

FIRST WORD

February 2010 First Presbyterian Church

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WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary/
11:00 a.m. Worship Center-Fellowship Hall

Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching all month

February 7th Sermon: "Let Down Your Nets"
Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

February 14th Transfiguration Sunday
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
"Mirror Image" Exodus 34:29-35;
2 Cor. 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36

February 21 First Sunday in Lent
"Lent on Catalina Island"
Deut. 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

February 28th "Commitment" James 1:1-17
One Now Weekend

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND DINNER JANUARY 31st

The Session has called the annual congregational meeting for Sunday January 31st 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A quorum for this meeting is 70 members.

The congregational dinner will precede the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be a potluck. Please bring a meat or salad or dessert to feed ten.

The annual meeting will include:

- Annual Report of the Pastor- Dr. Michael Roberts
- Financial Reports for 2009
- Overview of Budget for 2010
- Change in Pastor's Terms of Call
- Review of Mission Involvement

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PASTOR
For the Year 2009
January 31, 2010
Dr. Michael A. Roberts

This coming Sunday, January 31st, will be our annual congregational meeting. I will give my 22nd Annual Report as your Pastor. It has been my intent with these reports over the years to describe my ministry and what was notable for the church in the previous year.

In 2009, I preached sermon series on the Psalms and the Gospel of Mark. Individual sermons included John Calvin, 100 Weddings, and Christianity in 20 Minutes on Easter. Sermons also continue to be mailed and emailed every week and all of my 2009 sermons are on the website.

Last year I taught 3 New Member Seminars, New Officers Training, on Generations in the Church to Men's group and at the Leader Retreat, and on Anxiety with our Stephen Ministry.

In 2009, we made several significant staff changes. Ellie Shattles resigned as Music Director after having served four years to further pursue her opera career. The Session appointed the Music Director Search Committee. I was glad to serve with following Margaret Sunkel (Chair), Lolly Buikema, Joyce Joiner, Kathy Jones, Monica Koenig, Phyllis McColly, Wally Pilcher. After a thorough process, God led us to Philip Smith who began serving with us full-time on August 1st.

Kim and Paul Pereira moved to Alabama after serving 9 ½ years as our Youth Ministry Directors. Session called David Lee Hulsey and Sarah Hulsey as Youth Ministry Directors, also beginning in August. We were very glad to call Chrissy Creech to add to her responsibilities as Noah Ark's Director by becoming our Membership Director. God led us in wonderful ways throughout these staff transitions.

We continue to nurture staff longevity. We have had many staff who served all or almost all of the past 10 years as a staff member: Joy Bedford, Chrissy Creech, Suzanne Gumpl, Joan Kayser, Penny Leone, Kim and Paul Pereira.

In recent years we have added staff hours for Evangelism/Membership, education programs, and pastoral care. We also moved to a full-time Music Director, a full-time Youth Ministry Director, and a full-time Custodian. We now have 7 full-time staff members.

In 2009, the high-schoolers sold "stock" for their mission trip to Colorado Springs in the summer. Our youth will be having a mission trip to Alabama this coming June. A successful Education Banquet was held on February 22nd with Dr. C. Ellis Nelson speaking.

Long-range plans have been developed and are in place for facilities, staff, and finances. We have completed facilities for all our education, program, and administrative needs as a congregation. We completed a thorough revision of the Church's Personnel Policy this year. We provided two essential means of
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congregational communication in 2009: our updated Website (fpcgeorgetown.org) managed by Christina Bondesen and a new pictorial directory coordinated so capably by Cindee Molenda.

There was a lot of concern as we began the year about the way the economy would affect us this year. It turned out that we had a very strong year of congregational giving to the very end. In particular, our mission giving remained quite strong. In a time when many churches are having to cut back on their commitments, we remain one of the highest mission giving churches in our Presbytery.

I am grateful for our officers who served so well for the last three years. Elders: Rod Burke, Mike Carson, Chuck Graham, Cathy Ramsey, Bob Thorp, and Kay Yeager; Deacons: Joyce Hinds, Wanda Hoermann, Betty Hudson, Bob Jones; Trustee: Ray Rayburn. We will miss their experienced leadership and wisdom.

We said good-bye to 8 saints who joined the church triumphant this year: Poppy Hulse, Brad Henry, Ed Evans, Hank Carver, Edith Jones, Marion Jones, Paul Hunt, Mary Lou Lewis.

This congregation has taken good care of me and my family over the last 21 years. We feel loved. I am grateful for your ongoing encouragement for my ministry and for your support and prayers for each member of my family. You have been generous in tangible ways: with salary, time away for study and vacation, and with funds needed for continuing education and books.

