

First Presbyterian
Church

Devotion for March

*Sometimes we
are so busy
adding up our
troubles that we
forget to count
our blessings.*

I will remember the
deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember
your miracles of long
ago. I will consider all
your works
and meditate on all
your mighty deeds.

Psalm 77:11-12

In some parts of Mexico, hot springs and cold springs are found side by side. Because of this natural phenomenon, local women have the convenience of boiling their clothes in the hot springs, then rinsing them in the adjacent cold spring. While watching this procedure a number of years ago, a tourist said to her guide, "I imagine that they think old Mother Nature is pretty generous to supply such ample, clean hot and cold water here side by side for their free use."

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A message from our pastor Bill Proctor

Bills shares his prayer to the Texas Legislature

In response to a request from many of you, I am sharing the prayer I was honored to offer at the Texas House of Representatives on Wednesday, February 2. I was the invited guest "Chaplain of the Day," and even got to park right beside the Capitol building in a space with a fancy sign that reads, "Reserved Parking – House Chaplain."

Thanks to the rolling blackouts that were occurring due to the unusual cold spell as February arrived, the morning began without any power at my cousin's house, which is where I had spent the night. As I drove to the Capitol, all of the traffic lights were also out until I reached 15th Street. For someone accustomed to driving in San Angelo, driving in Austin is usually an eye-opening experience, and doubly so when one is driving during the morning rush hour without benefit of working traffic signals!

I was the guest of our State Representative, Drew Darby, and he kindly greeted me in his Capitol office. We then went to the office of my sister-in-law's State Representative from the Temple and Belton area, because she had driven down with her two children, 12 and 8, in order for them to see and hear "Uncle Billy" open the House with prayer.

As we made our way to the floor of the House I also had the joy of stopping in at the office of the Speaker of the House where Grace Huffman, daughter of Jamie and Hope, is working. Grace presented a beautiful certificate to me commemorating my turn as "Chaplain of the Day."

Drew gave me a very kind introduction to the other Representatives and the many who were seated in the public gallery, and he introduced my sister-in-law and her children as well. Following my prayer, and the opportunity to be photographed, Drew Darby then presented a beautiful Bible to me with the seal of the State of Texas embossed on the front cover, as well as my name. It is a very special token of the day and one that I will always treasure. Below is the text of the prayer I offered:

Mighty God, there are many who believe that in the current economic conditions this House does not have a prayer of balancing a budget or doing right by the people of this great state.

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The guide replied, “Well, actually, no. There is much grumbling because Mother Nature supplies no soap! And not only that, but the rumor has started to filter in that there are machines that do this work in other parts of the world.”

So often we compare our lives to others—what they have in contrast to what we don’t have and what they are that we aren’t. Such comparisons invariably leave us feeling left out, rejected, and cheated. If we aren’t careful to put the brakes on such negative emotions, we can become unnecessarily bitter. Count your blessings today! If you own one, start with...a washing machine.

God’s Little Devotional Book for Women

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Nevertheless, I join with people of faith, from every faith, who believe prayer does make a difference in the course of human events - and so in faith I pray today for all those who serve in this House, asking first that you would watch over and protect them. I pray you would give each member a full degree of wisdom and compassion as difficult decisions have to be made, which they surely will. I also pray you would give each member a sense of humility, and a deep and abiding desire to serve all the people with honor and integrity.

With your steady love encourage and uphold those in this House whose work during this session separates them from spouses and children back at home – bless each member’s family I pray. Grant each member health and energy during each day’s work, and then give restful and renewing sleep each night, even when the weight of the day’s decisions is heavy and burdensome. Bless and surround with your gracious and loving presence all those who assist these representatives in their work, from pages to staff-persons, security guards to custodians.

I offer prayer that your sustaining blessing would rest upon our President, Barak Obama, our Governor, Rick Perry, and all those who represent this state in Washington DC.

With many other people of faith I pray that you would bless the State of Texas, and our great nation, with your guidance and patient love. May every elected official serve the people with energy, imagination, and a firm devotion to the cause of freedom, for we look to you, the Ruler of every nation and every people, to guide us in all that is right and good.

