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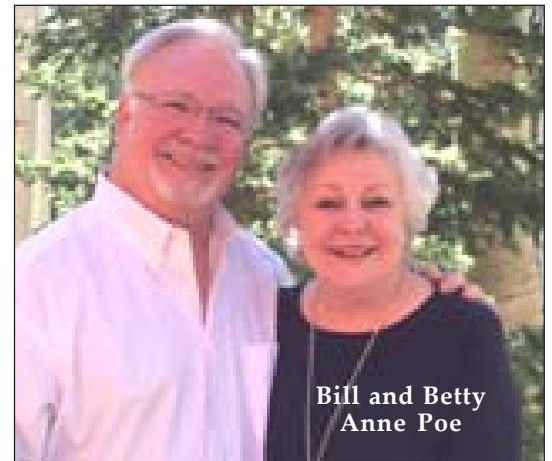
Effective in October: Bill Poe named FPC's Transitional Pastor

Dr. William C. (Bill) Poe will serve as First Presbyterian Church's Transitional Pastor beginning in October following the retirement of Dr. Michael A. Roberts. This action came at an April 24 Stated meeting of the Session.

Bill is an honorably retired pastor in Mission Presbytery. Last year, he served as Transitional Pastor at Central Presbyterian in Austin. He and his wife Betty Anne have been part of the FPC church family since 2011.

Announcing the Session's action in a letter to the congregation, the three Administrative Committee elders said that the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry determined that FPC would best be served by a Transitional Pastor. This term applies to alternative approaches to an interim ministry, according to elders Karen Rayburn, Gary Nelson and Babs Cape. Not all churches in transition require the structured and directed efforts associated with a traditional Interim Pastor. "This is especially true of churches that are found to be healthy," the letter read.

A Transitional Pastor is one "who will worship, serve and walk with the congregation during the time of pastoral search, provide caring and competent



Bill and Betty
Anne Poe

pastoral leadership, and help the congregation to know that it can love and be loved by another pastor."

At the same Session meeting, elders approved a process for nominating the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The Session will call a congregational meeting this summer to vote first to dissolve FPC's relationship with Pastor Mike, effective September 30, and second, to elect the PNC.

"Since Bill will be here for a year, we will have time to listen for God's guidance," the letter read. The committee will review candidates' credentials and experience, listen to sermons, and nominate a pastor for election by the congregation."



Needs continue in summer!

As we make summer vacation plans, we are reminded that the financial needs of the church *don't* take a summer break: FPC will still pay staff salaries, provide programs for children and youth, maintain our facility and support missions. So please remember the church this summer as you take time to enjoy life.



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bill & Nancy Dudley
- 2 Bob & Jerri Jones
William & Chrystal O'Rourke
Bill & Bonnie Stump
- 5 Ben & Melissa Pilcher
- 6 Delmar & Jerry Burkett
Richard & Joyce Dorr
Eric & Jeanie Wiesner
- 8 David & G-Ann Martin
- 10 Ron & Liz Weaver
- 11 John & Carole Alsup
Jeremy & Chessa Rizzotto
- 13 Phil & Jeanne Smith
- 14 Walt & Libbie Ragan
- 15 Howard & Joan Dudding
Fred & Laura Herbst
- 17 Corey & Elizabeth Bailey
- 18 Sam & Jennifer Whitehead
- 19 Jim & Heidi Winter-Johnson
- 20 Aaron & Lindsey Kozak
- 21 Ralph & Willie Gibson
- 22 Doug & Judy Bond
John & Phyllis McColly
Don & Marilyn Mehaffey
Ben & Donna Nichols
- 23 David & Carol Holmes
- 24 Jim & Nancy Marks
Gary & Polly Nelon
- 25 Shane & Emily Littleton
Jake & Anna Maspero
Jeff & Judy Willett
- 26 Philip & Magen Smith
- 27 Bob & Dordi Duncan
- 29 John & Ruth McEntire
- 30 David Lee & Sarah Hulsey

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jay McEntire
- 2 Melissa Wilson
- 4 Caroline Gremillion
Lily Hulsey
Demeree Jackson
- 5 C.J. Smith
Cameron Wenzel
- 6 Jeremy Gambell, Jr.
- 8 Gene Gregory
Chuck Keith
- 11 Jesse Mahannah
- 12 Linda Thomas
Sturdy Wanamaker
- 13 Jim Winter-Johnson
- 14 Cora Miller
- 15 Chris Osborne
Sheila Wooten

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How to receive copies of the pastor's sermons

Live and in Person—Every Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a.m.! Still the best way to hear a sermon!