I am especially grateful this year for the two extra weeks of vacation that you gave me in recognition of my 20th anniversary. Cindy and I had a very good time in Boston, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont this past September. Your gifts enabled us to have a special time.

I also want to thank you once again for your generous gifts to me and my family at Christmastime. We have enjoyed your gifts to us for many years. Thanks for being so thoughtful.

My sense of call to this congregation has never been stronger. You are a blessing to me. I enjoy serving as your pastor. You provide a great working environment and a wonderfully supportive staff.

Our worship is full and enriching. Our programs and groups are healthy and vital. There is so much in our ministry that we can rejoice in.

I believe that this is a special and unique time in our life together as the people of God.

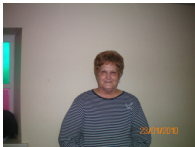
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Mike

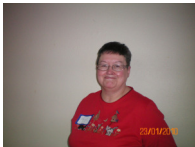
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS January 26, 2010

- The Stated Meetings of the Session for this year will be: 1/26, 2/23, 3/23, 4/27, 5/25, 6/15, Not in July, 8/24, 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 12/21.
- The Pastor will be on Study Leave February 1-6.
- The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on January 31st. Informational packets handed out at the meeting will be available in the Narthex and Lobby.
- Elders shared their 2010 committee goals with their fellow elders.
- Session approved selling tickets for the Noah's Ark fundraiser on February 21 and 28.
- Ray Rayburn presented the Annual Report of the Trustees.
- In 2010, Phil Bookert will be Clerk of Session, Margaret Sunkel the Assistant Clerk, and Jim Mueller will be the Treasurer. Ben Pilcher will be Moderator of the Deacons, Vice-Moderator will be Betty Smith, and Secretary will be Lloyd Laas.
- Session elected Commissioners to the 2010 Presbytery meetings.
- Next Meeting of the Session: Tuesday February 23, 2010 7:00 p.m.

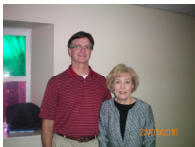
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



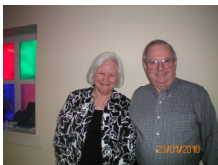
Marty Curtis joined by Letter of Transfer from Grace Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. She is a free-lance Writer/Editor/Graphic Designer. She lives at 321 Santa Anita Way, Georgetown, TX 78626 and her phone number is 864-2094. Marty enjoys volunteering for non profit organizations, sewing and watching her daughters sports teams.



Cheryl Dorothy joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is a retired Administrative Assistant and she lives at 2101 Railroad Street #3302, Georgetown, TX 78626. Her phone number is 512-591-7064. Cheryl enjoys painting and travel.



Rick & Shirley Galloway joined by letter of Transfer from Round Rock Presbyterian Church. Rick works for CH2M Hill, Inc. and enjoys golf, running, triathlons, and landscaping. Shirley is a homemaker and enjoys gardening, reading and outings with friends. They live at 3311 Texana Court, Round Rock, TX 78681 and their phone number is 512-310-5886.



Sam & Helen Matthews joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. Sam is a retired Engineering Manager and enjoys reading, yard work and web surfing. Helen is a retired Training Dept. Manager and enjoys Family History Research, DAR and Grandchildren. They live at 2439 Arbor Drive, Round Rock, TX 78681 and their phone number is 512-358-4245.



John & Ruth McEntire joined by Reaffirmation of Faith. John is a Dentist and Ruth is a Music Teacher in the Manor ISD. They enjoy hunting and reading. They live at 106 Tiger Valley Lane, Georgetown, TX 78628 and their phone number is 512-240-4150. They have a three year old son named Jay.



Daniel & Nancy Jane Ramirez joined by Letter of Transfer from University Presbyterian in Seattle, Washington. Daniel is retired and enjoys travel, biking and reading. Nancy Jane is a retired Banking Auditor and enjoys sewing, reading and travel. They live at 1006 Kieran Cove, Georgetown, TX 78628 and their phone number is 512-943-9431.



Jerry & Eileen Storm joined by Letter of Transfer from the Worship Place. Jerry is retired and enjoys reading, bicycling, and model railroads. Eileen is a water aerobics instructor and enjoys jigsaw puzzles, reading, walking their dog and baking bread. They live at 108 Oak Breeze Cove, Georgetown, TX 78633 and their phone number is 868-4463.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Joy Bedford, Education Director

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9-4, Wednesday 9-8 joy.bedford@fpcgeorgetown.org

I want to highlight some of the information you will find in this section for the month of February....

***LOGOS** has been at this church for 20 years – **20 YEARS** – do you know how incredible that is? Well, we are celebrating by inviting all the past volunteers and students to dinner on February 10 at 5:30. Please come, but don't forget to RSVP so we will have dinner ready for you.

