



# Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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## The Way it Looks From Here

Pastor Terry McLellan

Dear Friends,

Summer is here with hot weather and vacations, etc. I pray that you all will have a blessed summer including some time for play.

I want to share an opportunity with you for a time of study and fellowship this summer. As you may have heard, a new group is forming called POH. POH stands for "Prisoners of Hope." You might think that is a strange name and say "Huh???" Strange as it may sound, there is a reason behind it. If you only listen to TV news or read the *Dallas Morning News* every day, you would realize that much of the world is populated with people who are prisoners of despair. We hear about war, natural disasters, the despair of poverty and homelessness, and the other circumstances which people find themselves in desperation and without hope. But Christians are people of hope. We have been claimed by our Savior Jesus Christ and have been promised eternal relationship with God through the living, dying and rising of God's Son Je-

sus. We have a claim placed on us by the grace we have received, that being to share the hope in our hearts with the world. We are called to be God's agents in the world working as partners with the Holy Spirit to participate in God's mission to reconcile all of creation to the Creator.

Sometimes, though, we miss out on opportunities to share the hope with that is in us. We do not recognize the chances, or we are too afraid of stepping out of our comfort zones, or we do not trust that we have the gifts we need to fulfill God's mission. POH is an effort to alert us to the possibilities before us and to understand what we are called to do.

We will begin by studying and praying together for guidance, hoping that the Holy Spirit will awaken us to our specific vocation as people of Faith United. For the first five weeks, we will

be studying from the book by Brian Keepers entitled, "*Where do I come In? Joining God's Mission*". The book may be purchased through Amazon for \$ 5 to \$10, or from FaithAliveRe-

sources.org for about \$ 10. You won't have to have the book to participate in the group. But, it will help with the spiritual process. We will begin our study on Sunday June 3 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like

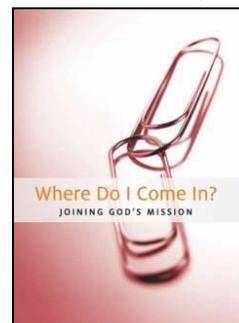
to read materials for the first session, they will be available, if your copy has not made it in yet. Just call or come by the office and Brenda or I can help you.

Please consider this study as a worthwhile experience for the summer. It is my hope that we can all be blessed with new insights into how we can be Christ's church in this place.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Terry

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The next newsletter is July 2012.

The deadline for articles is Friday, June 15.

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## What now?

Jane Ingebritson

On May 6, six new Stephen Ministers were commissioned after 50 hours of training which began in October. The group will continue to meet for Supervision and Continuing Education with the three other active Stephen Ministers.

What will these Stephen Ministers do with their training and their desire to help others through difficult times in their lives? The answer to that question depends largely upon what the congregation wants them to do. Those who are going through a difficult time need to ask for and or accept the help of a Stephen Minister if they are offered their help. Stephen Ministers will not be going around the church trying to drum up care receivers. Anyone who wishes to have a

caring listening ear may tell one of the Stephen Leaders, Lisa Laclede and Nancy Smith, or Pastor Terry, that he/she wants to have a Stephen Minister assigned to him/her, and the leaders will do their best to fulfill that need by contacting a Stephen Minister; that Care Giver will then contact the seeker and the two of them will set up appointments. A Stephen Minister will usually meet for an hour once a week with his/her Care Receiver for as long as needed. If a congregational member has a friend or relative who needs and wants a Stephen Minister, that is a perfect situation, but again, the desire needs to be conveyed to the leaders or pastor so that the process can begin.



The relationship is kept confidential; if the Care Receiver shares with others that he/she has a

Care Giver, that is okay, but the Stephen Minister will not divulge this information on her own. The situation will never be discussed by the Stephen Minister with any other person, including during supervision. Supervision's purpose is to give support to the Stephen Ministers and to help them do their best for their Care Receivers.

Active Stephen Ministers are Nancy Bond, Ray Butler, Lois Duell, Kathleen Ferguson, Linnie Hinkle, Cathy Marxer, Sharon Meurer, Lois Norton, and Susie Wing.

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## Got an empty passenger seat?

