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GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

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November 2019

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FPC calls Richmond, Virginia pastor to be 38th installed pastor in church's history

First Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, did something of historical significance Sunday, October 6, something it has not done in 30 years. The congregation approved the call of the Rev. Dr. Robert Steven (Bobby) Hulme-Lippert to serve as the church's pastor, acting on the unanimous recommendation of the 11-member Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). His pastorate becomes effective November 11, and he will deliver his first sermon that next Sunday, the 17th. He will be formally installed as the 38th pastor of the church at a later date.



Plans are for the congregation to meet and greet Bobby at a social to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 16, in Fellowship Hall. His wife, Dr. Michelle Hulme-Lippert, their three-year-old son Leo and mini-schnauzer Dexter will join Bobby in Georgetown after Michelle completes the fall semester at Randolph-Macon

College in Ashland, outside of Richmond, where she teaches Spanish on the languages faculty.

After a telephone call to him in Richmond to get his acceptance, members of the congregation watched a pre-recorded video of Bobby, his wife and son. In it, he said he is "humbled and thrilled to serve as your pastor" after interacting with the PNC members and hearing about First Pres. "I believe God is calling me to serve as your

pastor, and I truly cannot wait to get there."

Since 2013 Bobby, 37, has been pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia, a church of 300 members that traces its roots to a congregation that began meeting around 1790 in the state's capitol building. Since 1915 it has been known by its current name, Grace Covenant.

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Bill & Betty Anne Poe

APPRECIATION

Sunday, November 3

9:40 - 10:30 a.m., Room 101

"Come and Go" Event

Food, drinks and an opportunity to thank the Poes for their gifts.

The Administrative Committee is hosting this thank you celebration in appreciation for all Bill and Betty Anne have done during this transitional time in our church. Join us for this opportunity to give thanks for their gifts.



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Larry & Yvonne Crabb
- 6 Daryll & Rachel Gremillion
- 8 Mike & Cindy Roberts
- 9 Bruce & Jennifer Gunn
Kevin & Jana McCown
- 10 Chris & Cari Spruiell
- 11 Rod & Carole Burke
- 12 Robert Cravens & Linda Thomas
- 16 Phil & Dawn Bookert
- 24 Don & Dottie Willhouse
- 27 Sturdy & Tammy Wanamaker
- 28 Lou & Marty Brown
- 30 Cliff & Rita Snyder
Carl & Nancy Spivey

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jerry Pearson
- 2 Wyatt Mihacsi
Jeff Willett
- 3 Fred Hilgeman
Walter Juncker
Brandon Walters
- 5 Darlene Miller
David Ramsey
- 6 Sharon Judkins
- 7 Drake McIntosh
- 8 Jerry Fine
Susan Poteete
Anna Roberts
Dottie Willhouse
- 9 Leila Ramsey
- 10 Doug Arnold
Helen Douglass
- 11 Doug Bond
Kendall Guinn
Keith Renard
- 13 Kathi Davenport
Becky Hesson-Smith
Mike Hilgeman
Ashley Hunt
Tori Schmalstieg
- 14 Elizabeth Bailey
- 15 Bryan Bell
- 16 David Gipson
- 17 Rhys Guthrie
Ralph Long
Nancy Marks
JoAnn Yantis
- 19 Denise Ferguson
Randa Toungate
- 20 Myrna McKee
- 22 Anne Gowdy
William O'Rourke
Mary Pope
- 23 Sarah Crenshaw
Nova Dowden
Bernie Lovejoy
Julia Thompson
Jeanie Wiesner

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Among Our People



Boldface indicates a member of First Presbyterian Church

In the hospital last month: Rusty Bristow (surgery), Ken Hall (surgery), **John Ness, Cindy Sharpnack** (surgery) and **Roger Taylor**.

Serving in the military: Lt. Col. Brian Burk, **Larry Burk's** son; Col. Joef Childs, **Helen Douglass' grandson**; Maj. Josh Daleiden, **Betty Bradford's grandson-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**; 1st Staff Sgt. Matthew L. Johnson, son of **Glen & Ann Kaiser**; 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.



Annual Christmas Night Together

Sunday, December 1

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Program: 6:30

Fellowship Hall

Meal:

Pulled pork sandwiches, beans & cole slaw

Look for a reservation form in the Sunday bulletin November 10, 17 and 24.

RSVP by November 27!



NOVEMBER WORSHIP

8:30 a.m., Sanctuary

11 a.m., Worship Center-Fellowship Hall

November 3: "A Graceful Call"
Communion/Dedication Sunday
Dr. William C. Poe Preaching
Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Luke 19:1-10

November 10: Youth Sunday
David Lee Hulsey Preaching

November 17: TBD
Dr. Bobby Hulme-Lippert Preaching

November 24: Christ the King Sunday
Dr. Bobby Hulme-Lippert Preaching

Ushers and greeters needed for services

The Usher and Greeter Committee is looking for members who would like to greet people arriving for the service and then help with the offering. You can meet a lot of new people in your church family *and* be a part of the service. Four volunteers are needed for each service, at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Children are being included with their families in greeting and ushering, and we would like to add to the list of families as well as include more single adults. We can easily pair up singles to greet and usher.

If you are interested, contact a committee member: Cathy Shirley, 512-863-0630; Gail Butler, 512-869-0620 (8:30 service); or Thomas Isenhour, 512-636-7193 (11 o'clock service).

Cemetery plots and urn garden prices to increase

Trustees for FPC have reviewed the prices for plots and urn garden spaces at the Presbyterian Cemetery. We determined that our current prices are significantly lower than the market price in this area. A price increase will go into effect January 1. The opportunity to purchase a plot at the current prices will remain open until December 31. Please see Bill Stanley, Tim Harris or me if you are interested! —Jana McCown

From the Pastor's Study

Dear First Friends,

A year ago, I wrote a column for the November *First Word* that talked about change, and particularly about the changes we were beginning to go through together following Mike's retirement and into our search for a new Pastor. Our transitional time is almost over, and along with you, I am looking forward eagerly to the arrival of our new Pastor and his family.