***Lots** of good adult classes coming up – don't miss them...

***WE ARE GOING TO MO.** Yes, the all church retreat is back at Mo this year and we want you to come with us. **All** church retreat means **all** the church family together for the weekend – heaven on earth.... Details in this article and registration form attached.

***Confirmation Class** is still going on... Remember to keep these young people in your prayers as they make important, adult-like decisions. **Confirmation Class of 2010:** Rain Apperson, David Gipson, Kayla Isenhour, Dylan Lowe, Elizabeth McFarling, Austin Moreno, Emalee Osborne, Lauren Red, Camryn Sorensen, Quincy Sorenson, Cameron Wenzel, Riley Dunn, Drake McIntosh, and Sterling Root.

***And a last note** from The World According to Mister Rogers which is true for all people but I think especially true for Christians: "If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person."

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, 9:40-10:40 A.M.

Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday. Join us for a time of learning about who we are as God's people through the stories in the Bible.

ADULT EDUCATION on SUNDAY mornings, 9:40-10:40 A.M

Adult Elective, Sanctuary

February 7 and February 14 – “Vitality Strategies: *Learning to Age Well for the Middle & Later Years of Your Life*” It requires a strategy and planning to have vitality in your life. We will spend two weeks looking at the tools to improve the quality of the maturing mind, body and spirit as we age. The class will provide information to make a plan that compensates for the natural slowing of the maturing biology while achieving a vitality of life.

Teacher: Parish Nurse, Penny Leone, RN

February 21, February 28 and March 7 – “John Calvin, Capitalism, and Politics”

John Calvin turned 500 years old in 2009. What is his continued legacy for us today? Calvin is usually celebrated as a reformer of worship and doctrine, but he also was instrumental in proposals for economic and political reform that heralded the end of the Middle Ages and the beginnings of modern society. This 3-week series will explore some of the practical, everyday aspects of Calvin's program of reform such as: economics (money), politics (and the common good), and conflict resolution.

Teacher: David Jensen, Professor of Constructive Theology at Austin Seminary.

Cornerstones, Room 205

Doug and Judy Bond will continue to lead this class in their study of **Hebrews** through February 14th.

On February 21, the Cornerstone Class will begin a six week study of “**Christianity and World Religions.**” The existence of many different world religions leads to many questions. As Christians, we must seek to increase our understanding of other faiths, including the similarities and differences compared with our own faith, so that we may find ways to build bridges and more effectively share the gospel. This is a video based study. The first class will address questions people ask. Then the study will examine the following religions; Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and then Christianity. The first week's class handout can be found on the bookcase in the Cornerstone classroom 205.

Surveyors, Room 207

Joe Warren continues to lead this class in a study of **Proverbs** through February 21st. Mike FitzGerald will begin facilitating a class on **Acts** February 28th.

Homebuilders, Room 111

The Homebuilders class is geared for couples, parents, and single adults in the family-building stage of life. We meet during the Sunday School hour from 9:40-10:40 AM. Need another reason to join us? We have breakfast almost every Sunday! If you have any questions, contact class leader *Karen McClure* at mcclure.karen@gmail.com
*Homebuilders will begin a study of **Jonah** on February 7th.*

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT FPC

LOGOS for Children in Kinder through the 6th Grade Kathleen Wenzel, Director

Logos, in its 20th year at First Presbyterian Church is geared up for a great semester! Our calendar is packed with events ranging from a Wild Winter Olympics to our Logos choirs leading in worship to our VIP Logos celebration to our must see Logos Musical being presented on May 2nd along with many spectacular events in between! Our Logos choir began the year in great style leading in worship on January 31st – kudos! Our Bible study and music leaders are excited about the upcoming semester and have great lessons planned.

In connection with the youth group’s “Souper Bowl” can food collection for the Caring Place, Logos will hold our annual “Souper Bowl” celebration on February 3rd. Everyone is encouraged to bring a couple of cans of soup to benefit the Caring Place of Georgetown. Logos is hosting a VIP celebration on February 10th @ 5:30pm to honor our past and present volunteers and Logoids; it will be a great evening to bridge the past and future of Logos. Please RSVP by February 7th and contact Kathleen with any questions @ 863-3381.

