



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

Volume II, Issue 9

The way it looks from here

Pastor Terry McLellan

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The deadline for articles is Friday, Sept. 21.

Dear Friends,

As I write this, the clouds are abundant and the temperature is cooler than it has been for weeks. It is 87 degrees at 4 in the afternoon. The promise is a second evening of rain showers.

The land seems a little less burned up. The ground under my feet is softened by the previous day's moisture.

I am breathing a sigh of relief. I did survive until the rain finally came. The nour-

ishing rains have come again, just when we thought we had been forgotten!!

I never cease to be amazed at how this Christian life works. For God's people there is always a time when God steps in and brings relief. Sometimes it seems

like that relief is a long time coming. For the Israelites

wandering from slavery in Egypt toward God's promised land, it took 40 years. And even then coming into Canaan was just the beginning of the journey of the people of Israel ever becoming the people who would be the fertile ground for God's

Promise to take full flower. For the people of Faith United it was about 3 years of prayer and waiting to see what God was going to do with before we became Faith United. Then that was just the start of us beginning to learn what it was like being God's people together. And we still cannot fully see the plans God



has for us, doing that something new.

It is always like that . . . we never know when God will show up and make our world anew. We just have to make ourselves ready to receive God's provision and direction and take a step at a time fulfilling what is before us. What is said, "Jesus may come at any-time. Look busy!" is certainly true. We never know when Jesus will show up beside us in line at the grocery store or sitting in the doctor's office and changing everything. Be ready, Dear Friends.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Terry

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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 or vice moderator.



Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, September meeting, Tuesday, 9/11. Moderator, Marianne Petersen or Vice Moderator, Lorna Acker.

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, September meeting, Thursday, 9/13. Moderator, Cathy Marxer or Vice Moderator, Mary Silva.

Thursday Evening Circle-3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm in members

homes. September meeting, Thursday, 9/20. Moderator, Renee Wensley or Vice Moderator, Patti Sloey.

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

The Starboard Stitchers will start up again Tuesday, September 4 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 PW coordinating team will next meet on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 pm.

Further information about fall Presbyterian Women events will be in the coming newsletters.

From the editor

Brenda Swindle

Hard to believe that September and the start of another school year is upon us. I am enjoying the "unseasonably" cool days in mid-August as I write these comments.

We want people to see what is going on at Faith United. Each month the newsletter is uploaded to our website. Those searching for a church home can read about us and see how we are active in the community as well as FUPC programs and activities. No matter how big or

small the event, send the information so that it can be included in the next issue of **Words of Faith**. You may submit articles in writing to the church office or via email to

Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com

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Swindle via email to

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Session & Such

The Session has 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, September 9 at 10:15 a.m. They meet in the Library/Resource Room across from the coffee/fellowship area.

The next stated session meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 9 after worship.

Moving far away from FUPC!

I'm sure most of you have heard by now that I'm moving. Yes, I'm moving to Belize on September 10.

Where is Belize? It's a small Central American country that used to be called British Honduras until it gained its independence from Britain in the 1960's. It's next to the Caribbean Sea just south of Mexico and east of Guatemala.

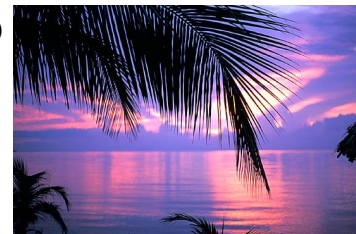
Why Belize? Now that I'm retired, I want to live where it's warm and where there's no snow or ice or tornadoes. Yes, I know that I'm moving there at the height of the hurricane season. Also, English is the official language but Kriol, Garifuna, & Spanish are also spoken. In terms of Latin American countries, Belize has a stable government and they like expats. In fact, they have a special immigration program just for retirees, although I've decided not to use it.

I've visited different parts of the country, and I've decided to move to the island of Caye Caulker (pronounced key corker but I call it key caulker). This limestone coral island is 1 mile wide by 5 miles long. The barrier reef is only 1 mile away. There are no cars on the island; only golf carts & bicycles. It's not that hot there because of the sea breeze and the evening rain. As I write this, it's supposed to reach 100 degrees here in DFW. In Belize, it's 87 degrees and 78% humidity.



