



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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The way it looks from here...

Pastor Terry McLellan



Dear Friends,

By now you have learned through the media that Highland Park

Presbyterian Church has voted to leave the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians. This is a new denomination formed just last year. Needless to say, members of churches in Grace Presbytery and all across the denomination are greatly saddened by this. HPPC is one of the largest churches in our denomination. While most who were aware of the dynamics of HPPC cannot say they are surprised about this event, it is sad, nonetheless. My friend, The Rev. Joe Clifford, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church Dallas, recently wrote a reaction to this decision. Since it encapsulates a thorough response to a very complex set of circumstances, I will not attempt to write something new. But will simply share with you some of what Joe had to say.

“Their [HPPC] leadership cited as their primary motivation for leaving, ‘the PC(USA)’s lack of

core theological beliefs; disagreement over the authority of Scripture and salvation through Jesus Christ alone; and the impact of PC(USA) governance policy and practices on the life of HPPC, particularly on the selection process for new pastors.’ Their assertions might leave someone wondering, ‘Do we have core theological beliefs?’ Of course we do. What does the PC (USA) believe about Jesus Christ and the Bible?

When teaching and ruling elders are ordained to office, one of the vows we take is to fulfill our ministry ‘in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions.’ (Book of Order, W-4.4003d) It is a summary of the first three ordination vows placing Jesus, the Bible, and our core theological beliefs in proper order. Jesus is Lord. Scripture’s authority is found in its unique witness to this truth. Our historic confessions guide our understandings of the Bible and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

So what does the PC(USA) believe about Jesus? In 2002, the General Assembly overwhelmingly approved a document entitled, ‘Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.’ Within that document are these words:

Jesus Christ is the only Savior and Lord, and all people everywhere are called to place their faith, hope, and love in him. No one is saved by virtue of inherent goodness or admirable living, for ‘by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your



own doing; it is the gift of God’ [Ephesians 2.8]. No one is saved apart from God’s gracious redemption in Jesus Christ. Yet we do not presume to limit the sovereign freedom of ‘God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth’ [1 Timothy 2.4]. Thus, we neither restrict the grace of God to those who profess explicit faith in Christ nor assume that all people are saved regardless of faith. Grace, love, and communion belong to God, and are not ours to determine.

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The next newsletter is December 2013.

The deadline for articles is Friday, Nov. 15.

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Presbyterian Women

Tuesday Morning Circle-2nd Tuesday, 10:30 am at the church, September meeting, Tuesday, 11/12. Moderator, Linnie Hinkle or Vice Moderator, Joan Nelson.

Thursday Morning Circle-2nd Thursday, 9:30 am at the church, October meeting, Thursday, 11/14. Co-Moderators, Sharon Meurer and Cleo Sherrard or Vice Moderator, Mary Silva.

Thursday Evening Circle-3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm in members homes. October meeting, Thursday, 11/21. They will



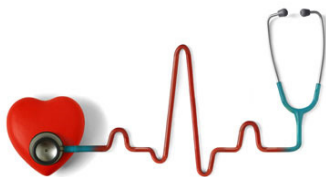
meet at the home of Courtland Lewis, 700 Marlee Circle, Coppell. Moderator, Nadine Moser or Vice Moderator, Renee Wensley.

The Starboard Stitchers meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the church (Nov. 5 & Dec. 3). All are invited to come help them stuff fabric animals.

The PW Coordinating Team will next meet on Thursday, December 5 at 10 a.m. in the FUPC Resource room.

CPR & AED Class

Have you wondered what you would do if your spouse or friend collapses with a cardiac arrest? Maybe you have also considered what you might do if you see a child choking? You could call 911 and wait until the paramedics arrive, or you could begin saving their life right away. Wonder no more and come to the class that is being offered at the church on November 9th at 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Your Faith



Community Nurses, Kay and Dottie have been certified by the American Heart Association to instruct in Lifesaver CPR. Besides chest compressions, you will learn to use the AED. You will also learn the basics of the Heimlich maneuver to assist someone who is choking. Any questions, call Kay McLellan, 972-395-3806 or Dottie Cogar 972-242-5474.

We Are Recycling Cans



There is a large yellow trash can by the Shelter refrigerators designated for aluminum cans only. The money received from the sale of these cans will go to help fill needs at the Austin Street Shelter. So, instead of throwing your cans in the trash, bring them to the church and we will convert them into cash.

Session & Such



The session last met on Sunday, October 10. The regular scheduled Called Meeting once a month for the purpose of meeting and receiving prospective new members is scheduled for Sunday, November 10 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, November 10 after worship, with John Marxer offering devotional.

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What does the PC(USA) believe about the Bible? Through the centuries, the Reformed church has made many statements about the authority of Scripture. In the 20th Century, the Confession of 1967 offered these words:

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel ... The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ. The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless the words of men, conditioned by the language, thought forms, and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos which were then current. The church, therefore, has an obligation to approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding.' (Confession of 1967, 9.27, 29)

This understanding of the Bible's authority does not lend itself to absolutist claims that use isolated verses of Scripture to take theological stands. It is not a fundamentalist understanding of the Bible. It is a thoughtful articulation of how the authority of Scripture is understood within the PC(USA).

