



Faith United  
Presbyterian  
Church  
in Farmers Branch

# Words of Faith

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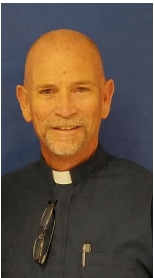
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*Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.*

From the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

*“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!” Psalm 27:14*



We leave 2019 and move into 2020 – whether we want to or not. Is 2020 the first year of a new decade or the last year of an old decade? Inquiring minds want to know!

What lies ahead? Perhaps Psalm 46 would be good words to hear,

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.” Psalm 46:1-3*

Or maybe Psalm 27,

*“The Lord in my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.” Psalm 27:1*

What lies ahead for our church? Such a question can easily provoke fear and anxiety from uncertainty. It can also birth excitement, as we anticipate

what God will be doing in us, through us, and around us! What will come from the new relationship with Iglesia Emmanuel? How will we reach out to our neighborhood and community?

We exist as a church because God has formed us into a loving, serving, worshiping community to be sent as witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ and the gospel of new life.

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*  
1 Peter 2:9

Jesus Christ is the center of our life together. Our passion must always be Christ and Christ alone. Which means our focus is to mirror Christ’s focus:

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and*

*recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* Luke 4:18-19

Our commitment to be a Matthew 25 church acknowledges that a focus upon Christ is to focus on those around us and their needs. So, perhaps the more important question is how will we do this going forward in 2016 and beyond?

Someday, there will be people who will look back upon this time. How will future generations remember the ministry we will be undertaking? Indeed, we are part of something much bigger than ourselves.

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In Christ’s Love,

*Pastor Ken*

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## Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women Circles are well into their new Bible study, *Horizons* "Love Carved In Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." Study books are available at the Church Office for \$10.



**Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday,**  
10:30 a.m. at the church. Circle moderator, Linnie Hinkle.  
Next meeting Tuesday, January 14.

## Mary Marxer

**Evening Circle** Moderator, Patti Sloey. Next meeting, Wednesday, January 15, 5:30 p.m. for brown bag dinner, 6 p.m. Bible study. Meets in classroom #4.

**Stuffed Animals Project,** materials remain available in classroom #4. Contact Lorna Acker or Lois Duell if you have any questions about this project.

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## Outreach & Evangelism

## Debbie Rainier



**Pancake Breakfast**—Our next Community Breakfast is Saturday, January 11, 8 to 10 a.m. Join us as we share food and fellowship with our neighbors and each other.

## Finance

## John Marxer

Contribution envelopes for 2020 are located on a table in the Narthex (coffee area) and are in Alpha order for your convenience. Pledge cards for 2020 are also available if you wish to complete one and return to the office.



## Adult Sunday School

The **Searchers** class meets in classroom #2 at 9:30 each Sunday morning. The class is currently using Jill Duffield's commentary on the lectionary scriptures each Sunday. Alison Meier is leading the class.

The **Weekly Bible Study**, taught by Rich Lewis, will begin a new series on Sunday, 1/5. It will be on the prophets. It will begin with an overview video on Sunday, 1/5. After that they will look at many of the prophets and the historical settings of their works. They meet at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in Double Classroom #4.



## Happy Birthday!

### January 4

- \* Jim Laclede

### January 6

- \* David Kirchmeyer

### January 7

- \* Janet Marxer Rodriguez

### January 9

- \* Dick Nelson

### January 10

- \* Ralph Miller

### January 11

- \* Doris Rose

### January 22

- \* Quinn Moser

### January 27

- \* Tracy Tiemann



**Next newsletter is February 2020.**  
**Deadline for articles, Friday, January 17.**  
**Contact church office or Brenda Swindle**  
**via email to submit articles.**



### Rehab/At Home:

- ♥ Margaret Jones
- ♥ Anne Mobley
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

### Prayers for:

- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Kathie Heffler
- ♥ Elizabeth Hendricks
- ♥ Roger Jones
- ♥ Sugie Maxfield
- ♥ Betty Runkel
- ♥ Barbara Stein
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5</b> 9:00 Prayer-Room 2 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 10:30 Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Iglesia Emmanuel 11:00 Following Jesus & Good Shepherd . . .	<b>6</b> 7:30 GA-Room #2	<b>7</b> 7:00 Gam-Anon #2 7:00 GA-Rm #4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1	<b>8</b> 9:30 LTCDS #1 1:30 GSKPC #4 6:30 Elder Training 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>9</b> 6:00 Iglesia music #1 7:00 GA-Room #4	<b>10</b> 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	<b>11</b> 6:30 GSKPC #4 8:00 FUPC Breakfast #1 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4
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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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