Fiona Coughenour

Weather is usually between 70 and 90 degrees all year round. Recently, Tropical Storm Ernesto dumped a lot of rain on the island but no other damages.



I already have a small, furnished apartment in "downtown". I didn't even know there was a downtown in the village. I'm a 15 minutes walk to the airstrip and in the other direction, I'm a 15 minute walk to the Split (home of the Lazy Lizard bar and beach.) The bank is on the street behind my apartment. I'm a 2 minute walk to the supermarket (but nothing like Tom Thumb or Kroger). I'll be 100 meter/yards from the lagoon to the west and 300 yards/meters from the sea to the east.

I'm looking forward to spending my days in the sun and eating lots of fish & lobster. I also want to spend time with the cat sanctuary on the island.

I will miss all y'all. I have family in town, so I anticipate returning for visits. If you are ever in Belize, stop by & visit me. My address will be: General Delivery, Caye Caulker, BELIZE

I will have a local phone but apparently my number is not yet working? I will be keeping my current e-mail address. Thank you all for your friendship.

Grace Presbyterian Village Birthday Lunch

Grace Presbyterian Village has invited the men and women of Faith United to join them for a special lunch honoring the residents who have September birthdays. Wednesday, September 26, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. Each of the honorees will bring a guest, and all of us at FUPC are invited to attend.

Those of us who are return visitors can promise you a delicious meal and a wonderful opportunity to see the beautiful



Sharon Meurer

grounds of the village. We will bring birthday cake; Betty Van's very popular hand painted birthday cards; and gifts, hand crafted by Lorna Acker, Courtland Lewis and Doris Rose. If you want to share a ride, meet us in the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars for September 26th, and let Sharon Meurer (972-248-8279) know if you would like to attend and if you can be a driver.

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Notes & News from the Pews



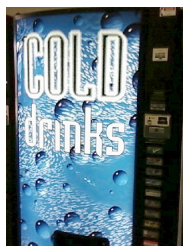
Thank you!

Our daughter, Jan Duell Gaby has been removed from the prayer list. She is in good spirits, sailed through chemo and has returned to work. Thank you for all of the prayers!

Lois Duell

Noteworthy

There is now a drink machine in Fellowship Hall. It offers several options of cold beverages, water, juice, tea and soda. Prices range from \$.75 to \$1.35, bills accepted.



Directory updates

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Austin Street Meal—The September meal day will be Monday, September 3.

Looking ahead, the October meal will be October 1. 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.

Cabell Elementary & FUPC!

Terry and I recently sat down with Joanne Hughes (principal) to see how we could work together for the good of the children at this neighborhood elementary school. Cabell is a Title I school - 92% low income - in the DISD and looking for help. Their needs are great. Joanne is looking for used furniture, lamps, and children's books. She also wants volunteers who will come and read to the children who don't have anyone who reads to them at home. Our community mission is to announce to the world that Jesus Christ is Lord. Offering our time in the community is one way to accomplish this mis-



Ann Walden

sion. Whether you can help one day a month or once per week, the children are the ones who will benefit.

Please contact Ann Walden (972-245-8237) if this is your way to share Jesus with the world outside the doors of FUPC. A background check is always needed when you work with children. I can also

arrange to pick-up any furniture you cannot transport to the church.

Thank you for your willingness to help this neighborhood school, children and their families.

North Dallas Shared Ministries

Lois Duell

There has been a lot of activity at NDSM this past month getting children ready for school. The clinic has been busy with vaccinations. 3000 children received 2 uniforms each (2 shirts, shorts and long pants) during the week of August 20th. This took quite a bit of effort to pre-qualify the children, order proper sizes, set-up,



and have enough volunteers working 3 hour shifts each day, not to mention the \$50,000 to pay for the uniforms. Early on August 27, a truck arrived at NDSM filled with grade appropriate school supplies for the same 3000 children. During the day, parents drove through and

picked up the appropriate boxes for their children. It is quite a sight to see; at times there is a line of cars from NDSM up Merrill to Brockbank and up Brockbank to Royal Lane. We have found

it is much more cost efficient and easier to give complete sets to students by doing it this way.