On our Church Webpage—We generally post sermons on our webpage, www.fpcgeorgetown.org, the day after they are preached. The past six months of sermons are there.

Sent by E-mail—We e-mail Dr. Roberts' sermons as an attachment on request. If you would like to receive sermons by e-mail, contact Christina Bondesen, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor (863-3381, cbondesen@fpcgeorgetown.org).

Printed Copies Mailed to Your Home—We mail printed copies of sermons on request. Contact Christina if you would like to receive the sermons by mail.

Printed Copies at Church—You will find printed copies of the previous three sermons at church in the narthex and the lobby.

**Income and Expense Report
Year to Date - April 2018
General Operating Fund**

	Actual	Annual Budget	YTD % Annual Budget
Income			
Pledges	\$354,918	\$846,088	42%
Other	28,501	139,080	20%
TOTAL	\$383,419	\$985,168	39%
Expenses			
Validated Mission	22,479	58,346	39%
Local/Other Mission	9,652	31,134	31%
Ministry of the Word	50,992	158,942	32%
Program/Support Staff	14,7423	43,5981	34%
Christian Education	5,457	34,700	16%
Music and Worship	7,356	20,914	35%
Evangelism/Care	1,945	11,860	16%
Property	29,317	84,066	35%
Stewardship/Finance	6,559	18,200	36%
Other Oper Expenses	10,865	40,600	27%
Debt Retirement	30,123	90,370	33%
TOTAL	\$322,168	\$985,113	33%



**Looking for volunteers:
Ushers & greeters needed**

Choir singers and teachers,
welcome to summer!

This would be a great opportunity
to join the
Ushers and Greeters Team.

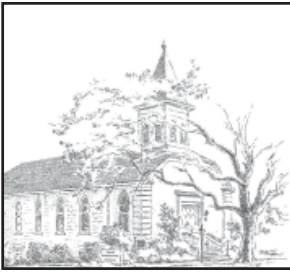
Please let us know if you are interested.

Contact Gail Butler at
gail.butler@suddenlink.net or 832-816-7844

for the 8:30 a.m. service

or Cathy Shirley at cathyhs@verizon.net or 512-863-0630

for the 11 a.m. service.



Among Our People

Boldface indicates a member of First Presbyterian Church

In the hospital last month: David Siekmeier (surgery) and Gayle Taylor.

In memoriam:

♦ We learned that **Earthel Henderson** joined the Church Triumphant December 12, 2017, in Luling. Earthel had been a member of our congregation since October 1967, serving as an elder from 1973-76 and 1979-81.

♦ We learned that **Milo Dowden** joined the Church Triumphant December 17, 2017, in Houston. No services were held. Milo had been a member of our congregation since March 2012.

♦ **Rod Gilbert** joined the Church Triumphant May 14. He had been a member of our congregation since June 2002. Please keep Susan and family in your prayers.

Thank you: "Dear Church Friends, Thank you for all the cards, prayers and phone calls we received concerning the death of Carol's brother and David's surgery. We appreciated Jenny Carswell's visits and prayers." —Carol & David Siekmeier

