday, November 30.



Congratulations to Randall Mull and Gentry Whitehead on the occasion of their wedding, Saturday, October 10 in Wall, Texas. Randall is the son of Dr. Randy and Colette Mull.

Congratulations to Margie and Erlo Smith on the occasion of their upcoming 66th wedding anniversary on November 20.

Congratulations to Chelsea and Chris Sturm on the birth of Caden Neal, October 6. Caden is the grandson of Evalie and Neal Grigg.

Congratulations to Jamie and Brandon Padgett on the birth of Caden James, October 21. Caden is the grandson of our Building Superintendent, Shawn Sellers and his wife Amy.

Congratulations to Kirsten Kappelmann for being named a National Merit Scholar, Kirsten is the daughter of Dr. Douglas and Yvonne Kappelmann.

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11. I am thankful for the arrival of Kary Rawlings as our Associate Pastor and the difference her ministry with us has already made.

12. I am thankful for Rebecca Rawlings and the wonderful start she has made as our Director of Youth Ministry.

13. I am thankful for the men and women who serve as Elders and Deacons. The commitment of their time, the many meetings they attend, and the ministry they accomplish is a marvelous gift to this church.

14. I am thankful that in this economy so many of you have continued to give faithfully and often sacrificially to the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian.

Finally, and most of all, I am thankful for the privilege of serving as your pastor. It is a joy to call San Angelo home.

May God bless you as together we seek to grow in grace and faithfulness in the name of Him who saves us, Jesus Christ.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy



Join the Music Ministries of FPC Chancel Choir—Rehearsals

every Wednesday, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Sundays: 10:15 a.m., warm-up & rehearsal; 11:00 a.m. Sing in Worship—open to all singers 15 years and older. Directed by Dr. Pamela Lee Room 205
Celestial Bells—Rehearsals every Wednesday, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Open to anyone 13 years and older. Directed by Bruce Gibson, Room 205
Children's Choir, Grades 2nd through 5th, Rehearsals on Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Director, Julie Pucci with accompaniment by Louellen Meyer.

Save the date!

Have you always wanted to participate in a mission trip? Well 2010 is your year to do just that! Join members from your church family April 24 through May 1 on a mission trip to Guatemala. More info and details to follow!



And, save these dates too!

The children of the church, and anyone else who would like to decorate Christmas cookies, are invited to attend the **Christmas Cookie Decorating Party** on December 12 from 1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. in the gym. If you attend, please bring 2-3 dozen baked sugar cookies to decorate. In addition to decorating the cookies, we will decorate the cookie boxes too. Remember, we give each homebound church member or friend a box of these cookies the next day when we go caroling.

On Sunday, December 13 we will do our annual caroling and then return to the gym for our Advent festival and a yummy supper. Make plans now to attend these events!

C.S. Lewis subject of Fall lecture series

The Rev. Earl F. Palmer will speak at First Presbyterian Church on the evening of November 15 and 16, 2009. Rev. Palmer is the Preaching Pastor-in-Residence at National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. Described as “a scholar, master pulpiteer, elder statesman of the church and a generous-hearted shepherd,” Rev. Palmer has inspired generations of Presbyterian with his biblically-based preaching. He is the author of 18 books, including *Trusting God*, *The Humor of Jesus*, and *The 24-Hour Christian*. The over all theme of the two night lecture series will be, *C.S. Lewis—the Man, the Author, the Christian, the Apologist*. On Sunday evening the title of his lecture will be, *The Man and the Writer*, and Monday’s talk will be entitled, *Interpreter of the Christian Faith*. Both evenings will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Hem your blessings with thankfulness so they don't unravel.
~Author Unknown



Thankful Hearts

To the members of FPC,

Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement of the Sanctuary flowers last Sunday in celebration of my birthday. I notice from the bulletin the flowers were given in honor of Mr. & Mrs.

Frank Cargile. In years past before the death of my husband, A.L.

McMurtrey and before the Huston Harte throughway took our property, we were fortunate to have a rose garden and various other flower gardens. Mrs. Cargile often came to gather roses and other flowers for the Sunday morning church services. When I was teaching in the primary department, Ruthie,

John and Ta's daughter

was in the class. We could always depend on her to bring a doll for the baby Jesus and get her dad to bring a bail of hay for the manger scene. So, your gift brought back some fond memories.

Thanks,
Thelma McMurtrey

Dear Church Family,

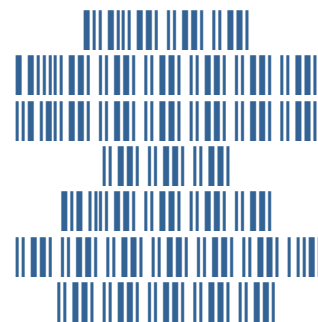
Baby and I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers that Ken Newman delivered to our home. Also, a big thank you to Susan and Bub Williams for furnishing the church flowers on Sunday, October 4, 2009.