It has been a wonderful year, and I am glad to be approaching a second (or third, or fourth—you'll have to ask Betty Anne!) retirement. I look forward to returning to the role of being a member of the worship-



ing congregation, and to sitting next to Betty Anne. I look forward to returning to my accustomed place along with Tom Currie and Ken Peters as one of the retired ministers who offer ourselves from time to time to the life of this congregation in the ways that we are able.

Please know that I will always treasure this time God has given me to be your Pastor for a while. I will also treasure the relationships I have developed with the members of your wonderful church staff. Thank you for your warm support and encouragement, for your faithfulness and commitment, and for the health and enthusiasm you have maintained through the transitional time.

Now it is time for us all to prepare for the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Bobby Hulme-Lippert, and to look forward to the ways he will minister to us all and guide us into the future God has in store. We can get ready to welcome Michelle and Leo, and to open our hearts and lives to them. It is time for us to look forward eagerly to the new chapter God is opening in our life together, and to rejoice in and give thanks for all the chapters that have led us to this new one. Thanks be to God, —In Christ, Bill

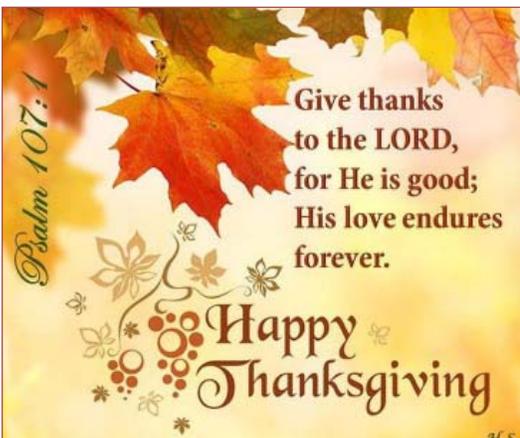
Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 3rd



Be devoted to good works and acts of charity.

—Acts 9:36

Please bring your completed pledge cards and service commitment forms with you on November 3rd and join your church family as we together affirm our gratitude to God and our desire to be found trustworthy stewards.



BIRTHDAYS

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- 25 Shelley Sorenson
- 26 George Biggs
Del Burkett
Jerry Burkett
Lloyd Davis
Mary McKenna
Tess McKenna
Lucy Yantis
- 27 Anna Maspero
- 28 Annabel McClure
- 29 Susan Dunaway
- 30 Emily Tolbert



Flowers in Worship/ November

- 3 Karen Rayburn
- 10 Kevin & Jana McCown
- 17 Phil & Dawn Bookert
- 24 Lou & Marty Brown

You can now sign up to provide flowers in worship during 2020!

Look for the 2020 calendar in the narthex and the Fellowship Hall lobby to sign up for flowers next year! Most people donate their arrangement after the service to be used in our Flower Ministry, which divides the arrangement into bud bases 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).

Head Deacon/ November

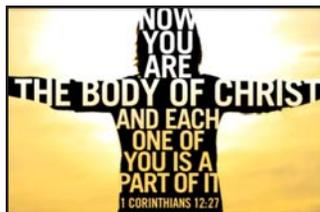
- 8:30 Cathy Shirley
Judy Willett
- 11:00 Lea Ann Hutton
Cathy Shirley

Income and Expense Report Year to Date - September 2019 General Operating Fund

	Actual	Annual Budget	YTD % Annual Budget
Income			
Pledges	\$671,448	\$857,928	78%
Other	56,709	82,072	69%
TOTAL	\$728,157	\$940,000	77%
Expenses			
Validated Mission	44,459	58,771	76%
Local/Other Mission	16,895	25,992	65%
Ministry of the Word	117,632	154,072	76%
Program/Support Staff	320,957	436,538	74%
Christian Education	26,640	33,350	80%
Music and Worship	13,054	19,927	66%
Evangelism/Care	2,379	7,700	31%
Property	76,828	84,800	91%
Stewardship/Finance	12,238	18,000	68%
Other Oper Expenses	30,273	42,820	71%
Debt Retirement	68,377	90,370	76%
TOTAL	\$729,732	\$972,340	75%

Joy Bedford
Education Director
jbedford2321@gmail.com

**“One Body,
One Purpose!”**



Come join us for a year of learning to be mindful of what it means to be one in Christ—how that shapes our purpose, how it changes the way we do mission, the way we play, the way we worship! There are classes for all ages so we can all grow up in Christ!

**Sunday School
for all ages is from
9:40 - 10:40 a.m.
every Sunday.**

**Fellowship Time
in Room 101
is at 10:30 a.m.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



November 13 is LOGOS Veterans Night Program

LOGOS is hosting our annual Veterans Night Program from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 13. We invite all members of our church, and their spouses, who have served (or are currently) in the military to join us for dinner and a short program in Fellowship Hall. RSVP to me at jcowanfpc@gmail.com or call the church office at 512-863-3381 if you would like to join us.

—Jaime Cowan, Director

November Dates / Themes / Attire

*Nov. 6 5th Wednesday - Nerf Night (no Bible study) / LOGOS T-Shirts

Nov. 13 Veterans Night / Red, White & Blue

*Nov. 20 Pajama Night - CUPS Blanket Project / PJs

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Break – No LOGOS

*Youth eat with LOGOS

LOGOS Choir Schedule: Nov. 14 LOGOS Choirs (kinder - 6th grade) perform at Veterans Night Program

If you have questions about LOGOS, contact Jaime Cowan, jcowanfpc@gmail.com.

Christmas Night Together December 1 involves children and youth

At Christmas Night Together December 1, children will participate in a Live Nativity on the north lawn at 5:10 p.m. while we sing Christmas carols with Mrs. Amy and her helpers as one big family. Then we will go inside and have dinner at 5:30 provided by our fabulous Fellowship Committee. After dinner the children and youth will tell the story of our Savior's birth. Two year olds through 2nd graders will act out the Christmas story as it is read from Luke 2, and the 3rd - 6th grade children will present the play "Not Forgotten" by Laura and Robert Keeley.

