

A Devotion for October

Like other habits of the heart that we can learn as we listen to God and follow the Holy Spirit's nudges, mercy can become more and more natural to us. As we practice mercy, we enlarge our capacity for it. We can look at this beatitude as an affirmation: *as we offer mercy to others, God continually refills us with mercy so that we can experience and extend it on deeper and deeper levels.* This view of mercy implies continuing relationship, continuing connection with God ("walk humbly with your God"), where we remain open to be filled with mercy because we continually see our own need for it.

- Mary Lou Redding
*The Power of a Focused
Heart: 8 Life Lessons
from the Beatitudes*



THE LAMB'S KIN

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A message from our Pastor the Rev. Bill Proctor

Property improvements are numerous at FPC

Last month I began this column by noting how everything seems to begin at once as September arrives each year. This reality is not only true about our various program ministries, but this year it also seems to be true about our various building projects. With so much going on it is time to give you something of a progress report:

1. The painting in the Sanctuary is complete, with only a few touch-ups remaining once the new carpet is installed.
2. The new carpet is currently being installed, and this project will probably take three weeks to complete. Until then the carpet in the Sanctuary will look something like a patchwork quilt as various sections are replaced.
3. The speakers have been removed in the Sanctuary, are currently being painted, and they will be installed in their new locations this week. The electricians have run all of the new wiring, but the sound system may or may not be completely fine-tuned for a few weeks more – stay “tuned!”
4. If you have not yet noticed, the choir risers have been raised and the difference this project has made in the sound of the choir is very noticeable. Dr. Pamela Lee and Louellen Meyer both give the Property Committee a “thumbs up!”
5. New lighting has been added to the Narthex, and the painters spent considerable time repairing the walls and making the main entrance into our historic Sanctuary look brand new again.
6. The children's playground project is nearly complete, with new plantings, the addition of new picnic tables and benches, as well as a beautiful statue of a small angel – do note these improvements as you pass through the Commons.
7. Work to reinforce and secure the facade of the Youth Center has been completed, and the carpenters have made the necessary repairs to the interior of the Youth Center.
8. The repair of the dock at the Lake Lodge is now complete – and this was a project that took considerably longer than anticipated because of all the rain San Angelo received two weeks ago. The dock is now safe once again for all of our summer activities with children and youth.

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Christians make a difference in this world by being different from this world; they don't make a difference by being the same.
 Tullian Tchividjian
 From his book **unfashionable**
 Grandson of the Rev. Billy Graham
 and pastor of New City Church
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Member News & Notes

Congratulations to Casey Puckitt and Berkeley Sides on the occasion of their wedding, Saturday, September 26 in Lubbock, Texas. Casey is the son of Lee and Sandy Puckitt.

Congratulations to Jasper and Jean McClellan on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary September 27.

Share your celebrations with Bill and we will include them in the next issue of the *Lamb's Kin*.



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Two of the larger projects that are still awaiting startup are the sprinkler system to protect against fire in the Sanctuary and the renovation and possible expansion of the main kitchen in the Wood Fellowship Hall. Final plans are not yet ready for these two projects, but the Property Committee hopes that both endeavors will be underway in the New Year.

Many thanks are due to Richard Crisp, Chair of the Property Committee, and the other members of that committee for their hard work and diligence in overseeing a considerable number of improvements. I also want to express my thanks to you, the members of this congregation, for your faithful giving and stewardship, which enables us to maintain our old and historic structure. Your faithfulness makes possible ministry today and ministry in the future.

God bless you!



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, Room 205

MAESTRO HECTOR GUZMAN—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 – WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Maestro **HECTOR GUZMAN** will serve as organist in worship that day. This will be a combined worship service.

Dr. Michael Yenny, staff accompanist at ASU, has come on board at FPC to enhance our worship services. Dr. Yenny is a native of Wyoming and has degrees in piano performance from South Dakota State University, University of Colorado at Boulder, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He maintains an active schedule as concert pianist, collaborative pianist, composer, arranger, and church musician. While at FPC, Dr. Yenny will serve as pianist on the Praise Team, sing in the Chancel Choir, and occasionally play piano or organ at the late service. Having a musician of this caliber is a very special and unique blessing for our church. In his spare time, Dr. Yenny studies foreign languages and enjoys biking, hiking, and swimming.

Fall Festival has something for everyone!

