

For most people, the compulsory abandonment of planning for the future means that they are forced back into living just for the moment, irresponsibly, frivolously, or resignedly; some few dream longingly of better times to come, and try to forget the present. We find both these courses equally impossible, and there remains for us only the very narrow way, often extremely difficult to find, of living every day as if it were our last, and yet living in faith and responsibility as though there were to be a great future: “Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land” proclaims Jeremiah (32:15), in paradoxical contrast to his prophecies of woe, just before the destruction of the holy city. It is a sign from God and a pledge of a fresh start and a great future, just when all seems black. Thinking and acting for the sake of the coming generation, but being ready to go any day without fear or anxiety—that, in practice is the spirit in which we are forced to live. It is not easy to be brave and keep that spirit alive, but it is imperative.

from *Letters and Papers
from Prison 15*
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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A message from our pastor Bill Proctor

What part of your faith is in disrepair?

Today, as I write this article, is the seventh day in a row since the central air conditioner at our home stopped working. As is so often the case, it stopped working last weekend, which means we chose to wait until Monday morning before calling for the repairman. I met him at the house early that morning, but I knew it was not going to be good news when I arrived home later that same day and there were two more technicians working on our large, outdoor unit. Finally, after dinner, they had managed to diagnose the problem. We needed a new part – not just any part, mind you – but a new part that cost more than the two cars I drove through college – combined!

Did I mention they had to order the part? It was ordered on Tuesday and arrived earlier this morning, on Friday. I was told the part is so expensive they do not keep them in stock.....

What got us through the week was the small unit that cools our tiny upstairs. If number one son remembered to keep his bedroom door open, as his mother and I constantly requested, the cool air from his room would waft down the stairs. Between that, and keeping our three ceiling fans humming, Lanee and I managed to sleep at night. Correction – I managed to sleep through the night!

The part we needed to replace is no larger than a dessert plate. From its size and appearance you would not think it was so crucial to the operation of our air conditioning. The only real indication of its importance is its price.

As I lay in bed each night and tried to ignore the heat long enough in order to fall asleep, I thought about how the failure of one little part can affect the whole. For example, everything we needed to cool our home was in place – duct-work, thermostat, power, condenser, blower, and a huge package unit sitting outside our house on a concrete slab. Yet for want of a small part nothing else would work as it was designed to do.

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**The New
Sunday
School
Year
Kicks-off
August
21!**



Someone who worked behind the scenes to ensure the Commons looked like a PandaMania forest was Merritt Ratliff. Thank you, Merritt, for all your help!



**Backpack
Blessing!**

Bring your backpack to church with you on August 21 and we will have a backpack blessing for all the school children!

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In a manner of speaking our life of faith can be affected in much the same way. We may say that we believe Jesus is the Savior – we may get ourselves to worship on Sunday morning – we may read our daily devotional – we may volunteer to teach, or serve food at the soup kitchen, or sing in the choir – but if we lack any of the following things, such as faith, trust, a thankful heart, joy, patience, humility, obedience, or love – then our belief in Jesus is not going to function properly.

To be a follower of Jesus requires that every part of what it means to be a Christian be in place. To be a disciple of Jesus and not have faith, or trust, or a thankful heart, or joy, or patience, or humility, or obedience, or love is to have a belief that is not working properly.

What part of being a follower of Jesus is not working as well as it should in your life? What part needs to be replaced or repaired?

Being a disciple of Jesus requires a living faith – a faith where all of the various parts are in place and working well. If your trust is struggling, if you are dealing with doubts, or even if your faith is broken, the person to turn to for help is Jesus. He is available to assist you morning, noon, and night – no additional weekend surcharges will be applied.

Remember the words we know so well, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16) Our faith finds life – it functions best – when it has Jesus firmly and fully in place.



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Irene Estrada
- 8/2 Dickie Fielder,
Linda Kilman
- 8/3 Cindy McCammon, Krisanna Byars,
Katherine Jost
- 8/4 Hudson Neal, Mary Erwin, Hayden Boster
- 8/5 Lydia Davis, Emily Cargile Catalani,
- 8/6 Evalie Grigg, Bryce Parsons, Che Stone
- 8/7 Alexa Byars, Charles Beattie, Hank Van Til
- 8/8 Annie Roeben
- 8/9 Cameron Hunt
- 8/10 Mary Van Kirk, Brandt Bates
- 8/11 Carolyn Bradley, Carolyn Turner, Griggs Holland
- 8/12 Crystin Darby, Amanda Walling, Creel Goodman,
Colette Mull, Brenda McManus Kissko
- 8/13 Preston Walvoord, Jansen Curry
- 8/14 Samuel Giesecke
- 8/16 Gus Eckhardt
- 8/17 Dwain Gober, Kathleen Pfluger
- 8/19 Gene Sherrod, Laura Fidelie, Trey Hohmann
- 8/20 R.T. Mackie, Grayson Collum
- 8/21 Emory Albert
- 8/22 Carter Behrens
- 8/24 James Lane
- 8/25 Georgia C. Edwards, Jason Wall,
Kim Walvoord, Mike Cornell
- 8/28 Rudy Akin, Mary June Beck,
Caroline Allison
- 8/29 Spencer Proctor, Susan Williams,
Teri McQueen
- 8/30 Ryan Pucci, Kirra Crawford



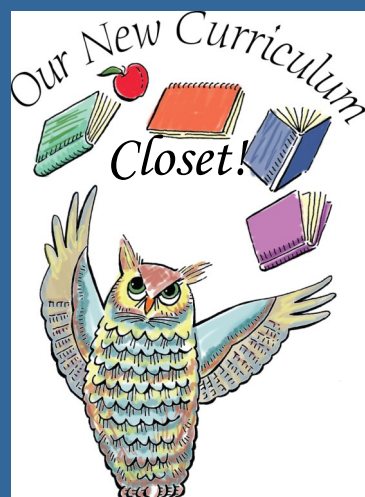
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Looking for a few more Sunday school teachers

Our new Sunday school year kicks-off on Sunday, August 21 and we need a few more teachers for our children and youth! Teachers for our pre-school class are desperately needed, one teacher is needed for the elementary class and one more for the high school class. It is a wonderful way to spread God's love and get in touch with the young people in our church family. Call Susan Gober for more information, 655-5694.



