



# 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 then 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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### Next newsletter is

**July 2017.**

**Deadline for articles, Friday, 6/16/17.**

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

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## Summer Sunday School



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Make the Connection

### Adult Sunday School

The **Searchers** class meets in the Resource Room/Library at 9:30 each Sunday morning. Alison Meier will be teaching this class during June, beginning Sunday, June 11. They will study the parables.

The **Weekly Bible Study** is taught by Rich Lewis. They will begin a new series of lessons on the Book of Hebrews on Sunday, June 4. They meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in Double Classroom #4.

### Children's Sunday School

Two children's classes are offered each Sunday. **Good Shepherd**, ages 3-5 years and **Following Jesus**, ages 6-9 years. Both are during the 11 a.m. worship hour. They are led by Katie Miller and Brenda Burkham. **Note:** The children's classes will be on summer break and will not meet June 11 through September 3. Classes will resume Sunday, September 10.



The Christian Education committee is excited to announce that our VBS theme will be Water All Around the World! This is an exciting program that journeys to Honduras, Cuba, Mexico, Haiti and Ghana with stories of children in each country to set the stage for understanding the specific clean water needs they have. Our children will engage in Bible study, mission stories, crafts, games and songs to help shed light on the mission needs and opportunities of each day's country. We encourage you all to spread the word to the children in your lives! Register at [www.FaithUnited-pc.com](http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com) to attend!

Can you help with the needs for VBS? If so please email me, Jessie Reyes at [princeton70@yahoo.com](mailto:princeton70@yahoo.com). We are planning for 60 to 70 kids. You may volunteer to provide some or all of an item. See needs below.

Item	Quantity
Empty Water Bottles	
Colorful Ribbon	5 ft. per child (12" pieces)
Magazine pictures/slick wrapping paper	Assortment for children to use in crafts
Large Clear Glass Tumbler	One
Clear Glass Bowl	One
Dark Blue Glitter	Contact Jessie Reyes
8 oz. water bottles	7 cases (24 per)
Frozen Otter pops	1 per child
Blue Jello	15 boxes
Small flimsy paper plates	1 per child
Watermelon	1/2 cup per child
Oranges	1/2 per child
Bananas	1/2 per child
8-12 oz. clear cups	400

Staff Needed	Quantity
Group Leader	1 per 8-10 kids
Snack Helper	3
Craft Helper	3
Recreation Helper	2
Assembly Leaders (some singing)	2
Recreation Needs	Quantity
4 or 5 oz. cups	1 package
Dish Liquid	1 Gallon
Corn Syrup	1 bottle
Masking Tape	2 rolls
Bubble Wands	Class set
Beach Balls	10
Hula Hoops	10
Gallon Plastic Jugs	10
Large Plastic Coffee Cans (empty)	4
Light Weight Rope	10 feet
5 Gallon Bucket	2

## Happy Birthday!

### June 1

\* Annali Reyes

### June 2

\* Dalia Menendez

### June 4

\* Hasten Penfold

### June 5

\* Ralph Moser

\* Samuel Sparks

### June 11

\* Mozelle Mills

### June 12

\* Kathleen Ferguson

### June 14

\* Ade Reyes

### June 18

\* Logan Burkham

### June 19

\* Rich Lewis

### June 21

\* Susie Wing

\* Claire Stottlemeyer

### June 22

\* Dave Sloey

### June 23

\* Mary Silva

### June 27

\* Alex Shepard

### June 29

\* Freddy Simmons

\* Patti Sloey



## 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:

- ♥ 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.

### Aileen Tiemann

Elk Creek Assisted Living  
301 Elk Drive, #138  
Burleson, TX 76028



## FUPC Work Day, 6/3

There is an important Work Day coming up on Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. to Noon. The projects include replacing ceiling tiles inside of our building and doing some outside work with regard to flower beds. If you would like more information on how you can help contact Wayne Saunders, chair of Building & Grounds.

## Outreach & Evangelism

**Monthly Pancake Community Breakfast** will be June 10 from 8-10am.

Join us and meet your neighbors and friends.




One of the missions of PROJECT TRANSFORMATION is to support underserved children at churches located in the heart of low-income neighborhoods. Some of these children do not own books, so no one reads to them at home. That's where we can serve. Our church's days to read are the mornings of July 3, 5 and 6 from 10-12 at Walnut Hill Methodist Church on Marsh Lane. We have five volunteers now, and would like to have more. Contact Gail Crumpler if you would like more information and/or if you are interested in reading so we can get you registered.

**How many people does NDSM serve?** In 2016, they provided help to about 67,000 people with approximately \$5,000,000. Rental costs are rising significantly while income for the clients remains stagnant or in some cases disappear due to lay-offs. Our help is desperately needed. Faith United provided our pledge of \$600 plus individual gifts of \$3,875. We also provided 72 bags of food donations and many clothes donations. Our members provided 904.3 volunteer hours. If 5 people can provide that many hours, imagine what we could do with more people! Why not consider getting involved? Contact Lois Duell at 972-241-4669, if you would like a tour of the facility or to know more about it.



## Gail Crumpler

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>FUPC 2017 VBS—9 a.m. to 12 p.m. "Water All Around the World"</b>						



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