Forgive us when we err. Strengthen our faith when we fall into doubt. Correct us when we are wrong. Guide us when we are lost. Love us when we are a difficult people to love, and then help us to practice forbearance towards those with whom we disagree – for we desire to be counted among those who make a difference in the lives of others for the sake of all that is just and fair. Amen.



Thank you to Johnna Page for coordinating this month’s Dinner for Eight! Dinner for Eight will take place Sunday, March 6 in

the homes of various church members. If you missed signing up this time, don’t worry—we plan to do it again in the summer!

Bill








March Birthdays!

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| 3/1 | Caroline Walvoord, Justin Bolding | 3/18 | Becky Hartman |
| 3/2 | Drew Studdt, Camille Studdt,
Londa Snider | 3/19 | Parker Beeman, Philip Allison, Beth Rion |
| 3/3 | Carolyn Mason | 3/20 | Tessa Monk, Michelle Wall |
| 3/4 | Jody Towery, Elise Kappelman,
Marsha Baxter | 3/21 | Casey Puckitt, Bill Morehead |
| 3/5 | Steve Stephens,
Alison Olson-Young | 3/22 | Lauren McCollum, Austin Patrick |
| 3/6 | Aliece Cargile | 3/23 | Catherine Walvoord |
| 3/7 | Grant Baxter | 3/24 | Leroy Olsak, Tim Lindemann |
| 3/9 | Sutton Page | 3/25 | Phoebe Hardwicke, Sharon Lane |
| 3/10 | Mitch Lane | 3/26 | Mitchell Lane, Morgan Barnett,
Chris Johnson, Riley Hill |
| 3/11 | Carl McGill, Lal Williams | 3/27 | Abigail Gober, Kevin McCoulskey |
| 3/12 | Margaret Jorgensen | 3/29 | Ray Dawson |
| 3/14 | Eva Boster | 3/31 | Beth Blanek |
| 3/15 | Dale Bates, Jean McClellan | | |
| 3/16 | Deanna Duke | | |
| 3/17 | Margay Massey | | |

Happy Birthday!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 12:00 WOW—107 5:15 Praise Team	2 6:45 MBS—210 9:00 AA 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr Hi B/S	3 10:30 WID - 107	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Ser 11:00 Youth Choir 3:30 M/S Youth 5:30 Sr Hi Youth Dinners for 8	7 9:00 AA 5:15 Youth Co - CR 12:00 CE Co - CR	8 FAT TUES. 9:00 Staff 12:00 WOW—107 5:15 Praise Team 7:00 Youth - YC for pancakes	9 ASH WED. 9:00 AA 5:15 Confirm.—YC NO Diaconate Meet NO Youth	10	11	12
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20 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Ser 11:00 Youth Choir NO Sr Hi Youth First day of Spring!	21 9:00 AA 5:15 Steward Co -CR	22 9:00 Staff 12:00 WOW—107 5:15 Session—210 P. Team to follow	23 6:45 MBS—210 9:00 AA 5:15 Confirm.—YC 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr Hi B/S	24	25	26
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Save the Date!



The METS are going to Fredericksburg!

Who are the METS? Any adult who would like to MEET, EAT, TRAVEL & SERVE in fellowship with other FPC members & friends.

Our debut event: A day-trip to the Texas Hill Country! Join us on April 14 as we hope to delight our visual senses with beautiful Texas wildflowers.

Additionally, we will visit Fredericksburg for lunch at the Peach Tree Tea Room and shopping. This should not cost you more than \$20—that would cover the cost of your lunch and transportation expenses. We will travel in the church vans! Join Susan & Kary for this fun springtime fellowship event! Call Susan for more information, 655-5694.

Thankful Hearts

Dear Church Family,

How blessed we are to be in your company. Your prayers have meant so much to us over the past two months when Fred has had three surgeries. The card from the Deacons brought warm smiles to our faces. And what a joyous surprise when Georgia and Sam Edwards delivered the beautiful flowers on January 23rd. We sincerely thank you for your love and friendship and for sharing your faith with us.

Annie & Fred Roeben

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the wonderful purple flowers that Mary Louise Strain sent to the church. Susan Little and mother, Dorothy Schuch, delivered the flowers along with homemade vegetable soup. The cold weather has kept me inside and I have enjoyed both very much—eating hot soup and beautiful flowers to see on the table.

