



FIRSTWORD

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Georgetown, Texas

First Presbyterian Church

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1st Service of Wholeness is Sunday, September 25

The first Service of Wholeness in 2016-17 will be at 6:30 p.m. September 25 in the Sanctuary. An interdenominational service, it is open to everyone.

The service was started 16 years ago by the late Revs. Jack Ware, Larry Sunkel and Davis Taylor.

Through the message, the music, the moments of silence and the voiced prayers, many have found the Service of Wholeness to be a source of strength either at a time of personal need or as a regularly recurring time of finding God especially present.

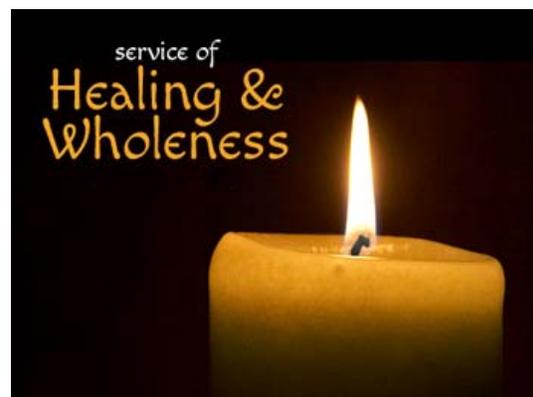
The service offers an atmosphere of relaxation and includes prayer for others, lighting of candles, singing, meditation, anointing with oil, Holy Communion and silence.

Also, Taize Prayer Music is performed during the service by a variety of soloists and choral groups. This music was written by members of an Ecumenical Monastic Community in Taize, France.

First Presbyterian Church is fortunate to have not only an ideal meeting place (our Sanctuary), but also a group of members committed to serving its needs.

This year's speakers are Methodist and will rotate: When one is preaching, the other two will be liturgists.

Judy Turnbull manages the prayer candles. Liz Keith arranges the window candles and brings former worker Gladys Brooking to the service. Bren Helmka prepares the Communion elements, taking over from Shirley Nash. Sue and Keith Renard are greeters and attendance keepers. Ronn Dixon, who has faithfully served for about 10 years though not an FPC member, is in charge of soundboard, and Corey Bailey is the back up. Ginger Mann, from our sister church San Gabriel, will



be music director for all but two services. George Biggs expects to continue writing a monthly letter to prayer supporters.

A brochure with dates and message titles is available at the welcome center.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

11 a.m., Worship Center-Fellowship Hall

September 4: "Why We Worship"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Choirs return to worship
Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching
Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20;
Revelation 5:6-14

September 11: "Reforming Worship"

Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching
Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

September 18: "Wanted: Prophets. Apply in Person. No Experience Necessary"

Retreat Weekend/One service only, 11 a.m.
Dr. Ken Peters, Preaching
Scripture: Amos 7:1-15, 8:1-3

September 25: "Learning to Pray"

Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching
Scripture: Luke 11:1-13



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jeremy & Linda Gambell
John & Marcia Ness
Jack & Linda Stephenson
- 4 Jim & Mona Andersen
Jeff & Kappy Randall
- 5 Tim & Kathy Kerr Kubatzky
- 7 Bob & Jenny Carswell
- 11 Bruce & Shelley Sorenson
- 16 Rusty & Kitty Bristow
- 23 Harvey & Ruth Henning
- 27 David & Virginia Reid
- 28 Noel & Anne-Mary Beck
- 30 Nelson & Carolyn Stubblefield

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Haley Weisbrod
- 2 Billy Lamb
Amanda McIntosh
- 3 Kayla Isenhour
Sandra Walden
- 4 Fred Herbst
Pip Hubbard
- 5 Jean Fisher
Jay McNemar
Robert Nelson
- 6 Peggy Berland
Janice Wallace
- 7 Debbie Pilcher
- 8 Liz Keith
Leanna Perkins
Mary Jean Thorp
- 9 Kevin McCown
Dan Shaner
- 10 Bob Becker
D. Ann Shiffler
- 11 Preston McFarlin
Andi Wagner
Bobby Weisbrod
Dorothy Zintgraff
- 12 Cari Spruiell
- 13 Conley Leloux
- 14 Rachel Gremillion
Jerry Hammerlun
- 15 Jack Kirby
Jonathan Roberts
Lois Stanley
- 16 Minta McIntosh
- 17 Corey Bailey
Martha Cowen
Peg Kingsbury
Sue Rose
- 18 Marianne Welch
- 19 Jay Allison
Kenley Hunt
Betty Pope
- 20 Olivia Cowan

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New Member Class set for October 2 & 9

Those FPC members who have recently joined and those who wish to join with us in ministry and membership are encouraged to attend a New Member Class taught by Pastor Mike Roberts.

The class will meet on two Sundays, October 2 and 9, from 9:40 to 10:30 a.m. in Room 107 (downstairs by the library). On October 9 at noon, class participants will have lunch with staff in the Conference Room and learn more about the church.

Please respond to Christina Bondesen cbondesen@fpcgeorgetown.org to register for the class.

STEWARDSHIP 2017



Live Simply

TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE.

“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they can take hold of the life that really is life.” —1 Timothy 6:18-19



“Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have.” —Philippians 4:11

Income and Expense Report Year to Date - July 2016 General Operating Fund

	Actual	Annual Budget	YTD% Annual Budget
Income			
Pledges	\$514,949	\$860,109	60%
Other	74,440	96,520	77%
TOTAL	\$589,389	\$956,629	62%
Expenses			
Validated Mission	31,350	57,700	54%
Local/Other Mission	18,511	29,035	65%
Ministry of the Word	89,602	158,355	57%
Program/Support Staff	239,817	410,339	58%
Christian Education	23,315	32,100	73%
Music and Worship	13,760	25,547	54%
Evangelism/Care	3,076	9,200	33%
Property	41,655	100,319	42%
Stewardship/Finance	11,847	20,200	59%
Other Oper Expenses	22,841	44,500	51%
Debt Retirement	52,716	90,370	58%
TOTAL	\$548,490	\$977,665	56%

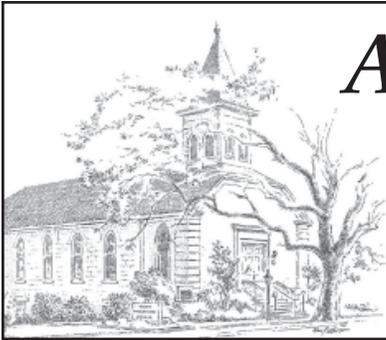
PUBLIC NOTICE

(Session voted May 24, 2016 to provide written notice of this policy in the newsletter rather than permanent signage.)

