



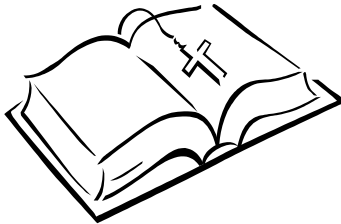
# First Presbyterian Church

August, 2014

*Bringing people to the celebration of Christ*

## Gospel Lessons for August

- 8/3** Romans 9:1-5  
**8/10** Romans 10:5-15  
**8/17** Romans 11:1-2, 29-32  
**8/24** Romans 12:1-8  
**8/31** Romans 12:9-21



## Pastor's Message

*"O give thanks to the Lord and call up on God's name. Make our Creator's deeds known among all peoples!" ~Psalm 105:1*

I have really enjoyed going on our Roman Holiday together. Thank you for bringing your thoughts to the discussions each week and asking great questions!

This fall, we'll be switching gears and I want to tell you about two new gatherings we'll be having. The first is a book discussion on *Sailboat Church*. Joan S. Gray is a Presbyterian Pastor who has drawn from her experience in the church to create this terrific book. She uses boats as a metaphor for who we are as a church. We will read one chapter per week and there are group discussion questions at the end of each chapter. Meeting time is TBD.

The other new event will be Supper and Stories, an evening of fellowship over food and hearing stories from each other. To start out we'll meet once a month, on the third Tuesday. If interest grows we may hold it more frequently. We all have stories to share about our lives and faith, so what better way to build our community than to share those stories with others?

I look forward to these new adventures in the life of First Presbyterian Church!

*Grace & Peace,*  
**Pastor Becca**

## Calendar of Events

- 8/3** Worship at 9 am  
Sunday School at 10:30 am –  
Marriages/Weddings  
**8/5** Volunteer Day at Food Bank, 8-11 am  
**8/9** PW Farmland Cluster Meeting - Smithville  
**8/10** Worship at 9 am (Communion)  
Sunday School at 10:30 am – Funerals  
Session Meeting  
**8/12** LISD New Teacher Luncheon  
**8/17** Worship at 9 am  
Sunday School at 10:30 am – Funerals  
**8/24** Worship at 9 am  
Sunday School at 10:30 am – Worship/Liturgy  
**8/31** Worship at 9 am  
Sunday School at 10:30 am – Missional Living

## Church Open House & Blessing

On July 13, FPC - Luling members, family and friends celebrated the completion of the church renovation with a community open house and blessing service. Below are several pics highlighting a very special day in our church history.



## Special Study Opportunities

This summer has been spent on a "Roman Holiday" with lessons on various topics during the Sunday School hour at 10:30 am. August topics include marriages/weddings, funerals, worship/liturgy, and missional living. Come join the conversation!



If you would like to order a copy of "Sailboat Church" for the fall discussion group, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Books are \$9. The sign up sheet also includes the opportunity to suggest a meeting day/time for this study.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

**8/31** Larry & Emma Roberson

## Liturgy/Church Host Schedule

Our thanks to **Etta Weise** for serving as liturgist and church host during August.

## Session

Session will meet August 10 following Worship Service.

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.

## Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women begin the new program year in September with a study on "Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians." Contact Beth Flynn or Etta Weise if you need to order a copy of the the study book.

The annual Farmland Cluster meeting is scheduled **Saturday, August 9**, at the Smithville Presbyterian Church, located at 303 Burleson in Smithville. The



## Presbyterian Women (cont.)

meeting starts at 9:30 am with a light breakfast, followed by the service. Donations of canned food for the food pantry and monetary contributions for the Community Clinic are appreciated. Our PW members will meet at church at 8 am to carpool to the meeting.

## Mission and Outreach

A luncheon for new teachers and staff of the Luling ISD will be hosted by FPC on **Tuesday, August 12**. Please contact Etta Weise if you can help with set up, hosting or clean up.

The **Food Bank** needs donations. Suggestions for August include cold cereal and tuna. On **Tuesday, August 5**, FPC members will serve as volunteers at the Food Bank from 8-11 am. Please join in a much needed service to the community.

## Church Directory

Last call for information and photos for the updated church directory! **Fred Buchholtz** is putting the new directory together, which will be available in September.

## Prayer List

### Congregation:

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

### Those facing illness:

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 sister-in-law, 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

## Contributions for July, 2014

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

**Bill Cardwell:** Robert & Diana Ramsower

**Bill Cardwell:** Fred & Sheila Buchholtz

**Contributions to the Securing Our Next 100 Years Building Campaign made in July:**

Jimmy Lewis

Carol & David Carter

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*Tributes made in July:*

*In memory of:*

**Lynn Cook:** Tom & Helen Wofford

**Mary Ely:** Margie Shultz

**Bill Cardwell:** Joanna Glass

**Bill Cardwell:** Franklin & Peggy Staton

**Bill Cardwell:** Joe & Barbara Wilson

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