



First Presbyterian Church, Mission

Where God's love makes all the difference!

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

JOIN A COMMITTEE!

YOUR Session members are forming committees at this time – and we need help! If you are interested in the finances of the church, maintenance, congregational care, Christian Education, fellowship, or planning (to name just a few), contact an FPC Elder or Pastor Dave. As Philippians 2: 3-4 says, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

Volunteer today!

**ONE PERSON
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE,
AND EVERYONE
SHOULD TRY**

-JOHN F. KENNEDY-



How time flies as summer has come to an end. We have enjoyed meeting in the Fellowship Hall and getting the opportunity to get to know each other better. Coming up on

October 9, we plan to have a potluck lunch after worship. Please bring your favorite dish and your appetite!

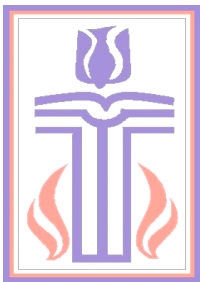


WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**9:30am
Sunday School

10:30am
Worship**

This is a great opportunity to share your stories of your summer with others. We will also be privileged to view the artistic talents of our members Keith and Gloria Dietrich. Keith will display his photographs and Gloria her paintings.



ELDERS & COMMITTEES



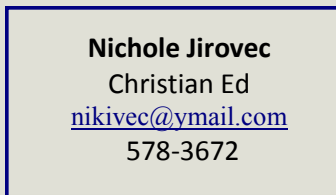
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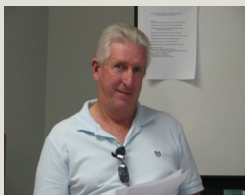
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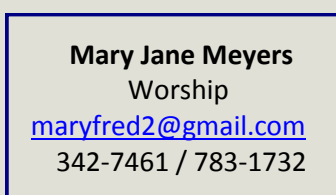
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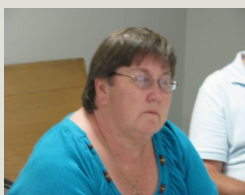
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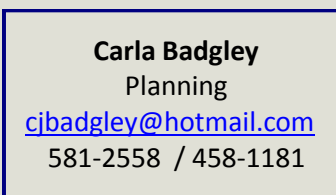
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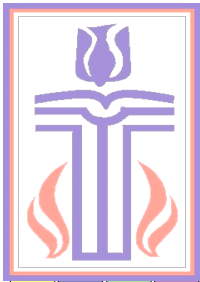


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**A WORD
FROM
PASTOR
DAVE +**

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

The "Fall..." Adult Education emphasis this year will be on "Discipleship" and we will be using Ray Vander Laan's, "In the Dust of the Rabbi". The Great Commission found in Matthew tells us that we are to *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

But, do we understand "disciple" today the same way as when Jesus used the word disciple... The sense we have today is that if you are a Christian-who believes in Jesus well then, you are a disciple of Jesus. The Hebrew word for disciple is *"Talmid"* and for a Talmid, there was an overriding passion to spend time studying God's Word and even more so- "to be like the rabbi..."

Did you know that it was the students who would decide which rabbi they wanted to be like and then ask the rabbi if they could be one of his Talmidim... and if he made the "cut"- measuring up to the rabbi's standards, the rabbi would take him on as a student for a number of years until the rabbi felt he should now go and make his own disciples.

Now because Jesus called his own disciples, he is making the radical claim that: "I believe that you can be like me!" This means for us then, that we can leave Jesus presence saying "I won't be your disciple" but we can never say that we "can't be his disciple" because he is the one calling us...It is his call which qualifies us, not our qualifications that make us disciples.

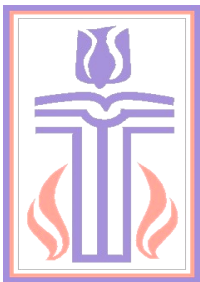
If the Savior claims that you can be like him, no matter where else we have fallen short in life- hits home with you, then "Come" join us in Fellowship Hall, Sundays @ 9:30am, so that we can be like our Savior Jesus...

**God does not call
the qualified**

He qualifies the called



**Blessings to all,
Pastor Dave +**



From the Director of Music/Worship:
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



I can honestly say that this is a true statement!! **EVERYONE** is welcome to participate in the Music Department at FPC Mission.



The **Chancel Choir** is a particularly rewarding ensemble to be a part of because it is such a special part of our worship each week. Now, I know that the **Chancel Choir** has developed an aura rivaling that of the angel choirs . . . but don't let that scare you away!

- The choir is filled with wonderful people who gather to give praise & glory to God through music.
- Most are not professionally trained.
- Some cannot read music.
- We don't spend hours working on vocal techniques.
- We do spend several rehearsals preparing each anthem before its presentation.
- Friendship & Fellowship abound!

If you have a love for music and would like to spend your Wednesday evening with a wonderful group of people, **JOIN THE CHOIR!!** We would love to see you!

