

## A Devotion for September

Did you know that, according to a 2001 study, 40% of the things people worry about never happen? Yet, time and again, we lose our peace dreading one catastrophe after another. The Bible reveals that we have been called to manage our responsibilities, but released to hand over our anxieties (1 Peter 5:7). As Philip Gulley (an American pastor and writer) once stated: "Fear can keep us up all night, but faith makes one fine pillow." How much time do you spend worrying? Do you hold onto or hand-over your anxieties to God? Although hard to admit, we worry because we do not completely trust God. If we did, why would we fret over things that could happen, or be frightened by the challenges that will happen? ***Be assured that we do not serve an absent-minded God.*** He knows that we will face stressful situations, but has promised never to overlook our needs. In Matthew 6:30-34, the *Message Bible* offers a refreshing reminder: "If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers — most of which are never even seen — don't you think He'll attend to you, take pride in you, do His best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax... Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow..."

Marsha DuCille  
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*A message from our Pastor the Rev. Bill Proctor*

## Return of school ushers in myriad of happenings at FPC

**A**s September arrives it seems that everything begins to happen at once. With the return of another school year we in the church return to the beginning of a new program year – Sunday School, Chancel Choir, Youth Group, Handbells, Senior High lunches – and all of the rest will soon start up again. At the same time scaffolding is up in the Sanctuary as the painters continue their work, and the new carpet for the Sanctuary has arrived and is waiting in a local warehouse until the painters have completed their work. The new pew cushions should be delivered at the end of September – and next week, the sub-flooring in the Chancel area will be replaced and the Choir risers will be raised. In others words – everything truly is beginning to happen at once! (One other note, contingent on how work progresses in the Sanctuary, we may have to relocate worship to the Woods Fellowship Hall one Sunday morning – so stay tuned!)

I am also pleased to announce a new beginning in our youth ministry program with the hiring of Rebecca Rawlings and Chance Dorris. Rebecca, daughter of our new Associate Pastor, Kary Rawlings, is a recent graduate of Austin College with a double major in Psychology and Biology. Rebecca has a remarkable amount of experience working with young people, particularly through the Christian Activators program held on the campus of Austin College each year where nearly 600 high school youth from across Grace Presbytery descend upon the campus for a weekend of faith exploration and inspiration. Rebecca has taught Sunday School, led a high school youth ski trip, and done mission work as far afield as Uganda.

Chance Dorris is a senior at ASU, majoring in Sociology. Chance is an Eagle Scout, a tri-athlete, a certified physical conditioning trainer at the YMCA, and directs the YMCA physical education program for home school children ages K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. A fine young man and all-around athlete, Chance will lead the recreational part of our youth ministry while Rebecca will lead the spiritual part of our youth ministry. Both Rebecca and Chance will be working with our youth on a part-time basis as we take this year to reevaluate our youth ministry program and seek to discern our leadership needs for the future.

Do remember that we return to our regular 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship schedule on Sunday, September 13. That same day is also our annual "Kick-Off" Sunday with the start of Sunday School for all ages – and the day will end with the "Burgers and More at the Lake Shore" evening at the Lake Lodge.

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## Sunday School to Kick-off on September 13

The new Sunday school year will begin on Sunday, September 13. What follows is a listing of all classes and the location of each class:

### *Children & Youth*

Pre-School through Pre-Kindergarten will meet in the nursery.

Kindergarten & First Grade will meet in room 101

Second & Third Grade will meet in room 208

Fourth & Fifth Grade will meet in room 201/202

Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>) will meet in Studio 41

High School will meet in the Youth Center

### *Adults*

A new class entitled, *Family Faith* will be filled with Biblical truths and applications toward nourishing your marriage, your children and your family life in general. Our first study is called *Boundaries in Marriage* by Cloud & Townsend. This study will help us move past friction points or issues within our marriages by developing mutual care, respect and affirmation for each other. We pray that our families will be strengthened as we explore values, structure and boundaries through grace-filled Christian guidelines. Please call Liz Bates, 486-1625, for more information. *Family Faith* will meet in the Library for the fall.

*The Awakening* is a new class for adults led by Bill and Kary. The first study is going to be *The Bible in 90 Days™*. The Bible in 90 Days™ is a non-denominational curriculum structured around a simple, straightforward mission for its participants: “To read, **ATTENTIVELY**, every word of the Bible in 90 days.” When taking the course, each participant reads 12 pages a day in a specially selected Bible, then gathers with fellow participants once a week. The weekly class meetings provide insight, accountability, fellowship and encouragement.

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### *Bill's message continued from page 1*

Do note the descriptions of the classes listed on this page and page 3 in this newsletter, especially the two new classes for adults that are being offered this fall, the “Awakening” class and the “Family Faith” class.