Serving in the military: Josh Bengé, **Sturdy & Tammy Wanamaker's** nephew; Maj. Brian Berlakovich, **Ouida Henderson's** grandson-in-law; Lt. Col. Brian Burk, **Larry Burk's** son; Col. Joëff Childs, **Helen Douglass'** grandson; Maj. Josh Daleiden, **Betty Bradford's** grand-

son-in-law; **John Decker**; Jared A. Gross, **Robert Bedford's** nephew; **Brian Hall**; Capt. Daniel Hammond, **Keith & Sue Renard's** grandson-in-law; **Garrett Herbst**; Lt. Ian Hines, grandson of **Dr. Jake Hines**; Brandon Keith, **Phil & Jeanne Smith's** son-in-law; **Nicolaas Leloux**; Tech. Sgt. Robert McClanahan, grandson of **Minta McIntosh** and nephew of **Lee McIntosh**; **Sgt. 1st Class Paul Rayburn**; Nicholas Stamos, **Larry & Helen Burk's** grandson; and Christian Winckel, grandson of Sandy Hayes.

JUNE WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

11 a.m., Worship Center-Fellowship Hall
Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching all month

June 3: "Bearing Fruit"

Scripture: Colossians 1:1-14

June 10: "The Supremacy of Christ"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Scripture: Colossians 1:15-23

June 17: "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory"

Scripture: Colossians 1:24 – 2:7

June 24: "The Christian Life"

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

Sign up to provide flowers in worship

Most people donate their arrangement after the service to be used in our Flower Ministry which divides the arrangement into bud vases and re-gifts them to our shut-ins and members in the hospital. If you intend to take your arrangement home, please contact either Kathy Jones 512-863-3012 or Betty Smith 512-869-6925.

BIRTHDAYS

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- 16 Quinn Riley
- 17 Bob Albers
Maddox Azuma-Hall
Steven Jones
Mary Mitchem
Gary Nelon
Catrina Sorensen
- 18 Mary Ellen Burton
Steven Kirkpatrick
John McColly
Camryn Sorensen
- 19 Sam Brainard
- 20 Mary Ann Fine
Teresa Wilson
- 21 Robert Cockroft
Carol Siekmeier
- 23 Katy Bedford
Barbara Nelson
Maggie Seaman
Cindy Sharpnack
Jeanne Smith
- 24 Emalee Osborne
- 25 Sam Matthews
- 26 Trinity O'Rourke
- 27 Cindy Roberts
- 28 Celeste Frost
Tammy Wanamaker
- 29 Louis Fairchild
Robby Isenhour
- 30 Bruce Gunn
Sue Juncker
Laura Miller
Amanda Tolbert



Flowers in Worship/ June

- 3 Tim & Becky Kennedy
- 10 Babs Cape
- 17 Corey & Elizabeth
Bailey
- 24 Ralph & Willie Gibson

Head Deacon/June

- 8:30 Cheryl Dorothy
Sid Frost
- 11:00 Sid Frost
Cheryl Dorothy

Joy Bedford
Education Director
jbedford2321@gmail.com



Church Clean-up Day August 12 12 noon

Mark your calendars and come help at our annual church clean-up day! This is a great way for families to have fun while we help prepare our church for the fall semester. Lunch and dessert will be provided! We will have jobs for all ages and abilities. RSVP to Jaime Cowan (jcowan@fpcgeorgetown.org or 512-863-3381) by August 5 so we can plan for food and supplies.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday School Teachers are taking a well deserved break until August 19. We will see you in worship!
Have a safe and blessed summer!**

Thanks

We would like to say thank you to the 2017-18 teachers. You are so vital to this church family!

Kelly Seaman, Lindsay Charpentier, Fred & Laura Herbst, Kathleen Wenzel, Haley Weisbrod, Lea Ann Hutton, Liz Decker, Sarah Hulsey, Demeree Jackson, Michael Wenzel, Jana McCown, Adrienne Brandt, Fred Hilgeman, Minta McIntosh, Amy Pratt, Karen Jones, Bill Stanley, Gary Nelon, Phil Smith, Celeste Frost, Amanda & Patrick Tolbert, Ken Peters, Tom Currie, Guy & Cynthia Guidici, Kathy Kerr Kubatzky, Penny Leone, Erika Wenzel, Lee Lee Perkins, Polly Nelon, Denise Ferguson, Cherril Lemmink, Angela Ramsey, Cathy Leloux, Phyllis Perkins, Liz Weaver, Karen Rayburn and her helpers, Rod Burke, Sturdy Wanamaker, Michael Roberts, teachers of the Wednesday men's and women's Bible studies, PW Bible study Leaders and the rest of you who teach in so many ways.