The play centers around a Sunday School class discussing the upcoming Christmas program. One says it's hard to be joyful when there's so much bad stuff going on in the world. The kids look at four stories from the Bible that describe God's faithfulness even during difficult times. In the final scene, the class concludes that while we might be scared about what's happening in our world, we can trust God to always be faithful to us. He is still in control, and this is an excellent time to celebrate the hope and joy that accompany the birth of Jesus Christ.

We hope you will all be here as we celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world and into our lives.

PARENTS: We will assign parts in the play on Sunday, November 17, during Sunday School. If your children want to participate in the program during our Christmas Night Together program, please commit to bringing them to Sunday School that morning and again on December 1 for our only group rehearsal.

Adult Sunday School: 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

Adult Elective, Room 113

♦ *"Imagination, Faith and Poetry: Reading Theology in the Poets"*
November 3 - 10

Dr. Paul Hooker, Austin Seminary

Expressing our faith in any but the most basic terms often leaves us floundering, grasping for words. Or, we find that the words we have are not adequate to the complexities of our experience of God. This is where the poets can help. Poetry is the language of imagination, and it can offer a vocabulary that makes exploring the mystery of God both more satisfying and more true. Come read poems and explore your theological imagination with Dr. Hooker, poet and professor.

♦ *"A Few Screwtape Letters by C.S.Lewis, Part 2"*

November 17 - 24

Dr. Ken Peters

This class will listen to and discuss a few of the letters taken from C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*.

Surveyors, Room 207

♦ *"Reigniting Our Prayer Life"*

Through November 17

Phil Smith

How's your prayer life? This question can cause chin-dropping, foot-shuffling embarrassment for Christians. Why do so many of us suffer with such unsatisfying prayer lives and consider ourselves hopelessly second-rate Christians because of it?



A BIG thank you!

The LOGOS family sincerely thanks everyone who attended our potato dinner fundraiser.

It was a huge success and we are so appreciative of all who helped make it possible!

Come discover answers as we consider the why, how, what, where and when of prayer with emphasis on the teachings found in the Lord's Prayer.

♦ *"Advent Study"*

November 24 - December 22

Gary Nelson

Gary will use The Advent Devotional Book put together by our youth group last year with devotionals written by members of our church family for this Advent study.

Homebuilders, Room 112

"Celebration of Discipline"

November 10 - 24

Karen Jones

The class will spend three weeks studying *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard Foster.

Week 1: "The Spiritual Disciplines"

Week 2: "Meditation"

Week 3: "Prayer"

Homebuilders is a discussion-oriented class for adults that covers topics in Christian living, scripture and church history. Formed to meet the needs of adults in the family-building stage of life, the class welcomes all.

Crossroads, Room 107

"Wired Word"

Amanda & Patrick Tolbert

From Nobel Prize winners and government surveillance to rock and roll, no week is ever the same! The Crossroads class uses stories from the headlines to make God's work in our lives more apparent. Each week brings a different discussion topic designed to confront the news with scripture and hope so that we may identify the intersection of faith in our daily lives. Whether you're at the crossroads of an expanding family, new career or just wondering what's next in God's plan for you, Crossroads is the place for you.



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web page:

www.fpcgeorgetown.org

Other Education Opportunities

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.

Men's Lunch Bible Study

Meets at 12 noon each Wednesday in Room 101 to study scripture and eat lunch together. They are studying Galatians, led by Sturdy Wanamaker.

Women's Lunch Bible Study

Bring your own lunch and meet on Wednesday at noon in Room 207 to read and study *The Secret Language of Angels* by Kathy Mursch. While the Bible is full of examples of angels delivering messages to God's people on His behalf (the word "angel" means messenger), most Christian churches today view angel communication as "unlikely," "impossible" and in some cases even "heretical." Mursch writes that God's angels are trying to communicate with us, to help us in our daily lives—right now—but most people simply don't know the languages they use to do so. Join us as we begin a life-changing exploration into accessing the vast wisdom and love of God in a whole new way.



Youth Calendar

- 3 Communion Prep
Youth Choir after
11 a.m. worship
Bread Breakers
- 6 Youth Sunday
Practice
- 10 Youth Sunday
- 13 Veterans Night
- 17 G2G: Forbidden
Desert Live
- 20 Bible Study &
College Care
Packages
- 27 No Bible Study
Happy Thanksgiving



Time for College Care Packages

We will collect for our College Care Packages November 10 and 17. We have more than 30 students to care for this year. **Notes are very important.** If you would like to write a note, there will be paper and pens and a list of students on the counter in the Fellowship Hall lobby. You can also write notes at home and bring them to the office. If you have candy you would like to donate, please take to Joy's office. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Sunday set for November 10

I believe we are in for a blessed treat this November. Two weeks in a row, as a matter of fact. The second Sunday in November is Youth Sunday, one of my favorites in Youth Ministry events. Not because it's out of the ordinary; on the contrary, our goal is to lead in worship with youthful energy and creativity, but not cast aside all the solid liturgy and worship that we strive for at FPC. And I'm not alone in this. Many of our staff and members enjoy the opportunity to be led in worship by our youth.

It's a wonderful opportunity for all of our youth, because from 7th through 12th grades, our youth step up into the roles of worship, piece together the parts of our worship, and step up (many out of their comfort zones) to lead the church in worship to the God who calls all of us His children. I have always thought there is something humbling and pure when the church has been willing to be led by children.

And the second blessed treat is the following Sunday when we welcome Pastor Bobby for his first Sunday in the pulpit as our pastor. I know from conversations with our youth that they are just as excited as I am as we begin to take this next part of the journey where God is leading this church.

A couple of weeks ago, we took some time during a Bible study to think about how we (the youth group) are called to be in prayer for our new pastor and his leadership in this church. I ask that all the church family at FPC do the same. How can each of us be praying for our pastor and his family, and where are we called to act as the hands and feet of Christ in the ministry at FPC?

I look forward to seeing those answers lived out in the life and ministry of this church. Let's see what God's children can do and dare!

