



# First Presbyterian Church, Mission

*Where God's love makes all the difference!*

## JUNE

...another **RGV Connections** publication

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**GRACE, MERCY & PEACE TO YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

### Clerk's Corner: Our Session at Work!

The Session met in May. After opening the meeting with prayer, Pastor Dave addressed the Book of Order changes contained in Amendment 10-A. This amendment changes wording for Ordination Standards. For questions about the amendment and its effects, contact Pastor Dave.

**Passing the Torch** – FPCM is blessed to have talented people willing to serve and lead our members in a smooth transition of elder leadership. Thank you to outgoing elders John Cain, Nicole Cruz, Dot Harrigan, and Mike Manuel. Welcome to incoming elders Dave Elbers - Fellowship, John Ingram, Nicole Jirouvec - Christian Education, and Mary Jane Meyers - Worship.

**The Planning Committee** continues to help outline the scope of projects for the Session to consider. At the last Planning Committee meeting, the following items were just a few of the things discussed: outdoor sign and playground progress, garden club work, "Bag and Gab" lunches, work storage, and worship videos.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The **Maintenance Committee** does an excellent job of maintaining the building and grounds at FPCM. The roof repair is now completed, so **WHEN** there is rain someday, the fellowship roof should not leak :)

The **Outreach Committee** is calling for help in June. Work groups will be here at FPCM, and we need to serve meals to these hardworking folks. Contact the church office or Judy Mayes for more details.

The **Evangelism Committee** thanks Kathy Dickey and DeVaughn Rexczenski for their work in the editing and taping of church services. Through the efforts of this committee, FPCM is able to send its message of love and caring to those people not able to attend on Sunday mornings.

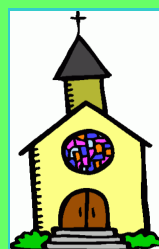
**These are just a few of the committees at work in our Church.... Stay tuned for the June newsletter to hear more.**

*Remember, our Session does not work in isolation – we need your input and your help on committees. There is always a place for you here at FPCM –EVEN in the hot summer. Contact the church office, Pastor Dave, or any of the Session members for more information on how you can get more involved in the life of FPCM.*

**Blessings to all –**

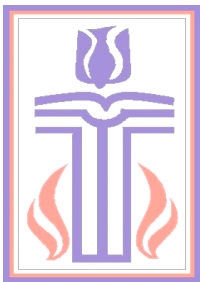
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**SUMMER  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE:**

**9:30am Worship**



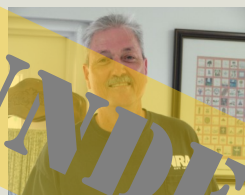
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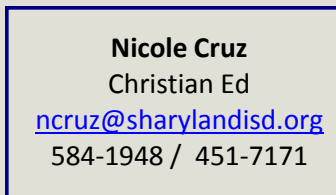
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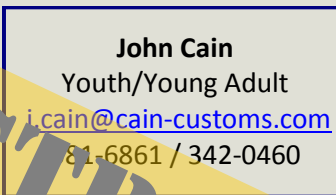
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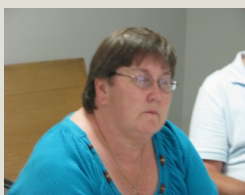
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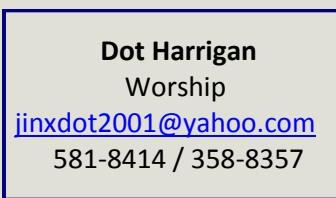
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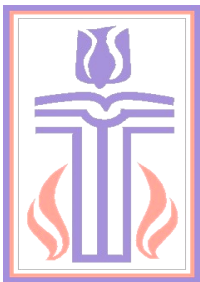
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### A Word from Pastor Dave...

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**A WORD  
FROM  
PASTOR  
DAVE +**

**GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE TO YOU FROM GOD  
THE FATHER AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!**

### New Things To Look For This Summer At FPCM...

As we begin heading into Summer- going to ONE Worship Service on June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am... I hope you will notice some changes around the Church building...

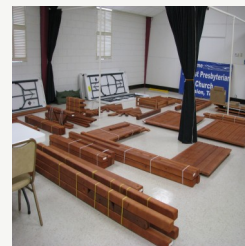
The first is the GREAT Playground equipment we've put up... it is already being enjoyed by our SonShine Players and many others as we begin building additional family and youth activities into our Church calendar.

