



# Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



Easter Sunday has come and gone and we are presently in the season of the year some people refer to as Eastertide. One of the things that the church attempts to do during these "Fifty" days of Easter leading up to Pentecost Sunday is to reflect on what Easter is all about. I believe that means asking ourselves the question, did what God accomplish with the raising of Jesus from the grave make any difference in our lives? Did it make any difference in the world? The answer to the first question is easy, at least for your interim minister. Of course, it made a difference in my life and in the lives of every person who trusts in Jesus Christ as Lord." Through Christ's death and resurrection, our sins have been forgiven and death defeated opening up the way to eternal life.

The answer to the second question is a little more difficult to answer. We continue to live in a world plagued with war and rumors of war. Nuclear disaster appears closer now than anytime since the cold war. We continue to live in a world where, according to the World Health

Agency, a billion people go to bed hungry every night, most of whom are children. Our newspapers bombard us with news of political scandals, drug and sex trafficking, and the almost constant threat of terrorism. It's easy to wonder if we are any closer to the kingdom of God today than we were two thousand years ago when an innocent teacher and evangelist was put to death on a cross? I'm not ashamed to ask such a question. If the inspired authors of Holy Scripture can question God's presence in times of distress and calamity, I feel as though God can listen to my complaint. For instance, the opening words of Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me," expresses the author's extreme frustration at God's apparent abandonment in time of need.

And yet it's God's word and God's promises that continues to give me hope in an uncertain world. The prophet Joel wrote about a futuristic time in the history of Israel when God's spirit would be poured out on all creation, and "old men shall dream dreams, and young men shall see visions." (Joel 2:28)

## Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

Dreams and visions are a gift from God and have unquestionably played an important role in God's salvation history. They have also played an important role in the history of Faith United Presbyterian Church. Someone dreamed and with the help of a few churches including our own, North Dallas Shared Ministry was born. Someone dreamed, and said, "Wouldn't it be great if we had a Stephen Ministry at this church." Someone had a vision of two churches combining their congregations together along with their talents and resources to form one church and Faith United Presbyterian Church was established. Someone once said, "Some people see things as they are and ask "Why?" I see things as they can be and ask, "Why not?" Call me an eternal optimist but I do believe we are closer today than ever before to the kingdom of God. This I know. God has made us instruments of God's grace and love to a broken world and given us the power to dream. What a wonderful and restorative gift.

Shalom, *Jim*

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### Inside this issue

- From the Pastor's desk
- Presbyterian Women
- FUPC in the community
- ...and more!

### Next newsletter is

**June 2017.**

**Deadline for  
articles, Friday,  
5/19/17.**

**Contact church  
office or Brenda  
Swindle via email  
to submit articles.**

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## Presbyterian Women

FUPC Women are well into this year's Bible study with "Who Is Jesus?" Books are available for \$10 in the office or at your circle meeting or from your circle leader.

**Tuesday Morning Circle**-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am. Next meeting, 5/9. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.



## Mary Marxer

**Thursday Morning Circle**-2nd Thursday, *NEW TIME*, 10 am at the church, Next meeting, 5/11.

**Tuesday Evening Circle**-3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 5/16, Circle moderator, Irene Simpson.

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 1:00 pm at the church. All are invited to come help them stuff fabric animals. These animals go to toddlers when they get their shots at the North Dallas Shared Ministries clinic.

## Over 65 at Easter Egg Hunt!

What a blessing and surprise it was for FUPC on Saturday, April 15 when 65 children and their parents or grandparents arrived between two and four p.m. They played games, heard the Easter story and hunted for eggs. Many thanks to the volunteers that pitched right in to work with the "more than expected" numbers!





## Happy Birthday!

### May 1

- \* Nathan Miller
- \* Cleo Sherrard

### May 2

- \* Anne Kirchmeyer
- \* Mary Marxer

### May 3

- \* Charlie Cole

### May 4

- \* George Mills

### May 6

- \* Jan Cole

### May 9

- \* Bobbie Jones

### May 11

- \* Fiona Coughenour

### May 15

- \* Joan Nelson
- \* Grace Stottlemeyer

### May 16

- \* Linnie Hinkle

### May 17

- \* Cathy Marxer

### May 28

- \* Jo Ann McKnight

### May 30

- \* Steve Nelson



## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Oscar Bennedsen
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Bob Haben
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Ray Kirchmeyer  
(David's brother)
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Sherrard Family
- ♥ Alan Swope

### Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ Bobbie & J.R. Jones
- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Betty Laney
- ♥ Joanne McKnight
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Betty Van



## Directory Updates

Please remember to notify the church office if your information changes.

### Betty Van

Brookdale Senior Living  
13505 Web Chapel Road, Rm 13  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

## Outreach & Evangelism




**Monthly Pancake Community Breakfast** will be May 13 from 8-10am. Join us and meet your neighbors and friends.

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, Katie Miller and Brenda Burkham set up a table at the Cabell School Spring Festival. We thought it would be a good way to highlight our Sunday school program and encourage the parents to come and bring their children to our church on Sunday mornings. What a joy it was to see the expressions on the faces of the children as they listened to Brenda and Katie tell the stories.

## Gail Crumpler



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7:30 GA-Room #2	<b>2</b> 1:00 Starboard Stitchers 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>3</b> 7 pm FUPC Choir	<b>4</b> 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary
<b>7</b> 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus	<b>8</b> 7:30 GA-Room #2	<b>9</b> 10:30 PW Circle #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>10</b> 7 pm FUPC Choir	<b>11</b> 10:00 PW Circle #2 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00 FUPC Breakfast 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary
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<b>21</b> 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd & Following Jesus 12:30 FUPC Session	<b>22</b> 7:30 GA-Room #2	<b>23</b> 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>24</b> 7 pm FUPC Choir	<b>25</b> 10:00 LTCDS #1 6:30 GA-Double #2 7:30 ABA-Rm #4	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
<div>Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—<a href="http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com">www.FaithUnited-pc.com</a></div>						



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