LOGOS Themes, menu, attire, and after dinner games for the month:

Date	Time	Dinner Theme	Menu	Attire	Game
2/3/09	4:45-7:15	SuperBowl	Pizza	Football jersey	Table football
2/10/09	4:45-7:15	20 Year VIP Celeb	Fried Chicken	Logos new t-shirt	TBA
2/17/09	4:45-7:15	5 th Wednesday Wild Winter Olympics	Soup & Sand	Olympic or snow gear	Ash Wednesday – at dinner
2/24/09	4:45-7:15	Space Odyssey	Frito Pie	Space or Star Wars	Paper Airplanes

Important Dates: February 3 Bring canned food!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

VIP PASS

Please join us in celebrating
The 20th Anniversary of
Logos @ First Presbyterian Church

A tribute to all our special friends and family
who were there for us at the beginning,
as well as those of you
who have joined us along the way
on Wednesday, 10th of February 2010
@ 5:30pm–6:30pm

JR HIGH BIBLE STUDY, WED, 6:00-7:00 PM IN YOUTH ROOM

Fellowship Hall
RSVP Kathleen.wenzel@fpcgeorgetown.org

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JR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL DINNER, 7:00-7:30 PM IN Youth Room
SR HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY, 7:3-8:30 PM IN YOUTH ROOM

*******OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES*******

Women's Monday Night Study

We will continue the Beth Moore Study of Daniel, the last 7 chapters, beginning January 25th at 6:00 PM in Room 101. This class will meet for at least 6 weeks. Contact Joy Bedford.

Women's Midweek Bible Study

Beginning February 17 – The women will be studying the book - *"Is God Really in Control, Trusting God in a World of Hurt"* by Jerry Bridges – Please call Joy Bedford at 863-3381 if you would like to come and we will order you a book. We will meet on Wednesdays in Room 205 from 12-1. Don't forget to bring a lunch.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

The breakfast group will meet every 3rd Friday morning. The format of Bible study will be to study and reflect on the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday sermon. Time and place will be emailed to you. Please RSVP to David Lee Hulsey (863-3381) dhulsey63@gmail.com or Cliff Snyder (468-2877) c_snyder@yahoo.com. Can't wait to see you there!

Men's Spiritual Growth Group

This Bible Study meets every Wednesday at noon in Room 101. The men study scripture as they eat lunch together.



Rejoice in the Lord!

An in-depth study of Philipians

Led by Dr. Michael Roberts

September 24 – 26, 2010

Join us for our **All-Church Retreat**, a time to be away together so that we might grow together. This is a unique time to enjoy God's good creation, study God's word, participate in several times of worship, enrich our relationship with others in the church and have a true Sabbath rest. We will once again be going to Mo-Ranch in Hunt, Texas, located in the beautiful hill country. Beginning **February 7, 2010** we will be taking reservations.

Mo-Ranch has changed the reservation policy, so I need to get the registrations in as soon as possible. There is a registration form attached to this newsletter. There will also be more information, pictures and registration forms available on our website www.fpcgeorgetown.org and in the lobby at the church. If you have any questions please call Joy Bedford at 863-3381. We want **all** of you to come, yes, that means **you!**

NOAH'S ARK KIDS DAY OUT

Chrissy Creech

Are you ready for SPAGHETTI?????? The date for the annual spaghetti dinner is March 4th. Mark your calendars for a night full of great food, games for the kids, basket raffles and a silent auction. Tickets will be sold Feb. 21 and 28th. You do not want to miss this exciting night! Who knows...this could be YOUR year to win a basket!

For more information call me (Chrissy) at 868-5971.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Sarah Hulseley

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Reflection . . . Our Mid-Winter's Conferences were full of what they ought to be full of – youth, driving, a bit of rain, scripture, Mo Ranch, God, and a lot of fun! Five junior high and sixteen senior high youth attended the annual conference for our Presbytery, and I think its safe to say no one left untouched and hopefully strengthened.

Looking ahead . . .If you're reading this, and you're not already signed up, we strongly encourage you to call David Lee to see what else the youth need for the annual One Now discipleship weekend! At the end of every February, youth from area churches spend a weekend gathering, meeting, and serving in the name of faith building and discipleship growth. First Presbyterian Georgetown has always been so supportive of the youth - hosting groups in their homes, driving, providing food and praying!!

This year One Now kicks off on Wednesday, February 24 in place of Bible Study and then runs Friday, February 26-28. On Sunday February 21, we will have prayer bracelets available by which you may support a student participant in prayer for the week leading up to One Now. Then, we'll have a breakfast where *pray-ers* will meet and talk with *pray-ees* on Sunday, February 28 between services at 9:30am.

In the mean time, we'll have a Super Bowl party at the Snyder's home and continue with Wednesday night Bible Study and Sunday Night Live! Thank you all for giving us the opportunity to do what we love to do.