With so many new beginnings I want you to be a part of them all – that is why I look forward to being with you in worship. See you then!

If we are to change we must be regularly preaching the gospel to ourselves and believing it. We must be continually showing ourselves, and those we counsel, the depths and greatness of God's love for them. We must stop wasting our time trying to convince ourselves that we are lovable, and instead rest in the glorious fact that we are loved. It is this message which God uses to change us at the motivational level.

— Redeemer  
Presbyterian  
Church  
(Fellowship Handbook)



### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>, begins, Wednesday, September 16. Director, Julie Pucci with accompaniment by Louellen Meyer.

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

Maestro **HECTOR GUZMAN** will serve as organist in worship that day.

#### Continued from page 2 Sunday School

A typical class meeting includes:

- a review of the past week's reading
- a group discussion
- a videotaped or live lesson
- and a preview of the coming week's reading.



### Classes for All Ages

**The Awakening** class will meet in room 210.

**The Knox-Calvin** class has the pleasure to begin another Ray Vander Laan study entitled, *God Heard Their Cry*. Uncover the "hidden" meaning of Scripture with an exciting faith discovery series that brings the Bible to life! Uniquely captivating, Faith Lessons reveals keen insights into the relevance of God's Word, making it truly applicable to today's Christian. After completing this study the class will begin an in-depth study of 2 Corinthians to complete our study of Paul's letters to Corinth. The class members are couples or individuals mainly from the over 50 age group of our congregation. We welcome and encourage any member who desires to participate to join us in the Parlor each Sunday.

**The Wood** class will meet in the Conference room and will study an Efirid Bible Study series video presentation on Romans. In his letter to the Romans, Paul presents a statement of the Christian Faith with the righteousness of God as the theme. Dr. Mickey Efirid is a master communicator and teacher, his video presentations are not scripted and he is at his spontaneous, authoritative best.

Attending Sunday school is a great way to form relationships that will carry you through life's struggles and celebrate life's joys. **Consider making Sunday school a part of your faith journey this year at First Presbyterian Church.**

**The FPC Happy Scrappers** will meet, **Saturday, September 26** in room 210. Bring your current paper crafting project—or any other portable hobby—and join us beginning at 10:00 a.m. Contact Susan Gober for more information.



FPC  
Happy Scrappers!

## Thankful Hearts

Dear FPC,

Thank y'all so much for supporting me on my trip to Africa, especially with it being so short notice. God is so big and that place and those people have truly blessed me and changed my life **FOREVER!** I am already planning for next year! I can't wait to tell y'all all about it in detail! Thanks again,

Deanna Duke

Dear Friends,

Thanks to all for the beautiful flowers from Sunday's worship service.

I have been freed from the hospital and am doing great!

Carolyn Cargile

Susan, Kary, Bill & Friends,

The support you have shown to us throughout the difficult time since my father's passing means more to our family than words can express. Your support and many prayers have brought us much comfort. We are so appreciative of the luncheon you so graciously hosted after my dad's service. A very special thanks to

Kary who welcomed and prayed with our family and to Susan Williams, Ann Middleton and Patt Warren for so kindly serving us. You have sustained us in many ways and for that we are so grateful.

Thank you,  
David, Julie, Philip and  
Mary Kate Vann



### I Made a New Friend by Tom Warren

**A**s Texas weather is bound to do in February, the weekend had turned a balmy 85 degrees. I had decided to water the front lawn as we were in the grasp of another drought, which this country is famous for experiencing. As I struggled to clear away some dead leaves from the control valves of the sprinkler system, out of the corner of my eye I noticed a little four foot high girl standing on my porch staring intently at me as I worked. "Can I help you?" I asked. She looked at me with those big brown eyes and said, "Did you know that Jesus Christ died for your Sins?" "Yes I did," I answered. She then asked, "And do you know He loves you very much?" "Yes I do," I answered. With that she handed me the homemade card she had made and said, "My name is Page. Can I be your friend?" "You sure can," I said. Then with the wide-eyed wonderment of childhood she bent down and pointed and said, "Did you know you have a gecko in those leaves?" I said, "Well, he's going to get wet" "Yeah," she laughed and said, "I have to go." She ran across the street and into her house. I just stood there for a few moments with tears in my eyes thinking about what had just happened. I still can't describe the feeling I felt in my heart.

I went inside and told my wife about my new friend. She called our neighbor and told her about what Page had done. I overheard her say, "He has this glow on his face." I'm sure I did because I just made a wonderful new friend.

*Tom, and his wife Jane, recently became members of the FPC family*

For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

But friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement the greater part of life is sunshine.