The second change you'll notice is that our garden still looks great but were missing our two ficus trees... the frost was too much for them this winter. We're in the process of deciding how we will provide some shade for the garden area. It is such a nice area that I'd like to use it for an ice cream social or something...

The third are our two new signs: one on Highland and the other at the corner of Ash and Highland... they should be very helpful in getting the word out about Church activities and times for worship. Remember though- its nice having the signs but you are the sign most people will see telling them about God's love...

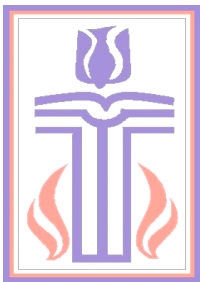
**Blessings to all and have  
a renewing summer!  
See you in Church!  
(9:30am)**

**Pastor Dave+**



### The FPC Building Speaks!

It's definitely getting warmer and summer projects have begun. New signs are going up right and left—or should I say north and west? A new playground will be built in my center square right outside of the Fellowship Hall. I can't wait to hear all the children laughing and playing! My face lift is coming soon...inside Fellowship Hall! The face-boards and more will be worked on to keep me looking good as new. Meanwhile, some great folks have been busy with the upkeep of our kitchen, supplying it with drinking water, new shelf paper, and keeping it clean as a whistle. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Dickey for all you do! Ted "the propane man" also deserves a big thank you for all the jobs he's been helping us all out with. :)



## **Garden Gossip!!**

Springing up all over in the prayer garden are new blossoms, and what seems to be much more sun!

When I had gone over to investigate who needed such big holes to bury a bone, I found Mike H. and his crew were working knee deep in mud to get out all the trees without hurting the other plants- there

was never a bone involved! Now, everyone is putting a group effort into thinking about what to do for more shade. Great job guys, and thank you!

In other parts of the garden, Linda and Sue have been working hard- weeding, feeding, digging, and watering. Pat also came in with a load of plants so we rearranged a few plants and put the new ones in their new home. The next day, Pat H. left more surprises for us on the bench waiting for their new home too. Other than that, Sue is still working on adjusting the soaker system, and I have had to bark at a few people coming down the alley. Maybe they want to see the beautiful garden, but I'm still watching them.

As for you, we hope you will come out and visit soon. Instead Sue and I are trying to remember all the names of the plants, a man in his workshop is coming up with some name plaques for each different kind of plant...



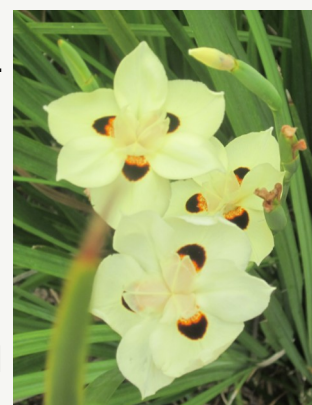
Oh, have you noticed the veggies coming in, in the garden corner? Feel free to pick one if you would like. We have had 2 tomatoes, 3 green beans, and several radishes go home already! If this is a hit, maybe they will give Sue a little bigger spot for more veggies. :)

I almost forgot to mention- there's one

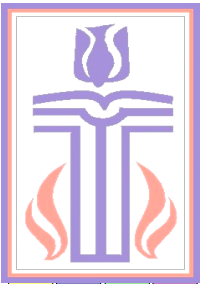
other project going on in the prayer garden, but you will have to come on out and enjoy the plants and fountain while you are searching for it.

One of your Prayer Garden guardians

**-Sarah** 







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### Giving Back, Outreach, Congrats...

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### START SETTING ASIDE THOSE PENNIES...

It is time for us to once again be **THANKFUL** for all the blessings we have, and think of others, as time draws near for our next Ingathering of "Pennies from Heaven". Just as we received "Pennies" from a church in Wyoming when our church was burned, we would like to send our "Pennies" to a church in Alabama after all the devastation from the tornadoes that hit that state this year. There are three Presbyterian

Churches in the city of Tuscaloosa alone. If any of you know someone in that area who we could contact, please let us know.

Please keep this in your thoughts and prayers for the next several weeks so we can have a good collection in August. We plan to collect our "Blessings" on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

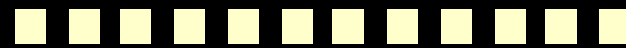
Mary Jane Meyers

### Smile! You're on Candid Camera!

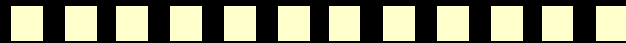


A few weeks ago, just before the

passing of the peace, Pastor Dave asked everyone to turn around, look up at the sound booth, and wave to the camera! What a remarkable sight that was! The reason: our services are being recorded to DVD and taken to the shut-ins for their enjoyment.