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.





Among Our People

Boldface indicates
a member of
First Presbyterian Church

In the hospital last month: Cheryl Dorothy (surgery), Suzanne Gumpl (surgery), Joan Keith, Dot Riddle (surgery), Lois Stanley (surgery) and Jeff Willett.

In memoriam: Bill Welch joined the Church Triumphant on July 24. He had been a member of our congregation since February 1998.

Thank you's:

♦ *"Thank you so much to our First Presbyterian Church family for the prayers, cards, phone calls and other expressions of love and support during Bonnie's hospital stay and continuing recovery. What a blessing you have been to both of us."*
—Jay and Bonnie McNemar

♦ *"Thank you to our dear church family for all the prayers, cards, gifts, flowers, visits, outings and food that you provided to us while Annabel was in the hospital and recovering. We felt surrounded by the love of Christ through you."*
—Annabel, Connor and Karen

♦ *"We would like to thank all of our FPC family for your prayers and encouraging words after the birth of our second grandson, Jack, in July. After emergency surgery and 11 days in NICU, Jack came home earlier than expected and is now doing great! We so appreciated your prayers and concern."*
—Rick and Shirley Galloway

Serving in the military: Josh Benge, Sturdy & Tammy Wanamaker's nephew; Maj. Brian Berlakovich, Ouida Henderson's grandson-in-law; Lt. Col. Brian Burk, Larry Burk's son; Maj. Kyle Burrow, David Lee Hulsey's cousin; Capt. Geoff Childs, Helen Douglass' grandson-in-law; LeeAnne Cosper; Maj. Josh Daleiden, Betty Bradford's grandson-in-law; John Decker; Jared A. Gross, Robert Bedford's nephew; Brian Hall; Capt. Daniel Ham-

mond, Keith & Sue Renard's grandson-in-law; Garrett Herbst; Alex Hubka and Chris Vrba, Pat & Penny Leone's grandsons; Brandon Keith, Phil & Jeanne Smith's son-in-law; Debra Knight; Nicholaas Leloux; Tech. Sgt. Robert McClanahan, grandson of Minta McIntosh and nephew of Lee McIntosh; Sgt. First Class Paul Rayburn; Lt. Col. Margaret Sharpnack, Phil & Cindy Sharpnack's daughter; and Christian Winckel, grandson of Sandy Hayes.

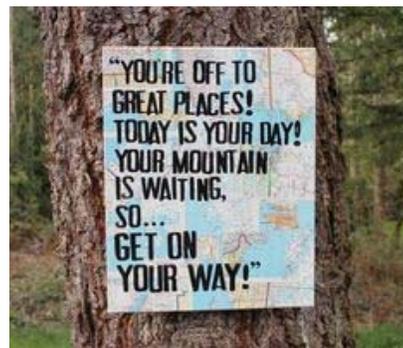
Last thing: let them go.

"I know, Mama, I KNOW.

That last embrace—that last moment your son or daughter is in your arms before you say the last goodbye and release them to the future—is one of the most heart-wrenching moments of parenthood.

But remember that you've done your job well. And remember it isn't over; it's just different. And remember that they are God's kids, too, and He's not leaving their side.

That I know for sure."



Written by Kami Gilmour, co-host of They Say podcast, wife and the mom of five teen and young adult kids. She's also the co-creator of SoulFeed college care packages.

BIRTHDAYS

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- 21 Jan Geiger
John McEntire
Erika Wenzel
- 22 Carole Burke
Linette Harwell
Tiernan O'Rourke
Doyle Sebesta
Helen Trench
- 23 Mike Carson
Aidan Guidici
- 24 Suzanne Crouch
Harvey Henning
Kimberly Poe
Jim Southerland
- 25 Dawie Krause
Lee McIntosh
Dot Riddle
- 26 Jason Best
Larian Carson
Bill Dudley
Eric Wiesner
- 27 Milo Dowden
Sugie Maxfield
- 28 Shelby Brainard
Mary Mac Decker
Tristan Snyder
David Unger
- 29 Kayla Hutton
Adam Jones
Larry Perkins
Allen Pratt
Marcia Sloma
Laura Sue Smith
Carl Spivey
- 30 Pete Decker
Ashlin Snyder

Flowers in Worship/ September

- 4 Jim & Mona Andersen
- 11 Tim & Kathy Kerr
Kubatzky
- 18 George & Linette
Harwell
- 25 Adrienne Brandt

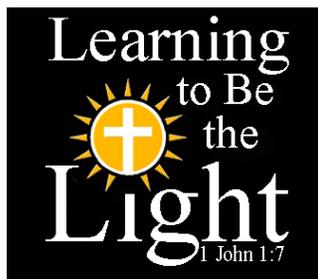
Head Deacon/ September

- 8:30 Susan Bell
Guy Guidici
- 11:00 Kathy Kerr Kubatzky
Janice Wallace

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Joy Bedford
Education Director
jbedford2321@gmail.com

Office Hours:
Tuesday - Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



2016-17
A year of "Learning to Be the Light"
Come be with us as we learn together to be the light in a world that so desperately needs light.
Come to worship, come to Sunday School, join a weekly study, and bring your children to Sunday School, LOGOS and Youth Group. It's important.

Sunday School for Children & Youth
9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday, beginning August 28.

Join us for a time of learning about who we are as God's people through the stories in the Bible.

News Flash! The nursery was moved to the Education Building on August 28 for several reasons, but the two most important are: 1) the hallway on the first floor has doors that will lock at each end so that our smallest church family members will be safe, and 2) all children will be together. We will make the current nursery into a "cry room" and meeting space. Childcare workers and teachers are excited about this change. If you go to the Education Building and the doors to the hallway are locked, just knock and we will let you in.