—God bless, David Lee Hulsey

MISSION

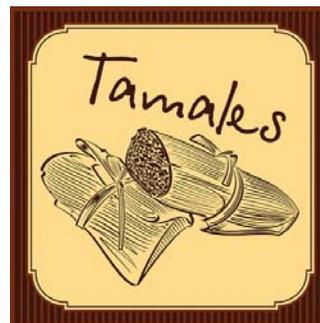
Tamale sale benefits Manos de Cristo

FPC is supporting Manos de Cristo's Annual Tamale Sale again this year! The gluten-free tamales are \$15/dozen and come in five varieties: pork, jalapeno pork, chicken, non-vegetarian bean, and vegan southwestern blend. About \$8 from each dozen sold goes directly to Manos de Cristo, a Presbyterian-related, nonprofit agency and one of FPC's local missions.

Look for an order form in the Sunday bulletin November 17 and 24 and December 1. Deadline for orders and checks is December 1. Tamales can be picked up Friday, December 6, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the

Fellowship Hall lobby. Orders not picked up then will be put in the Fellowship Hall kitchen refrigerator (with people's names on their orders) for pick up the following Sunday. For more information, contact Jeff Pratt at 512-970-5030 or jeffmarkpratt@gmail.com.

Manos de Cristo, based in Austin, offers affordable dental care for under- and uninsured individuals, educational classes for adults, emergency food and clothing relief, and school supplies to children in need.



More food items needed for The Caring Place

Friends, I am writing to let you know that I am disappointed in the amount of food that is being provided for The Caring Place by our wonderful members of First Presbyterian Church. I have to say this is not only *our* problem because both The Caring Place Food Pantry and the Capital Area Food Bank are short on food. Our barrels are not entirely empty so I must say thank you to those few who have been donating items. We have lots of egg boxes, which of course are useful but, regrettably, egg boxes are not edible. Sometimes I feel as if I am always complaining about food short-

age, but the truth of the matter is that as our city grows so does the food shortage. Please help feed our hungry people this month. Let's fill up our church's Caring Place barrels!

Supplies needed are **canned beans, (not green), canned fruit, dry beans, canned tuna/chicken/other meats, cereal, soups, pasta (and just about anything you like to eat), as well as toiletries, toothpaste, bar soap and deodorant.**

I know we can do better. Thanks for your understanding. —*Jenny Carswell*

"Sweets, Treats & Trees"



Thursday,
November 14
6 - 9 p.m.
The Caring
Place

2001 Railroad Ave.

Enjoy holiday shopping, cookies/homemade treats, music & door prizes!

Admission:
a non-perishable food item or a financial donation to the Food Pantry!

If you can't make this event, you can be sure that TCP will continue to sell holiday items throughout the season! Go back often as the items change regularly!

Hunger-Free Holidays Food Drive

October 1 - December 31



Shoeboxes to be collected this month

It's time to fill your Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox(es)! Bring them to the church on Sunday, November 10 or 17. Elizabeth Bailey is mission advocate for OCC.

Look for pre-printed OCC shoeboxes at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Or use any cardboard shoebox or plastic box of the same approximate size. If you wrap your box, remember to cover the box and lid separately. The shoeboxes are delivered to children around the world at Christmas.

Fill your shoeboxes with toys, school supplies or other items for a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.

Go to www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ to print girl/boy labels and to see age-appropriate gift suggestions. Items not to include are: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged

items, war-related items (such as toy guns, knives or military figures), chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items and aerosol cans.

Go online to the web page above to donate \$9 and receive a tracking label to "Follow Your Box" and discover its destination. The \$9 covers cost of shipping.



Helping Hands reaches out to invisible homeless, struggling

Often when we think of the homeless, we default to a stereotype of a shabby, dirty, scruffy, even dangerous-looking man.

The reality is much different. People who are homeless come in all shapes, sizes, colors, genders, ages and backgrounds. The overwhelming majority do not want to be homeless; but a single event or series of circumstances, some beyond their control, has forced them out of their homes and into uncertain living conditions.

Some live out of their cars. Others couch-surf, living with friends or acquaintances until they can get on their feet.

That is the case with James (he asked that his last name not be used), who has been in Georgetown since December. When we met at the Georgetown Public Library recently, he was clean-shaven and wearing clean clothes. With a quiet dignity, he thoughtfully answered my questions about how he came to be homeless.

For several years, James had worked for his nephew in Iowa who was a cross-country driver for a moving company. After his nephew injured both shoulders and was no longer able to work, James was out of a job. Since James had spent most of his career on the road, he had no need for a house or an apartment or home. So, he was homeless.

For awhile, he lived in a men's shelter in Iowa doing odd jobs until he saved up enough money to get to Texas. He wanted to live somewhere that wasn't too cold, like Iowa, or too hot. The Texas Hill Country seemed to fit the bill. He chose Georgetown because of a friend who had lived here until her death about 10 years ago.

James started looking for a job after arriving in Georgetown, but living out of a car without a permanent address is a problem when filling out job applications. One of his first stops was the Georgetown Public Library where he used the computers to find a local temp agency.

He purchased a membership at the Georgetown Recreation Center so he could clean up.

While using the library as a base of operations, he started seeing a vehicle show up in the parking lot twice a week. A magnetic sign said it was "Helping Hands" and the open trunk indicated they had something to share. It took several weeks before he approached them.

Helping Hands is a nonprofit started by local businessman Bob Weimer. It is a mobile canteen currently supported by local restaurants and several church groups and individuals.

Twice a week, Mr. Weimer and volunteers hand out sack lunches and toiletries at the library and deliver sack lunches to about 30 people around Georgetown who are homeless.

Mr. Weimer served on the boards of Brookwood in Georgetown (BiG), The Locker and Backpack Buddies.

He also was involved with the Georgetown Project and the Nest, which serves youth who are homeless. Those connections made him aware of the nearly invisible homeless in Georgetown.

"In my opinion, there are not nearly enough people in Georgetown who say there is a need," he said.

While it is less visible than in Austin or other large cities, when 44% of the students in Georgetown Independent School District are eligible for the free-lunch program, that should serve as a clear signal that there are people in our community who are having difficulties making ends meet.

Mr. Weimer has expanded his efforts to provide sack lunches and toiletries to people and families living in subsidized housing in Georgetown. He believes that just a small gesture and gift of food can make a difference for those who are struggling. —Katherine Kerr Kubatzky

"There are at least four groups in our church who pack lunches on a monthly basis. My own group has made a monthly event of the packing. We make 60 lunches in one hour then we sit down together, have a glass of wine, some nuts and some pizza, making an easy social event out of it. Try it some time."

