

**What We Really
Want to Know**

Here is what we want to know. We want to know how long God's love will endure...Not just on Easter Sunday when our shoes are shined and our hair is fixed. We want to know (deep within, don't we really want to know?), how does God feel about me when I'm a jerk? Not when I'm peppy and positive and ready to tackle world hunger. Not then. I know how he feels about me then. Even I like me then.

I want to know how he feels about me when I snap at anything that moves, when my thoughts are gutter-level, when my tongue is sharp enough to slice a rock. How does he feel about me then?...That's what we want to know...Untethered by time, he sees us all. From the backwoods of Virginia to the business district of London. Vagabonds and ragamuffins all, he saw us before we were born.

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THE LAMB'S KIN

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May 2011

A message from our pastor Bill Proctor

Resurrection Sunday brings return to our beautiful Sanctuary

We are back! The Sanctuary was open for worship on Easter Sunday and we experienced a joyous return. Both worship hours were very full, and the choir loft was completely full at the 11:00 a.m. hour. The music at both services was glorious.

Those of you who were able to be in worship on Sunday may not have noticed all of the subtle changes that have been wrought, but they are worth mentioning now that the Sanctuary is once again open for business. Along with all of the structural repairs that had to be made:

1. Our sound system is now housed in a new cabinet, and there is also a new digital system for those with hearing impairments. The devices for those who need assistance with hearing are available each Sunday morning.
2. The stained-glass window on the College Avenue side of the upper balcony has had the symbol of Omega replaced by a newly-crafted Alpha. The letter "Alpha" is the first letter in the Greek alphabet, hence the word "alphabet" in English, and "Omega" is the last word in the Greek alphabet, which makes it the equivalent of our letter "Z." In the New Testament, Jesus is often referred to as the "Alpha and the Omega," i.e., the "Beginning and the End," so instead of having two windows that featured an Omega, a mistake that took place many years ago when the windows were installed, we now have an Alpha facing the Omega.
3. Because small arches had to be crafted behind each decorative column in the Sanctuary in order to hide our tiny new "flying buttresses," new lights also had to be installed in the side aisles. They do a wonderful job of casting light in an area that was formerly very dark.
4. The new fire sprinkler system is also in place and ready to do its job of extinguishing a fire should the Sanctuary ever be hit by a lighting strike or be the target of arson. If you look carefully you may be able to see the small metal covers that dot the ceiling of the Sanctuary, covers that hide the sprinkler heads until they are activated by the heat a fire would create.
5. The front doors have been painted – again – because the summer sun bakes them so greatly each year. The year the Sanctuary was built, "1907" and the name "First Presbyterian," both of which appear in the

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And he loves what he sees. Flooded by emotion. Overcome by pride, the Starmaker turns to us, one by one, and says, “You are my child, I love you dearly. I’m aware that someday you will turn from me and walk away. But I want you to know, I’ve already provided you a way back.”

Max Lucado
In the Grip of Grace



I HAVE LOVED
YOU WITH AN
EVERLASTING

Love...

JEREMIAH 31:3

stone work above the main Sanctuary doors, have also been repainted. The old paint had nearly worn completely away due to the heat of the sun and our ever-present wind.

6. The lovely old fireplace and mantel that once warmed the first “Pastor’s Study,” which is now the location of our elevator, has been moved into the former “Owen Classroom.” That room, which was very old and worn-looking, has been remodeled with a new ceiling, lighting – and the fireplace – which now features bookshelves on either side. An old section of stained glass, behind which a wall had been built during the construction of the Commons several years ago, has also been removed and will replace a window that currently has plastic panels filling a space that once housed an air conditioning window unit. This room can now be used by families prior to a funeral or memorial service, as well as by a groom and his groomsmen prior to a wedding service.

7. Unless you happened to walk through the church courtyard on Easter Sunday, where the children of the church had their Easter egg hunt, you have probably not yet seen the beautiful sculpture in copper of doves and an olive branch. Placement of this sculpture on the outside wall of the Sanctuary was delayed due to the reconstruction. The doves represent peace, as well as the Holy Spirit, and the dove and olive branch represents the new life found by Noah following the great flood. (Genesis 8:1-12)

8. Last, but not least, the Sanctuary has been cleaned and shined almost like never before. The ceiling, balcony fronts, doors, and all of the other woodwork has been cleaned and polished with lemon oil. I am told that the dust in some of the upper reaches of the Sanctuary was nearly an eighth of an inch thick, so places that have not been tended to in many, many, years have now been cleaned and polished.

Once more I want to extend a big word of thanks to Richard Crisp, Chair of the Property Committee, Shawn Sellers, our head of Maintenance, and to so many others too numerous to mention, for the gift of their time and talent. Additionally, I would like to add a special word of thanks to those who painstakingly restored the chipped plaster, and then repainted the tops of the decorative columns, at no cost to the church.