Even bigger news! We have a new adult Sunday School class beginning September 11. Amanda and Patrick Tolbert have answered the call to teach. The new class is "Crossroads: The Intersection of Scripture and Modern Life" — "Crossroads" for short.

(See blurb on page 5.) Thank you, Amanda and Patrick!

And thank you to all who have said yes to teaching this year: Thank you for being willing to give your time, energy, wisdom and love to our children, youth and adults—to teach them where our light comes from and how to be the light.

There's been a lot to do to get ready for this year (painting, moving furniture, etc.) A big thank you to Jaime, Olivia & Reece Cowan and friend Ella Cole, Allen and Nolan Pratt, Lea Ann Hutton, Maddie Levensen and Nicholas and Shelby Brainard.

We invite you to take a walk over to the Education Building and see what all has been done. The FPC children and youth programs are "Learning to Be the Light!"

—Joy Bedford

2016-17 Sunday School Teachers for Children and Youth

2 - 3 year olds	"Growing in Grace and Gratitude"	Kelly Seaman/Lindsay Charpentier
4 years - K	"Growing in Grace and Gratitude"	Elaine Eddings/Cherril Lemmink
1 st - 2 nd Grade	"Growing in Grace and Gratitude"	Alice Graham/Shelley Sorenson/Larian Carson
3 rd - 4 th Grade	"Growing in Grace and Gratitude"	Lea Ann Hutton
5 th - 6 th Grade	"Time for Jesus"—Faith for Life"	Demeree Jackson/Sarah Hulsey
7 th - 8 th Grade	Presby Youth	Michael Wenzel/Jana McCown
9 th - 12 th Grade	Variety of Curriculum	Fred Hilgeman/Adrienne Brandt/Minta McIntosh

LOGOS begins September 7 with celebration

Spread the word: LOGOS is back and ready to begin another wonderful semester!

We hope you all have had a fun and relaxing summer vacation! The new school year has started, cooler weather is on the way (soon hopefully) and LOGOS is gearing up for another great semester! LOGOS starts back up on September 7 with a fun night of fellowship and worship. We still need a few volunteers, so if you would like to be a part of this mid-week miracle, please contact me at jcowanfpc@gmail.com.

At our first meeting we will have a short celebration during dinner to recognize the wonderful years of service that

Tricia Osborne gave to our program and to welcome our new Children's Choir Director, Amy Pratt.

In September, LOGOS will sponsor a donation drive for the Pajama Program, a national nonprofit organization that provides comfort and love in the way of new pajamas and books to local children in need. On September 21, children and youth will come to LOGOS dressed in their pajamas and are asked to bring a new pair of pajamas and a new book to donate. The congregation is also invited to participate by donating new or gently used books for
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Adult Sunday School: 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

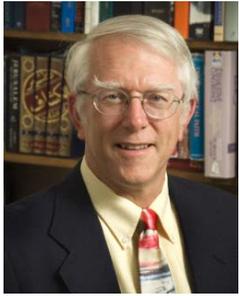
Adult Elective

"Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations"

September 4, 11 & 25, Sanctuary

Dr. Whitney Bodman, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Dr. Bodman pastored churches in Massachusetts before earning a Doctor of Theology degree from Harvard. He is Associate Professor of Comparative Religion at the seminary. He has been involved in interfaith organizations including the Massachusetts Conference of Churches' Jewish-Christian and Muslim-Christian dialogues. His research focuses on the Qur'an, modern Islam in the Middle East,



and political theology. He is president of Texas Impact and serves on the board of the related Texas Interfaith Center for Public Policy. He is also active in other interfaith groups.

Surveyors

"Second Corinthians"

Through October 9, Room 207

Gary Nelson

This is a six-week study of 2nd Corinthians, probably the most emotional letter written by Paul. It focuses on a very difficult time for not only Paul but also the fledgling church at Corinth.

Homebuilders

"Jonah"

Starting August 28, Room 112

Karen McClure

The Homebuilders class kicks off the fall using the Kerygma study of Jonah. Homebuilders is a discussion-oriented class for adults that covers topics in Christian living, scripture and church history.

Crossroads

"Wired Word"

Beginning September 11, Room 107

Amanda and Patrick Tolbert

This new adult class is for those seeking to find God in daily living. Class participants will seek to find meaning in Jesus' teachings within the context of daily life. Designed for those at the crossroads of embarking on a new career or growing a family, or those who want to think about their beliefs in the context of their fast-paced lives, it is a no-homework discussion that will feature a new topic each week.

This fall the class will discuss lessons ripped from the headlines and focus on issues at hand at the crossroads of scripture and current events.

Coffee and thought-provoking snacks will be provided.

September LOGOS

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children ages infant to 18. Put your donated items in the collection boxes in the lobby and the church office between September 1 and 25. If you have questions, contact Bridget Chapman, LOGOS Mission Coordinator, chapmanbridget@yahoo.com or 512-639-6433.

Our themes for September are below.

—Jaime Cowan

Date: September 7

Theme: Welcome Back (Backwards Night)

Attire: Wear clothes backwards

Date: September 14

Theme: Joke Night

Attire: LOGOS t-shirt

Date: September 21

Theme: Slumber Party

Attire: Pajamas (bring new pajamas & book to donate!)

Date: September 28

Theme: Double Bubble (bring a friend!)

Attire: Match clothes with your friend

Other Education Opportunities

Men's Spiritual Growth Group

Meets at 12 noon each

Wednesday in Room 101.

The men continue their study of Judges led by Ron Burke.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Meets every third Friday to study and reflect on the scripture readings for the coming Sunday sermon.

RSVP to David Lee Hulsey (512-863-3381, dhulsey63@gmail.com) or Cliff Snyder (512-468-2877, c_rsnyder@yahoo.com). Time and place will be e-mailed to you.

Ladies Lunch Bible Study

Meets each Wednesday at noon in Room 207 for a "brown bag" lunch.