—Jenny Carswell



Members of the FPC Youth Group making sandwiches for Helping Hands are (from left) Reece Cowan, Tristan Hammit, Sam Brainard, Rebekah Pilcher, Miles Azuma-Hall, Maya Spruiell and Olivia Cowan.

Mission Sewing delivers to three organizations

Last month, we delivered 60 knitted and crocheted hats to The Caring Place for the "Jackets 4 Georgetown" project. We also delivered a weighted blanket to Reagan Stone at Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services, and 11 sets of stuffed animals, blankets and books to the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center.

Thank you to:

♦ Betty Smith, Alison Harrison and Lenice Smithwick for the stuffed animals, blankets and books.

♦ Linda Gambell and Demeree Jackson for the embroidered quilt, stuffed animal and book.

♦ Debbie Chase and Linette Harwell for the knitted and crocheted hats.

A special thank you to the LOGOS boys and girls who donated stuffed animals. Mission Sewing will send blankets and books, along with the animals, to the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center.

Your thoughtful gifts will provide comfort to many deserving children.

Our next meeting is at 10 a.m. Friday, November 8, in Room 111.

—Kathy Jones



First Word file photo shows Kathy Jones (center) of Mission Sewing delivering stuffed animals and blankets to staff at the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center.

MUSIC MINISTRY

First Presbyterian Church
Cantata Chorus & Orchestra
Philip Smith, Conductor

Let There Be Peace

Worship services featuring music by
DAN FORREST | CRAIG COURTNEY | HOWARD HELVEY

Sunday, December 15, 2019
8:30 and 11:00 am



Because of your generosity in giving, in 2019 the Property Committee has been able to replace the kitchen hot water heater, add railing to the set of stairs by the lower entrance and replace several HV/AC units. Our three members volunteer their time and work together to keep our grounds and buildings up to date and in working order. In 2020 our main goals are to add a water softener to the Education Building and continue replacing outdated air conditioning units. Because you give, the Property Committee will continue to take care of our historic church.

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Lt. Bert Witcher

FELLOWSHIP

PW chooses the NEST as Christmas project

When our church hosted the Celebration of Ministry October 13th, I had the pleasure of meeting in person Bebe Johnson, Coordinator for the NEST. For those who may not know, the NEST is a program of the Georgetown Project that provides after-school services for Georgetown ISD students who are homeless, at risk, living in transition, or in need of resources. The NEST provides evening meals, helps with homework and school supplies, provides job readiness training, and serves as a connection to other support and community resources.

Our Presbyterian Women have been supportive of the NEST in past years, and I'm very pleased that we chose the NEST as our Christmas project recipient this year. Mark your calendars for Monday, December 2, from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Members

of our PW will help decorate the NEST for Christmas, and we will have the opportunity to interact with the students. Our circles are collecting financial donations to help students buy Christmas gifts for their parents.

I also have a wish list of items needed at the NEST, and I'll distribute that list to circle leaders to pass out at November circle meetings. Hopefully, we can collect some items to deliver at the decorating event. Also, don't forget we are also collecting donations to help Su Casa de Esperanza in Pharr, Texas. Their facility is in great need of building repairs.

I'm always amazed by and grateful for our PW's generosity, and I'm sure this year will be no different. It is truly a blessing to be part of this group.

—Becky Hesson-Smith

November PW Circle Meetings

Circle	Date	Time	Hostess	Phone	Address
Elizabeth	11/5	6:30pm	Theresa McKenna	512-930-3751	3601 Brangus Road
Sarah-Ruth	11/11	10:00am	Jean Fisher	512-868-2793	106 Village Drive
Lydia	11/13	1:00pm	Cathy Shirley	512-863-0630	614 Independence Creek Lane
Martha	11/20	9:30am	Cathy Rice	512-943-0631	304 Pipe Creek Lane
Rachel	11/20	9:30am	Virginia Reid	512-868-5918	108 Nueces Trail
Hannah-Esther	11/20	11:00am	Marty Curtis	501-517-3503	Church, Room 112

Police lieutenant to speak at men's dinner

Lt. Bert Witcher from the Georgetown Police Department will speak about scams at the Men's Fellowship Dinner meeting Monday, November 18. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A catered dinner will be served at 6:30 followed by the speaker at around 7:00.

To help kick off the holiday season, we are inviting spouses and other ladies to our dinner and/or to hear the speaker.

Lt. Witcher will describe the type of scams happening in our community now and will also provide insight into scams that are likely to occur in Georgetown.

He has been with the Police Department since 1998 and has served as a pa-

trol office, patrol supervisor, general crimes detective, narcotics detective and administrative lieutenant. He received the department's Outstanding Performance Peer Award in 2000 and was selected as a department Employee of the Year twice. He has a graduate degree in public administration and completed the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas program in 2005.

If you want to participate in the catered dinner, contact me (512-818-2094, marv.mcf@suddenlink.net) no later than November 16 to make dinner reservations. Cost of dinner is \$10 per person.

—Marv Hulshizer

COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY

Points from Parish Nurse Penny

You probably know that Texas and the northern hemisphere flu season is October - March. You may have received your "flu shot" and that's good! No flu vaccine is 100% effective, but this year's is extremely effective against the top four strains that are circulating, so if you haven't gotten your flu shot, roll up your sleeve and "gitt-er done."

Did you know that the flu season in the southern hemisphere is June - September? Common sense would say, "Oh, well, the flu is caused by cold weather." Since influenza is a virus, cold weather does not cause flu. It does contribute and there are several ideas about why flu seems to be "caused" by cold weather:

- ♦ The flu virus can survive easier in cold, dry climates (at least in areas that experience winter).
- ♦ More time is spent inside breathing the same air so the virus is more easily transmitted to others.
- ♦ There is less sunlight exposure so there are lower levels of Vitamin D, which compromises our immune systems.



