



# Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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## The Pastor's Passage

by Pastor Terry McLellan

### How it looks from here.

Dear Friends,

Once again we are blessed to see what a thoughtful and compassionate congregation you are. Thanks over and over for your concern, interest and prayers for my family as we mourn the loss of my father. There is no way we can find adequate words to express what is on our hearts. The witness of Jesus was to mourn with those who followed him. His mourning with the gathered community reflected the eternal bond between himself and those who were his disciples. When Jesus came to the tomb of Lazarus, finding him dead, he wept along with Mary and Martha, even though he was about to raise him from the dead.

Whenever, we find ourselves facing a death, whether it be the death of a loved one; our own death; or death of a dream, the statement of faith arising from Jesus' resurrection is that love is stronger than death. God's love surpasses all forms and types of death. God's love is eternal and is offered to us throughout this life and the next one, as well. We can go through this life assured that we are eternally in God's hands and that we can trust God to treat us lovingly, though we might not be able to see it at the time when our bodies fail or some other tragedy strikes.

My prayer for you all is that you recognize the presence of God in your life. Our calling as Christians is to

share the redeeming love of Christ with the world. You have done so wonderfully with me and my family.

We are back in town and looking eagerly forward to the fall with cooler weather, more rain, and a renewal of our life together. Please keep watch of the bulletins, the newsletters and the boards in the halls for news of coming events into the fall season. Every opportunity for us to meet together in fellowship or work together for the Kingdom can strengthen our bonds and open our hearts to the others, welcoming them into our fellowship. For that is our purpose and our mission.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Terry

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## An Amazing Experience!

**Come, find out about how to be part of an amazing experience!!**

Do you want to do something for yourself? Do you want to do something for others? Do you want to learn how to be a caring Christian listener? Do you want to spend time with others who want to do all of this, too? Perhaps joining with others in a Stephen Ministry Training Class

will help you accomplish all of these things.

There will be an informational video/question/answer meeting on Sunday, September 18 in the larger adult Sunday School classroom at about 12:20 following worship. Light refreshments will be served. All who have already applied, who are think-



## Jane Ingebritson

ing about applying, and anyone who is simply curious about Stephen Ministry are wel-

come. It should be less than an hour. You may also call Stephen Leaders; Nancy Smith (972-418-0537), Lisa Laclede (972-418-1464), or Jane Ingebritson (214-808-9198) for further information.

## Presbyterian Women

## Jeanne Sawyer

The Faith United Presbyterian Women's circles look forward to beginning their new year of study and fellowship. If you are interested in joining a circle or need more information, please call the circle moderator.

**Luncheon Circle**-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, September meeting, Tuesday, 9/13. Moderator, Marianne Petersen, 972-306-4038.

**Pauline Circle**-2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, September meeting, Thursday, 9/8. Moderator, Cathy Marxer, 817-858-0790.

**Joanna Circle**-3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm in members homes. Moderator, Renee Wensley, 469-471-2533.

Many thanks to all who contributed to our very successful school supply drive project for Metrocrest Social Services Center.

### Report from Special Needs, Betty Laney.

Thank you to all of the women who have given of their time and have helped with this important work. Betty has a list of women who are always willing to

help with food, set up, serving and clean up. If you would like to be added to this list please call Betty Laney, 972-247-1215 or Linnie Hinkle, 972-241-9935. Betty is pleased



to have Linnie Hinkle as Co-chair of this PW committee.

The PW coordinating team will next meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 7 pm. The PW coordinating team will be commissioned in the

11:00 am worship service on Sunday, September 11.

## FUPC Serves “Fair Trade” Coffee

Kay McLellan

We have some wonderful tasting coffee being served in the narthex area on Sunday mornings. We have begun purchasing our coffee for the church from a wholesale roaster in Addison that offers coffee distributed through a Fair Trade growing and distribution system.

We are changing to this kind of coffee for a couple of reasons. One is to provide delicious coffee for church functions. At the same time we can support the Fair Trade coffee market as a mission of the church. This group pays the growers and harvesters a living wage in contrast to the large coffee companies, like Folgers or Maxwell House, who pay their growers as little as possible to increase their own profits. Most family farmers live in remote locations and lack

access to credit. They are vulnerable to local middlemen

who offer quick cash at a fraction of the value of their crops. Fair Trade guarantees farmers a set minimum price for their coffee and links farmer-run cooperatives directly with U.S. importers. Fair Trade farmers earn better incomes, allowing them to hold onto their land, keep their kids in school, and invest in their own harvests.