Another LOGOS semester and year come to an end

Another amazing semester has come to an end for LOGOS this year! Thank you so much to all of our amazing volunteers and parents who help make this mid-week miracle happen! I also want to say a special thank you to our LOGOS board members listed below. Your dedication to our church and these families is a large part of what makes this program so successful. Thank you for making a difference.
—Jaime Cowan, Director

LOGOS Fall Dates

August 12 Church Clean-up Day, following 11 a.m. worship (lunch provided)
August 29 LOGOS Orientation/Registration
September 5 First LOGOS, Fall 2018

LOGOS Board Members 2017-18

**Bob Albers
Liz Bailey
Joy Bedford
Bridget Chapman
Jaime Cowan
Lea Ann Hutton
Theresa McKenna
Amy Pratt
Chris Spruiell**

VBS 2018:



"Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus"

June 11 - 15
9 a.m. - 12 noon

*Come learn how
we are rescued
by Jesus!*

Registration is still open for children kinder - 6th grade. Forms are available online at www.fpcgeorgetown.org. Contact Jaime Cowan at jcowanfpc@gmail.com or 512-863-3381 for information on how you can be a part of this amazing adventure!



VBS Volunteers

Please plan to attend the 11 a.m. service Sunday, June 10, for the commissioning of our volunteers. Lunch and a brief training will follow in room 101. After the training we will finish setting up and decorating.

VBS Donations Reminder

Please bring in all donation items to the church office by June 4. Thank you so much for helping contribute to the program! We couldn't do it without your help!

VBS Volunteer Snacks Needed

We are looking for a few volunteers to bring snacks such as finger foods, sweet treats, light snacks and beverages for the VBS volunteers to enjoy throughout the week. Please bring any donated snack items labeled "VBS Volunteers" to the big kitchen.



Church bulletin and newsletter bloopers:

- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday. Please use the back door.
- The 8th graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."
- The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- Today's Sermon: "How Much Can a Man Drink?" with hymns from a full choir.
- Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to church secretary.

Youth June Calendar

- 6
Youth Cookout @
McEntire's
- 8-9
Youth @ Presbytery
- 11-15
Vacation Bible School
- 19
Memphis Pre-trip
Meeting
- 20
FPC Spartan OCR
- 24-28
In-town Mission Trip



YOUTH MINISTRY



Congratulations to our high school graduates, who were recognized at the 11 a.m. worship service May 6 and then honored at a reception afterwards. Pictured from left: David Lee Hulsey, Youth Director, Leanna Perkins, Hope Smith, Rachel Isenhour, Joey Mikel, Aidan Guidici, Ethan Poe, Drew Arnold, Annabel McClure and Sarah Hulsey, Youth Director. Not pictured: Courtney Mahannah, Madi Terbush and Brandon Walters.

Congratulations, high school graduates!

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| <p>Drew Arnold
Aidan Guidici</p> <p>Rachel Isenhour
Courtney Mahannah
Annabel McClure
Joey Mikel
Leanna Perkins
Ethan Poe</p> <p>Hope Smith</p> <p>Madi Terbush
Brandon Walters</p> | <p>Cornell College, majoring in Political Science
Wichita State University, majoring in Aerospace Engineering
Austin Community College
Southwestern University
Public School's 18+ Transition Job Training Program
GISD Bridges Job Training Program
San Angelo State, majoring in Nursing
Southwestern University, majoring in Biomedical Studies
Stephen F. Austin University, majoring in Psychology/ Nursing
Stephen F. Austin University, undecided
Sam Houston State University, majoring in Criminal Science</p> |
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Spartan Obstacle Course Race coming up June 20!

Summer brings obstacle course

The spring semester is wrapped up, and we want to congratulate all of our wonderful seniors on graduating! We are so proud of our graduates, and we want to wish them the best as they take their next big step in life.

