



First Presbyterian Church

July, 2014

Bringing people to the celebration of Christ

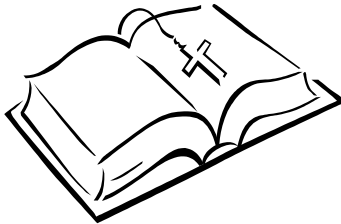
Gospel Lessons for July

7/6 Romans 7:15-25a

7/13 Romans 8:1-11

7/20 Romans 8:12-25

7/27 Romans 8:26-2



Open House & Building Dedication Sunday, July 13, 3-5 pm



Come see our newly remodeled building and enjoy refreshments and good fellowship.

A brief blessing ceremony is planned in the Sanctuary at 4 pm.

All are welcome!



Pastor's Message

"For I am completely convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." ~ Romans 8: 38-39

Friends, as we continue to venture through Paul's letter to the Romans, we have been encountering some pretty heavy topics. Paul is not much of a beach read author. He doesn't shy away from calling out the challenges we face daily. He speaks at length about how we struggle with sin, and he points out the consequences of said sin. We might react to all of this sin-awareness with shame. But I have a feeling Oprah and her BFF Brené Brown would not approve of this response.

I don't think Paul's intention is to make us feel ashamed of our sinful nature, because in one sentence he calls out our sin, and in the next he points to God's grace. Paul reminds us that God's grace is so huge, and our response to that grace ought not to be shame, but obedience. As we experience God's love and grace, our hearts are stirred to try harder next time. Make better decisions. Have grace for ourselves and each other.

After all, I am convinced that neither sleeping in late, nor staying up too late, nor Facebook notifications, nor smartphone apps, nor packed calendars, nor missed appointments, nor school exams, nor traffic jams, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Becca

Calendar of Events

Worship Service is now back in the Sanctuary. Coffee Hour has resumed in the Fellowship Hall, followed by our "Roman Holiday" Sunday School.

- 7/1** Volunteer Day at Food Bank, 8:30 am-1 pm
- 7/4** Independence Day
- 7/6** Worship at 9 am
Sunday School at 10:30 am – "Baptism"
- 7/12** Church Clean up Day
- 7/13** Worship at 9 am
Sunday School at 10:30 am – "Communion"
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Sunday School at 10:30 am –
Weddings/Marriage



Birthdays/Anniversaries

- 7/4** Marianna Brown
- 7/28** Beth & Carrol Flynn
- 7/29** Kennedie Scott
- 7/31** Charlotte Fornoy

Liturgy/Church Host Schedule

Our thanks to **Fred Buchholtz** for serving as liturgist during July.

Session

Session will not meet during July.

Mission Presbytery will meet **October 24-25** at First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio. Please let **Beth Flynn** know if you are interested in attending a Presbytery meeting.

Church Clean Up Day

To help get the church ready for the upcoming open house, a clean up day has been scheduled on Saturday, July 12.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women concluded the program year in June with a special luncheon and presentation by Sherry Hardwick of New Braunfels, who was a participant in **"Unto These Hills,"** the 2013 Mission Experience in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. Sixteen guests enjoyed the event, including visitors from area churches. Donated supplies and a collection of \$81 will be presented to the local Women's Shelter. Pictured below are Jean Ollum, coordinator for the Farmland Cluster, speaker Sherry Hardwick, and Judy Harris, newly elected coordinator of Mission Presbytery PW.

The annual Farmland Cluster meeting is scheduled **Saturday, August 9**, in Smithville.



Mission and Outreach

Community Vacation Bible School will be held at First Methodist Church from **9 am-noon July 14-18**. Contact **Beth Flynn** or **Etta Weise** if you would like to volunteer. Sponsorships of \$10 or more are also appreciated to help local children participate.

The **Food Bank** needs donations. Suggestions for July include beans and rice, peanut butter, mac & cheese. On **Tuesday, July 1**, FPC members will serve as volunteers at the Food Bank. Please let Pastor Becca know if you are interested in helping.

Welcome

A very special welcome to our newest church member, **Billy Cole!**

Prayer List

Congregation:

Nell Brown, Elizabeth Payne, Raymond & Ernestine Harman, Bert & Mary Reid, Tom & Helen Wofford

Those facing illness:

Nancy, Sandy Villarreal's cousin
Alavara Herrera

Friends/Families of the Congregation:

Mary Ann & David Cochran
Marianna's sister, Carolyn
Susan's mother, Carolyn
Joanna's daughter-in-law, Debbie, & her friend, Joyce
Fred Buchholtz's sisters-in-law, Debbie & Mary Jane
Marge Shultz & James Manford's sister, Betsy
Mary Nelson's mother, Frances
Jimmy Manford's wife, Althea
Margie & Dick Hudson
Bill & Becky Slaughter
Jerry Kidd
Pastor Charles & Debbie Cropper
Jay's niece, Jennifer and her baby, Rebekah Lynne

The Families of:

Julie's friend, Nancy
Mary Lou Bullock
Doris Hanks
David Zamora
Imogene Frances Bowen

Contributions for June, 2014

Contributions to the Memorial Fund during the month of June include gifts made in memory of:

Bill Cardwell: Delores Cardwell

Bill Cardwell: Larry & Emma Roberson

Bill Cardwell: Shirley Bridges

Bill Cardwell: Elridge Goins

Bill Cardwell: John Kitowski

Bill Cardwell: Frank & Barbara Clark

Bill Cardwell: Sue Brener

Bill Cardwell: Dorothy Matula

Securing Our Next 100 Years Building Campaign

Tributes made in June:

In memory of:

Bill Cardwell: Madeleine Manford

Bill Cardwell: Coy & Sandy Barnett

Bill Cardwell: James Jr & Althea Manford

Bill Cardwell: Fred Weise

Bill Cardwell: Bill & Susan Rutherford

Bill Cardwell: Mary Lou McElroy

Mary Lou Bullock: Joanna Glass

In honor of:

Katie Carrasco: Bill & Susan Rutherford

Donors to the Securing Our Next 100 Years Building Campaign:

Tributes to the Building Fund have been listed in the newsletter since the beginning of the campaign earlier this year. The following is a list of church members and friends who have made or pledged individual gifts to support the renovation of our church:

Sandy Barnett

Helen Bassett

Marianna Brown

Bill Cardwell

Beth & Carrol Flynn

Joanna Glass

Pastor Ed & Sally Kuny

Reverend Rebecca & JT Longino

Reverend Lee & Mary Nelson

Charley Pritchard

Eddie Rimlinger

Larry & Emma Roberson

Bill & Susan Rutherford

Margie Shultz

Charles & Etta Weise

Fred Weise

Lindsey Weise

Tom & Helen Wofford

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