



# Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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The way it looks from here...

Pastor Terry McLellan

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The next newsletter  
is May 2015

The deadline for  
articles is  
Friday, Friday 4/17



Dear Friends,  
We have just returned from a vacation week in the Big Bend area of Texas.

Thank you so much for including times in the year for us to re-charge. We stayed in Alpine and took day trips out from there. We saw many examples of God's Creative power while we were gone; the mountains of Big Bend National Park, the waste lands of the Chihuahua Desert, the beauty of the blooming Big Bend Blue Bonnets.

Perhaps the most impressive display we saw was at the McDonald Observatory near Ft. Davis. The Observatory hosts weekly events for tourists talking about the work of Astronomy and teaching the attendees about constellations, man-made satellites, stars, planets, etc. When the sky in West Texas is free of clouds, the night sky there has no equal. The astronomers tell us there are 100 billion stars in our galaxy, the Milky Way. They also say that there are 100 billion galaxies in our neighborhood of the Universe.

All the stars you can see with the naked eye in the night sky of West Texas lie in the Milky Way. It makes our life on this blue ball we call Earth seem pretty small in the overall scheme of the God-created Universe. So, the fact that we are loved and known by God is amazing when you contemplate all the Creation that there is

outside our orbit of life. To say categorically that there is no other life but us in all of Creation is hubris beyond belief. We do not know all the ways that God's creative power may have shown forth throughout the Universe. We can only know that little bit of presence of God we encounter in this life.

Our place is a small bit of firm ground in the edge of the Milky Way, but it is the place where God nurtured us and allowed us to become alive. From stardust we have come and to stardust we shall return. In between those two events we have this life we are given to live and to move and to honor God with our time. But, we are God's

before the time of our birth. We belong to God while we walk this earth. And we remain God's beloved possession after this life is completed. While we live and move and have our being, we have the opportunity to witness to the love of God with those who inhabit this world with us. It is a huge but welcome



calling to recognize the task we have been given, to love God and witness to God's life-giving and life-affirming nature. And what a blessing it is to realize that we do not have to control and keep intact the Universe. That is God's job: Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer. Ours job in our little corner of the Universe is to simply be faithful, following Jesus, loving one another as best we can.

I wish God's light of love to brighten your lives this day and always.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Terry  
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### Presbyterian Women

Patti Sloey, moderator

#### **Thursday Morning Circle-**

2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, April meeting, Thursday, 4/9.

#### **Tuesday Morning Circle-**

2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, April meeting, Tuesday, 4/14.



#### **Thursday Evening Circle-will**

meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 16 in a FUPC member home. Contact the church office if you need further information.

The Starboard Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, April 7, at 1:00 p.m. continuing their stuffed animal project for the clinic at North Dallas Shared Ministries. Come to stitch or stuff and enjoy the fellowship.

## Journey to the Cross with FUPC

Maundy Thursday Worship—4/2, at 7 pm at John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Good Friday Worship—4/3, at 7 pm at FUPC

Easter Sunday Celebration—4/5, Sunday School at 9:30 & Worship at 11 am

## Stepping Out of My Comfort Zone

Katie Miller

Participating in the New Beginnings program, has helped me to get my mind thinking about what I would love to see in the future for

Faith United and how I could help. Recently I gathered the courage to invite one of my son's friends to the Following Jesus Sunday school. I have a burning desire to spread this amazing program to children. This move was scary for me and far outside my comfort zone. I recognized I can be timid to "put myself out there" when it could risk permanently impacting my son's best friend and our family. Selfishly I find myself focusing on myself and lose sight of the Lord and his calling to "go into the world and make disciples of all people." And I even teach the "Following Jesus" program... right? One of the stories in the Following Jesus program is centered on Matthew 14:22-33 when Jesus was walking on the water. Peter was doing just fine on the water when he was focused on Jesus. But, when he was distracted by the wind and fear, he started to sink. This reminds me of my favorite song from the Casting Crowns. Each day is a personal choice



"to have the kind of faith it takes to get out of the boat I'm in onto the crashing waves, to step out of my comfort zone, to the realm of the unknown where Jesus lives and he's

holding out his hand." How I yearn to truly trust Jesus and avoid distractions and fear.

My trust in Jesus won out and my son's friend excepted the invitation. His mother was overjoyed and grateful for the invitation. The first Sunday he attended the Following Jesus Sunday school, I realized this was the FIRST time he EVER attended church. Wow! Tears of joy swelled in my eyes when he told me. I thank God for this blessing and his faith in me to use me as an instrument of his grace. The chance to impact one beautiful soul is truly a blessing! And who knows that beautiful soul can impact many more beautiful souls, including myself. I am so glad I did not give in to my fear, security and comfort. I chose to trust and focus on Jesus. I am reminded of this blessing each Sunday when I get to teach all the beautiful souls in the Following Jesus class.



### Session & Such

The Session has a Called Meeting once a month for the purpose of meeting and receiving prospective new members. This month's Called Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 12 at 10:15 a.m. They

meet in the Pastor's Study in the office area. The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 12 after worship. Wayne Saunders will lead the devotional.

## Notes & News from the Pews



### Directory updates

Please remember to notify the church office if your contact information changes so it can be published in the next newsletter.