Dates to Remember:

February 4 - SLED Team meeting – 6:30 at the Hulseley's
February 7 - Souper Bowl (am worship)
Super Bowl Party (afternoon)
February 24- One Now Kick-Off
February 26-28 - One Now

Music

Mark your calendars for February 21st! In the 11:00 AM service, we will have a guest choir providing the music. The TAMU-Commerce Chorale is directed by Dr. Randall Hooper. In addition to providing music for our 11:00 AM service, they will be giving a concert at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy the wonderful music! We are looking forward to having this group at our church!

Fellowship

Presbyterian Women

Judy Bond 868-3487

Our Presbyterian Women's Winter Gathering was held on Saturday, January 16th at 11:30am. Our Speaker was Dr. Gene Davenport, Executive Director of the Georgetown Project of the Georgetown Independent School District. He shared with us especially what is near and dear to our hearts, the program for homeless children in Georgetown public schools. To benefit the program, we held a silent auction that raised over \$750 for the Georgetown Project, in addition to \$149 in donations and leftover soup purchases. A wonderful soup luncheon and desserts were served by the Esther, Martha and Miriam Circles.

We encourage all women of the congregation to consider attending the PW Women's Conference, April 9-11 at Mo-Ranch. Registration forms are available through your circle leaders or from Judy Bond, 868-3487. The theme is "Serving Our Lord with Love". Many valuable workshops are offered, and there is time for meaningful fellowship and personal reflection.

Our next Board meeting is Monday, February 1st, 2010 at 10:30 in room 101. Listed below are the meeting times and places for our circles in February. If you are interested in joining a circle, call the hostess and let her know you would like to be included. Check out the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board near the church office for a list of our circles, their leaders, and the days that they meet.

Cookies for our overseas service people are being provided by the Miriam Circle in February. Thank you to the Sarah circle for their January bulletin board reminding all of us of the dedicated and heroic service of our U.S. military service men and women that work diligently to protect the precious freedoms we enjoy in this country.

February 2010 Circle Hostesses

CIRCLE	DATE	TIME	HOSTESS	PHONE	ADDRESS
Elizabeth	TBD		Contact Theresa McKenna	930-3751	
Esther	2/3	1:30pm	Margaret Sunkel	863-3034	At the Church
Hannah	2/17	11:00am	Angie Harris	863-7133	At the Church
Lydia	2/10	1:00pm	Margaret Richardson	863-6008	30347 Ledgemont Lane
Martha	2/17	9:30am	Libbie Ragan	868-2500	602 Farm Hill Drive
Miriam	2/12	9:30am	Becky Hesson-Smith	868-2048	First Presbyterian, Rm. 205
Naomi	2/10	9:30am	Joan Dudding	864-0733	103 Cattle Trail Way
Rachel	2/17	9:30am	Margaret Shirley	864-1967	230 Trail of Flowers
Rebekah	2/17	9:30am	Gene Hunt	864-0498	171 Dan Moody Tr.
Ruth	2/8	10:00am	Moppy Crabb	863-3057	1901 E 19 th Street
Sarah	2/15	10:00	Marietta Mugford	863-3954	1409 Olive Street

The Fellowship Committee hosted a potluck supper on Jan 31st at 5:30pm before the annual congregational meeting. Thanks so much to all the fellowship committee members who helped with serving and cleaning up, and to all those people of the church who prepared the tasty dishes for the event.

Our current committee members are Judy Bond, Mona Andersen, Elizabeth Bailey, and Sandy and Marv Hulshizer. The committee is currently looking for more members. We also need volunteers to serve at our Sunday morning fellowship time, either as a host or hostesses, and/or to bake goods to serve. This may mean you need to leave Sunday School a few minutes early if you are serving. The morning fellowship hour is 10:40 to 11:00, served in Fellowship room 101 from the small kitchen. Coffee will already be made (many thanks to Kathi Davenport). You would need to set up the coffee supplies (cups, cream, sugar, etc.) and set out trays of cookies, crackers, etc. and pitchers of fruit juice. There are always ready made cookies and crackers to use, as well as cream and other supplies. Clean-up can be finished after the 11:00 service, if needed. Please call Judy Bond at 868-3487 if you would like to help in some way with this important ministry.

We look forward to a **great** year of Fellowship Events, next being the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper coming up April 1st! It should be awesome, so **Plan to attend!** And thanks to our hard working previous committee members—Wanda and LeRoy Hoermann, Mona and Jim Andersen, Lois and Bill Stanley, Sandy and Marv Hulshizer, Peg and John Kingsbury, Sheila Wooten, Melissa Pilcher, Doug Bond (he gets recruited automatically for the new year), and the friends of Mona Andersen, who don't even belong to our church but were faithful servants anyway! Forgive me if there are others that I have forgotten to give thanks to.