The group has begun a new six-week study, The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul, by Adam Hamilton. Come experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

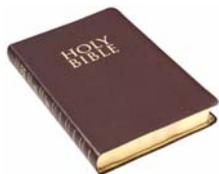
Follow the journeys of Paul beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites

Call the office (512-863-3381) to let us know you are coming so we can have enough books.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Highlights of September Youth Calendar

- 4 - No SNL, Labor Day
- 7 - Bible Study
- 11 - Church Dessert
Potluck & Costa
Rica Report
- 14 - Bible Study
- 16-18 - All-Church
Retreat
- 18 - No SNL
- 21 - Bible Study
- 25 - SNL, 4:30 - 6:30
- 28 - Bible Study



3rd graders to receive Bibles

It is the tradition of our church to present Bibles each year to our active 3rd graders. This year the presentation will be at the 11 a.m. worship service September 11. **We need your help.** If you have a 3rd grader and he or she is not listed below, please call Joy Bedford at 512-863-3381 and let her know so we can have a Bible for your child.

Third Graders:
Maddox Azuma-Hall
Charles Brainard
Johnny Decker
Juliet Lee
Paige Weisbrod

Learn from those who came before you

Colossians 1:15-28

The start of the semester is an exhilarating time not only for our students, but also for the staff and volunteers in Youth Ministry. Just like students going back to school, we ask ourselves how this year will be different: Will we make some new friends, and what new things will we experience with old friends?

I would add one thought for encouragement, both to those students starting a new semester and those of us who've been there before. My encouragement would be *to learn from those who came before you.*

For the students out there: We are blessed to have a church family rich in life experience and faithful servanthood to Christ. So draw from that deep well. Glean from the wisdom of church family members who have climbed the highest mountains and survived the lowest valleys.

For the church members who get to watch our children grow: They need you in their lives. Something that was evident in my life as a young Christian developing my faith was having many of my elders in my church taking the time to share their faith and life experiences with me.

So I ask you to share your stories, your faith with our students. It's biblical, and

studies show that the more adults pour into a student, the more solid the student's faith foundation will be as he or she grows.

One of our key scriptures for this semester in Youth Ministry comes from Colossians 1:28: "So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ." (NLT). I pray that this would become evident as we continue to share our lives with future generations. And in doing so, may God be glorified.

—God bless, David Lee Hulsey



All-church Dessert Potluck is Sunday, September 11

Bring your favorite dessert to share and come enjoy an evening with your church family!

Sunday, September 11

6 - 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Staff will present a program to include recent staff changes, songs from Vacation Bible School, a short video about LOGOS and a brief introduction to new adult classes.

David Lee and the youth will share their experiences from the Costa Rica Mission Trip and express their appreciation to the church and all the stockholders for their support. The Security Task Force also will give an update.

RSVP to the church office by Thursday, September 8, if you plan to attend.

7 UP-lifting Ways to Start School

1. Wake **UP** – and decide to have a good day.
2. Dress **UP** – the best way to dress up is to put on a smile
3. Cheer **UP** – say nice things and have a positive attitude.
4. Stand **UP** – for what you believe in.
5. Look **UP** – to the Lord. He is only a prayer away.
6. Reach **UP** – for something higher. Set some good goals.
7. Lift **UP** – be a good friend and help those around you.

FELLOWSHIP

PW circles begin meeting this month

Fall is almost here and Presbyterian Women are ready to roll. We hope those who have participated in the past and those looking to join are healthy and wanting to find fellowship and Christ's leading among fellow women. All circles begin meeting this month. If you are not a circle member, we invite you to visit a circle or several and consider joining with us for Bible study in 2016-17. (See a list of circles and September meeting information below). Here is a list of our upcoming events:

♦ **September 6, 11 a.m., Room 101**
PW board meeting

♦ **September 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
Judy Yates Siker leads a workshop on the current *Horizons* study topic, of which she is author; Austin Presby-

terian Theological Seminary; \$25 a person if attending in groups of two or more. Lunch is included. Contact beyondthewalls@austinseminary.edu.

♦ **September 30, 11 a.m., Room 101**
Cynthia Guidici leads the training for the October circle lesson from the *Horizons* study book. All women are invited to attend.

♦ **October 7**
Hill Country Fall Gathering
Lampasas

♦ **October 24**
FPC's PW Fall Gathering

♦ **October 28, 11 a.m., Room 101**
Cynthia Guidici leads the training for the November circle lesson from the *Horizons* study book. All women are invited to attend.

September Circle Meeting Dates/Times

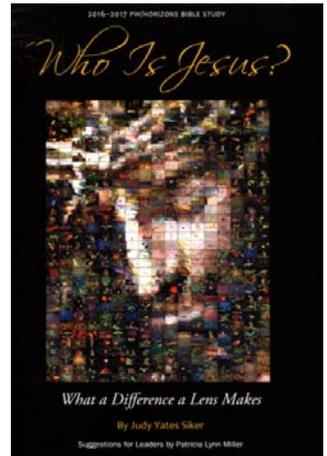
Circle	Date	Time	Hostess	Phone	Address
Elizabeth	9/20	6:30 pm	Theresa McKenna	512-930-3751	3601 Brangus
Esther	9/7	1:30 pm	Nadine Tanner	512-863-3714	Church
Hannah	9/21	11:00 am	Marty Curtis	501-517-3503	Church, Room 112
Lydia	9/14	1:00 pm	Linda Nix	512-869-1291	713 Shady Hollow Dr.
Martha	9/21	9:30 am	Carolyn Gregory	512-868-6583	114 Cold Spring Dr.
Rachael	9/21	9:30 am	Sue Renard	512-864-0045	125 Crystal Springs
Ruth	9/12	10:00 am	Helen Douglass	512-869-7007	30222 Oakmont Dr.
Sarah	9/19	10:00 am	Susan Poteete	512-863-6303	1711 Shinneck Hills Dr.

Men's Christian Fellowship to begin meeting

Men's Christian Fellowship begins its fall meeting schedule on Monday, September 19, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting begins with general conversation and fellowship, followed by a catered meal at 6:30 prepared by Mona Andersen and a speaker afterwards. Watch the church bulletin for more details.

Reservations for dinner are required by contacting Marv Hulshizer at 512-818-2094 or marv.mcf@suddenlink.net. Cost of dinner is \$10 per person. All men of the church are invited to attend.

2016-17 PW Horizons Bible Study



Presbyterian Women will spend a year studying and raising the question, "Who is Jesus?," again and again, looking for answers in some likely and unlikely places. We will listen to how our four Gospel writers portray Jesus and see how the apostle Paul describes Jesus to the members of the early churches.