Finally, I remind you that beginning this Sunday, May 1, and then on the following two Sundays, May 8 and May 15, you will be given the opportunity to express your opinion on whether or not the Session should direct us to return to our former two-service each Sunday format, we adopted when we made the move to the Wood Fellowship Hall. The ballots will be available in the Church Commons on those three Sundays. Plan to come and make your opinion known.





**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

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| 5/2 | Bryant Williams | 5/20 | Pat Attebery, Kyle Stinnett |
| 5/3 | Doris Goodson,
Madison Massey | 5/21 | Ralph Hodges, Carolyn Cargile, William Jost |
| 5/5 | Annalisa Day,
Johnna Page | 5/22 | Tom Granaghan, Gerry Palmer |
| 5/6 | Sam Hooks | 5/24 | Garrett Walling |
| 5/7 | Cynthia White | 5/26 | Susan Toliver |
| 5/8 | Dean Hunt, Nikkii Key | 5/27 | Katherine Kappelmann, Richard Duerksen,
Clay Palmer |
| 5/10 | Karen Early, Allyn Byars, Jan Coffey | 5/29 | Anna Sterling |
| 5/11 | Tony Hiebert | 5/30 | Glee Montgomery |
| 5/12 | Meredith Cecil | 5/31 | Alice Sisco, Lorenzo Lasater, Taylor Choate |
| 5/13 | Ross Baxter | | |
| 5/14 | Rick Stinnett, Luke Uherik | | |
| 5/16 | Maryana Symes, Debra Scott | | |
| 5/17 | Jamie Barker, Clay Gibson | | |
| 5/18 | Bradley Heare, Mary Jo Thomson | | |
| 5/19 | Zach Stinnett, Julia Boster | | |

*Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of
wisdom.
Psalm 90:12*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 YOUTH SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Serv NO YOUTH	2 9:00 AA	3 9:00 Staff	4 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr Hi B/S	5 10:30 WID - 107	6	7
8 QUILT SHOW 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Serv NO YOUTH	9 9:00 AA 10:00 Angel Food	10	11 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 5:15 p.m. Deacons 107 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr Hi B/S	12	13	14
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22 FIBER ART DISPLAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Combined Serv Youth Fellowship Dinners for 8	23 9:00 AA Soup Kitchen	24	25 6:45 MBS - 210 9:00 AA 7:00 Chancel Choir Sr Hi B/S	26	27	28 GRADUATION 
29	30 OFFICE CLOSED NO AA 	31 9:00 Staff				



*The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!
~Henry Ward Beecher*

Thankful Hearts

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers of April 10 that were sent in memory of Bobby Bunyard—red roses, pink glads and pink stock.

Thank you to Lane Allison for the delivery and visit.

Thank you, Maxine for bringing back the memories of the fun times we shared on the golf course when we were neighbors.

Needless to say this past week I have enjoyed the flowers and the memories in spite of the raging wildfires. I pray for the families involved as well as the volunteer firemen and know that all you were also.

My prayers for you,
“Rudy” Lu Akin

Dear Church Family,

A big thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers and food while I was ill.

The loving care of this congregation is indeed a motivating force in getting back with you.

Fondly,
Judy McManus

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for the gorgeous purple flower arrangement delivered to me March 27. I had just listened and enjoyed the

Sunday sermon on the radio. So sorry, I missed the person that made the delivery, and I do thank them for their thoughtfulness.

Thanks again,
Anne Stokes

Dear Church Family,

Thanks for your support during my recent surgery. Your love, care and prayers were very important to me, to Janet and to our daughter DeAnn Gunn. We particularly want to thank Bill, Kary and Mike, and all of you who visited, tried to visit, called and sent notes or cards.

I also want to thank my neurosurgeon Luis Duarte and my anesthesiologist Bob Hamblen, My surgery was such a specialty type that the anesthetic was very critical. We certainly were glad Bob made it back to San Angelo in time for the surgery.

I also want to say that the Christian support given by Bill and Kary and accented by both doctors made the three of us know that God was watching and helping.

Yours in Christ,
Warner Phillips



Please welcome the following new members to the FPC family...

Jeff and Cari Curry – Jeff is a real estate investor, and he and Cari are proud parents of – Cameron, an 8th grader, Avery, a 6th grader and Jansen, a 4th grader. Cari enjoys creating beautiful jewelry which you will see her wearing on many occasions.

Allyson Felps – from Anaheim, CA – home of Disneyland, teaches sixth-grade math at Lee Middle School.