Do you want to make a difference in the fellowship atmosphere of our congregation? Then get involved with the Fellowship Committee and our Fellowship events. We welcome the young and the old. The adventuresome and the not so. The good cooks and the not so good. We just need people who want to see our congregation grow as they get to know one another through genuine Christian fellowship. Peace through Our Lord Jesus Christ in the New Year!

MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**Jim Wilhite**

The Men's Christian Fellowship Program Committee is activity finding programs for our 2010 meetings that will be interesting and informative for each of you. For the February 15th meeting, Dave R. Palmer, Lieutenant General, U. S. Army Retired, will speak to us about his latest book, "George Washington and Benedict Arnold - A Tale of Two Patriots". Dave is a soldier, an educator, and a writer. He was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant of Armor upon graduating from the United States military Academy at West Point in 1956. During his 35 years of service in the U. S. Army, Dave commanded various armor units to include the 1st Armored Division in Germany, and served two combat tours in Vietnam. His last five years of active duty was as the 53rd Superintendent of West Point where he was responsible for the education and development of future leaders of the Army. After retirement he served as the President of Walden University, a foremost doctoral-level, distributing learning institution. Since 1991, Dave has been engaged in writing and lecturing on leadership, ethics, military

history, and the development of character in young people. His latest book addresses two men - one who became the father of our country while the other became a man without a country. In order to plan for this meeting, dinner reservations must be made with either Frank Hubbard (863-6144) or Jim Wilhite (868-8086). All men of the Church are invited to attend the Men's Christian Fellowship meetings. The cost of the dinner will be \$8.00.

SHOW 'N SHARE

Cathy Hubbard

"SHOW 'N SHARE" that special Second Sunday Fellowship Time Event continues to delight members and guests of First Presbyterian Church. In February of 2010, that will be Valentine's Day. The day that is all about Hearts. Whenever we think about happy hearts, we always think of your church family **SHARING** something special with you. Yes, each person brought that treasured part of life that "makes your heart sing". On Sunday, February 14th, the curtain will rise and the spotlight will shine on our presenter. Her heart has been filled with music from the day she was born. By the tender age of two she was **SHOWING** great joy whenever she found a willing audience. That's your part! Come to conference room 101 as the doors open for Fellowship at 10:30. Special backstage passes will also admit you all morning. Our Valentine will be. . . none other than-----Drum Roll, please-----Ms. ____ - _____. { all will be revealed in the Bulletin on 02/07/10.} A mysterious lady will be delighted to **SHARE** HER HEART WITH YOU!

NOON BOOK REVIEW

Marion Shell

We can always count on Paul Groneman to give us a very interesting book review. February 18th, the regular monthly Noon Book Review, 11:50 a.m., Room 101, will live up to expectations when Mr. Groneman reviews the book "Same Kind of Different as Me", written by authors, Ron Hall and Denver Moore. This is a true story about a dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up in the modern-day slavery of share-cropping, an upscale art dealer and a gutsy Ft. Worth woman who drew them all into a circle of God's sustaining and redeeming grace. You are invited to experience this intriguing story, along with this informal fellowship...pack a brown bag, call a friend and plan to join us.

ACTS VALENTINE LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 9

Nadine Tanner

Mona Andersen is testing recipes from her new Christmas gift cookbooks and promises us some great gourmet dishes to enjoy.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 on Tuesday, February 9. Cost is \$9.50. LAST DAY for reservations is Sunday, February 7. Please put your checks in the ACTs mailbox.

MEMO: Our big trip by bus to the Painted Churches through bluebonnet country is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13. The cost is \$30 plus your lunch (or bring a sack lunch). We need to fill the bus, so talk to your friends and neighbors about joining us.

Mission

MISSION SEWING

Kathy Jones

A few brave people ventured out into the cold to attend our first meeting of 2010. Stuffed animals were "adopted", inserts for pillows were displayed, and crocheted squares were sorted. Mission Sewing would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Christ Cradle. All items will be delivered by church members to Su Casa de Esperanza, an organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life of children through a faith-based family education program. Our next meeting will be Friday, February 12, at 10:00 AM in room 111.

Would You Like to Provide a Needed Service?

The Mission Committee is looking for some help: someone(s) who would be willing to develop our bulletin board each month based on a theme and perhaps some materials provided by the committee. If you are interested please contact Kent Buikema at 868-1733 or kentlolly1@verizon.net.

CROP WALK

Joe Porch

The 2009 CROP Hunger Walk results showed again the leadership position our church has taken in the Walk. We had 84 walkers who signed up to walk and 63 did. They raised \$14,417 from individuals and organizations within and outside the church. For Georgetown as a whole 206 walkers raised \$28,001 which is the third highest of the 70+ community walks in Texas.