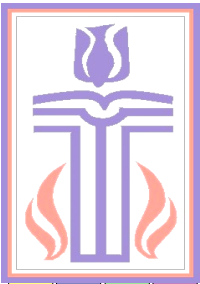
Pat Hudsonpillar

Arts & Crafts Fellowship

The Thursday evening paper crafting classes are off to a great start. Come and join us and learn about making scrapbooks and greeting cards. Each week I will present a new type of project. We meet in the kitchen at 6:30 PM each Thursday. There will be a \$3.00 charge to help defray the air conditioning expense. Come and join in!



For more information call Judy Alexander @ 580-0712



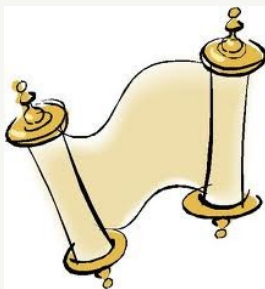
CLERK'S CORNER:

The Planning Committee has been working on a history project for the last several years in our church.

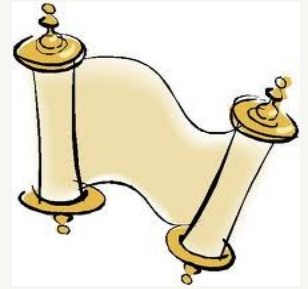
The following narrative represents Part I. of the compiled history of our church. Stay tuned for more chapters in our history. There will be a quiz at the conclusion of the story :)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MISSION, TEXAS

I. CONTEXT

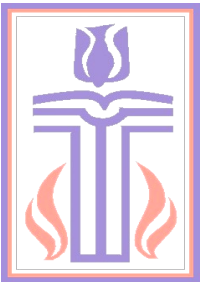


**Oh, to seize and mould the day,
As into eternity it speeds the way,
Bearing the finger-prints that are mine,
Passing beyond the realm of time,
Out where the Record is fixed for aye,
Oh, to Seize and Mould the Day.¹**



Mission, the town named in 1908 after the old La Lomita Mission five miles south, while not the largest city in the county or even the county seat, does have the distinction of being the oldest (1910) incorporated city in the western part of Hidalgo County². According to visionary land developers John Conway and J.J. Hoit, Mission offered promising opportunities to settlers coming from other parts of the country; Conway described Mission as “The Garden of the Valley.”³

To Samuel McPheeters Glasgow, pioneer young Presbyterian Home Missionary, came the challenge to “seize and mould the day” when he was assigned to the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Its development in the first decade of the twentieth century brought a great tide of population to clear land, establish towns and in them schools and churches. In a small book published later, Dr. Glasgow recalled the rare experience that was his to preach the first sermon ever preached in the small town of Mission on June 27, 1909, when he also organized the first Sunday School in a building just completed and destined to become a pool hall.⁴ This Sunday School was attended by many denominations, and from Glasgow’s first effort grew many of Mission’s present-day churches.⁵



Well, on September 11, Pastor Dave was dedicating the new playground equipment which has been placed in the grassy area in front of the Fellowship Hall! Generous donations have

provided some long-awaited entertainment for toddlers and older children alike. Benches have also been placed along the breezeway for anyone wanting to watch all of the activity. A beautiful wrought iron fence completes the area providing safety for the children and a pretty classy look for the church! Many thanks to all of the generous people whose gifts of time and talent made all of this happen.



KNIT FOR KIDS

The Chancel Choir has long sponsored a **KNIT FOR KIDS** sweater project . . . in fact, with the help of many volunteers from the congregation, we are approaching the **350** mark of sweaters sent to this worthwhile project! It may not seem like a big number to some people, but to us, it is **HUGE!!!**

Every sweater is knitted or crocheted according to a pattern supplied by *GUIDEPOST MAGAZINE*. The sweaters are then sent to the World Vision organization where they are distributed to children around the world. Our efforts are helping to warm the body and souls of needy children everywhere! If you would like to participate, please contact **MARY JANE MEYERS** at (956) 783-1732 or find her in the choir room on Sunday mornings.

**Share your snapshots of FPC
Fellowship, Service, & FUN
for future newsletter
editions!**



Have some info for the next newsletter??

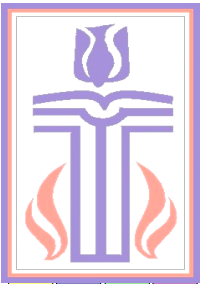
Got a story about why you love FPC?

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@fpcmision.com





Worship Committee Meeting . . .

The Worship Committee met at noon on the 13th of September in the church kitchen. We enjoyed getting acquainted with each other. Members present were: Terry and Robin Premus, Bob and Pam Sherwood, Geneva Elbers, Pat Hudsonpillar, David Dierksen and Mary Jane Meyers. As we had our lunch together, we discussed various aspects of our worship services in general and a few items more specifically:

New choir music folders - ours are falling apart.

Ordering new pens for the pews.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Morning services

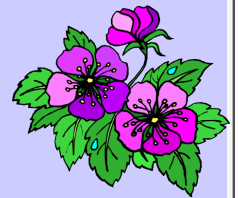
Decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas, November 21 - JOIN US!