Make plans now to attend the annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat to be held Sunday, October 25, 2009. The fun will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cake walk, duck pond, go fish, pumpkin decorating and other games. Our fabulous youth will assist in operating the booths! A chicken tender dinner with rolls will be provided, compliments of the church. You are asked to simply bring a side dish or salad. Dessert isn't necessary due to the cake walk and trunk or treat festivities! Please let Susan know if you are able to contribute your home-baked goods to the cake walk. Cookies, cupcakes, big cakes, small cakes, iced cakes, nutty cakes are all welcomed and appreciated! Bring your very own, preferably small, pumpkin to adorn into a fall masterpiece! A "not so scary" Costume contest for children from birth to 5th grade will be featured. You won't want to miss this fellowship opportunity. If you'd like to help with the craft booths, please call the church office to volunteer.



Best Little Book Sale in Texas!

Benefiting the Adult Literacy Council, October 16-19, 412 W. Washington
(between N & S Bryant)

Friday, 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Noon—6:00 p.m. FMI: 657-0013

O Lord that lends me life, Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.

~William Shakespeare

Thank you to everyone who contributed recipes for the church-wide cookbook. We received over 500 fabulous recipes. We are hopeful the cookbook will be available for your Christmas shopping!



Thankful Hearts

Dear FPC,
Thank you for the pretty flowers you delivered to me after the death of my great-nephew. I am thankful to be a part of the FPC church family.

Sara Flores
(Miss Sara from the Nursery)

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for remembering us by sharing the beautiful flowers used in the sanctuary on August 23 in celebration of Kay and Dale Bates' anniversary.

The gorgeous arrangement of yellow gladiolas, lilies and roses helped lift our spirits during this time. We appreciate the warm thoughts and prayers extended to us.

With love,
The Akin Family

Dear Church Family,
Once again thanks for the beautiful flowers. Also many thanks to Sann Lindemann for delivering them.

Thanks,
Mary Gene Cosper

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank Suzanne Dorris and the church members for sharing the Sunday flowers with me. The colors are beautiful, and make it easy to think of our many friends and members we enjoy throughout the year.

Thank you,
Annette Lasater

My Dear Friends,
Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers that Chris and Milt Johnson brought to my home. The doctor told my

family that the surgery was "text book," and when I returned home and found out he had so many extra hands helping him in your prayer circle's prayers for my well-being, it warmed my heart. I so wanted to be at the "Prayer Wall" discussion and the first of the Sunday School year, but there were just not enough days between the surgery and the important wants, but with God's help and your prayers, I was there for both.

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts.

With love,
Jane Shurley



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:7


How Bill and Kary how much we appreciate all they do during October, *Pastor Appreciation Month*. Of course our appreciation shouldn't be limited to one month, however, this is one time of year set aside to make an extra effort to express gratitude for the ministry they share with us. Be creative and show your gratitude!

October Birthdays



- Oct 1—David Quam
- Oct 3—Kirsten Kappelmann,
Nicholas Hill,
Julianna Holland,
Holly Collum
- Oct 4—Lane Allison, Jane March,
Bradlee Holland
- Oct 5—Lester Smith, Keith Junell,
- Oct 7—Chris Cornell,
Jonathan Cotton
- Oct 8—Keith Perrine,
Scott Montgomerie
- Oct 10—Yvonne Kappelmann, Anna Studt, Jamie Treadwell
- Oct 11—Bruce Heare
- Oct 12—Mack Duerksen, Becky Cornell
- Oct 13—Gordon Dalton
- Oct 14—Roena McCoulskey
- Oct 15—Neva Davis
- Oct 16—Vic Meyer, Anne Stoker
- Oct 17—Anna Schneemann, Lacy Schneemann, Mark Blakely
- Oct 18—Keith Walvoord, Morgan Massey, Sutton Cole,
Linda Davidson
- Oct 19—Mary Frances Cargile, Malia Sherrod,
Sann Lindemann, Caylee Gibson
- Oct 20—Katie Dawson, Hunter Blakely
- Oct 21—Meredith Parsons, Laurence Lasater
- Oct 23—Kevin Dorris
- Oct 24—Jesse Veghte, Lynne Brooks, Trinity Pfluger
- Oct 25—John Granaghan
- Oct 27—Libby Grafa
- Oct 28—Merritt Welch, Jane Shurley
- Oct 29—Daniel Heare, Clarisa Darby
- Oct 30—Caitlin Probandt
- Oct 31—Steve Palmer, Nathan Snyder