And that means we are officially into summer! One of our many summer youth events is our Spartan Obstacle Course Race. This will be our fourth year for this event. It's a highlight for our youth who love to challenge



themselves with 20+ obstacles over a three-fourths to one-mile run. I enjoy it because it gives me a chance to have a lot of fun creating and constructing the obstacles for our youth. And it always works well as illustration when talking to our youth about our faith and the obstacles in the race of life. Yes, it is a lot of work for a little illustration, but one that the youth will always remember.

—God bless, David Lee Hulsey

MISSION

Are you shopping at Randalls?

Have you shopped at the new Georgetown Randall's yet? If you fill out the program form and take it to the courtesy booth, they will link your Randalls Remarkable Card to The Caring Place. If you do that, 1% of your qualifying purchases will be donated to The Caring Place. "Not much," you say, but if everyone who shops there did the same it would be very worthwhile.



The year's biggest fund raiser will be Saturday, October 13. It is known as "Deep in the Heart of Caring" and is to be held at Schwertner Ranch. Country Music Award winner T.G. Sheppard will be the featured guest. TCP is currently

looking for event sponsors and auction items so if you feel inclined please call Rita Turner at 512-943-0702.



If you buy online at AmazonSmile, don't forget to designate The Caring Place as your charitable nonprofit.

As always, we can use almost any food item you might choose for yourself.

Thanks again. —Jenny Carswell

Mission Sewing

In May, we welcomed special guest Allison Harris, Senior Development Officer for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

We donated afghans to the seven PCHAS graduating high school seniors, and Allison delivered them for us.

Thank you, Lenice Smithwick and Alison Harrison, for the stuffed animals with blankets and books. We delivered 21 stuffed animals, blankets and books to the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center.

Our next meeting will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 8, in room 111.



Diapers needed!

The Caring Place is desperately in need of diapers size 4, 5 and 6, so if you prefer, you could donate diapers instead of food.

Focus on Mission



To notify the church office if:

- You change your physical or mailing address
- You change your e-mail address or add e-mail
- You change your home or cell phone number
- You add a new phone number

Special prayers for the Fletchers

From Shirley Nash, FPC Advocate

John and Gwenda Fletcher were appointed as Presbyterian missionaries to Africa in 1989, dedicating their lives to serving God among the people of the Congo, known as Zaire at that time and Democratic Republic (DR) of the Congo now. John's medical services and Gwenda's educational services were and are greatly needed in that central African country, which is still torn by civil war nearly 30 years later.

In 1989 John had no idea that God had plans for him far beyond his surgical and other medical work in the DR Congo. He was to be the moving force in rebuilding the hydroelectric plant for the Mission as the project manager. This power plant dates to September 1986 and by 2016 needed extensive renovation. Some parts had to be made in Germany and installed by German engineers and technicians. That work has been under way in spring and summer of 2018.

Gwenda's work with the schools in DR Congo has been in supervising the education of primary and secondary students in more than 700 mission schools. Much of her work has been in direct contact with teachers and students in small village schools.

In the fall of 2017 Gwenda became ill with profound fatigue and near-fainting episodes, and in December she fell unconscious in her kitchen. Dr. John was notified by household helpers and



rushed home. He consulted with insurance company doctors and they evacuated Gwenda and John to South Africa for complete medical evaluations and finally to the U.S. for further evaluations and treatment.

Doctors have not reached a firm diagnosis. They say "an unknown viral infection precipitated an autoimmune reaction and neurological problems." Gwenda is with her sister in Smithville, Missouri, for continued evaluation and treatment. John has returned to the DR Congo to assist with the hydroelectric power plant work as well as to resume his surgical and medical duties.

John and Gwenda need your prayers especially during June 2018 because they are struggling with the decision to retire from mission service a year earlier than their planned retirement (in 2019) after 30 years of mission service. Please include in your prayers the Congolese people and leaders as well as the Presbyterian Board of Missions, which will be seeking to appoint replacements for them to serve in DR Congo. All of the above need God's help to be able to continue His work in DR Congo.