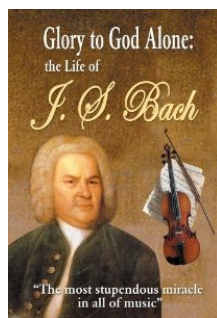


Shoes and clothes for children are still greatly needed. Paper grocery bags and food items are always needed. I try to empty the NDSM box each week and make sure items are delivered that week. Thanks to all who have been so good at donating items. Donations are always greatly appreciated.

Adult Sunday School

Rich Lewis

The Adult Sunday School class which meets in the Double classroom across from Fellowship Hall will reconvene on September 2 at 9:30 a.m. We will watch and discuss *Glory to God Alone: The Life of J. S. Bach*. It tells the story of Johann Sebastian Bach and his inner motivation to create some of the most stupendous music ever written.



On September 9 we will discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian. How are we like other Christians? What makes us different? Our discussion will be guided by *Who are We Presbyterians*, a video which addresses these and other questions.

We will not have a class on September 16. September 23 through October 21 we will be led by Marcus Borg's video, *Embracing an Adult Faith*. There will be five sessions:



1. **God** – What's your concept of God? Is He just a supernatural, omniscient and omnipotent being?
2. **Jesus** – Who was he? Who is he? Why do both of these questions make sense?
3. **Salvation** – It's a loaded word which carries a lot of baggage.
4. **Practice** – Why were Christians first known as followers of the Way? What was the Way? What should our way be?
5. **Community** – The U.S. is maybe the most individualistic culture in the history of the world. How should we live in community?

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Happy Birthday!

September 2

- * Dave Youngstrum

September 3

- * Cliff Giles

September 5

- * Patsy Craig
- * Ruth Innes

September 7

- * Billie Jones
- * Shirley Kretchmar

September 8

- * Becky Beattie
- * Phil Kretchmar

September 9

- * Evelyn Giles

September 10

- * Nadine Moser

September 13

- * Stephanie Booth

September 15

- * Marge Krause

September 17

- * Ila Post
- * Ed Toliver, Jr.

September 21

- * Ardy Cross
- * Jane Ingebritson

September 23

- * J.R. Jones, Jr.
- * Orrin Stevens, Jr.

September 26

- * Rene Hill
- * Katie Miller
- * Debbie Rainier

September 27

- * Connie Stovall

September 28

- * Jeanne Sawyer



September 29

- * Cody Sherrard

September 30

- * Logan Bechly



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:

- ♥ Kaitlyn Davis
- ♥ Mary Ann Jones
- ♥ Jeanne Moynagh
- ♥ The congregation of FUPC as we discover what God has planned for us.

In the Hospital

- ♥ Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Marianne Petersen

Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Harvey & Marian Garoutte
- ♥ Ruth Innes
- ♥ Earle & Marge Krause
- ♥ Shirley Kretchmar
- ♥ Ken Quevreaux
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Mary Steinmetz
- ♥ Bennie Tillack
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Martha Watson
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ Bob Williams

Service Personnel:

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

September 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Calendar Legend G-21=Community Youth Group GA=Gamblers Anonymous ABA=Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous OA=Overeaters Anonymous LTCDS = Little Treasures School PWCT=Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team CSID=Church of South India Dallas						
2 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:30 O & E Committee 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 12:00 CSID Fellowship 12:00 CSID Double room	3 Offices Closed in observance of Labor Day 9:00 Ed's Helpers 6:00 Shelter	4 1:00 Starboard Stitchers 7:00 GA-Choir Room 7:00 OA-Across Choir 7:00 PWCT	5 7:00 FUPC Choir	6 5:00 G-21-Sanctuary 6:30 GA-Choir Room 7:30 ABA-Across Choir	7	1 11:00 GA-Double Classroom 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary
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Please contact the church office with meetings, classes or events for the calendar to prevent conflicts.

3rd Quarter Work Day!

David Bell



The Work Day for the 3rd quarter will be Saturday, September 29th from 9 to 12. Church Life Committee will provide a light breakfast. We will be trimming the bushes around the church among other things. See you there!



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