Dr. Ronnie and Karen Hooker – Ronnie is a veterinarian known to many of you with pets here in San Angelo, and comes to us as an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. Karen tutors students 3-days a week at Goliad Elementary, and they are parents to Sara Hooker – one of our youth directors, and twins Chris & Katie – she too comes to us as an Elder and former Clerk of Session. Son, Chris Hooker is a senior at Wall and a fine football player and currently in track. Katie is also a senior at Wall and she is a fine artist, scholar, and has been a cheerleader this year.

Joe and Mona Lara – Joe works for the city, and Mona works for MHMR as a social worker. Mono also trained for ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary. They are parents of two sons and a daughter: Joe Mikel, 20, Matthew, 18 a graduating Senior, and Mykaela, who is a Junior at Central High School and plays baseball. Joe and Mona are also foster parents to little Ceddrick.

Bridget Scott – Bridget is married to Cody, who is a professor at ASU. Bridget works at Palmer Feed so she is well-known to many of the ranchers at 1st Presbyterian. She and Cody are proud parents to little Kaylee Jo, who was baptized on Easter Sunday and attends our Angel Academy.

Hank Van Til – Hank is a software programmer who moved to San Angelo all the way from Ontario, Canada, which is his home. Be sure to get him to say the word “about” so you can hear his great Canadian accent!

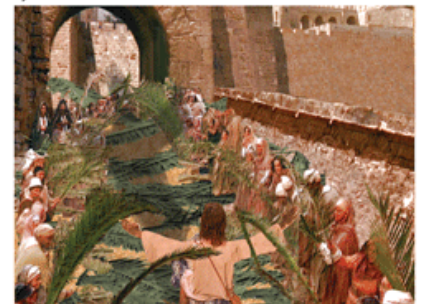
A thank you to an unknown benefactor...

Coming from the Commons into the Woods Fellowship Hall for worship service on Palm Sunday, I observed a most beautiful painting on display. It depicted **Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem** for the first and most Holy week. It is an amazing picture of this important event in the life of His people, the church. Gazing upon it moved my spirit, increased my joy, and lifted me with hope. So let me say, “Thank you!” to the unknown benefactor of this gift to our church, on behalf of all the members of FPC, the pastors, the Session and the Board of Deacons.

Carolyn Bradley

The picture was left outside the door leading into the Education Building from the Courtyard. A note attached said the gift was a small token of thanks for all the church does.

The crowds ... shouted,

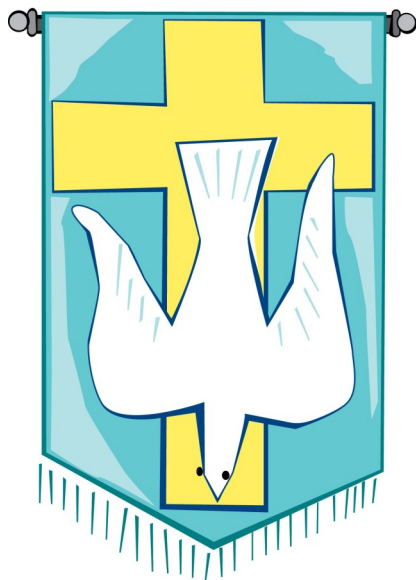


“Hosanna to
the Son of David!”

Matthew 21:9

Meet the FPC Confirmation Class of 2011

Confirmation Class



Brandt Bates, an 8th grader at Cornerstone Christian School, Brandt is the son of Liz & Devin Bates and the grandson of Pollyanna & Steve Stephens. Brandt is on the tennis and cross country teams at his school. He enjoys playing the drums, guitar, piano and viola. He's on the Dean's List and has recently become an Eagle Scout.

Lauren Brooks, an 8th grader at Cornerstone Christian School, Lauren is the daughter of Susan & Randy Brooks and the granddaughter of Pollyanna & Steve Stephens. Lauren is on the tennis, track, volleyball and basketball teams at Cornerstone. She enjoys being outdoors and spending time with the family dogs.

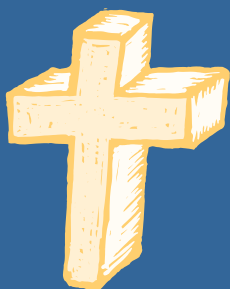
Sarah Grafa, an 8th grader at Lee Middle School, is the daughter of Libby and Dennis Grafa. Sarah plays volleyball for LMS and attends Miss Debbie's School of Dance. She's been dancing with Miss Debbie since she was three! Sarah enjoys playing the piano and going to the ranch with her father and riding four-wheelers. She has a cat named Daisy.

David Kappelman, is a home-schooled 8th grader and is the son of Yvonne & Doug Kappelman. David enjoys spending time outdoors, playing golf, basketball, jumping BMX bikes, and lifting weights. He has qualified for the county Spelling Bee and makes straight A's in school.