A big thank you goes to all the walkers and sponsors who, in difficult economic times, made the 2009 walk super challenging. Also special thanks to Joan Kayser and Cindee Molenda for handling CROP articles in Sunday Bulletins and monthly Newsletters, Pastor Mike Roberts for his support from the pulpit, Rusty Winkstern (Monument Café) for the 400+ cookies that walkers consumed, Martha Almgren for her wonderful CROP Walk displays, First Texas Bank for hats, and Joyce Porch for all the assistance she provides on the day of the walk.

THE CARING PLACE

Jenny Carswell

The Christmas season is now over and The Caring Place has served more families than ever before and a great debt of gratitude is owed to all of you who have helped by donating to the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, Coats for Kids and Blue Santa. Without your help none of this could have been done. It seems the Christmas season brings out the needs which are there all year long but for some reason are more obvious at that season.

I was talking to my contact the other day and she tells me we have done a fine job with providing toilet paper. The greatest need for right now is for tooth brushes and tooth paste. Well, today I thought I must see what we can do to improve that situation, so I took myself to HEB and found that you can buy a junior tooth paste and a tooth brush for \$1.00 each. Now we have about 700 members in our congregation so why not let us try to provide at least one set each? Wouldn't my contact be thrilled to see 700 sets of tooth brushes and tooth paste just waiting to go to The Caring Place. Let's give it a try!

As you know The Annual Caring Place Soup Supper takes place in February. This year it will be February 22nd. This is the main fund raiser for the year so take your family out for dinner on that night. It's a pretty cheap night out and fills a huge need.

Thanks again for all you do. Just keep it coming. The need never goes away.

Care Ministry

AMONG OUR PEOPLE -**Boldface** indicates a member of First Presbyterian Church

In the hospital last month: Ruth DeRuyter, Russell Fay, Spencer Oden, Mary Tobias

Special concerns: Mary Katherine Briggs, Jim's mother; **Lou Brown**, Kinsey Ticknor, the infant daughter of friends of the Bookert's; David Dickey, Marilyn Mehaffey's nephew; Alice and Russell Fay's daughter, Jennifer; **Mary Forbes; Catherine Glenn; Jake Jacoby;** Laura Brooking Lewis, Gladys Brooking's daughter; **John Marsh;** Susan Syler Martin & Dale Martin, Hubert Syler's Sister and brother-in-law; **Shea Norfleet;** Tommy Scribner, Monte's son; **Betty Wallace;** Mary Weiss, Cathy Leloux's mother; **Kay Yeager.**

Serving in the Military: Master Sergeant Bradley Belford and Brian Belford, George and Jane Belford's son and grandson; Josh Benge, Sturdy and Tammy Wanamaker's nephew; Captain Brian Berlakovick, Marvin & Ouida Henderson's Grandson-in-law, Capt. Ronald Boyd, Chaplain; Maj. Brian Burk, Larry Burk's son; Maj. Kyle Burrow, Poppy Hulse's grandson; 1st Lt. Geoff Childs, Helen Douglass' grandson-in-law; **Rick Cosper;** 2Lt. Josh Daleiden, husband of Lisa Foster; Chaplain Douglas Fenton; **Amy FitzGerald;** Capt. James R. Franks, U.S.A.F., grandson of Mary Lou Moore; Pete & Kellie Moore Fredsholm, Tommy & Clara Moore's granddaughter; Jared A. Gross, Robert Bedford's Nephew; **Brian Hall; Garrett Herbst;** Jeremy Hord; Brandon Keith, Phil and Jeanne Smith's son-in-law; **Debra Knight; Jonathan LeLoux; Nicholaas Leloux;** Marc Masuccio, Grandson of Helen Burk and Ken Gibbons; Allen Morrison, Janna Briggs' nephew; Major Robert Kain, III, Ouida & Marvin Henderson's grandson; Hank Perry, Davidsons' nephew-in-law; David Penney; **Sgt. Paul Rayburn;** Rev. Louis Rosa; Col. Wayne M. Shanks, George and Mary Pope's son-in-law; **Lt. Col. Tim Smith;** Ashton Stamos, Grandson of Larry and Helen Burk; Steven T. Watson.

In Memoriam: Evangeline Pennington joined the Church Triumphant on Sunday, January 10th. Dr. Michael Roberts led a Graveside Service on Tuesday, January 12th at Odd Fellows Cemetery. Evangeline became a member of our church in 1955.

Our Sympathy to: Evelyn Syler on the death of her aunt, Nannie Krueger Pogue on December 21st.