One of America's most squandered resource is the approximately 80% of unused passenger space in our vehicles as we drive. Faith United faces another challenge which is that many planned events are under attended or not scheduled because many of our members no longer drive at night or have other mobility challenges. A Ride-Share program seems a reasonable solution. Is there any-

one out there with experience at setting up or administering such a program willing to help get such a program started? Please let Brenda Swindle, Kurt Booth or Pastor Terry know and let's see if we can't move some people!



## Metrocrest CROP Walk 2012

Kurt Booth

Mark you calendars for September 8, 2012, the date the Metroplex CROP walk will be held. Last year, over \$17,000 was raised to feed those there are hungry. Ten churches participated in the event and the goal this year to for even more money to be raised and more churches to partici-



pate in this visible sign to the community of Christ-centered service ministry. Contact Kurt Booth if you'd to become involved in our role or look for further details on how you can support this great event.

## G-21—Faith United's Youth Group

Kurt Booth

Many times we have heard it said that "we need to grow our youth program" when people talk about our new congregation. It may surprise quite a few members to learn that Faith United has a very active youth group which meets on Thursday evenings for worship and fellowship. Each week between 10 and 20 young people gather to eat and hang out

before moving to the sanctuary for a time of worship, prayer and teaching.



Last fall, several members of Faith United's more mature demographic made the decision to provide healthier meals to the kids instead of the fast food which was being provided.

There is a sign up sheet in the hall (near the Austin Street board) if you'd like to volunteer to bring a portion of the night's meal.

You needn't stay to serve the meal, but these are great kids that love the Lord – you might enjoy meeting them.



## Session & Such

The Session will have 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, June 10 at 10:15 a.m. They will meet in the Library/Resource Room

across from the coffee/fellowship area.

**Outreach & Evangelism** committee meets on the first Sunday of the month @ 10:30 a.m. in the parlor off the narthex (chair, Kurt Booth). This is the perfect time to bring up new ministries you'd like to see

Faith United become active in (with your help) and learn ways you can support the many ongoing programs and activities Faith United is currently involved in.

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 10 after worship.

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## Notes & News from the Pews



### Thank you & news!

Thank you to the office volunteers, Kay McLellan, Irene Simpson, Fiona Coughenour, Ann Walden and John Marxer who helped during my recent trip to Minneapolis for my daughter's graduation in May.

I will need to call upon them again as we move into June. Due to my auto accident in September 2011 it has

become necessary to have surgery on my foot. I will not be in the office the week following surgery (June 11—15). I wish to thank those volunteers who will once again help out during my absence that week. I also wish to thank YOU in advance for keeping me in your prayers as I recover and “hobble” around the office in the weeks following my return to work.

*Brenda Swindle*

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### Austin Street Meal—June 4

The June meal day will be Monday, June 4. Looking ahead, July's meal will be Monday, July 2. Please plan ahead for your food donation. The additional refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall kitchen. Thank you for your faithfulness to the homeless.



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### From the editor

Wow, June is here! Hard to believe we are moving into another hot Texas summer. Here's hoping we can all stay cool and not have more draught conditions this summer. If you are wondering about your contribution envelopes for 2012, wonder no more. They are in the office area. Please call or come by the office during the week to pick them up. Also, Membership Directories are here! Several have not been picked up yet and will be kept in the Admin Office after

### Brenda Swindle

June 3. Please call the office to make other arrangements if you are unable to get to the church building.

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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## North Dallas Shared Ministries

Lois Duell

As I write this, it is the day of the NDSM Gala. Over 400 people have sent in reservations and the Silent Auction will be the biggest since we began it. Some fantastic items and gift



certificates have been donated. Items range from assorted lures and a tackle box or a nail salon gift card to 2 tickets to Jersey Boys or a wine tasting for 4 valued at \$600. Surely there is something for everyone! Our own Jeanne Sawyer did a fantastic job of gathering items.

I'd like to share another recent gift to NDSM. After the Tuesday Circle met, those interested took a tour of NDSM. During the tour, we mentioned we gave new underwear, which we purchase, to clients. The next week, one of those ladies had a birthday and asked the members of a group she is in to bring new underwear for NDSM in honor of her birthday. Two grocery sacks full

of new underwear in various sizes were delivered to the clothes closet and they were very grateful.