FELLOWSHIP



PW Board officers elected for 2018-19

Presbyterian Women Board officers for 2018-19 elected May 5 are Becky-Hesson Smith and Judy Bond, Co-moderators; Lea Ann Hutton, Secretary; and Cheryl Dorothy, Treasurer. Circle leaders are: Elizabeth, Theresa McKenna; Esther, Nadine Tanner; Hannah, Marty Curtis; Lydia, Kitty Bristow and Alison Harrison; Martha, Carol Siekmeier; Rachel, Sandie Kienitz; Ruth, Peg Kingsbury; Sarah, Marietta Mugford and Susan Poteete.

The *Horizons* study for 2018-19 is "God's Promise: I Am with You." Study books (\$10 each) will be ordered in July. Changes to circle directory members should be submitted to Judy or Becky. A schedule of September circle meetings will be appear in the August *First Word*.



The PW Spring Gathering Saturday in May was attended by about 40 women from FPC and the community. Circles served a pot-luck lunch of salads and desserts and the PW Board provided rolls and drinks.

Our speakers following lunch were Suzanne Holsomback, Community Education Advocate from Hope Alliance in Round Rock, and her client Tiffany. Hope Alliance is Williamson County's Domestic and Sexual Violence support service and was PW's 2017 Christmas project recipient.

Both speakers were very knowledgeable and informative as we heard about their programs and experiences in being served by and working with Hope Alliance.

Welcome, new members!



Frank & Rebecca Beam joined by Letter of Transfer from The Worship Place in Georgetown. Frank is retired from working in the federal government. Rebecca is a retired elementary school teacher and enjoys reading, board games, plays and musicals. (824 Salado Creek Lane, Georgetown 78633; 512-688-2088)



Robert & Cathy Fullinwider joined by Letter of Transfer from Covenant Presbyterian in Austin. Robert is a retired anesthesiologist and enjoys golf. Cathy is a retired surgical 1st assistant and enjoys gardening. (108 Silverstone Drive, Georgetown 78633; 512-869-4848)

Linda Morgan joined by Letter of Transfer from Church of the Nazarene in Ontario, Canada. She is a retired cake decorator and enjoys bowling. (1208 Ascot Street, Georgetown 78626; 909-706-5290)



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CARE MINISTRY

Points from Parish Nurse Penny

"I'll think about it tomorrow...."

Use of Scarlett O'Hara's famous line may be applicable for many situations, but it can put off thinking and talking about important issues.

One of those topics is: What would you want for your medical care if you were unable to voice your thoughts in a crisis? These are treatments that could and would be used to treat you unless you make your desires known: surgery, blood transfusions, radiation, chemotherapy, kidney dialysis, ventilators (breathing machines), implanted electrical devices like pacemakers, life-sustaining medications, artificial hydration (fluids by tube) and artificial nutrition (food by tubes).

Recently, I was given a very helpful worksheet to use in thinking about what you would want in various situations. The categories across the top of the Excel sheet are:

- ♦ "If I had a condition that threatens my life but I have a good chance of recovery. . ."
- ♦ "If I had a condition that threatens my life but I have an uncertain chance of recovery. . ."

♦ "If I had an irreversible condition that may be treated but never cured or eliminated that leaves me unable to care for myself or make my own decisions and that requires life-sustaining treatments to remain alive. . ."

♦ "If I had a terminal condition that threatens my life and I will die in six months even with life-sustaining treatments. . ."



The results of your use of this sheet are not cast in stone but it does give you a format to think about the possibilities. Of course, not putting this off is better than delaying because health crises occur in the most surprising and unexpected times. If you would like a copy of the form or would like to talk about this, please give me a call.

Senior Seminar

"I want to sell my house; where do I begin?" is the topic for the Senior Seminar on June 21 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This free, timely and helpful class is open to everyone in the community so bring a friend. Please call 512-818-0988 for a reservation so we can have plenty of hand-outs.