*Thomas Jefferson*

# September Birthdays



Sept 2 — Daniel Hardwicke  
 Sept 3 — Virginia Huffman, Marjie Shirey,  
 Hannah Brown  
 Sept 4— Robert Meyer  
 Sept 6— Sutton Allison  
 Sept 7— Hayley Perrine  
 Sept 8— Randy Mull, Laura Behrens  
 Sept 9 — David Scott  
 Sept 10—Bette Allison, Alex McCammon

Sept 22—Ginger Heare  
 Sept 24—Sherry Albert  
 Sept 25—Nancy Cargile, Grace Huffman  
 Sept 26—Chris Barnett  
 Sept 27—Cody Hinnant, LeAnn Chambless, Stella Doyle  
 Sept 28—Carolyn Dawson, Joe Kilman  
 Sept 29—Ana Henderson  
 Sept 30—Suzanne Dorris, Stephen Brown

Sept 11—Sheri Brown, Gillian Mackie  
 Sept 12—Anne Lauer  
 Sept 13—Fred Roeben  
 Sept 14—Lyndon Polhemus  
 Sept 15—Don Hulse, Thelma McMurtrey, Mary Gene Cospers  
 Sept 16—Ryan Junell  
 Sept 17—Mason Brooks, Darris Chambless, Alice Edwards  
 Sept 18—Beaver McManus, Louellen Meyer  
 Sept 19—Bryan Brown  
 Sept 20—Donna Crisp, Neal Grigg  
 Sept 21—Elizabeth Jost



Recipes for the all-church  
 cookbook may still be sub-  
 mitted through September  
 15. Call the church office  
 for more information.

## Members News & Notes

Congratulations to grandparents Georgia Alice & Tim Edwards on the birth of a granddaughter on May 4, Brooke Elizabeth Thomas. Her parents are Rachel (Edwards) & Randy Thomas

Congratulations and best wishes to Blake Edwards, son of Georgia Alice and Tim Edwards, on the occasion of his marriage to Kelly Hicks on Saturday, June 6.

Congratulations to Norman and Roena McCoulskey, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 23.

Congratulations and best wishes to Emily Cargile, daughter of Dr. John and Nancy Cargile, and Travis Catalani of San Antonio, on the occasion of their wedding on Saturday, July 19. Officiating at the wedding were former Associate Pastors Jeff and Ellen Schultz.

Congratulations and best wishes to Chloe Bodenhamer, daughter of Pat and Lee Bodenhamer, on the occasion of her marriage to Derek Marriott on August 10.

Congratulations to Trevor Probandt, son of Victor and Trish Probandt, on his engagement to Katie Tate. A September 12 wedding is planned at FPC.

Congratulations to Beaver McManus, son of Bill and Judy McManus, on his engagement to Leslyn Tyler of Mertzon. A September 6 wedding is planned.

Congratulations to Dale and Kay Bates, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 22.

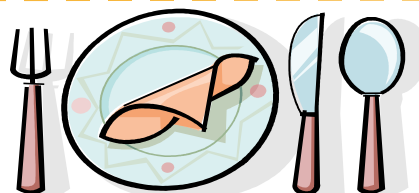


Our Church Family

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

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all<sup>[a]</sup> sin.

1 John 1:7



## Dinners for Eight returns September 27

Everyone always has a lovely evening when they participate in the Dinners for Eight! Get to know some different members of your church family on the evening of September 27 as members of our congregation will gather for dinner and fellowship in various members' homes. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Commons, or email the church office to make your reservation. Indicate in your email if you're willing to serve as host and if there are any foods you cannot eat due to health reasons.



# Burgers & More on the Lake Shore!

Sunday, September 13

At the Lake  
Lodge  
beginning  
@ 6:00 p.m.

Bring a  
side dish,  
salad or  
dessert to  
share!

Help kick-off the new  
Sunday school year!

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## *Our prayers and sympathy to*

Esther Hohn and family on the loss of her husband, Robert, who passed away on August 15, 2009.

Rudy Akin and family on the loss of her husband, Bernard, who passed away on August 18, 2009.

Baby & Gordon Dalton, on the loss of Baby's sister, Gladys Sue Dennis, who passed away on August 25, 2009



**Food for the month of September**  
Canned or dried fruit, canned corn & green beans, rice, and canned meat  
*Please place your donations in the basket in the Commons*

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## THIS MONTH USHERS

**September 6 Last 10:30 a.m. Service**—Renee & Rod Winn, Polly Brooks Harper

**September 13**  
8:30 Service—Randy Brooks, Tom Early, Randy Gardner  
11:00 Service—Jean & Jim Johnson, Fred Kennedy

**September 20**  
8:30 Service—Joy & Bill Morehead, Sandy Puckitt  
11:00 Service—Carson Lauer, Cybee Hamblen, John Allison

**September 27**  
8:30 Service—  
Carolyn & Troy Bradley, Suzanne & Richard Dorris  
11:00 Service—Frank Rose, Bette & Don Allison