Sincerely for God and country,
Gordon & Baby Dalton

FPC,

Thank you so much for the musical lamb you gave Caden, it was so nice to know our church family was thinking about us and praying for us during this special time. Thank you also to Bill and Kary for coming to visit us. It really meant a lot! We appreciate everything so much. Thanks again!

^ Chris, Chelsea & Caden



Call Susan for more information!

Youth collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child

The Middle School and Sr. High Youth are collecting gifts for the Samaritan's Purse, *Operation Christmas Child*. This project brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. A table will be set up in the Commons with a sample box and brochures. The deadline for bringing a box will be Sunday, November 22.

November Birthdays



Nov 1-Chelsea Stinnett,
Ethan Collum
Nov 2-David Stinnett,
Christopher Lauer
Nov 3-Margaret Sturges,
Jasper McClellan
Nov 4-Leslie Turner
Nov 5-Carrie Henderson,


Nov 17-Anne Dymond
Nov 18-Georgia Alice Edwards
Nov 19-Sharon Jernigan
Nov 20-Kristi Schulze, Katie Rigdon, Ginger Treadwell
Nov 21-Liz Bates
Nov 23-Alyce S. Runge
Nov 24-Sabella Ivy Hernandez, Benjamin Lasater Hernandez
Nov 26-Gwen Parsons, Sandy Puckitt
Nov 27-Susan Woods
Nov 29-Kyle Grafa, Tim Edwards, Ellen Brown

Dorothy Schuch, Martha Williams, Noma Perrine,
Bill Vickery, Cynthia McManus, Paul Little
Nov 6-Donna Palmer
Nov 8-Jim Holt, Hubert Whitley
Nov 9-Eloise Hodapp
Nov 10-Mike McCammon, Gabriela Spraggins
Nov 11-Davis Allison
Nov 12-Carolyn Cargile, Tabor Cash Millican
Nov 13-Patty Gardner, Larson Day
Nov 15-Bill Jones, Madison Bates
Nov 16-Esther Hohn, Gayla Thornton, Lowell Gabbert



Sunday, December 6

Look for sign-up sheet in the Commons.
Volunteer to be a host or just plan to get acquainted with
some of your church family!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SET CLOCKS 8:30 Cont. Serv w/ Communion 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Trad. Serv. OFFICER DINNER NO M/S Youth Sr Hi—Camp Concert	2 9:00 AA 5:15 Odum Comm—CR	3 12:00 WOW - 107 5:15 Nominating Co- CR	4 6:45 MBS—210 9:00 AA WED NITE LIVE 4:00 Children Choir 5:25 Praise Team 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr Hi B/S	5 10:30 WID - 107	6 	7
8 8:30 Cont Serv. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Trad. Serv Youth as usual	9	10 9:00 Staff 12:00 WOW - 107	11 6:45 MBS—210 9:00 AA 6:30 Deacons - 107 WED NITE LIVE Music & B/S as usual	12	13	14
15 8:30 Cont. Ser . 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Trad. Serv Youth as usual 7:00 GUEST SPEAKER	16 7:00 GUEST SPEAKER	17 12:00 WOW - 107 5:15 Session - 107	18 6:45 MBS—210 9:00 AA WED NITE LIVE END Music & B/S as usual	19 10:30 WID - 107	20	21
22 Combined 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Combined Ser 12:00 THANKS. DINNER	23 9:00 AA 5:15 Stewardship- CR	24 12:00 WOW - 107	25 NO SCHOOL NO AA 6:45 MBS—210 9:00 AA	26 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	27 NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVET 11:00 Combined Ser w/Communion Youth as usual	30 4:00 Deacons— College boxes—107	Church-wide Thanksgiving lunch, November 22 Soup Kitchen, November 23				

Church wide
Thanksgiving
celebration,
Christ the King
Sunday,
November 22
Join us for a
combined
worship
service at
11:00 a.m.,
followed by a
lunch in the
Wood Fellow-
ship Hall.
Bring a side
dish, salad or
dessert to
share.



Meet the newest members of our FPC family

Dean Hunt – Dean is a native of San Angelo and is married to Ruth. They are parents of Taylor and Cameron. Taylor is an 8th-grader at Glenn and Cameron is a 5th-grader at Lamar. Dean is an electrical contractor with XL Electric, and he actually helped with the electrical work when the Commons was under construction.