Going outside biblical writings, we will see how our Jewish and Muslim sisters and brothers view Jesus from their perspectives in the Abrahamic faith traditions. Finally, we will consider how Christians from a variety of cultural perspectives answer the question, "Who is Jesus?"



Mission Sewing

Last month, we welcomed special guests Linda Gambell and Demeree Jackson. Many heartfelt thanks to:

- ♦ Pat Miller for the beautiful blessing of the animals & blankets
- ♦ Linda & Demeree for the stuffed animals and embroidered blankets
- ♦ Lenice Smithwick for delivering our donation of more than 50 animals & blankets to the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center
- ♦ Jaime & Olivia Cowan for the donation of stuffed animals
- ♦ Marty Curtis for the donation of stuffed animals and for taking pictures
- ♦ Kathi Davenport for updating our Mission Sewing bulletin board

Our next meeting is Friday, September 9, at 10 a.m. in Room 111. We will focus on hats and scarves for the Coats for Kids program at the Caring Place.

MISSION

TCP: Helping those who need it the most

I begin this note with a true story. On August 8, around 9:30 p.m., while driving back from Colorado, I was at a traffic light in Lubbock on the main road through town, on the inside lane. Next to me was an 18-wheeler, and next to him was another truck. When the light turned green I moved forward and immediately hit a car that had either run a red light or cut it too fine when crossing the intersection.

Because of the position of the 18-wheeler, I didn't see the car approaching. Since I was just starting into the intersection I was not going very fast as neither the seat belt nor the air bags deployed. The car I hit drove off, leaving parts of his car in the intersection, and was never seen again.

Bob and I are both fine but the front end of the car is badly damaged and, in fact, remains in a wrecker's yard in Lubbock. I called 911 and a young policeman arrived. He was courteous, kind and helpful and called a wrecking service for us. After the car was removed, he took us to a hotel where we spent the night. The next day we took a taxi to the airport, where we were able to rent a car from Enterprise that we returned in Georgetown.

While all of this was rather upsetting, and may wind up being expensive, it is not fatal, so we started looking on the bright side. Of course, we are extremely

fortunate that the accident was not worse. This got me thinking that if we had been poor or struggling to make ends meet, it would probably have been disastrous. I probably could not have afforded a hotel; I probably would have had minimal insurance, if any; I wouldn't have been able to rent a car; and I couldn't have gotten home and to work, which in all probability would cause me to lose my job.

This would be a worst case scenario, but I know that at The Caring Place we could easily be trying to help people in that same type of situation. In fact, in that type of situation, The Caring Place is all there is. Think about that, folks.

Coming up on October 15: It's the biggest fundraiser of the year for The Caring Place, **Deep in the Heart of Texas**, at Schwertner Ranch. Come dine and dance under the sky to the Radney Foster Band. Tickets and more information are available from Rita Turner at 512-943-0702 or at www.caringplacetx.org.

The needs for this month are for adult size disposable incontinence products, any brand, any size. Pull-up style is preferred.

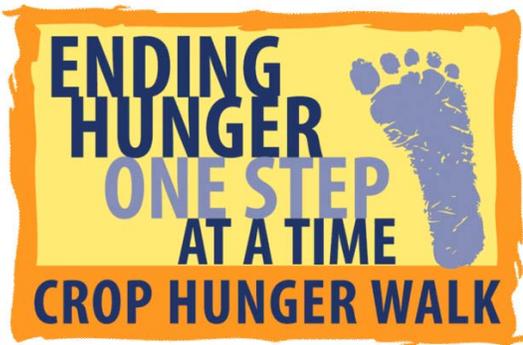
Foods needed are: tomato products, ketchup, cereal (not oatmeal), chili/stew and boxed dinners.

As always, thank you for all you do.

—Jenny Carswell

The women of Mission Sewing with some of the 50-plus stuffed animals and blankets for the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center.





Walker packets will be available for pick up after each Sunday worship service beginning September 4 (and throughout September) or from Rick Galloway, 512-310-5886. And if you are the last-minute-kind-of-walker, you can get a packet when you show up at the walk that Sunday, at which time you can also make a donation.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

25% of the funds raised by the CROP Hunger Walk stays locally with The Caring Place and Meals on Wheels.

Fundraiser breakfast for Meals on Wheels set for September 17

Applebee's in Georgetown is sponsoring a Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast for Meals on Wheels Georgetown on Saturday, September 17, 8 - 10 a.m. Tickets at \$10 each are available at the door, and \$5 of that goes to MOW. More than \$1,000 was raised for MOW at each of the previous Applebee's fundraisers.

Buffet items include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, orange juice, tea and coffee.

Pick up a flyer about this event at the welcome center. Invite your friends to this delicious breakfast and help support Meals on Wheels. For more information, contact Dave or Alison Harrison.

Sunday, October 2
Registration: 3:15 p.m.
Walk Start: 4 p.m.
San Gabriel Park
(Pavilion B)

The CROP Hunger Walk is considered the granddaddy of charity walks. On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, North Dakota, walked in what may have been the start of the hunger walks related to CROP – and raised \$25,000 to fight hunger.

Presently, more than 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,000 CROP Walks each year. More than five million CROP Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Walks in the last two decades alone.

What does CROP stand for?

When CROP began in 1947, CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, CROP has outgrown the acronym but it is retained as the historic name of the program.

Where do CROP Walk funds go?

CROP Walks help support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Walk can choose to retain up to 25% of the funds it raises for hunger-fighting programs in its own community. Local charities supported in Georgetown are The Caring Place and Meals on Wheels.

CROP Walks help provide food and water as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools to wells and water systems, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs—something Church World Service learned through 70 years of working in partnership around the world.



Peanut butter & jelly for Meals on Wheels

September is our church's month to collect 175 jars each of PB&J and deliver them to Meals on Wheels. Our Vacation Bible School kids got us started by bringing 75 jars of peanut butter and 72 jars of jelly. Since then, FPC members have brought 65 jars of peanut butter and 57 jars of jelly.

What is needed now to meet our goal is 35 jars of peanut butter and 46 jars of jelly. Please help us meet and exceed our goal. Bring your donations and put them in the red boxes in the Sanctuary narthex, the church office, and the welcome center in the Worship Center-Fellowship Hall lobby.