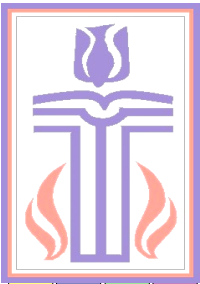
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th at noon in the kitchen. If you have something you think we should discuss at our meeting, mention it to one of the members of this committee.



Sarah's Garden Gab...

Sarah is so excited that the garden is colorful again. She is chasing lizards around the garden keeping them off the walks. Sue went in and trimmed off the dead leaves from the heat and tried not to trim back so far that there isn't color left. We had a surprise visitor in the garden a couple a weeks ago. This humongous toad was clinging to the foot of the cross. I was called into the church to catch a bird that was out of place. I promptly caught and took back out to the garden where we let it go. The answer to what is different in the garden since no one guessed is: all the statues have been painted and fixed up.... Take a gander; I think they are something to bark about!





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A BIG thanks to everyone that helped out in making the back-to-school breakfast and playground dedication such a great start of the school year! It was nice to see all of the little faces back in school, and some new ones too! Wednesday, September 14th was our first toddler "Pray and Play Class" and the kids had a blast!



A few things to look forward to this month include A CPR training class on October 8th at 9a.m, the cost of training is \$20 a person and is open to anyone wanting to attend. Family Night Out will be held at Donna's Corn Maze on October 21st. The Christian Education Committee meeting is held the 1st Sunday of the month--stop by and give us your ideas! For more information, or to sign up for the CPR class, contact Nichole Jirovec - 578-3672 or nikivec@ymail.com



AND NOW...A FEW WORDS FROM THE FPC BUILDING!

Ahhh, all dusted up from head to toe and ready to receive the people back into the sanctuary. I am so happy that so many people came out to eat breakfast, drink coffee and juice and gab a little, but then went to work on vacuuming and dusting. Pat even found some treasures!

Rose cleaned so hard and fast she was just a blur, not even the camera could keep up with her as she dusted offthe handle to the duster!

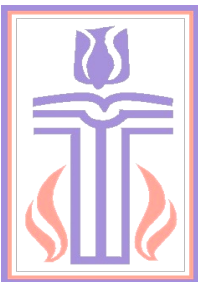
The most famous scene of them all - 3 amigos vacuuming.



About the emergency lights not working, after trying many different things, the conclusion was to bring Runge Electric in the spot light. We will be safe if lights go off now! Sue would like to thank all of you that came out to help get our sanctuary ready for service. You all did a great service.

CONGRATULATIONS to your CLERK OF SESSION, Mike Hudsonpillar, on becoming a Grandfather! Mike & Jenny were on hand to welcome their first grandchild, HARRISON MICHAEL HUNTER, born on September 18 to their daughter, Martha and her husband, Daniel Hunter.





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MISSION

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Church Activities...

Birthdays

Anniversaries

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 -5:30 PM C.E. Meeting -5:30 PM Bells of Hope -6:30 PM Bells of Faith -Jim & Cathy Pendergrass	3 -Robert Nelson	4	5 -No Pre-school Pray & Play -6:15 PM SonShine Players -7:30 PM Chancel Choir -Nadine Dierksen	6 -6:30 PM Arts and Crafts with Judy Alexander	7 -Dick & Kathy Buresh -Carl Reed	8 -9:00 AM CPR Class -Lester Cruse -DeVaughn Resczenski
9 -Potluck Lunch after service -Accept New/Associate Members -5:30 PM Bells of Hope -6:30 PM Bells of Faith	10 -Francisca Nino	11 -Beverly Robarge	12 - 6:15p Pre-school Pray & Play -6:15 PM SonShine Players -7:30 PM Chancel Choir -Gretchen Fuller	13 -7:00PM Planning -6:30 PM Arts and Crafts -Sylvan Williams	14 -Eleanor Mulder	15 -Jenny Hudsonpillar -Thomas J. Smith
16 -5:30 PM Bells of Hope -6:30 PM Bells of Faith -Craig & Susan Johnson	17	18 -Deborah Mason -Dina Trevino	19 -Newsletter Deadline! -12:00 PM Bag and Gab - 6:15p Pre-school Pray & Play -6:15 PM SonShine Players -7:30 PM Chancel Choir -Kathleen Manuel -Loraine Michelson	20 -6:30 PM Arts and Crafts with Judy Alexander -George Dyrstad	21 -Family Night @ Donna Com Maze -Sam & Arlene Benegas	22 -Shirley Nelson -Betty Halladay
23 -5:30 PM Bells of Hope -6:30 PM Bells of Faith - Gloria Dietrich -Roscoe & Betty Watkins -Charles Bell -Nancy Summers	24 -6:30 PM Session Meeting -Brandon Wallace -Lois Hammer	25 -Stan Melrose -Gerald & Joyce Harper -Paul & Dell Hausbeck	26 -2:00 PM Brook Ridge - 6:15p Pre-school Pray & Play -6:15 PM SonShine Players -7:30 PM Chancel Choir -Dottie Theunissen	27 -6:30 PM Arts and Crafts with Judy Alexander	28 -Jean Bertling -Henry Boulanger -Mary Wright Presbytery	29

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