



# Words of Faith

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends of FUPC,



It is a dangerous thing for a preacher to comment on current events as he risks alienating either

one side of the congregation or the other. There will always be those who will say that the task of the preacher is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not get involved in politics and current events. I would agree that the primary responsibility of the preacher is to share the "Good News," of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ with the world. We want all people to know that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, went to the cross for the forgiveness of our sins and through faith in the one that defeated sin and death; we have the gift of eternal life. But the "Good News," of Jesus Christ is so much more. Jesus also talked about the coming of the Kingdom of God, and how we are to live together in love with one another. With that being said, I feel compelled to adhere to a quote attributed to the famed Swiss theologian Karl Barth: "One should preach with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other."

Does the Bible have anything to say regarding the tragic events that have occurred over the last few weeks in Dallas and in Baton Rouge and in Saint Paul Minnesota? I believe it does. First of all, we need the Police and we need to respect the police. Police, as any governing authority, is a gift from God. Paul, writing to the Romans authors these words, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God." Thankfully we have good men and women who have made police work their calling and have promised to protect life and property from those who would seek to do harm to others. Not only are policemen required to go through extensive training but they put their life on the line every time they leave their house for what some would say is very little compensation. Are there individuals in police departments who shouldn't be there and is it likely that all of us could use some additional training in race relations and

## Rev. Dr. Jim Johns

how to get along with each other? I would have to answer that with a resounding "Yes." I would also say that it's a pretty good bet that we could all stand to look inside of ourselves to see what makes us fear and mistrust others. Jesus once asked his disciples, "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?" It's easy for us to point our finger at others for using words and actions that exhibit racism and prejudice but it's more difficult to see those same traits in ourselves.

What I am sure of is that we are all made in the image of God and as Christians we have all been charged with loving our neighbor as ourselves. Until we can do that, fear and mistrust will continue to create hate and hate will continue to cause violence. There is no simplistic solution to this problem but I don't believe God wants us to give up. The future of our country and the future of God's world depend on it. Let us strive to love others as God in Christ has loved us.

Shalom, *Jim*

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### Next newsletter is

**September 2016.**

**Deadline for articles, Friday, 8/12/16.**

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

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## Presbyterian Women

FUPC Women will gather for their annual Fall Kick-off brunch on Saturday, 8/27 at 10 a.m. Stay tuned to Bulletins and FUPC News Briefs for more details.

**Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd**  
Tuesday, 10:30 am. Next meeting, 9/13. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.



**Thursday Morning Circle-**  
2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, Next meeting, 9/8.

**Tuesday Evening Circle-3rd**  
Tuesday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Next meeting, 9/20. Co-moderators, Nadine Moser and Dottie Cogar.

## Mary Marxer

The Starboard Stitchers will next meet on Tuesday, September 6 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.



The **Weekly Bible Study** led by Rich Lewis will not meet on August 7. Rich and Courtland are enjoying the cooler weather of Colorado. The class will resume its study of II Corinthians on August 14 at 9:30. Meets in Double Classroom #4.

The **Searchers** class will study the series called "The Bible Jesus Read" by Rev. Philip Yancey. This eight part series consists of videos, questions and discussion. We meet in the Resource room and all are invited to join us at any time. We start at 9:30. We would love to have you join us.

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

## Outreach & Evangelism



The Outreach Committee will hold the next Community Breakfast on August 13 from 8 to 10am. All are invited to stop by and share some pancakes and sausage plus great fellowship with not only your fellow members, but new friends from our community.

August is our month to spotlight North Dallas Shared Ministries. We, the Outreach Committee, wish to encourage a drive for support, either food or money. Food-wise, we are currently lacking any cans of mixed fruit, white and sweet potatoes, boxes of crackers, and we are short on regular jars of peanut butter. If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can donate on-line at NDSM.org, make checks out to the church and designate NDSM, or use the envelopes on table by the main door. We can always use more volunteers also: there are a variety of ways to give your time.



I hope you will check out the display that gives an overview of NDSM on the bulletin board by the greeters stand.

We are a Covenant Congregation, in fact one of the original group that created NDSM in our Fellowship Hall. Each Covenant Congregation agrees to:

1. Provide direct financial support in accordance with its Annual Pledge.
2. Publicize the work of NDSM to its congregation for two purposes:
  - a. To encourage congregants to volunteer at NDSM,
  - b. To let those congregants who need assistance understand what NDSM has to offer.
3. Encourage congregants to financially support NDSM.
4. Participate in Food Drives and other special volunteer and giving opportunities.
5. Designate a representative to NDSM's Advocacy Council who is willing to strengthen and maintain productive communications. (in our church, that is Lois Duell)

## Happy Birthday!

### August 2

- \* Terry Stottlemeyer

### August 3

- \* Tom Duell

### August 6

- \* Terrie Russell

### August 7

- \* Judy Saunders

### August 10

- \* Tom Meurer
- \* Chris Walker

### August 11

- \* Renee Wensley

### August 12

- \* Alan Swope

### August 15

- \* Helen Bowling

### August 18

- \* Kathryn Heffler

### August 19

- \* Betty Russ

### August 21

- \* Jennifer Tiemann

### August 26

- \* Kathy Newton

### August 27

- \* Gail Crumpler

### August 28

- \* Jewel McClellan
- \* Pat Whitaker



### August 29

- \* Jeanne Haben

### August 30

- \* Grethel Creech
- \* Elizabeth Hendricks
- \* Nancy Smith

## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

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

### Rehab/At Home:

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

## Notes & News from the Pews



### Thank you!

A special thank you FUPC family for your prayers and cards during the difficult time of my step father passing. The knowledge of that support was very comforting to me as well as my family. Blessings to all. *Brenda Burkham*

Dear Faith United family,

Thank you. Your prayers, hugs, food, flowers, cards, rides and all the ways you have helped us at this difficult time have been a comfort and we appreciate all of you very much.


*Cody & Cleo Sherrard*

## Prayer Time with the Pastor

Beginning Sunday, August 7, at 9 a.m. and every Sunday, join the pastor in the Resource Center/Library for a time of prayer and a brief study of one of the



scripture lessons the Pastor will use for the following week's sermon. Together, we will lift up our prayer concerns to God and discuss how the Spirit speaks to us through Scripture.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7:30 GA-Rm #2	<b>2</b> 1:00 Starboard Stickers 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>3</b> 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>4</b> 6:30 ABA-Rm #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2	<b>5</b> 11:00 LTCDS #1	<b>6</b> 11:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 3:30 CSID Choir Sanctuary
<b>7</b> 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:00 CSID Worship 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:30 FUPC Fellowship 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Communion Worship	<b>8</b> 8:00 Cabell In Service #1 7:30 GA-Rm #2	<b>9</b> 8:00 Cabell #1 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>10</b> 8:00 Cabell In Service #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>11</b> 8:00 Cabell #1 6:30 ABA-Rm #4 7:00 GA-Rm #2	<b>12</b> 8:00 Cabell In Service #1 11:00 LTCDS #4	<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>Complete calendar of events may be found on the website—<a href="http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com">www.FaithUnited-pc.com</a></b>						
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