You may also have noticed that we are providing ceramic cups for our coffee time taking the place of the Styrofoam ones we have



used for so long. This not only saves money, but allows us to make our contribution to saving the

planet! Styrofoam is not biodegradable, so we want to avoid adding to the landfills by using it as little as possible for our church functions.



While you sip your coffee at church on Sunday mornings, enjoy the taste and also the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to the well being of our planet and hundreds of coffee farmers. They will enjoy a living wage partly because of our decision to purchase coffee from the Fair Trade coffee market.

## Did you know?

Did you know that Faith United has an account with Carter Blood Care? Those who are able can donate blood at any Carter Blood Care location and designate Faith United Presbyterian Church as their account. A credit will be assigned to the church account and

will be good until used or for one year. Any member in the church who has a need for blood can draw from the account. Carter Blood Care states that one unit of blood can save up to three lives.



Nancy Smith

They need 1,100 units daily to keep up with the demand. If you are able please give blood often and tell them to credit it to Faith United Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your donations and thank you for saving lives.

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## Worship & Music Committee

Since the merge, the Worship and Music Committee has been striving to provide a meaningful worship experience in the tradition of both former congregations. At this time, we are seeking feedback and suggestions from the members of Faith United Presbyterian Church. To express an opinion about communion, ushering, lay

liturgists, music or any other aspects of worship please email either

- Courtland Lewis at [rzlewis@gmail.com](mailto:rzlewis@gmail.com)
- Co-chairman of the committee, Kathie Heffler at [Kathieheff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kathieheff@sbcglobal.net)

If you do not have e-mail, you may

## Courtland Lewis



give it to us in writing on Sunday morning.

On another note, if you would like to serve as lay liturgist, communion

server or usher, please let us know. We would like to include as many people as possible in our newly merged congregation.

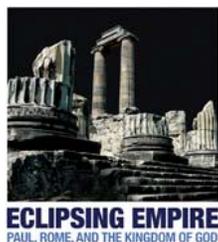
## Adult Sunday School

**Sundays—9:30 a.m.**

### Eclipsing Empire

led by Rich Lewis

This is a DVD based study of how Christianity “eclipsed” the Roman empire. It meets in the room across from the fellowship hall.



### Heaven is for Real

led by Dennis Simpson

Discussion of the book: *Heaven is For Real* by Todd Burpo. Meets in the “old Jr. High Room,” left as you enter the church past Fellowship Hall then another left. Purchase online or locally for under \$10. Don’t have time to read, that’s OK, come join in on the discussion.



## Notes & News from the pews



### Thank You!

For all those who prayed for me during my recent knee replacement, sent cards, brought food, or called to see how I was, I want to thank you. You must be the reason my rehab has gone so smoothly. My doctor is amazed I can do a complete revolution on my bike 14 days after surgery! I love my church family and pray for Faith United’s future.

God Bless, *Ann Walden*

### News from the pews!

Aubree D’Alfronso, granddaughter to Phil & Shirley Kretchmar is now a graduate of UT Austin. She is currently a Legislative Analyst and continues to live in Austin.

### Memorials for McLellan family

The family has requested that memorials for Terry’s father, Warren McLellan, be made to:

- The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith  
P.O. Box 3649  
Ft. Smith, Arkansas 72913

## Membership Directory & Website

[www.FaithUnited-pc.com](http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com)



Our website continues to develop and is a great place to go if you would like to read about a group of the church, see the calendar of events, download the church newsletter, "Words of Faith," or just see what awesome things are going on in the Faith United community. Until our communications committee is fully formed, please contact the church office if you have information you would like considered for posting

to the website. The world wide web is a wonderful thing and we will strive to make the most current information available to our members and visitors. Eventually, we hope to establish a "members only" section that would allow you to view and/or print current directories and more.

### Membership Directory!

We are in need of the "latest & greatest" information from every member. We ask that EVERY mem-

ber complete a **Member Information Form** during September. This form will be available in the Narthex and office area. Please take care to complete all "required" fields so we will have accurate and current information for the church office records and the directory.

Contact the church office if you can help in the preparation process of the church directory.

## From the editor

We strive to have a comprehensive and informative newsletter. We need the "news" from YOU, the members of Faith United. Thank you to all who have submitted information detailing the events of the church life. If you do not

see information about a group or event of the church, we ask that you contact the church office or submit an article giving details of the group or event. You may submit articles in writing to the church office or via email to

## Brenda Swindle

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

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## Session & Such

The Session continues their hard work. Decisions & business are handled daily on behalf of the congregation of Faith United Presbyterian Church. If you have not done so recently, take a moment to thank a session member for their hard work and commitment to

FUPC. If you are on session, give yourself a much deserved pat on the back. Each session member is diligent in their commitment and contribution of their time and talents to the glory of God and to FUPC.