**Share your snapshots of FPC Fellowship, Service, & FUN for future newsletter editions!**  
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**Have some info for the next newsletter??**

**Got a story about why you love FPC?**

**Want to share your favorite recipe??**



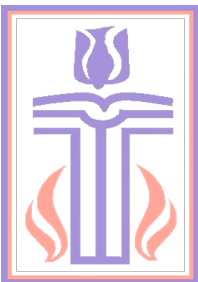
Our goal for this newsletter is that it reflects who we are and what we do at First Presbyterian Church—Mission. The most important part of this newsletter is **YOU!** So, please send your submissions to Jordan:

[secretary@fpcmission.com](mailto:secretary@fpcmission.com)

### CONGRATULATIONS...

ARE CERTAINLY IN ORDER FOR EMILY CAIN & CATHERINE WOOD AS THEY BOTH GRADUATE FROM TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY! EMILY AND CATHERINE HAVE BOTH GROWN UP IN THIS CONGREGATION, TAKING PART IN SONSHINE PLAYERS, HANDBELLS, CHANCEL CHOIR AND YOUTH GROUP, AS WELL AS BEING THE LITURGIST ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. THEIR PROUD PARENTS ARE JOHN & LORI CAIN AND LEEA & BRAD WOOD





## **My New Friends...**

by Jordan Garvin

As the new administrative assistant here at FPC-Mission, I'd like to do a profile on different members for each newsletter. This will help me (and any other new comers) put names to faces and get to know you a little better!

### **My first new friend is Mrs. Carol Gibson!**

#### ***Q. Where are you originally from?***

A. I am from Minnesota. We came down with another couple to spend the winter months and liked it here. So we just decided to stay permanently.

#### ***Q. How long have you been a member of FPC- Mission?***

A. Since 1982

#### ***Q. Why did you choose to become a member here at FPC-Mission?***

A. Because my late husband and I have always been Presbyterians and really liked this church.

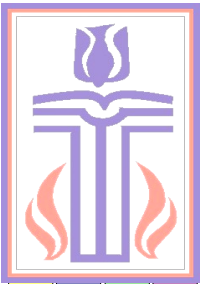
#### ***Q. What are you hoping for in the future for FPC-Mission?***

A. To continue to share the gospel and reach out to as many people as we do and more.



As summer is fast approaching, the last few weeks have provided a bit of a lull in fellowship activities. We are still at work providing coffee, lemonade, and cookies and donuts for before and after services. Upcoming plans include the development of regular breakfast meetings each month— great opportunities for coffee conversation and the to meet new members and visitors to FPC.

Also, keep your eyes out for summer fellowship activities coming up in the future. Really think Pastor Dave is on to something with that ice cream social idea!!



### **Su Casa de Esperanza Volunteer Opportunities...**

#### **Su Casa "Toddlers Summer Camp"**

June 7-16- This summer camp will be held at the Las Milpas Center, Monday through Thursday from 10-12. Come and help the staff and parents with Arts and Crafts, Father's Day Celebration, Movie and Popcorn Day and work in the Garden...

#### **"Youth Summer Camp"**

July 5-14- The youth summer camp will also be held at the Las Milpas Center. It will be open Monday through Thursday, 10-12, and will be open to kids from the Progreso Center also. The activities for this week include a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, more Arts and Crafts and Gardening, but with the older kids there will also be Soccer, Field Day and Recycling Projects...

Hope you'll take a look at your calendar and see if you can help our friends at Su Casa with this great work!! If you'd like to volunteer, please call Lucy Fernandez at Su Casa 781-0276.

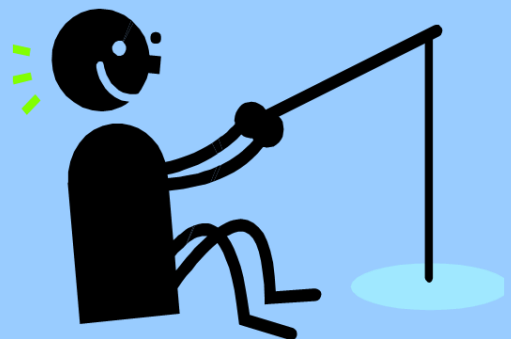
### **Hosting for Mission Service Project...**

You can tell that it's Summer because the Housing work groups are on their way!!! Mission Service Project will be June 11- 18. We are expecting around 80 kids and leaders and we will be working in the Los Naranjos Colonia off of 7 mile Rd.

