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

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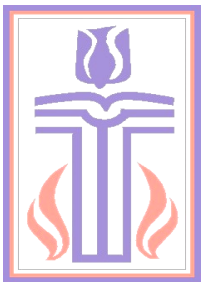
HAPPY  
**Mother's**  
DAY

## NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE:



**9:30am** Sunday School  
(for all ages!)

**10:30am** Worship



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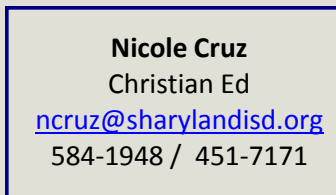
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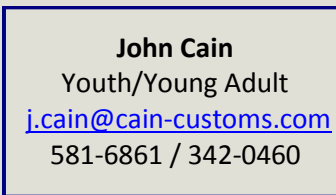
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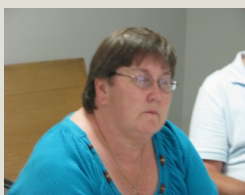
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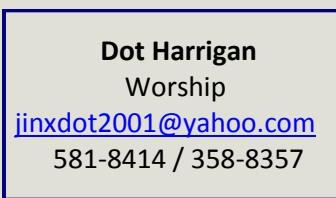
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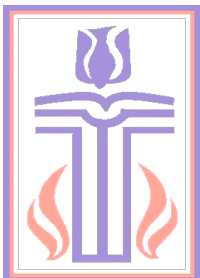
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## A Word from Pastor Dave...

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**A WORD  
FROM  
PASTOR  
DAVE +**

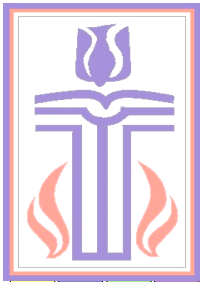
## GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE TO YOU FROM GOD THE FATHER AND OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST...

With Easter behind us, we begin the journey to Pentecost which is 50 days after Easter. When the disciples were gathered in Jerusalem- the Holy Spirit came upon them and they received the Holy Spirit. After receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples were emboldened to go out into the world proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord. In fact, Peter's preaching, proclaiming that God has fulfilled his promise made through Jesus Christ to send the Holy Spirit, and that Jesus is the anointed One of God, the Messiah was so inspiring that 3,000 people were baptized into their fellowship that day.

Traditionally, these 50 days have been set aside for study and discernment for those desiring to enter into Church Membership. If you have been feeling the tug to be part of a caring Church family, please join me on May 2nd at 6 PM and experience why so many call First Presbyterian Mission, their "Church Home"...

Blessings to all,  
**Pastor Dave+**





### ***Our Session in Action...***

**Evangelism:** is having an "Inquirer's Discussion" on May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6PM at the Church for anyone interested in joining FPCM as a member or an Affiliate Member. If you have questions about the "Church"-this is the place to talk about it...

**Outreach:** is making plans for the arrival of Mission Service Project (June 11-18<sup>th</sup>) and also First Presbyterian Church, Dexter, NM ... (June 26<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>) for a weeks worth of hands-on mission work.

**Planning:** is looking forward to our Church sign project being completed, enjoying the "Bag and Gab" lunches on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month... May 18<sup>th</sup> in the kitchen...Noon, and we hope to have FPCM's Historical designation process completed by August 2011.

**Worship:** has begun experimenting with video taping the worship service so that our homebound can stay connected with their church family.

**Congregational Care:** will have a rough draft of a Shepherd Program for our members and Winter Texan Friends so that we can improve our communication and presence in our community.

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT: HELP US KEEP THE DOORS OPEN**

In order to do this we need to do several things.

1. We need to close a projected budget shortfall of \$30,000.
2. We need to remember the Summer months with increase electric bills and decreases in income.
3. Pray for your Church. Praise God for our problems, pray that God will continue to bless our efforts and be with us. Pray about what you can give in addition to your regular giving for the next few months. If you will not be with us in the Summer, please mail your support to:

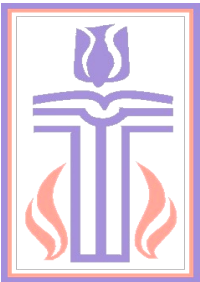
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Thank you for your consideration,  
Bill Ellisor, Elder Stewardship







### **Outstanding job, Chancel Choir!**

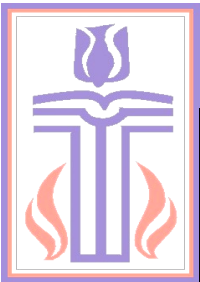
Many thanks to the Chancel Choir for their continued excellence and leadership during our worship services. We do, indeed, miss our Winter Texan members - but the remaining loyal members always rise to the occasion and leave their leader (me!) speechless! The choir will sing throughout May and then be on a much deserved vacation. So, to ALL of the choir members, thank you for making my job so much easier!