Protecting yourself is NOT just about receiving the flu shot. Here are other BIG ways to avoid influenza:

- ♦ Use soap and *water* to wash your hands after touching public surfaces like shopping cart handles, door knobs or magazines (in physician's offices). The most recent studies have proven that for the influenza virus, *hand sanitizers are not as effective* as even *plain* water to inactivate it. (Let me know if you want a copy of the study.) When you can't wash immediately, be mindful of keeping your hands

away from your face until water and soap are available to you.

- ♦ Cough or sneeze into your arm or a tissue. You are more likely to get the flu from touching something that a sick person has touched or shaking hands than someone sneezing or coughing on you. Being a "hug-advocate," I love this!

- ♦ Take good care of yourself, eat balanced healthy meals, don't skip on your sleep, and get outside for a walk or other exercise.

A Gift of Time

I hope you were able to meet Josie Zamora, Executive Director of A Gift of Time Adult Day Care at the Mission Fair on October 13. A Gift of Time has a mission of providing compassionate, holistic day care for people with memory loss and to support their loved ones as they confront the challenges of caregiving.

You might say, "But there are already places like PALS that offer this service in Georgetown." The respite programs provided at four churches do a marvelous job but by state mandate are only allowed to have four-hour programs and not on consecutive days. Also, there are more than 1,800 people in the Georgetown area with memory issues and so these programs are bursting at the seams.

Please consider attending A Gift of Time's annual fundraiser on Tuesday, November 5, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Community Center. This is a free event, **but you must obtain a ticket** by going to www.aGiftofTimeGeorgetown.org and follow the instructions about the event to register. I attended last year and thoroughly enjoyed the event. I know that Georgetown needs A Gift of Time to succeed for our current population and for our future.



Penny Leone, RN
Parish Nurse
pnurse5@aol.com

Office Hours:
All day Tuesday

Other hours
by appointment

Senior Seminar

Senior Seminar is back to its usual spot (3rd Thursday of the month) on Thursday, November 21, 10-11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The topic will be "Staying Independent as You Age."

Senior Seminars are free educational opportunities sponsored by Virginia Lazenby of Keller Williams Realty, an active member of San Gabriel Presbyterian.

While the seminar is free, you are asked to call 512-862-7330 to reserve your spot.



Army Reserve Captain and Chaplain

Bobby completed the U.S. Army Chaplain Basic Officer course at Ft. Jackson in South Carolina over several summer and fall/winter terms. In summer 2011 Bobby completed the U.S. Army Chaplain Captain Career Course there.

He spent the summer after earning a master's degree as a hospital chaplain intern in a trauma center at Brooke Army Medical Hospital in San Antonio. There he ministered to wounded soldiers and local residents.

Bobby served from 2010-13 as an Army Reserve captain and chaplain with the 188th Deployment and Distribution Support Battalion of some 50 soldiers located at the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Decatur, Georgia. At the time he was Associate Pastor of Decatur's Clairmont Presbyterian Church from 2008-13.

New pastor

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In presenting Bobby as the unanimous candidate of the PNC, Karen Rayburn, committee chair, recounted the work of the committee over the previous year, since its members were approved at a congregational meeting August 12, 2018. *(see article below)*. This followed the retirement of Dr. Michael A. Roberts after 30 years as pastor of FPC.

Bobby's background

Our new pastor was born in Oklahoma but grew up as part of a Presbyterian church in Cincinnati, the oldest of three sons. At Presbyterian-related Davidson College in North Carolina, Bobby majored in history and graduated in 2004. There he met his future wife, a Houston native. The couple has been married 15 years. Among his hobbies and interests are cycling, tennis, softball, reading a good novel, listening to thoughtful podcasts, and all things baseball, including cheering for the Cincinnati Reds and the Houston Astros. He also enjoys visiting museums, spending time with family, and going on date nights with his wife. Experiencing food and conversation is a priority for him.

After graduating from Davidson, Bobby went on to earn a master of divinity degree in 2007 from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and later, in 2017, received the doctor of ministry degree from there. He spent a summer as a hospital chaplain intern at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio. He also



Michelle, Leo and Bobby

taught 9th and 10th grade English and helped coach the swim team at a private Pasadena school. He is a Prepare/Enrich-certified Pre-Marital Facilitator.

Bobby was selected for the Leadership Metro Richmond Class of 2018-19. This community organization brings together leaders to address the most pressing challenges in Richmond. Bobby was part of a cohort in his class that researched, among other things, how the city could better facilitate access to healthy food for the entire community.

He has been active in the work of his presbytery, Presbytery of the James, currently serving on its 2025 Strategic Plan Task Force and Personnel Committee.

While Bobby went to seminary and held pastoral posts, his wife earned a master's degree in Hispanic Studies at UCLA and later received a Ph.D. degree in Spanish and Latin American Cultural Studies from Emory University in Atlanta.

—Marty Curtis

The work of the PNC "by the numbers"

Karen Rayburn said the committee began meeting in early October 2018 and met 27 times during 2018-19. "We received and read 203 responses to our congregational survey. And we reviewed them often. We held six focus group discussions, and we thank you for participating in the survey and focus groups."

An online posting of the pastor position on April 1 resulted in the PNC receiving 101 resumes of possible candidates, 64 men and 37 women from across the United States, and Scotland and Africa.

Committee members spent countless hours "stalking candidates and listening to or viewing sermons" and 16 hours on Skype calls with 11 candidates, seven men and four women. That number was eventually whittled down to five men and one woman, with whom the committee invested 12 hours in deep discussions.

Pastor Bobby and one other candidate visited Georgetown for six days and attended church services. The committee made one out-of-town visit to meet and hear a candidate, Karen said.