Wednesday Night Live starts October 14!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:30 WID - CR	2	3
4 WORLD COMMUNION 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Combined Ser 3:30 M/S Youth 5:30 Sr Hi Youth 6:00 New Member Class	5 9:00 AA	6 12:00 WOW - 107 5:15 MSO - CR	7 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 5:15 Praise Team Property Co - 107 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr Hi B/S	8	9	
11 8:30 Cont. Serv. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Trad. Serv. Youth as above 6:00 New Member Class	12 9:00 AA	13 9:00 Staff 12:00 WOW - 107	14 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA Music & B/S above WED NITE LIVE BEGINS 6:30 Diaconate - 107	15 10:30 WID - CR	16	17
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25 FALL FESTIVAL 8:30 Cont. Serv. 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Trad. Serv.	26 9:00 AA	27 12:00 WOW - 107	28 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA Music & B/S above WNL	29 10:30 WID - CR	30	31

An invitation to our church family...



The sum which two married people owe to one another defies calculation. It is an infinite debt, which can only be discharged through eternity.

~Johann
Wolfgang von
Goethe



THE REVEREND KARY RAWLINGS
AND
MR. AND MRS. SHANE WEBB
REQUEST THE HONOUR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN
Rebecca Ann Rawlings

AND
Clarence Joel Webb
SATURDAY, THE SEVENTH OF NOVEMBER

TWO THOUSAND AND NINE
AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SAN ANGELO, TX

DINNER RECEPTION
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Margaret Odum Speakers Committee Announces Fall Lecture

The Rev. Earl F. Palmer will speak at First Presbyterian Church on the evenings 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 “a scholar, master pulpiteer, elder statesman of the church and a generous-hearted shepherd,” Rev. Palmer has inspired generations of Presbyterians with his biblically-based preaching. He is the author of 18 books, including *Trusting God*, *The Humor of Jesus*, and *The 14-Hour Christian*.

The overall 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. in the Sanctuary.



Rev. Earl F. Palmer

Women’s Retreat Planned

The Tres Rios Presbyterian Women’s organization is offering a fall retreat November 5-7, 2009. Come enjoy worship, mission work, a genuine tea party, fellowship and an old-fashion sing song, complete with a campfire and S’mores.

The retreat will be held at Christ the King Retreat Center, 802 Ford St. in San Angelo. To register visit the following website: www.tresrios.org/PR.html Click on “Register for Fall Retreat” to access the registration form. If you do not have internet access, please call the church office and we can print a form for you. Two night, double occupancy is \$100, two night single occupancy is \$150 and day registration is \$40.



Wednesday Night Live to get underway October 14

It’s that time of year again—the time of year when wonderful aromas are coming out the big kitchen and wafting through the entire church, teasing the appetites of all who enter. The reason for the culinary genius? Wednesday Night Live of course! There’s something for absolutely everyone on Wednesday evenings at First Pres. From 5:15 p.m.—6:15 p.m. children, middle school youth and adults will be busy growing in the Word of God.

Three-year olds through Kindergarten will enjoy activities and lessons from the book, *Big, Big God: 13 Amazing Lessons Where Preschoolers Experience God*. Through games, storytelling, crafts, snacks and other fun activities the kids will



remember important Bible stories—and spark excitement to learn more. Elementary children in first through fifth grades will sharpen their Bible skills through *Hands-On Bible Max*.

Volunteers are needed to ensure the success of this children’s programming. This is a short term time commitment with long term benefits. Won’t you prayerfully consider being on the children’s ministry team? Come on, get involved and help share the Gospel with the Session members of the future! Stay tuned for details regarding middle school and adults!

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Our prayers and sympathy to ...

Gwen & John Parsons on the loss of their nephew, Justin Callan who passed away on September 19, 2009.



Bring a friend Sunday for children and youth! Sunday, October 4 FPC kids and youth bring a friend or more to Sunday school and church!



Food for the month of October
Pasta, cereal, peanut butter and canned soups
Please place your donations in the basket in the Commons

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

THIS MONTH USHERS

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| October 4 | Combined @ 11:00 a.m.
Rod & Renee Winn
Ken Newman,
Shirley Sherrill,
Mary Louise Strain |
| October 11
8:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. | Jessie & Jerry Lee
Richard Duerksen,
Carter Behrens,
Fred Kennedy |
| October 18
8:30 a.m. | Susan & Bub Williams
Randy Brooks
Tom Early |
| 11:00 a.m. | Jean & Jim Johnson
Carson Lauer |
| October 25
8:30 a.m. | Evalie & Neal Grigg
Randy Gardner |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mary Louise Strain,
John Allison
Frank Rose |

Usher Volunteers Are Needed!