Check-out...



Thank you
*To Glenda Kunath,
 Barbara Hesse,
 Joy & Bill Morehead for
 helping organize our
 new curriculum closet
 located on the 2nd floor
 of the Education Building.
 Thank you to
 Shawn Sellers for all the
 hard work he did on this
 project too!*

Teacher training offered for ALL Sunday school teachers

On Sunday, August 14, just following the Worship service we will have a Sunday school teacher training event **FOR ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** (children's teachers through adults) to include lunch. We are especially blessed to have



Jann Treadwell leading the training session. Jann, most importantly, the mother to Brian Treadwell, mother-in-law to Ginger and grandmother to Jamie and Allie Kate, is a Certified Christian Education and in 2010 was named the Association of Presbyterian Church Educator's (APCE) Educator of the Year. Jann served in the Grace Presbytery for more than 20 years, she received her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and a Master's of Religious Education from SMU's Perkins School of Theology. Jann is married to John Treadwell, a fourth generation Presbyterian. If you are presently a Sunday school teacher, or have just come on board for the new Sunday school year we encourage your participation. Please call Susan Gober, 655-5695, to reserve your space!



Thankful Hearts

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the comforting calls, cards and prayers during this difficult time of losing my mother. We are truly blessed to have such a great church family.

With Warmest Regards,
David & Julie Quam

The Office Staff & Herman:

Thank you so much for all the help you all gave Richard and me on the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. We really do appreciate 1st Presbyterian Church and hold all of you close to our hearts.

Love in Christ,
Richard & Suzanne Dorris

Dear Church Family,

In early June after a fall, Colette Mull brought the beautiful Sanctuary flowers to me in the Shannon Hospital. These flowers had been given by Randy & Susan Brooks in honor of their grandparents—they were enjoyed by many—at Shannon then at St. Johns! I was discharged home. But before I was able to get a thank you written, a little vampire had stolen half of my blood—so back to the Shannon Hospital. Now I am back home, refueled and doing well. Hope to be back in church soon. Thanks to all again for the lovely flowers.

Love in Christ,
"Rudy" Lu Akin

Dear Friends,

A special thank you for the flowers from our First Presbyterian Church sanctuary. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and I do feel better. The doctor adjusted my pacemaker and it has made a big difference! The visit from Suzanne and Richard Dorris when they delivered the flowers was most enjoyable. What a loving family from our First Presbyterian Church. We are thankful for our minister Bill Proctor's visit and calls and for all your prayers.

God Bless,
Alice Sisco and George too!

Dear First Presbyterian Staff & Kary,

Thank you so much for the beautiful lamb bib for Sloan. It is so pretty. I really appreciate Kary coming by to meet Sloan and praying over her. She is truly a blessing from God. Sutton loves his new Cowboy Camp book and horse. It was so kind of you all to think of Big Brother, too.

We are so lucky to be members of such a loving church. Thanks again for the support and prayers.

Love,
Alicia Cole

First Presbyterian Members,

The Daily Bread Program, a non-Profit, 501C3 organization, gratefully acknowledges your most generous donation of \$325. We will use this donation to help those in need. It helps us to help those in need at the Soup Kitchen who cannot help themselves.

Thanks, for all you help and support. May God continue to shower His Blessing upon you and your loved ones. Loving and caring people such as you enable us to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Grace, peace, love and joy,
Mary E. Hankins, Director
Wesley Daily Bread Program



We rejoice with

Alicia & Sterling Cole
and Sutton and
Laura & Carter Behrens
on the birth of
Sloan Addison Cole,
born, July 13, 2011



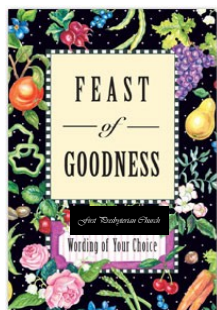


Julie & David Quam and family on the death of David's mother, Bonnie Quam, who passed away on June 29, 2011.

Maggie Francks and family on the death of Maggie's daughter, Patricia Francks, who passed away on June 30, 2011

Trish & Vic Probandt and family on the death of Trish's mother, Mary Ann Kropp, who passed away on July 21, 2011.

Peggy & Terry Sterling and family on the death of Peggy's father, Jo Ed Hill, who passed away on July 23, 2011



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Food for the month of August
Dire need for powdered milk, canned meats, green beans, boxed cereal and peanut butter
Please place your donations in the basket in the Commons.

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Sandy Whittle, Julie Quam
Evalie & Neal Grigg,

8/14
Sutton Page, Vic Probandt, Susan
& Paul Little, Sam Rawlings

8/21
Polly Brooks Harper, Randy
Brooks, Fran & Tom Early,
Sam Rawlings

8/28
Penny Roberts, Bill Morehead,
Bob Hamblen, Ken Newman,
Sam Rawlings



Flower Delivery
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Lane Allison
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Colette Mull

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