Stephen Ministers and congregation invited to June program at Church of the Nazarene in Georgetown

"The Stages of Emotional Maturity" is the topic of a speaker Monday, June 4, at the Georgetown Church of the Nazarene. Our congregation and our Stephen Ministers are invited to this dynamic program at 6 p.m. that day. Rick Koepcke, a former marriage and family therapist, is the speaker. Rick is also an ordained pastor with a master's degree in theology and marriage and family ministries.

He will talk about the maturity levels people could be at and what keeps

them "stuck" at certain levels. Location of the presentation will be in the church's sanctuary, 4051 E. University Ave. While no reservations are needed, please let FPC parish nurse Penny Leone know if you plan to attend by: e-mailing her at pnurse5@aol.com, calling her at 512-966-8139, or leaving a message on our church number at 512-863-3381. We want to be thoughtful guests by giving the Church of the Nazarene a rough estimate of the number of FPC folks who will attend.



The Benefit of Being a Stephen Minister

"It was a big step for me to commit to being trained as a Stephen Minister. I mean, 50 hours of training which took time out of my week once a week for five months, was a big deal in my busy life. I signed up and trained as a Stephen Minister to serve others, but what I have found is that I have received much more from the training, my care receiver, my fellow Stephen Ministers and leaders, and my growing relationship with God than I ever put into this ministry.

"The friendship and support of the Christian community that extends across Georgetown as well as my personal growth is amazing. My relationships with my family, friends, co-workers, and God have been enhanced and enriched. This is on top of the joy and satisfaction of participating in meaningful ministry."

These words from a Stephen Minister are used to help you understand that while the two-year commitment of training and then serving as a Stephen Minister is perhaps daunting, the reward has aspects you may not have imagined. FPC will be hosting the Stephen Minister training for our church and many other churches in Georgetown starting on Friday, September 7. After that Friday and Saturday, the regular training will be Monday evenings. Let the church office know if you are interested in receiving more information.

In services on Sunday, June 3, Dr. Roberts will talk about the benefits he has received from the on-going Stephen Ministry at FPC.

Humor

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

Two boys were walking home from church after hearing a strong sermon on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?"

The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."

An inspirational speaker still remembers the card his kids gave him for his 64th birthday. The front said, "Inside is a message from God."

Pleased that they finally appreciated his work, he opened it to read, "See you soon!"



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JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Dr. Thomas Currie Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am New Member class 11:00am Worship-WCFH 12:00pm New Member Luncheon 6:30pm Service of Wholeness	28 Church Office Closed – Memorial Day Philip Smith on vacation thru 6/2	29 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting	30 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Grief Group	31 GISD Last Day of School	1	2
3 Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 11:00am Worship-WCFH 12:00pm Childcare Worker Luncheon	4 11:00am PW Board Meeting 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	5 Sue Bell on vacation thru 6/12 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Evangelism Meeting	6 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Cook-out @ McEntire's	7	8 Presbytery Meeting, Kerrville	9 Presbytery Meeting, Kerrville
10 Communion/Home Communion Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 11:00am Worship-WCFH 12:00pm VBS set-up	11 9:00am VBS	12 9:00am VBS 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:45pm Executive Committee 7:30pm Committee Meetings	13 9:00am VBS 10:30am Administrative Committee 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Youth lunch & movie	14 Penny Leone on vacation thru 6/17 9:00am VBS	15 9:00am VBS	16 Shaner/Patterson Wedding (off-site)
17 Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 11:00am Worship-WCFH	18 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Cont Ed	19 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 11:45am Stephen Leaders 4:30pm Newsletter Deadline 7:00pm Diaconate Meeting 7:00pm Youth Memphis Mission Trip Meeting	20	21 10:00am Senior Seminar	22	23
24 Dr. Michael Roberts Preaching 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 11:00am Worship-WCFH	25 In-town Mission Trip	26 In-town Mission Trip 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Session Meeting	27 Dr. Michael Roberts on vacation & study leave thru 7/31 In-town Mission Trip 6:00pm Youth pool party	28 In-town Mission Trip	29	30 10:00am Wedding Rehearsal 11:00am Downing/Keith Wedding