PNC members speak personally about interviewing Pastor Bobby

PNC members spoke of what captivated them about Pastor Bobby that made him the successful candidate for our open pastoral position. Here are some excerpts from their comments on how he meets “competencies” the PNC was looking for in a potential FPC pastor:

Preaching & Worship Leadership:

What really struck me about Pastor Bobby among the hundred-plus candidates I looked at and whose sermons I listened to was his preaching and worship leadership abilities. Pastor Bobby is a very grounded and self-aware person. I found his sermons particularly interesting, meaningful, thoughtful, well researched (and well cited.) He is also very well read and his sermons reflect that fact. He talked about finding such joy in preaching and leading worship. He feels it anchors his call to being a pastor. —Jeff Pratt

Strategy & Vision:

This was the second most important skill (from our survey) for our new pastor to possess. Bobby is a pastor who will cast a compelling and inspired vision for the future of FPC, and with our leaders and staff, craft a strategic plan for us to get there. He is a big thinker who can execute the details—a remarkable young pastor who brought his church together to get them moving in the same direction. Through the survey it was clear that our church needs to grow the younger membership, revitalize our dedication to mission outside the walls, build connection with small groups, and continue our commitment to our rich corporate worship experiences. —Susan Isenhour

Lifelong Learning:

Bobby stood out as one of our top candidates in lifelong learning. He received his B.A. in history from Davidson College in North Carolina, including a semester abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Seminary, where he would later earn a Doctor of Ministry. He trained as a U.S. Army Chaplain at Ft. Jackson and at Brooke Army Medical Center. He has attended conferences and seminars around the country on such topics as healthy congregations and engaging our Muslim neighbors. Bobby has received coaching and mentoring from more senior pastors and additional pastor education in both presbyteries where he has served. All of

Pastor Bobby’s formal and continuing education demonstrates that he is a life-long learner, a trait that should serve our congregation well for years to come.

—Bill McKenna

Spiritual Maturity:

Bobby shows strong personal depth and spiritual grounding; demonstrates integrity by walking the talk and by responding with faithfulness of purpose; is seen by others as trustworthy and authentic; nurtures a rich spiritual life; seeks the wisdom and guidance of appropriate mentors; and is able to articulate a clear and consistent theology. Bobby reads a lot and covets peer groups. Thinking of him, I keep thinking of Romans 12:9-12: “Love must be sincere. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” I believe Bobby will joyfully, humbly and diligently lead our congregation, sincerely loving us all. —Demeree Jackson

Interpersonal Engagement:

One of the key ingredients of a good pastor is being a good listener. We have seen examples of Bobby listening intently to others, finding life-similarities and engaging in meaningful conversation with others, from the barista at a coffee shop to a family member of a PNC member. In the cover letter to his resume, Bobby wrote: “In my own ministry, I am naturally empathetic and enjoy how that allows me to be a bridge-builder between generations and diverse viewpoints. In recent years I have organized and led worship planning teams, small group Bible studies, creative mission efforts, and an intergenerational mentorship program.” This sounds like a perfect fit for the needs of our congregation! —Lenice Smithwick

Change Agent:

We asked Bobby how he reconciled tradition and emerging trends. He told us about an exercise he did with Leadership Metro Richmond, a leadership development and engagement organization serving the greater Richmond area. In this
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Dismissing the PNC

Also at the congregational meeting, a motion was approved to dismiss the PNC, with the congregation’s gratitude, the work of the members having been completed. Members of the PNC were:

Karen Rayburn, Chair
Susan Isenhour
Demeree Jackson
Bill McKenna
Debbie Pilcher
Jeff Pratt
Jim Root Jr.
Lenice Smithwick
Cliff Snyder
Bill Stanley
Patrick Tolbert



A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our God, you have created a wondrous place in which to live.

With childlike eyes we see the beauty and grandeur of mountain and forest, of river and seashore.

We marvel at the infinite variety of species that form the jigsaw of life: birds and beasts, flowers and trees.

We give thanks for the variety of cultures that weave the tapestry of humanity: east and west, north and south.

We give thanks that in the midst of all this you have a place for us,

And we give thanks for the variety of our own lives: things we have done and things we have learnt, for those we love and those who care for us.

We give thanks for the variety of ways in which people serve us, with advice and learning, with skills and training, with concern and understanding, with trust and sharing.

We give thanks for all we have received and that we are also given the opportunity to serve others.

Grant us the vision of who we are and what we can offer others in your name.

Amen

—From: Presbyterian Church, Aotearoa, New Zealand

PNC members speak

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exercise they drew four boxes. In the top left they listed all the great things about tradition, top right was all the great things about change. In the lower boxes they listed the negatives that come with only tradition and then the negatives that come with only change. Basically it illustrated that you never sit in one box. There is importance and value in both tradition and change, and the dance between those boxes never goes away. Pastor Bobby isn't about change for change's sake. Change is inevitable as we have a new pastor. But rest assured that our traditional foundation will be respected and valued.

—Debbie Pilcher

Bridge Building:

If you recall, in 2017 violence erupted in Charlottesville, Virginia, over a white supremacist march and resulting counter protest. Charlottesville lies just over an hour from Bobby's current church in Richmond. What impressed our PNC throughout the interview process was his tendency to lean in to social justice issues and build bridges, reaching out to those in his community who are dissimilar to him. Bobby wrote a beautiful open letter

to his congregation after that disturbing chain of events, and he lobbied the session to open the church as a peaceful house of prayer during looming protests in Richmond. He co-led a couple of joint worship services with nearby congregations in the months surrounding the racial strife, including one with a historic African American church. —*Jim Root Jr.*

Collaboration:

Since the PNC didn't have the opportunity to see Bobby's collaborative skills directly, we can infer from our conversations that he possesses the knowledge, desire and communication skills to be collaborative. An example of his skill working with others is the development of small group ministry at Grace Covenant. He facilitated the formation of this group and designed and implemented the continued growth of leaders by engaging 30 congregants as a core group to be trained as facilitators and take over the leadership of this important ministry. We were all very impressed at Bobby's ability to first listen sincerely then engage others in a way that lowers all barriers to conversation. He has the rare ability to make you feel like you are the focus of his attention and what you say matters. —*Cliff Snyder*

From Pastor Bobby, via video

In his video message to the congregation on October 6, Pastor Bobby said, "As I have gotten to know your PNC members in recent months, it has been such an inspiration to see the ways their lives and relationships reflect the love of Jesus Christ. And as we continued our conversations together, it was abundantly clear that God is calling me to be your pastor, and I truly cannot wait to get there and meet you all in person—get to know you and your families."