*Pat Hudsonpillar*



### **“Zacchaeus Learns A Lesson!”**

On May 8, the FPC SonShine Players will present a puppet show called, **“Zacchaeus Learns A Lesson.”** The SonShine Players are a group of students who enjoy singing & acting and range in age from 3 to 12. “This has been a much more challenging project for the students than I had anticipated!” says director, Pat Hudsonpillar. “The kids fell in love with the first group of puppets I brought them, but most of their hands were too small to operate the puppets. So, I purchased different, smaller puppets – better, but still difficult for the very young students. It was also very difficult for most of them to deal with a script AND the puppet at the same time – so, we recorded the script. My sincere thanks to DeVaughn Resczenski and his great patience in recording each scene of the play. All in all, they are doing a great job! . . . How many rehearsals did you say we have left???”



### Egg Dying Party and Easter Egg Hunt

Easter eggs were popping at the Egg Coloring Party held at the Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Children, parents and even our pastor had fun coloring the eggs. Thanks to Nicole Cruz for supplying the coloring kits and the 180 hardboiled eggs. Fifteen dozen were dyed in anticipation of the great FPC egg hunt which was held on Easter Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Thanks to Sue and her lawn crew for not cutting the grass to allow for optimum hiding places. In addition to the real dyed eggs, more than 200 plastic candy or toy-filled eggs were hidden by rabbit helpers Robin Premus, Nicole Cruz, Bailey Cain, Emily Cain, Colton Watkins, and Ryan Watkins. Baskets and feet flew across the lawn and garden stones as happy children searched for the treasures. Of course, Sunday School students at First Presbyterian Church know that the tradition of Easter baskets and egg hunts is secondary to the glory of Christ's resurrection!



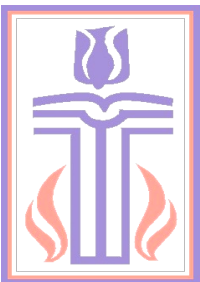
### FELLOWSHIP REPORT:

The past few months have been very busy with FPC mission hosting groups joining us, in the Rio Grande Valley, to repair homes for those who are less fortunate. Thankfully, March gave us a chance to catch our breath after these busy months. It was decided that we would have only one event, which was a potluck dinner-congregational meeting. We accomplished two things with this event. One was to have a congregational meeting, and the other was to satisfy our hunger.

During the winter, FPC was blessed to have AmeriCorps and church groups from Texas and beyond stay with us. Their purpose was to come and work to repair and remodel some of the substandard homes that some families were living in. We also made sure to make the work groups feel welcomed with a south Texas barbecue. John Cain, Bill Freeman, John Watkins, and a number of volunteers from the congregation, helped to prepare and serve our guests. Due to the numerous groups we hosted this past winter, the idea to have monthly breakfast or potluck gatherings was discarded. On the other hand, in order to organize these events and be able to have the opportunity to get our church family together more often, we are going to try and put an annual church calendar together. This calendar will, hopefully, help to better organize for monthly breakfast meetings, potluck meals and other events that take place at FPC Mission.



**Birth Announcement:**  
**Congratulations to Lamar and Nicole Strong, who welcomed a new baby boy into their family on Wednesday, March 23rd! Noah Christopher joins his four brothers. He weighed 6 lbs 8 oz and was 18 inches long.**



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### Giving Back, Clerk's Corner...

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### MONTHLY MISSION FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The Mission Food Pantry has long been part of our local Mission Outreach here at First... The last Sunday of each month is "Food Pantry Sunday" when we gather all kinds of pastas, beans, rice, canned vegetables, fruits and cereals.

Ted Allen has volunteered to be our delivery guy so the food doesn't sit around the church waiting for me to deliver it... The last Monday of each month (in the morning)- Ted loads up the van or his truck and delivers the food to MFP at 12<sup>th</sup> and Kika de La Garza...

Please mark your calendars to bring your food stuffs on the last Sunday of each month because the need is great and we are making a huge difference in our community...

Blessings, pastor dave...

PS- I'm sure if someone volunteered to help Ted, he wouldn't turn you down...



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### Clerk's Corner:

Even though we have not received rain for our Valley Crops, FPC Mission has been blessed with "spiritual rain showers" of people willing to serve and do great things for our community :)



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 suggestions to editor, Heather Marks.