Christopher Lauer, an 8th grader at Lee Middle School, is the son of Anne & Carson Lauer. Christopher is an excellent student and enjoys playing football, many other sports, hanging out with friends and being outdoors.



Commit your
way to the
LORD;
trust in him
and he will
do this:
He will make
your righteous
reward shine
like the dawn,
your vindication
like the
noonday sun.
Psalm 37:5-6



SUMMER ARTS CONSERVATORY 2011—A New Spin—June 13-17



REGISTRATION NOW IN PROGRESS

Music – Art – Drama – Dance for ALL Ages: Sign up your children, grandchildren, and yourself.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE • REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 31

Late registration runs June 1–12. Late fee of \$10 per course will be added after May 31.

For more information, please call or email the church office. 655-5694 or choffice@gte.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in helping, please contact Janet Phillips. 949-4350 or janetbphillips@suddenlink.net

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SUMMER ARTS KICK-OFF PARTY!

Church-wide event – Everyone Invited! Home of Richard & Donna Crisp

Sunday, June 12, 2011 @ 7:00 pm

LIVE LUNCHES

A catered lunch will be served each day of the conservatory. 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

\$5 Senior Citizens/Children \$7 Adults Music Entertainment will be 11:45 AM– 1:00PM

Reservations should be made in advance through the church office, or tickets may be purchased in advance prior to worship on Sundays May 8, 15, 22 or June 12.

For more information on entertainment, contact Dave Stinnett.

For ticket sales, contact Cindy McCammon.

THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

A Fiber Art Exhibit

FPC Commons Area

Sundays, May 8, 15, & 22

In celebration of the Summer Arts Conservatory, FPC is hosting its own Fiber Arts Exhibit in the Commons Area before and just after worship on Sundays, May 8, 15, and 22. For more information on the quilt show, May 8 and 15, contact Ann Barker; for Stitchery, May 22, contact Margaret Mallard.

2011 SUMMER ARTS FINALE RECEPTION

Art show and performance of 2011 Conservatory Participants
Friday, June 17, 2011
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Don't forget to sign-up for VBS!

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. All children age 3 through entering 5th grade are encouraged to attend. We are still needing volunteers to lead crafts and Chadder's Theatre. If you have 3 hours to spare each morning June 6-9, please consider helping with this endeavor. Call Susan Gober for more information, 655-5694. Or, register on –line: www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/

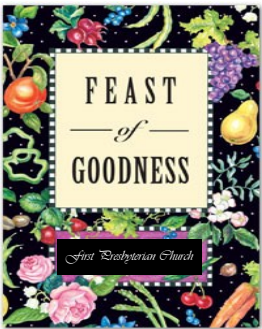


Attention

If you have a college-age graduating son, daughter or grandchild, please let us know and we will honor their graduation in the June issue of the *Lamb's Kin*!

Dinner for Eight

Our next Dinner for Eight event is set for Sunday, May 22. Look for sign-up sheets between the Commons and the Wood Fellowship Hall.



There are still copies of the church cookbook, *Feast of Goodness*, that was published in late 2009. The price has been

reduced from \$20 to \$12. They make lovely gifts!

This month's featured recipe is Cindy McCammon's

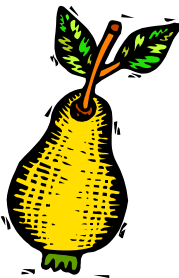
Loaded Pears

found on page 91.

Becky Swiderski and her son Christopher made the dish for

Easter and Becky said, "It was a taste-bud extravaganza!"

Get your copy today from the Church Office!



Food for the month of
May

Peanut Butter, crackers, any kind of canned meat, especially Vienna Sausages and Spam. We were told the shelves are bare, so really anything would be appreciated.

Please place your donations in the basket in the Commons.



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USHERS

5/1 Youth Sunday

Jean & Jim Johnson

Jessie & Jerry Lee

Sam Rawlings

5/8 Mother's Day

Renee & Rod Winn

Susan & Bub Williams

Sam Rawlings

5/15

Gabriela Spraggins, Julie Cecil,

Diane & Scott Montgomerie

Sam Rawlings

5/22

Carolyn & Troy Bradley

Ginger Heare, Devin Bates,

Sam Rawlings

5/29

Patt & Earl Warren

Carol Dotson, Dennis Grafa

Sam Rawlings



Flower Delivery

5/1

Susan Little, Julie Quam

5/8

Suzanne & Richard Dorris

Londa Snider

5/15

Barbara Rogers, Evalie Grigg

5/22

Bruce Gibson, Brad Holland

5/29

Georgia Edwards

Ken Newman