This year we will not be housing a group, but we will be hosting the opening ceremony at 6pm, and preparing a BBQ dinner on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, the dinner will be at Los Naranjos Mission for the entire community. We had a great time last year (go to our web page [fpcmission.com](http://fpcmission.com) to link to a video of last years work)...If you have questions please talk to Pastor Dave—he'd enjoy talking to you about this great work!

### **GONE FISHING!**

All of our musical ensembles will be on vacation during June, July, and August. **The Chancel Choir** is particularly deserving of rest since they have sung for nearly 60 services during the months of September – May! But don't worry . . . there will be plenty of special music during the summer . . . and plans are already being made for the return of all our ensembles in the fall!







### **"Zacchaeus Learns A Lesson!"**

Mother's Day was made very special this year when the SonShine Players presented a wonderful puppet show called, "Zacchaeus Learns A Lesson!" Playing the part of Zacchaeus was Brady Butcher. (Brady also presented the sermon during the worship service.)



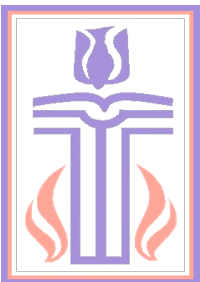
Other characters in the presentation were: Anastasia Cruz – Mr. Sycamore; Halle York – Mrs. Sycamore; Ruth Sycamore – Cora Resczenski; Jesus – Lawrence Wood; and the CROWD who followed Jesus – Ellyson Gray, Peyton York, Zelen Gray, & Randy Wood. After the presentation, the congregation enjoyed joining the students in singing the old, familiar Sunday School song, "Zacchaeus."

Congratulations to Shannon, Charlie, and proud Grandparents Gloria and Keith Dietrich on their little addition, a bouncing baby boy! FPC is pleased to announce the birth of our newest member to the nursery,



We are glad to report Mother and son are doing great, and we can't wait to meet him! To little Max; May the Lord give His angels charge over you, to guide you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11





# First Presbyterian Church, Mission Church Calendar

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MISSION Birthdays, Anniversaries, Church Activities...

Birthdays Anniversaries

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Dave gone for NCD Conference 1	2 Dave gone for NCD Conference  -Arlene Briggs -Caroline Cantu	3 Dave gone for NCD Conference  -Dale and Fawn Golich -Carl and Peggy Reed	4  -Sharon LaVigne -Edith Pecks
5 One Service! 9:30 Worship	6	Staff @ 12:00pm 6:30pm Mission Hosting Meeting	8 -Janet Pena	9 -June Stevens	10	11 MSP 11 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Mission Service Project Welcome! -Tamara Alaniz -Delores Hult -Lana McClure
12 6:30 pm MSP Pot Luck supper @ Veteran's Memorial H.S.	13 MSP BBQ Dinner -Sandy Becker -Shirley Peterson -Brad and Leeda Wood -John and Lori Cain	Staff @ 9:00am14	15 Bag and Gab @ 12:00pm  -Bill McClure	16 -Bill and Libby Freeman	17 -Jean Gaston -John and Crystal Wallace  Presbytery @ Shriner University	18 -David Elbers
19 -Rick Mulder -James T. Smith	Session 6:30pm20  -Don Badgley -Clinton and Cyrina Dees	21 Staff @ 9:00 am  -Lucy Tornow	22 2:00pm Brook Ridge	23 -Clarence and Jean Johnson -Bruce and Marilyn Hanna	24 -Michael Manuel -Corbet Sparks	25 5:30 pm Sparks and Wallace Wedding -Keith and Gloria Dietrich -Gene and Jeanie Foval -Red and Melba Giard -Bill Freeman -Max Nelson
26 W.G. from FPC Dexter, New Mexico 6/26-7/2	27 -Shirley Broadbent -Wally Larson -Stanley Shook	28 Staff @ 9:00am  -Bill Close -Dorothy King	29 -Bill Theunissen	30 -Dave and Geneva Elbers -Darlene Hackett -Pat Hudsonpillar -Jamie Leighton -Kristin York		

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