The movie night was a success, com-

plete with bouncy house, refreshments and, lest we forget, the movie. We will all pray for cooler weather for the next movie night. The next stated session meeting will be Sunday, September 11 after worship.

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## Happy Birthday!

- September 2**
- ✧ Dave Youngstrum
- September 3**
- ✧ Cliff Giles
- September 5**
- ✧ Patsy Craig
- ✧ Ruth Innes
- September 7**
- ✧ Billy Jones
- ✧ Shirley Kretchmar
- September 8**
- ✧ Becky Beattie
- ✧ Phil Kretchmar

- September 9**
- ✧ Evelyn Giles
- September 11**
- ✧ Betty Donoho
- September 13**
- ✧ Stephanie Booth
- September 15**
- ✧ Marge Krause
- September 17**
- ✧ Ila Post
- ✧ Ed Toliver, Jr.
- September 18**
- ✧ Jon Simpson

- September 21**
- ✧ Ardy Cross
- ✧ Jane Ingebritson
- September 23**
- ✧ J.R. Jones, Jr.
- ✧ Orrin Stevens, Jr.
- September 26**
- ✧ Senga Danford
- ✧ Rene Hill
- ✧ Katie Miller
- ✧ Debbie Rainier



### Grace Presbyterian Village Birthday Luncheon

- September 27**
- ✧ Connie Stovall
- September 28**
- ✧ Jeanne Sawyer
- September 29**
- ✧ Cody Sherrard
- September 30**
- ✧ Logan Bechly

The women of Faith United are invited to attend the luncheon on Wednesday, September 21 at 1:00 pm . They will meet at the at Faith United and caravan to Grace Presbyterian Village. Contact Debbie Rainier, 972-306-5152, if you would like to attend.

## Prayer Concerns

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Marvin John
- ♥ Melanie Spoon
- ♥ Jan Bolton
- ♥ Ann Bogle
- ♥ Martha Watson
- ♥ Oda McMeans
- ♥ Ashton Matthew (CSI)
- ♥ Charles Elliott
- ♥ Dallas Meek
- ♥ Kira Schildwachter
- ♥ Thelma Rinehart
- ♥ Terry Russel's infant cousin, Charley Furr
- ♥ Kathy Heffler's friends, Courtney & Cindy
- ♥ Margaret Jones' daughter in-law, Vicki Jones

- ♥ Susie Wing's nephew, Adam Rowden
- ♥ Lisa Laclede's father, Ken Patterson
- ♥ Cathy Marxer's friend, Bonnie Biddle
- ♥ Jane Ingebritson's brother, Joe Hopkins

### In the Hospital/Rehab:

- ♥ Mary Steinmetz
- ♥ Ken Quevreaux
- At Home:**
- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ Harvey & Marian Garoutte
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ David & Betty Daly
- ♥ Betty Donoho
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter

### Service Personnel:

- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ CPT Brian Gaddis
- ♥ LT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ Sr A Jaron Garoutte
- ♥ SGT Brandon Griffith
- ♥ SPC Chad Manis
- ♥ 1st LT Joshua Montero
- ♥ LT COL Thomas Pentecost
- ♥ SFC Adam Reno
- ♥ Ronnie Rogers
- ♥ USAF 1st LT Andre Silva
- ♥ LCPL James C. Spencer
- ♥ CW02 Christopher M. West
- ♥ SPC David Wheat
- ♥ LCPL Kristopher S. Wingrove
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ David Crossley

The congregation of FUPC as they step into & discover what God has in store for them.



## Pack It Up!

We have baskets beneath the Military Project board for donations to the boxes. Feel free to take a list of the

items most needed and appreciated. We will meet on Wednesday, September 14 at 10 a.m. to pack up the care

packages . Any questions about the project, contact Cleo Sherrard.