Watch for updates in the Sunday bulletin to see how we are doing on meeting our goal.

—Dave & Alison Harrison

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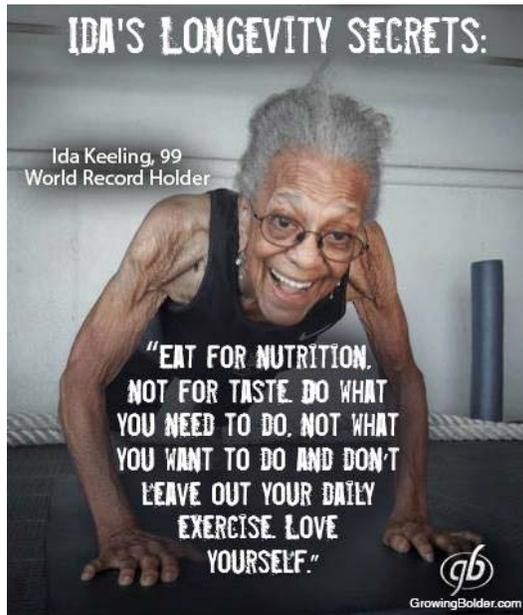
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Other hours
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CARE MINISTRY

Points from Parish Nurse Penny



A friend sent me an e-mail with this poster in it. At first, I thought, "Wow! 99 years old and looking healthy." Then I thought, "Do I want to live to be 99 and only eat for taste and always do what I don't want to do?"

Well, on second look and thought, I decided to share this poster with you because I realize that Miss Ida is not saying that you can NEVER eat for taste or that you can't sometimes do what you want to do. What she is saying is that to live fully and be healthy enough to be God's Hands and Heart in this world, you must be mindful of the gifts God has given you and do the work to maintain those gifts.

Just like the gift of your human body requires maintenance, so do your other gifts. The gift of your relationship with God requires daily attention to Bible reading/study and prayer. The gift of your human relationships requires that you make yourself "present with love and attention" to your family and friends. As we head into autumn, how can you take care of what God has given you? There is a nursing

adage: "If you don't use it, you lose it." It takes intentional planning to "use it."

Seniors Living Smarter Seminar: What do you do with "The Five Must-Have Legal Documents?"

Tuesday, September 13
10 - 11:30 a.m.

Georgetown Public Library

This free seminar with elder law attorneys and a title company escrow agent will help you sort out the "must haves" in the form of legal documents to be prepared for the future. There is limited space so you must register at www.SeniorsLivingSmarter.com, or call Virginia Lazenby at 512-818-0988.

Some of the questions to be addressed are:

- ♦ How does the death of a spouse affect ownership of your home and your ability to sell the home?
- ♦ What are the advantages of having a trust? Just what is the purpose of a trust?
- ♦ If my property is in a trust, how does that affect the sale?
- ♦ Why and when should you present a Durable Power of Attorney?

"Anger!"

Monday, September 19
7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Chris Kingsbury, MA, LPC, LMFT, NCC, from the Center for Relational Care will present the second in a five-session series about dealing with the "Craziness of this World."

The August session set the groundwork for the remaining sessions. However, even if you, or someone you know, did not come to the first one, please plan to attend this worthwhile and uplifting event about anger. No registration needed. Bring a friend!

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**Make time
this fall for
a good read!**



Fall is almost here. Many of us are back from vacation and spending our time relaxing in a comfortable reading pose, right? And, of course, families are settling into busy school routines, which often leave little time for an entertaining read. Here are a few tips:

- ♦ Engage family members to do housework and chores so that everyone can relax for half an hour each day and read.
- ♦ Carry a purse or tote bag big enough to contain a book to read while waiting for a doctor's appointment, standing in a slow line or waiting for a ride home.
- ♦ Read short books because if you are very busy, you're much less likely to finish that 600-page literary epic you started six months ago.
- ♦ Read what you love, and if you haven't been drawn into the story by Chapter 3, forget it—life's too short!
- ♦ Read with a family member or friend for a great opportunity to spend some quiet time together. Read aloud to each other; the possibilities for a good time abound.

As you browse the library shelves don't forget to check out the "Recent Arrivals" list just inside the door. We added numerous children and juvenile books this summer, and donations include interesting biography and history volumes and faith-based fiction.

—Elaine Eddings

*I am what
libraries and
librarians
have made
me, with a
little assis-
tance from a
professor
of Greek and
a few poets.*

—Bernard Keble Sandwell

SU fraternity names endowed scholarship in memory of the late Wally Pilcher

A group of Southwestern University alumni recently established an endowed scholarship fund in memory of Wally Pilcher and dedicated to scholarships specifically for Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity students at Southwestern.

In recognition of the many meaningful connections sponsored within APO over the years at Southwestern, and of Wally's devotion to the Alpha Gamma Kappa Chapter goals during his tenure on campus, the Alpha Phi Omega Scholarship has been named the "Wally Pilcher '95 APO Endowed Scholarship."

"Having the Alpha Phi Omega scholarship named in Wally's memory is truly an honor for our family," said Debbie Pilcher. "APO was one of the building blocks for his commitment to volunteerism. He always believed in giving back and leaving the world a little better than he found it. I have loved sharing with our children the stories of college service projects and community outreach that APO made possible for us at SU. I even remember a semester when Wally's goal

was to have the most service hours in the chapter. His passion for service followed him long after graduation and into so many aspects of our life together. I am grateful Wally's memory is being honored in such a wonderful way, and it brings me joy to know that his legacy will live on through community-minded APO students at Southwestern."

APO invites others to join Southwestern and Wally's family in honoring his inclusive, service-oriented mindset by making a gift to the endowed scholarship.

Make a gift online at www.southwestern.edu/makeagift and designate the gift for the "Wally Pilcher '95 APO Endowed Scholarship."

Donations in the form of checks may be mailed to Southwestern University, Office of Gift Programs, P.O. Box 770, Georgetown, TX 78627. Remember to write "Wally Pilcher '95 APO Endowed Scholarship" on the memo line.