Ruth Hunt – Ruth is also a native of San Angelo and a graduate of ASU. Ruth has her teaching degree and is a regular substitute in the San Angelo schools. Ruth is also a wonderful cook and is already helping in the kitchen on Wednesday nights for our Wednesday Night Live event.

Tim McQueen – Tim grew up in Amarillo, attended Texas Tech University, is married to Teri, and is a dentist here in town, with his office located on Chadbourne Street. They are parents to Jackson who is 9 and Reagan who is 8, and both boys are students at Cornerstone Christian School. When not drilling teeth Tim helps coach his boys in baseball and soccer.

Teri McQueen – Teri grew up in Houston and met Tim while they were students at Texas Tech and along with keeping up with their two young boys, and volunteering at school, Teri also helps out in Tim's dental practice.

Landon Neal – Landon grew up in Eldorado and is married to Shay. Landon ranches with his family at the Neal Ranch, which is 20 miles southeast of Christoval. He and Shay met in school in Oklahoma and they are the proud parents of son Brady, 22 months old, and who attends our Angel Academy each week.

Shay Neal – Shay grew up in Sulphur, OK and along with being a rancher's wife and mother to a 22-month old, Shay also works at Shannon Hospital as a pharmacist – and she has the distinction of being the only life-long Presbyterian in this group of new members!

Jason Wall – Jason grew up in Wilson, OK and is married to Michelle – they are expecting their first child Christmas Day. Jason is also a dentist, and he now practices in the former Tipton Lee dental clinic.

Michelle Wall – Michelle grew up in Big Spring, attended SMU and, I love this detail – she and Jason met on a blind date! Clearly, Jason got the better end of that deal! Michelle helps out in Jason's dental office, and they have both been participating in our new *Family Faith* class.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE requests names from the congregation for consideration for the next class of Session members (Elders) and members of the Board of Deacons. **Please submit names to be considered for nomination by placing a completed form in the offering plate during worship, by giving one to any member of the Nominating Committee, or by mailing it to the Church Office. Forms need to be in the possession of the Nominating Committee no later than Monday, November 2.**

CURRENT ELDERS

Class of 2010	Class 2011
John Allison	Kay Bates
Carter Behrens	Randy Brooks
David Byrd	Tom Early
Richard Duerksen	Polly Harper
Randal Gardner	Ann Hindman
Jean Johnson	Joy Morehead
Carson Lauer	Frank Rose
Sandy Puckitt	
Mary Louise Strain	
Mark Woods	

CURRENT DEACONS

Class of 2010	Class of 2011
Allyn Byars	Sara Blakely
Suzanne Dorris	Carolyn Bradley
Evalie Grigg	Sann Lindemann
David Quam	Mike McCammon
Renee Winn	Verna Morse
	Colette Mull
	Ken Newman

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Carter Behrens, chair; Ann Hindman, Suzanne Dorris, Kay Bates, Troy Bradley, Bette Allison, Penny Roberts, Krissanna Byars, Oron Lee Schuch

The qualifications and duties of officers of the church as stated in the Book of Order:

“**ELDERS** should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. Elders, together with the ministers, exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church.”

“The office of **DEACON** as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. It is the duty of Deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.”

ELDERS

*(Please nominate up to **three** persons NOT currently serving as Elder)*

DEACONS

*(Please nominate up to **two** persons NOT currently serving as Deacon)*

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Nominations welcome for Members at Large)

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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.

Our Prayers & Sympathy to...

Dennis Grafa and family on the loss of Dennis' father, Jack Grafa, who passed away on October 11, 2009.

Tim Weaver and family on the loss of Tim's mother, Peggy Weaver, who passed away on October 13, 2009

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me.
John 14:1



Food for the month of November
Canned vegetables, soups and fruits.
Also cereal and pasta.
Please place your donations in the basket in the Commons

The *Lamb's Kin* is published monthly for the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church. Deadline is the 20th of each month. Please email your news to Susan Gober:
childrensministrydirector.fpsa@verizon.net

Church office: 655-5694
Church office email:
choffice@gte.net

USHERS THIS MONTH

November 1

8:30 a.m. Renee & Rod Winn,
Polly Brooks-Harper
11:00 a.m. Fred Kennedy,
Ginger Heare, Ken Newman

November 8

8:30 a.m. Randy Brooks,
Tom Early, Randy Gardner
11:00 a.m. Carson Lauer,
Carter Behrens, John Allison

November 15

8:30 a.m. Joy & Bill Morehead,
Sandy Puckitt
11:00 a.m. Jean & Jim Johnson,
Shirley Sherrill

November 22—Combined

Richard Duerksen, Mary Louise Strain

November 29—combined

Fred Kennedy, Ginger Heare,
Ken Newman