## Cleo Sherrard



# September 2011

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri              | Sat  |
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|   | <p><i>Calendar Legend</i><br/>                     G-21 = Community Youth Group<br/>                     GA = Gamblers Anonymous<br/>                     ABA = Anorexic &amp; Bulimics Anonymous<br/>                     OA = Overeaters Anonymous<br/>                     PWCT = Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team<br/>                     CSID = Church of South India Dallas</p> |  |   | <p><b>1</b><br/>                     5:00 G-21 Sanctuary<br/>                     6:30 GA Choir Room<br/>                     7:30 ABA Group Rm4</p>  | <p><b>2</b></p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/>                     11:00 GA Junior High Rm<br/>                     11:00 OA Fellowship Rm<br/>                     3:00 CSID Choir Sanctuary</p>  |
| <p><b>4</b><br/>                     9:00 Prayer with Terry<br/>                     9:30 Sunday School<br/>                     11:00 CSID Sunday School<br/>                     11:00 Worship</p>  | <p><b>5</b><br/>                     9:00 Ed's Helpers<br/>                     6:00 Shelter</p>   | <p><b>6</b><br/>                     1:00 Starboard Stitchers<br/>                     4:00 G-21 music<br/>                     7:00 GA Choir Room<br/>                     7:00 OA Fellowship Rm<br/>                     7:00 PWCT</p> | <p><b>7</b><br/>                     7:00 FUPC Choir</p>  | <p><b>8</b><br/>                     9:30 PW Circle<br/>                     5:00 G-21 Sanctuary<br/>                     6:30 GA Choir Room<br/>                     7:30 ABA Group Rm4</p>  | <p><b>9</b></p>  | <p><b>10</b><br/>                     11:00 GA Junior High Rm<br/>                     11:00 OA Fellowship Rm<br/>                     3:00 CSID Choir Sanctuary</p> |
| <p><b>11</b><br/>                     9:00 Prayer with Terry<br/>                     9:30 Sunday School<br/>                     11:00 CSID Sunday School<br/>                     11:00 Worship<br/>                     12:30 Session</p>              | <p><b>12</b><br/>                     9:00 Ed's Helpers</p>  | <p><b>13</b><br/>                     10:30 PW Circle<br/>                     4:00 G-21 music<br/>                     7:00 GA Choir Room<br/>                     7:00 OA Fellowship Rm</p>  | <p><b>14</b><br/>                     10:00 Military Proj.<br/>                     7:00 FUPC Choir</p> | <p><b>15</b><br/>                     5:00 G-21 Sanctuary<br/>                     6:30 GA Choir Room<br/>                     7:00 PW Circle<br/>                     7:30 ABA Group Rm4</p> | <p><b>16</b></p> | <p><b>17</b><br/>                     11:00 GA Junior High Rm<br/>                     11:00 OA Fellowship Rm<br/>                     3:00 CSID Choir Sanctuary</p> |
| <p><b>18</b><br/>                     9:00 Prayer with Terry<br/>                     9:30 Sunday School<br/>                     11:00 CSID Sunday School<br/>                     11:00 Worship<br/>                     12:30 Stephen Ministry mtg</p> | <p><b>19</b><br/>                     9:00 Ed's Helpers<br/>                     7:00 Vocal Majority Board Mtg.</p>  | <p><b>20</b><br/>                     4:00 G-21 music practice<br/>                     7:00 GA Choir Room<br/>                     7:00 OA Fellowship Rm</p>  | <p><b>21</b><br/>                     7:00 FUPC Choir</p>   | <p><b>22</b><br/>                     5:00 G-21 Sanctuary<br/>                     6:30 GA Choir Room<br/>                     7:30 ABA Group Rm4</p>   | <p><b>23</b></p> | <p><b>24</b><br/>                     11:00 GA Junior High Rm<br/>                     11:00 OA Fellowship Rm<br/>                     3:00 CSID Choir Sanctuary</p> |
| <p><b>25</b><br/>                     9:00 Prayer with Terry<br/>                     9:30 Sunday School<br/>                     11:00 CSID Sunday School<br/>                     11:00 Worship</p>   | <p><b>26</b><br/>                     9:00 Ed's Helpers</p>  | <p><b>27</b><br/>                     4:00 G-21 music practice<br/>                     7:00 GA Choir Room<br/>                     7:00 OA Fellowship Rm</p>  | <p><b>28</b><br/>                     7:00 FUPC Choir</p>   | <p><b>29</b></p>  | <p><b>30</b></p> |  |

### Calendar Events

Please contact the church office should you have a meeting or class that requires a room and it will be put on the calendar to help prevent conflicts.

### Austin Street Meal—October 3

The October meal day will be Monday, October 3. 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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### Starboard Stitchers

Lorna Acker



The Starboard Stitchers will meet at the church on Tuesday, September 6 at 1 pm. We will work on baby blankets and stuffed animals.

These animals keep the toddlers happy and distracted

when they are getting their shots at the North Dallas Shared Ministries.

Come join us. No sewing skills are required.