



First Presbyterian Church

September, 2014

Bringing people to the celebration of Christ

Gospel Lessons for September

- 9/7** Matthew 8:24-27; Psalm 149:1-9; Genesis 6:16-22
- 9/14** Matthew 28:19-20; Psalm 114:1-8; Genesis 12:1-9
- 9/21** Matthew 5:11-12; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Genesis 39:1-23
- 9/28** Matthew 2:13-15; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Exodus 14:10-14, 21-2



Calendar of Events

- 9/2** Volunteer Day at Food Bank, 8-11 am
- 9/2** Session Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 9/7** Worship at 9 am
- 9/10** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 7 pm
- 9/14** Worship at 9 am
Birthday/Anniversary Blessing
- 9/16** Supper & Stories, 6 pm
- 9/17** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 7 pm
- 9/21** Worship at 9 am
- 9/24** Sailboat Church Study & Dinner, 7 pm
- 9/28** Worship at 9 am



Pastor's Message

"I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love."

Dear Church Family,

Don't you just love a good story? In the Church, we look to Scripture for the story of God's love and how we fit into that. We hear stories about creation, God's people in Israel, Jesus and his disciples, the early church and beyond. This sacred text contains the stories which give meaning to our faith and encouragement for our lives.

This September, we will start following the Narrative Lectionary (NL), a new scripture schedule for each Sunday. Previously we followed the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which is used by the ecumenical church worldwide. The RCL is great for getting a snapshot of Scripture over a four year cycle, but it is limiting in terms of hearing all of God's story. The Narrative Lectionary starts in Genesis and works its way chronologically through the Bible to the days of the early church. Following this plan will give us the opportunity to hear the story from the start each year and put the pieces together as we go.

Each Sunday we will read three lessons: one from the Old Testament, one Psalm and one Gospel passage. We Presbyterians value hearing the Word each week so this tradition will continue with the Narrative Lectionary. The big difference is that from September until December, the preaching will be based on Old Testament lessons leading up to Advent and the birth of Jesus. During the seasons of Epiphany, Lent and Pentecost, we will hear stories from Jesus' life as well as the early church.

Join us this fall as we embark on this journey through God's story!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Becca

Birthdays/Anniversaries

- 9/3** Julie Veidt
9/4 Sandy & Coy Barnett
9/7 Raymond Harman
9/15 Bert Reid
9/15 Charley Pritchard
9/20 Billy Cole
9/25 Mary Reid
9/25 Susan Rutherford
9/27 Carrol Flynn
9/29 Helen Bassett

Starting in September we will be having a *special blessing* for everyone with a birthday or anniversary. On the **second Sunday of each month**, anyone with a birthday or anniversary during that month will be invited to be recognized with the rest of their month's special folks and will receive a blessing and gift. Join us for a celebration of our church family!

Liturgy/Church Host Schedule

Our thanks to **Beth Flynn** for serving as liturgist and church host during September.

Session

Session will meet **Tuesday, September 2 at 6:30 pm.**

Sandy Barnett, Beth Flynn, and Susan Rutherford were elected in August to serve as members of the Nominating Committee.

Mission Presbytery will meet **October 24-25** at First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio.

Special Opportunities

During the **Roman Holiday** discussion on funerals, several documents were distributed concerning end of life matters. Copies of these forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Pastor Becca if you have any questions regarding the forms.

If you are interested in looking at the summer **Roman Holiday** presentations, here are the links:
http://prezi.com/xuwsb5thkbpf/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy
http://prezi.com/hcfqdtz3dgg3/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy
http://prezi.com/oporyshpxv14/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

Pastor Becca is willing to meet with anyone who wants more information about the summer presentations.

Sailboat Church discussion and dinner begins **Wednesday, September 10, at 7 pm**, and continue each Wednesday in September. If you would like to order a copy of "Sailboat Church," please contact Pastor Becca. Books are \$9.

Supper and Storytelling will be **Tuesday, September 16, at 6pm.** Charley Pritchard will serve as our first storyteller.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women begin the new program year in September with a study on "Reconciling Paul: A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians." The **monthly meeting date** is under discussion, so stay tuned for information about the first meeting.

The annual Farmland Cluster meeting was hosted by the Smithville Presbyterian Church and was attended by **Beth Flynn, Etta Weise, Joanna Glass, Mary Nelson, Susan Rutherford** and **Pastor Becca Longino**. The day included an overview of the "Reconciling Paul" study, an offering dedicated to the local food pantry and community clinic, a salad luncheon and entertainment by several young piano students.



Save the Date

Mark your calendars – tentatively – for the church garage sale on **Saturday, October 25**. Proceeds will go to the church building and renovation fund.

Mission and Outreach

On **Tuesday, September 2**, FPC members will serve as volunteers at the Food Bank from 8-11 am. Please join in and volunteer in a much needed service to the community.

The **Food Bank** also needs donations. Suggestions for September include cold cereal, spaghetti sauce and pasta.

A luncheon for nearly 50 new teachers and staff of the Luling ISD was hosted by FPC on **August 12**. Attendees received special bookmarks from the church and were treated to a Luling-style barbecue.



Prayer List

Congregation:

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

Those facing illness:

Alavara Herrera
Mark Withers
Mary Nelson's family in Mississippi
Mary Ecklund

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 August, 2014

Contributions to the Memorial Fund during the months of August and September will be included in the October newsletter.

Contributions to the Securing Our Next 100 Years Building Campaign made in August included the following Tributes:

In memory of:

Carl Glass: Fred Weise

In honor of:

Ruby Carrasco: Bill & Susan Rutherford

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