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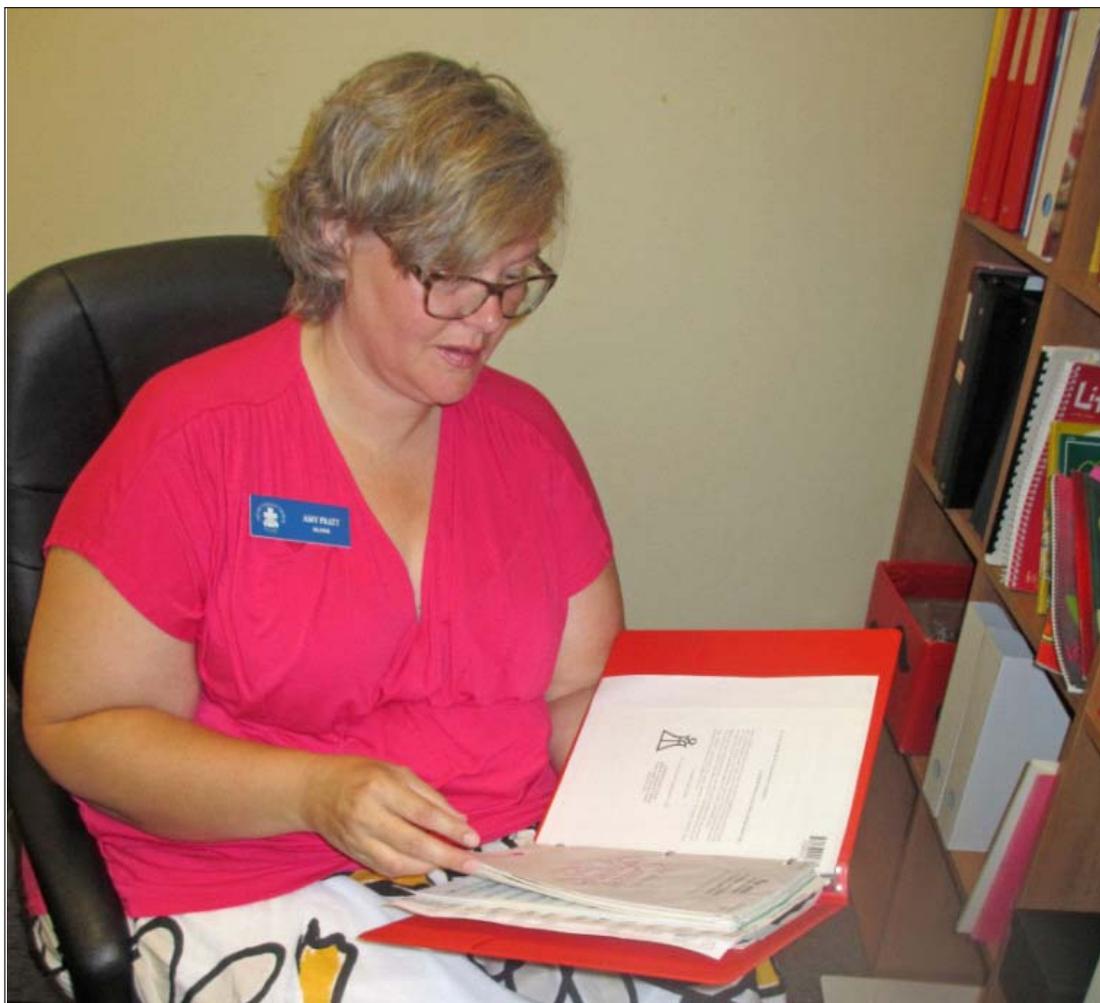


Amy Pratt

New Children's Choir Director at FPC



Amy and her predecessor, Trisha Osborne, at Camp Music & More.



Amy looks through sheet music and other resources in the church's music suite/library.

She began her new duties in August

WHEN AMY PRATT TALKS ABOUT HER responsibilities as the new Children's Choir Director at FPC, it's easy for her to turn the topic to the four original foundations of the LOGOS ministry—Bible study, recreation, dinner and worship skills. She also talks about the underlying purpose of the week-long summer camp she directed for children in 2013 and 2014, Camp Music & More, which combined music and arts for worship.

Amy points out how one of those four basics of LOGOS, "worship skills," which always included singing, playing instruments and preparation for many other leadership roles in worship—has metamorphosed into and is now called "worship arts." A new LOGOS publication expounds on such topics as the theology

of worship arts, leadership in worship arts, how to do worship arts in LOGOS and characteristics of effective worship arts.

"I think it's important for children to know why we worship and all the ways we can worship," Amy said. "That's why I was interested in this position working with children—helping them practice or prepare for participation in worship."

Amy began her new job duties August 1 and has already set her priorities, the first of which is to begin recruiting helpers for the 45-minute weekly LOGOS choir rehearsals. "And my personal priority is to get organized," she said with a laugh.

She has reorganized and looked through some 20 years of materials left in the church's music suite/library by her

predecessor, Trisha Osborne, who served for 11 years, and others before Trisha. Bridget Chapman has helped with the organizing, and “has spent more time doing it than I have,” Amy said. “I think there are copies in the music suite of just about every children’s musical ever published,” she added. Amy admires Trisha’s ability to direct a musical each year and use the talents of both the Cherubs Choir, children kindergarten through 2nd grade, and the Choristers, children 3rd through 6th grades.

Organizing and directing an annual LOGOS musical might not be her strength, Amy admitted. She plans to delve more deeply into how to integrate LOGOS choir members into other facets of worship, such as liturgy, prayer, scripture reading and other leadership roles besides music performance, or leading.

“For Youth Sunday, David Lee and Sarah do a good job of fitting each youth’s natural talent to a role in the service. I remember the service when Tristan Snyder, a talented artist, did a chalk drawing. I think we could do the same with our children.”

She isn’t sure what format the Sunday worship service for next year’s musical will take but she does foresee integrating other worship arts into the service.

Such integration is what she achieved with participants in her Camp Music & More sessions and the finale performances.

Amy likes the quote, “Worship is the glue that connects people to Jesus.” And the primary goal of her Music & More Camp was to provide that glue and help children become life-long worshipers.

The camp sessions began with worshiping and singing praise to God, followed by work on some tools for worship (worship “skills” or what has also come to be known as the more encompassing term worship “arts”).