NDSM is a very worthwhile mission of which we are a part. There are now 52 churches involved in serving 20 zip codes of Dallas. We rely heavily on volunteers to carry out our work. Only two and one-half salaries are paid (the administrative assistant is full-time and a doctor and nurse who work during the day are each paid 3/4 time), the rest are volunteers, even the director and the medical staff in the free clinics for the uninsured. Grants from various corporations and organizations plus monetary support from the churches fund this effort. You can help with a monetary contribution, gift of clothing or food, or a gift of your time. For more information, visit our web site, [ndsm.org](http://ndsm.org).

## Words from Waxahachie

Ann Walden

One of our prayer partner girls graduated high school May 16



Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services

with plans for Tyler Jr. College next fall and UT Austin after that. The endowment for these kids after they graduate from high school is tremendous. Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services pays for their tuition,

books and dorm. If they want to go into a trade, they offer the same package. If they enter the military then want to go to school, the same deal is available.

These children are theirs (Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services) until they are ready to fly

on their own. June 9 is an "Exes" reunion in Itasca for all former residents who lived there. On June 19 there will be a ground breaking for a new cottage on the Itasca campus. If you are a supporter of the Homes you should be proud of how your money is spent.

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## Happy Birthday!

### June 2

- \* Dalia Menendez

### June 5

- \* Ralph Moser
- \* Samuel Sparks

### June 9

- \* Jimmie Beach

### June 11

- \* Mozelle Mills

### June 12

- \* Kathleen Ferguson
- \* Eddie Newton

### June 14

- \* Linda Reynolds

### June 16

- \* Jerry Lankenau
- \* Melissa Parks

### June 18

- \* Logan Burkham
- \* Harvey Garoutte

### June 19

- \* Katherine Grimm
- \* Rich Lewis
- \* Linda Lively

### June 20

- \* Marian Garoutte

### June 21

- \* Susie Wing

### June 22

- \* Dave Sloey

### June 23

- \* Emily Joiner
- \* Mary Silva

### June 24

- \* Ginger Morris

### June 25

- \* Ruth Barnes

### June 26

- \* Rebecca Jefferson

### June 27

- \* Steanson Parks
- \* Alex Shepard



### June 29

- \* Freddy Simmons
- \* Patti Sloey

### June 30

- \* Shelby Carradine



*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

## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Jan Duell Gaby
- ♥ Eberhard & Kähte Kashuge
- ♥ Jeanne Moynagh
- ♥ Myra & Fred Nichols
- ♥ Thomas Sullivan
- ♥ The congregation of FUPC as we discover what God has planned for us.

### Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ Earl Blackney
- ♥ Grethel Creech
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Harvey & Marian Garoutte
- ♥ Ruth Innes
- ♥ J.R. Jones
- ♥ Earle & Marge Krause
- ♥ Shirley Kretchmar
- ♥ Ken Quevreaux
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Mary Steinmetz
- ♥ Bennie Tillack
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Martha Watson

### Service Personnel:

- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ CPT Brian Gaddis
- ♥ LT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ Sr A Jaron Garoutte
- ♥ SPC Chad Manis
- ♥ CPT Joshua Montero
- ♥ LT COL Thomas Pentecost
- ♥ SFC Adam Reno
- ♥ Ronnie Rogers
- ♥ USAF 1st LT Andre Silva
- ♥ LCPL James C. Spencer
- ♥ SPC David Wheat
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ David Crossley
- ♥ Robert Hall
- ♥ Andrew Moore
- ♥ WO2 Chris West
- ♥ Logan Burkham

# June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Calendar Legend</b>                      G-21=Community Youth Group                      GA=Gamblers Anonymous                      ABA=Anorexic &amp; Bulimics Anonymous                      OA=Overeaters Anonymous                      LTCDS = Little Treasures School                      PWCT=Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team                      CSID=Church of South India Dallas</p> </div>					1	2 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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## Quarterly Work Day!

David Bell



The work day for the second quarter will be on Saturday, June 16 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Bring your hedge trimmers if you have them as we will “tidy up” the church lawn.



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