He said he comes from a family of five, the oldest of three boys, who grew up in Cincinnati as part of a Presbyterian church with "a great children's ministry, a great music ministry and a wonderful youth group. They all proved formative to my Christian faith. As I have learned about your LOGOS program, your exceptional music ministry and your great youth group, all of that has warmed my heart. I recognize how formative those can be in life and I am excited that you have them."

When Michelle, who is from Texas, spoke during the video, she said she was excited when her husband told her of being contacted by the PNC. "I thought, 'Oh, Texas. Sounds good.'" She, too, is "really excited about joining your church family."

Pastors Serving First Presbyterian Church since 1854

William M. Baker (PCUSA, Austin)
Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Austin
June 12, 1854
(Organizing Minister; did not serve as church pastor)

B.J. Smith (PCUSA, Austin)
Levi Tinney (PCUSA, Austin)
(Pastors who preached once between June 12 and November 1854)

R.M. Overstreet, First Pastor
November 1854-April 1866
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (PCUSA): 1854-1861
Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America (PCCSA): 1861-1865
Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS): 1866

Ministers who served under the NORTHERN CHURCH Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (PCUSA)

John M. McMurray	1867-1873	W. Howell Buchanan	1880-1881
W.G. Bell	1874-1875	J.W. Miller	1882-1883
Jas. D. Dunsmore	1875	J.Y. Cowhick*	1884-*
Otto M. Schultz	1876	George R. Scott	1886
John Creath	1877-1879		

Ministers who served under the SOUTHERN CHURCH Presbyterian Church, U.S. (PCUS)

Levi Tenney	1867*	Robert F. Jones	1934-1936
W.A. Smith	1867*	Alexander Gray	1938-1942
M.C. Conoley	1872-1873	Robert P. Douglass	1942-*
H.B. Rose	1874	H. Addison Woestemeyer	1943-*
Wm. F. Gillespie	1875-1881	Earl Brandon	1945-1946
Hillery Moseley	1881-1883	Albert Smith	1946-1948
C.H. Dobbs	1884	Jan McMurray	1949-1959
James D. McLean	1884	W. Jack Lewis	1959-1960
W.T. Spears	1884-1886	James Van Vleck	1960-1963
M.C. Hutton	1885-1921	Davis Taylor	1964-1966
A.H. Perpetuo	1922-1924	Warren R. Hall	1966-1975
M. Mar Yosip	1925-1928	David C. Duncan	1975-1983
James Waite	1929-1932		

Ministers who served under the REUNITED CHURCH Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (PCUSA)

David C. Duncan	1983-1987
James Mahon	1987-1988
Michael A. Roberts	1988-2018
William C. Poe+	2018-2019
Robert Steven Hulme-Lippert	2019-

*Records are incomplete or unclear.

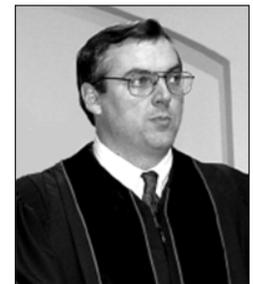
+Transitional Pastor whose name has been added since the history book was published in 2004.

Source: *A History of the First Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, Texas: Sesquicentennial Edition 1854-2004*

Longest Serving Ministers



Rev. M. C. Hutton began a 35-year ministry here when he became Stated Supply minister January 3, 1886. He was subsequently called to be pastor and was installed that May. It was said of the installation service, "The church was far too small to hold the people, and many had to leave for want of room."



Dr. Michael A. Roberts began a 30-year ministry here in September 1988, becoming the 37th installed pastor of the church. When he retired September 30, 2018, his became the second-longest pastorate in the church's 164-year history. He led the church during a modern era of growth and vitality for the church and tremendous increase in membership.



NOVEMBER 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Reformation Sunday 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship-WCFH 12:00pm Youth Choir Practice Handbells 5:00pm LOGOS Fundraiser	28 PW Board Stephen Ministry Supervision	29 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Session Meeting	30 Sue Bell on vacation thru 11/3 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 5:00pm LOGOS 5:40pm Youth Sunday Planning 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Cantata Chorus	31	1 Church Office Closes at noon	2
3 Communion Dedication Sunday 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am Poe Reception 11:00am Worship-WCFH 12:00pm Youth Bread Breakers 12:00pm Youth Choir 12:00pm Handbells	4 11:00am PW Board 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	5 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Elizabeth Circle	6 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 5:00pm LOGOS (5 th Wed) 5:40pm Youth Sunday Practice 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Cantata Chorus	7 Dr. Bill Poe @ Mo-Ranch thru 11/9 6:00pm Cantata Sectionals	8 10:00am Mission Sewing Church Office Closes at noon	9
10 Youth Sunday 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 9:40am Youth Brunch 11:00am Worship-WCFH 12:00pm LOGOS Board Meeting	11 9:00am P.E. Meeting 10:00am Sarah-Ruth Circle	12 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Mission Committee 6:45pm Executive Committee 7:30pm Committee Night	13 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 1:00pm Lydia Circle 4:00pm Helping Hands Lunches 5:00pm LOGOS 5:30pm Veteran's Night 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Cantata Chorus	14 9:00am P.E.O. Meeting 6:00pm Cantata Sectionals	15 7:30am Men's Breakfast Church Office Closes at noon	16 2:00pm New Pastor Meet & Greet
17 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship-WCFH 5:00pm Youth G2G Event	18 6:00pm Men's Fellowship Dinner 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 7:00pm Stephen Ministry Cont Ed	19 10:30am Pastoral Care Meeting 11:00am Staff Meeting 4:30pm Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Evangelism Committee	20 9:30am Martha Circle 9:30am Rachel Circle 11:00am Hannah-Esther Circle 12:00pm Ladies' Lunch Bible Study 12:00pm Men's Lunch Bible Study 5:00pm LOGOS 5:40pm Youth Bible Study 6:15pm Sanctuary Choir 7:15pm Cantata Chorus	21 10:00am Senior Seminar 10:30am Administrative Committee 6:00pm Cantata Sectionals	22 11:00am PW Bible Study Leaders Church Office Closes at noon	23
24 8:30am Worship-Sanctuary 9:40am Sunday School 11:00am Worship-WCFH	25	26	27	28 Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	29 Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving	30