“At camp, the main worship art we focused on was choral singing,” Amy explained, “but there are many other ways to worship, so we explored drama and speaking, arts and crafts, movement and sign language, playing rhythm instru-

ments, and media arts. Media arts was anything that went on behind the scenes and involved technology, such as working the sound board, preparing the worship bulletin, and also sound and lighting design, slide shows, film and video.”

On the evening of the final day of camp, the campers combined many of their worship arts elements from the week-long session into a performance for parents and church members that involved music, movement, sound design, set design, instruments, drama, film and art.

Amy is by no means new to LOGOS. Since she and husband Jeff joined FPC in January 2009, she has helped with the “mid-week miracle.” (Amy said she joined the Chancel Choir here even before joining the church.) She has been a helper, teaching Bible study and worship skills as far back as when the Pratts’ older son, Nolan, was in kindergarten. He is now a 7th grader and member of the FPC youth group. The other son, Allen, is a 5th grader.

Music and worship have played a major role in Amy’s life.

“I remember the first musical I was in. I was a second grader in Texarkana. In high school I sang with a youth choir of between 80 and 100 members at First Baptist Church of Garland. We led every Sunday night in worship. We presented small musicals and sang everything from spiritual to classical to contemporary music.” The choir also performed in prisons and children’s homes and even took a trip to California to perform. “We had 120 members that year,” she said with a smile.

Amy also played the euphonium in both high school and college bands. She spent two years at Texas Tech, where she met her future husband, who was from Round Rock, and graduated from UT in Austin with a major in math. After marrying in 1993, the Pratts moved to Austin where she worked for IBM and he joined Dell. They eventually moved to Williamson County and now live in Round Rock, where they were members of Round Rock Presbyterian before trans-

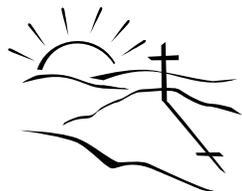
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Images from Camp M&M 2013 & 2014



From top: Modeling a “rock band” hat trimmed with rocks; practicing music for the finale; and Trisha Osborne rehearsing children’s movement routines for that performance.

“Away
Together -
Growing
Together”



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Amy Pratt

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ferring their memberships to FPC. Amy sang in that church choir and the Round Rock Community Choir. This is her first job outside the home since before Nolan was born—12½ years ago.

As she gets organized, Amy is planning the fall semester for the choirs and looking at the upcoming monthly dates that the choirs will lead in worship. The choirs also perform for a special LOGOS dinner program honoring veterans in November and lead in worship at the early service on Christmas Eve. Amy said she doesn't plan for both children's choirs always to rehearse together during Wednesday evening LOGOS, thus the need for helpers. She wants the congregation to know that, even though they might not see the Cherubs perform often, “that doesn't mean they aren't busy and active.” Amy wants the younger children to learn the *The Doxology* and *The Gloria Patria*, “which are part of the language of our worship.”

She also wants the participation, or leading, of the children's choirs on wor-



ship Sundays to meld as much as possible with the sermon topic, liturgy, prayers, scripture readings and perhaps even the choice of hymns. The first date is September 25, just three weeks into LOGOS this fall.

If children leave LOGOS and its worship arts component with a connection to the congregation and the church, one that they will feel later in life, Amy said she will have achieved her goal.

Another connection Amy has to worship at FPC is her service as an elder on the Worship Committee. “It has given me a bigger appreciation for all the different people and jobs that come together to make the worship service go as smoothly as it does.” In 2017, the final year of her term, she will serve as chair of the Worship Committee. —Marty Curtis

*Amy confers
with a helper
while directing
Camp Music
& More
in 2014.*



LOGOS is a weekly intergenerational experience for children that creates an atmosphere where all ages together can learn about, experience and practice the art of Christian relationships that are critical for developing life-long disciples. LOGOS builds relationships between young people and caring, Christian adults of all ages through a four-part weekly format:



Family Time: The family-style meal, prepared by kitchen teams, gathers "table families" of various ages who eat together weekly for the entire year.



Recreation: All have great fun in a cooperative atmosphere.

Bible Study: A time for children to study the Bible as the model for Christ-centered living.



Worship Arts (formerly Worship Skills): Choir, drama, musical instruments and other arts are rehearsed at LOGOS and then the children regularly lead in worship.



CUPS ministers to needy in Mexico

CUPS (Comunidades Unidas pro Salud, Communities United for Health) is an ecumenical Christian ministry founded in 1989 to improve the educational and health environment of needy families in north-eastern Mexico. Headquarters are in McAllen.

Until 2010 CUPS mission volunteers constructed school buildings, health clinics and libraries. Because of drug violence, CUPS changed its mission to delivering donated goods: school supplies for students and teachers, health equipment for clinics and individuals, warm clothing and quilts for the winter months and Spanish-language Bibles and books.

After more than a quarter of a century, schools and education, particularly special education, remain an important focus for CUPS, which constructed classrooms and other needed structures in Matamoros, Reynosa, Rio Bravo and Valle Hermoso. Building sites have more than 40 classrooms, school kitchens, libraries or other improvements. The first special education project for CUPS was the Jose Luis Garcia School in Matamoros. This school works with children who are not able to attend regular schools, children who have learning difficulties, or those who may be children of the streets.

You can support the work of CUPS through donations of Spanish-language Bibles, school supplies, medical equipment, warm clothing, quilts for children, blankets for adults, and adult and children diapers. Your financial support is always welcome as is any assistance in transporting donations to the valley for distribution in Mexico.

For more information, visit the CUPS website, www.cupsmission.org. You can also contact FPC's CUPS Mission Advocate, Cindy Bausch, at 512-240-5625.



Primary school girls display their pillow case dresses made by members of a Presbyterian church in West Columbia, Texas.

Ways to receive sermons preached in our church

In person: Still the best way! Every Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m. you can hear a sermon live and in person.

On our website: Sermons are usually posted on the church website the day after they are preached. All of the current year's sermons are on the website: fpcgeorgetown.org

Sent by e-mail: Dr. Roberts' sermons can be e-mailed as an attachment on request. If you would like to receive sermons by e-mail, contact Christina Bondesen, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor (cbondesen@fpcgeorgetown.org).

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