Thanks you:

Thank you to all who participated in "Greening" and "De-Greening" our church. The spirit of joy was expressed in your sharing of time and fellowship in giving our worship spaces Christmas-time color and cheer.

The Worship Committee

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank those who were there for us with your prayers, phone calls, cards and memorial donations during the loss of our Mother and Grandmother, Viola Keith. The visits and support from Jenny Carswell and Penny Leone were such a comfort during this stressful and emotional time. We are forever grateful.

Chuck and Joan Keith
Liz Keith and Family

Dear friends,

This is a rather belated thank-you but I was out of town when your kind Christmas gift was issued. I am grateful to you all, but I have to tell you that I get more out of my job than I ever put into it. It has truly been a joy to get to know many people better and some others whom I have never met. Thank you for your gift.

In His service, Jenny Carswell

Points from Parish Nurse Penny

Pnurse5@aol.com

Office Hours – Mondays & Fridays all day & Tues mornings & others by appointment

Vital Vitality

For a couple of Sunday's in February, the Adult Elective Sunday School Class will be devoted to studying vitality. I'm not talking about just the absence of disease. With some essential knowledge, a good plan, work and perseverance you can have quality of life throughout your life. That's what I've been studying and working on the last few weeks – how to help myself and you to develop a successful strategy. It has been fun and challenging. One of my favorite websites I found while researching this subject is www.RealAge.com. Its catch line "Live Life to the Youngest" sort of sums up where I hope we are headed on February 7th & 14th. I hope you'll join me. In the meantime, I'll share with you a couple of tidbits:

"In 2010, start eating more food that grow on plants and less food that is manufactured in plants." & "Dream more while you are awake."

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Melissa Pilcher

An Invitation
"for inquiring minds" who "want to know"
To attend our Stephen Ministry continuing Education Series
Facing Uncertainty: What's Next, Lord?
On February 4, March 4 and April 8
In Room 101 at 7 p.m.

Check the Stephen Ministry bulletin boards for more detailed information. All three meetings are offered to the public, free of charge but registration is required in order to have adequate materials.

In the first meeting of the series, on February 4, Tam Cummings, M.S., Gerontologist and author, will be addressing "Positive Power of the Mature Mind: Five Keys to Successful Aging." Please call the church office (863-3381) by **February 1** to register.

HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 Keith Brainard & Katie Bradford | 19 David & Jaime Cowan |
| 4 Jason & Radona Wagner | Robert & Jennie Mann |
| 5 Mike & Amy FitzGerald | Jay & D'Ann Shiffler |
| 8 Don & Nancy Stearns | 23 Paul & Olive Ozanus |
| 9 Brian & Carole Foster | 28 Emory & Helen Doulgass |
| 12 Bill & Margaret Richardson | |
| 14 Ray & Karen Rayburn | |
| 18 Tim & Peggy Taylor | |

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 LaVerne Wood | Don Stearns | 22 Chessa Wilson |
| 2 Cindy Shaner | 14 Jeanine Albers | 23 Chrystal O'Rourke |
| David Siekmeier | Dave Harrison | Judy Turnbull |
| Joyce Walden | Jack Smithwick | Connie Wassink |
| 3 Riley Dunn | 15 Vivian Davis | 24 Bridget Chapman |
| 4 Jo Beth Carter | Willie Gibson | 25 Jerri Jones |
| Amy Pratt | Sarah Hulsey | Austin Moreno |
| Tanner Walden | Lee Norfleet | Ben Pilcher |
| 5 John Berry | Joe Porch | Anna Winkstern |
| 6 Judy Thomson | Christina Unger | 26 Lynn Azuma |
| 7 Eleanor Bond | Linda Walke | John Ness |
| Rebecca Counts | 16 Bailey Pereira | 27 Dennis Geiger |
| 8 Lou Brown | John Schmalstieg | Nolan Pratt |
| Elaine Caskey | 17 Lauren Boenig | Courtney Root |
| Ailene Gibson | Margie Copsey | Gail Stouffer |
| 9 Hannah Gunn | 18 Reagon Seaver | 28 Bob Duncan |
| Nan Larrimore | Chris Spruiell | Lennea Nyberg |
| Margaret Richardson | 19 Greg Bell | Ann Patterson |
| 10 Kathy Jones | 20 Roland Martin | Sue Warren |
| 12 Carole Alsup | Philip Smith | |
| 13 Terri Counts | 21 Marty Brown | |

FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

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| 7 Roger & Suzy Taylor | 14 Tom & Sheila Camp |
| 21 Margaret Sunkel | 28 Marcia Ness |

HEAD DEACON

Early Service: Will Koenig
Back-up: Judy Bond

Second Service: Will Koenig
Back-up: Sandra Boucher