Love in Christ to all,
“Rudy” Lu W. Akin

Dear FPC,

I want to express my appreciation for receiving the flowers Sunday. They served to cheer me up after being iced in for three days with no running water. It was nice to be thought of. Thanks to Susan & Robert Pfluger for donating them and to Mr. and Mrs. Brad Holland for the delivery.

Sincerely,
Margaret Jorgensen

Dear FPC,

Thank you so much for the Valentine’s Day box of candy! It always makes me feel loved and it is nice to get love from home while I am here in Austin. Thank you again and God bless!

Love,
Karen Early

Member News and Notes

Congratulations to:

Katherine Kappelmann for being selected as the second chair harpist for the Texas All-State Orchestra, which recently performed at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio as part of the 2011 Texas Music Teachers Association Clinic/Convention. This is Katherine’s second time to perform as a member of TMEA All-State Orchestra. She also performed as first-chair harpist with the All-Region Orchestra in Odessa on January 22. The daughter of Dr. Doug & Yvonne Kappelmann, Katherine is an 11th-grade home school student and has played in worship on several occasions.

Abby Gober for placing second in the Creative Arts Division of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Youth Photography, grades 5th-8th. Abby entered the Plant Category and hers was a photo of a flower blooming in January. Abby, daughter of Susan & Dwain Gober, is a 7th grader at Glenn Middle School.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS 2011



PandaMania, *Where God is Wild about You!* That's this year's theme for Vacation Bible School 2011. The "pandamania" will begin Sunday evening, June 5 with a family get together at the Lake Lodge and then continue Monday, June 6 through

Thursday, June 9 at the main church campus from 9:00 a.m. till noon each morning.

We need volunteers to help make this the most awesome VBS ever! Youth volunteers are needed to be Crew Leaders and to assist Station Leaders. Louellen and Bill are already on board for the music station! Janet Phillips has signed on to lead Wild Bible Adventures, all we need now is you! Leaders for the following stations are needed: Bamboo Blast Games, Chadder's Movie Mania, Crazy Crafts & Missions and Treetop Treats. Additionally, it would be such a blessing if someone would avail themselves to coordinate VBS for our pre-school age children. Pray about your participation and then if you feel called to become a part of something fun, energizing and all about bringing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ to children of our community, then please call Susan Gober at church, 655-5694, for more information.



SAVE THE DATE!
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SUMMER ARTS CONSERVATORY 2011

A New Spin • June 13 ~ 17

This year we're celebrating
TEXTILE ARTS and more ... For ALL Ages: Children - Adults

Art: Felting & Weaving, Painting on Fabrics ...
 Dance: Contemporary Dance, Creative Movement, Pilates ...
 Drama: Filmtastic Moviemaking Magic ...
 Music: Class Voice Lessons, Song and Movement, Songwriting Workshop ...

See April edition for details

Summer Arts!
 Save the date!



To...

Nancy & John Cargile,
Carolyn Cargile and family on the death of John Cargile who passed away, February 5, 2011

Leslie & Lorenzo Lasater and family on the loss of Leslie's father, Charles H. Fry, who passed away on February 5, 2011

Lester Smith and his daughters Leslie and Windy Smith on the death of Nancy Smith, who passed away on February 10, 2011

Ellen & Stephen Brown and family on the death of Ellen's sister, Susan Stahl, who passed away on, February 14, 2011

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.



Food for the month of March

Canned meats, canned beans, and rice

Please place your donations in the basket in the Commons.



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USHERS

10:30 a.m. Service
3/6

Gabriela Spraggins, Julie Cecil, Renee & Rod Winn, Sam Rawlings

3/13

Diane & Scott Montgomerie, Fran & Tom Early, Sam Rawlings

3/20

Sandy Whittle, Julie Quam, Bob Hamblen, Carol Dotson, Sam Rawlings

3/27

Susan & Paul Little, Ginger Heare, Glenda Kunath, Sam Rawlings



March Flower Delivery!

3/6

Londa Snider, Barbara Rogers

3/13

Evalie Grigg, Bruce Gibson

3/20

Brad Holland, Georgia C. Edwards

3/27

Ken Newman, Mike McCammon