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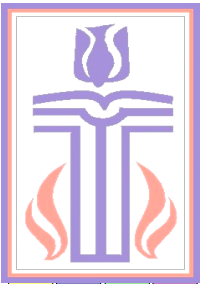
Our Easter Holy Week measured spiritual rain totals of 205 people for Maundy Thursday, 92 people for Sunday Sunrise, and 188 people for 10:30 service.

Mission Service Projects received \$1800 of "holy precipitation" from our joint service with El Mesias and FMC - Mission. This amount is enough to increase the total houses serviced by ONE, and as our friend from El Mesias stated Thursday evening, this show of generosity is something we as Christians are getting right - GLORY! GLORY!! GLORY!!!

Blessings to all -

Mike Hudsonpillar





## **Excellent Easter Outreach at FPC!!**

I would like to again thank you for your generous donations at the Maundy Thursday service. An offering of **\$1,893.36** was given to help with **Mission Service Project**. Mission Service Project has been in existence for 27 years working on homes in very poor condition. For the last several years, MSP has also been working with Faith Communities Disaster Recovery, assessing the need and working with volunteers to repair houses that are in great need of repair following a natural disaster. With these donations, MSP and FCDR, will be able to help one more family to weather in, clean up or just make another house livable.

Our Easter offering, **“One Local Hour of Sharing”** was taken on Sunday morning. The offering brought a total of **\$2,139.00** to be divided among the organizations we at FPC sponsor. They are **Mission Food Pantry, Salvation Army, Comfort House, Su Casa de Esperanza and the P.E.T. Project.**

Thank you for all your support, help and donations. As always, your generosity is amazing!

Also, remember the last Sunday of each month has been set as Food Pantry Sunday, so bring in any non perishable, unopened food items and we will see they get to the Mission Food Pantry. The shopping cart is in the Narthex all the time and you can drop off these items anytime.

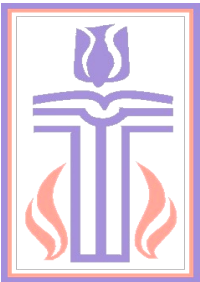
Judy Mayes  
Outreach Chairman



## **Someone YOU should know!**

She greets most of you every Sunday morning with a smile and a cheery, **“GOOD MORNING!”** Her presence at FPC Mission brings warmth and cheer to everyone around her – including the children who follow her like the Pied Piper! Who is this woman who seems too good to be true? Why, none other, than **Pam Sherwood!** Pam and Bob Sherwood are active members of FPC Mission and currently serve as the Usher & Greeter Chairpersons. She would love to include you as an usher or greeter on any Sunday you would like to help – just let her know! And who is that little person shown in this picture? **ANOTHER Pam! Pamela Mae York** to be exact. The “two Pam’s” are best buddies and they would love to get to know YOU!





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## Church Calendar

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### COMING EVENTS - MAY 2011

**May 1 - Communion Sunday**  
**May 8 - SonShine Players present**  
**"Zacchaeus Learns A Lesson"**  
**May 15 - Bells of Faith in worship**  
**May 22 - Installation/Ordination**  
**of New Elders**  
**May 29 - Gideon presentation**

Birthdays Anniversaries

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bells @ 6:30pm only -Shane & Nicole Jirovec	2 Inquirer's discussion @ 6:00pm	3 Staff meeting @ 9:00am -Leo Kraft -Lily Jirovec	4	5 Leeda Wood	6 Cyrina Dees -Crystal Wallace	7
-Puppet show during worship 8 -No bells Session receives new members @ 9:30am -Albert Brown -Dee Taylor	9 -Connie Hoffman -Robert Petit	10 Staff @ 9:00am 6:00pm MSP	11 No choir Master plan meeting @ 6:30p 7:00p Bell Practice -Don Becker -Dwayne Pecks	12	13 MOSD in San Antonio -Cassandra Nelson	14
15 Bells play	16	17 Staff @ 9:00am -Douglas Dauwalter	18 Bag and Gab @ 12:00pm John Wallace	19	20 Elder reports due! -George & Nan Konop	21 Bob & Pam Sherwood -Corbet & Cinda Spark
22 Piano recitals- 3:00pm Crystal Wallace 6:00pm Pat Hudsonpillar -Ordain & install elders -Bailey Cain	23 Session 6:30pm w/new elders -Sheila Heintz -Susan Shaw -Charlene Willis	24 Staff @ 9:00am Agape Graduation @ 7:00pm Jim & Marilyn Schrader	25 2:00p Brookridge Last day of choir Cliff & Virginia Baker Barbara Holloway Mike & Deb Horn	26 Bill & Vaada Ellisor	27 Vaada Ellisor	28 Alice Reszczenski
29 Last Sunday school -Food Pantry -Katherine Pena	30 Jerry & Dee Taylor	31 Staff @ 9:00am				

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