**Alison Meier** (new member)  
3812 Calculus Drive, Dallas, TX 75244  
Cell—214-850-3171  
Birthday: July 6  
Retired school teacher

**Jimmie Beach** (change of address)  
Signature Pointe on the Lake  
14655 Preston Road, Room 305B  
Dallas, TX 75254  
No phone at this time

**Marge Krause** (change of address)  
3362 Forest Lane, #225  
The Bentley  
Dallas, TX 75234-7000  
Cell—214-724-4810

**Brenda Swindle** (change of address)  
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Addison, TX 75001  
Cell—214-546-9312



### From the editor

Brenda Swindle



Just when we thought we had escaped the ice and snow of winter it reared its ugly head in late February and early March. It is definitely spring now. Everything is getting green with buds popping

out all over. As I write, my only worry is that I have Spring Fever and want to go outside and play. The Easter Celebration is only a week away. Come celebration with FUPC.

Thank you for submitting articles to the news-

letter. No matter how big or small the event, send the information so that it can be included in the next issue of **Words of Faith**. You may submit articles in writing to the church office or via email to

[Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com](mailto:Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com)

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for articles,  
Friday, 4/17/15  
Contact church  
office or Brenda  
Swindle via email to  
submit articles.**

## Outreach & Evangelism

Lois Duell

Benevolences have been set and approved for 2015. Of the \$3000, \$600 will go to both North Dallas Shared Ministries and Metrocrest Social Services, \$400 will go to both Austin Street and Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services. The other \$1000 will go to 2—\$500 scholarships to graduates of W.T. White who went to Cabell Elementary and Marsh Intermediate Schools and plan to attend a local Community College or Trade School.

\$125 was collected for the Souper Bowl of Caring, which will be split evenly between North Dallas Shared Ministries and Metrocrest Social Services.

We would like to increase our involvement with Cabell School. One thought is a tutoring program or homework help

afternoon or evening. If you have any suggestions, please give them to me or one of the committee members. Better yet, join our committee!

A Friday "Date Night" for our neighbors and Little Treasures parents is another suggestion we have had brought to the committee.

### Community Pancake Breakfast—

The 2nd Saturday Community Breakfasts are continuing, we'd love to have you join us. Bring your neighbors and friends. The next breakfast is set for Saturday, April 11, 8 to 10 a.m.



**Austin Street Meal**—The March meal day will be Monday, April 6. Looking ahead, the May meal will be May 4. Plan ahead for your food donation. Refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Lois Duell



Easter Sunday, April 5, we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. By supporting this offering, you are sustaining programs that provide disaster relief, food, clean water, training, and resources to people all over the world. When

you give, you change lives. Giving envelopes and more information is available in the Narthex. Donations will be accepted through Easter Sunday, April 5. If you do not have access to the giving envelopes you can also send a check to the church office. Note in the Memo Section, for OGHS.

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### Happy Birthday!

#### April 7

- \* Phoebe Higginbotham

#### April 9

- \* Earl Blackney
- \* Dixie Howell

#### April 10

- \* Doug Sparks

#### April 11

- \* Brenda Burkham

#### April 13

- \* Scarlett Silva

#### April 19

- \* Richard Davenport
- \* David Bell

#### April 22

- \* Roberta Welther
- \* Floyd Coleman



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### Prayer Concerns

#### Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Keith Daniels
- ♥ Greg Haben
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Käthe & Eberhard Kaschung
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer (David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Til Rathbun
- ♥ Dr. Joel Roffman
- ♥ Mary Sewell
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Lynda Taylor
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ Roberta Welther
- ♥ Dr. Byrne Williamson
- ♥ Susie Wing



***Give ear, O Lord, to my  
prayer; listen to my cry  
of supplication. In the  
day of my trouble I call  
on you, for you will  
answer me.***

**Psalm 86:6-7**

#### Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Henry & Dena Knight
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Emroy Quevreaux
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Don Spiegel
- ♥ Martha Watson

***Know of someone who is homebound & not on our list?  
Let us know, contact the church office.***



# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
<b>Calendar Legend</b> GA=Gamblers Anonymous ABA=Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous OA=Overeaters Anonymous LTCDS = Little Treasures School PWCT=Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team CSID=Church of South India Dallas RYLA=Rotary Youth Leadership Awards			7:00 FUPC Choir #9	3:30 LTCDS #1 6:30 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4  <b>Maudy Thursday Worship 7 pm @John Calvin</b>	<b>Good Friday Worship 7 pm</b>	11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID #9 & Sanctuary
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**Please contact the church office with meetings,  
classes or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts. This  
will also assure that the space is heated/cooled for your event.**

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## Word on the Street

Ann Walden

I am constantly asked "what does the Shelter need". Here is a list of current needs:

- ♦ bath towels
- ♦ men & women's jeans
- ♦ 60 gallon heavy duty trash bags
- ♦ large print Bibles



There is a plastic tub available for your donations. Thank you for thinking of the less fortunate as you do your Spring Cleaning. God Bless your faithfulness.

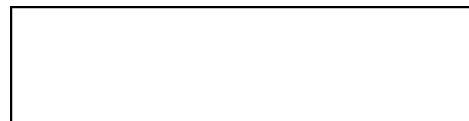


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