What about our core theological beliefs? . . . Some see our lack of defined 'essential tenets' as a lack of core theological beliefs. I do not. It keeps our theology in proper perspective to the sovereignty of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. So we debate essential tenets of the faith. We hold to the

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sovereignty of God in all things, and we debate what that means. We point to the total depravity of humanity, and we debate what that means. We debate predestination and its impact on the important decisions of discipleship. This does not mean we lack core theological beliefs, rather we refuse to make an idol out of our theology.

The Apostle Paul said, 'You are the Body of Christ, and individually members of it.' Regardless of the votes we take, the truth is both Highland Park and the PCUSA are parts of the body of Christ that is the church catholic in the world. While we may not live into that reality very well, it is a reality nonetheless."

Thank you Pastor Joe for helping us understand what is happening. These realities about the PC(USA) – its beliefs and practices giving the freedom of the Holy Spirit to work in each life to express God's love and grace – is one of the things that I hold most dear about it. I hope you will keep the good people of HPPC and the good people of Grace Presbytery in your prayers. There will be many matters to settle, including some which reach the civil courts. Please pray for hearts which retain compassion, forgiveness and good sense. And pray that God's will for us to be united in Christ will be fulfilled.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Terry

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Notes & News from the Pews



News from the pews!

To all my church friends,
I am now recovered and can get around very well and would like to thank everyone for the wonderful food, cards and prayers. God bless you all!

Love, Margaret (Jones)

Directory updates

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

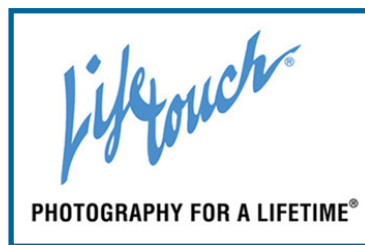
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Update on Pictorial Directory

We have been working diligently on all our deadlines and I have been assured that we should expect our directories within two months from this time.

Just a friendly reminder for those who have submitted pictures that there is a charge of \$10.00. This does not include those folks in Rehab/ Assisted Living or Home Bound. You may send this to the Church with a designation "Pictures."



From the editor



Wow, November already! Hard to believe we will be planning our Thanksgiving dinner soon and considering when we can do our Christmas shopping. FUPC had another successful Trunk or

Treat. It was delightful seeing all of the children going from "trunk to trunk" gathering Halloween goodies.

We are working hard to finalize the pictorial directory information. Also, please remember to update us with your group's holiday plans

Brenda Swindle

whether at the church or elsewhere. No matter how big or small your 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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Contact church
office or Brenda
Swindle via email to
submit articles.**

North Dallas Shared Ministries



Exciting things are happening at NDSM as we conclude our 30th year of operation. I invite you to read the Volunteer Update posted on the bulletin board across from the office to learn more details.

Briefly, due in part to the across the board lowering of SNAP (food stamp) benefits, the Emergency Aid Center is increasing the food assistance from 3 times in a 6 month period to 8 times in a 12 month period. This will cause a dramatic increase in costs: at present, our monthly milk purchase bill is \$5000 and we have had to purchase quite a bit more from outside sources due to a lessening of food purchase options from the North Texas Food Bank where our purchases average 28 cents per pound.

Another exciting happening is that in partnership with Baylor Dental, we are expanding our dental clinic to 4 rooms and starting in January, will be open 5 days a week. Baylor will provide 4 fourth-year dental students, a licensed dentist/faculty member and 4 dental assistants each day.

UTSW is also increasing its presence. It will provide a community health worker for outreach and a half-time mid-level pro-

Lois Duell

vider (nurse practitioner or physician's assistant) as well as offset the salary of the half-time medical director. UTSW and Baylor Dental will also provide electronic record systems for our clients.

On a more personal note, I would like to share something that has been happening the last couple of weeks. The International Rescue Commission has sent caseworkers on the last two Thursdays to pick up supplies for their clients. We have given overflowing baskets full of food to both Iraqi and Vietnamese refugees. It is very satisfying to know we can help those whose lives have been uprooted.

Monetary donations as well as food are greatly needed to help us meet these increasing needs. We are particularly in need of canned fruit and crackers. Why not pick up a few extra cans at the store, November is our month to help supply the needs. We always welcome new volunteers. If you can give 3 hours twice a month, come on down. If you would just like a tour, let me, Lois Duell, know, I would love to show you around this fantastic facility that is a great asset to our community.

Let Music Help You Celebrate Christmas

Can't get enough music during the holidays? Come join the choir for the months of November and December. You'll be a full-fledged vocalist with all the privileges and responsibilities of Faith United's choir. Lots of music! And if you like, you can stay on throughout the rest of the year.



The Christmas concert music, selected by Director David Pierce, enhances the Advent experience for our community. Please call him at 940-368-1600, or email: david@davidkperce.com or catch him at church on Sundays if you are interested and have questions about singing with the choir. You can also just show up at choir practice on Wed. evenings at 7 PM.

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Happy Birthday!

November 1

- * Cheryl Sparks

November 4

- * Kay McLellan

November 5

- * Katie Joiner

November 7

- * Clark Penfold

November 8

- * Mary Sewell

November 9

- * Margaret Jones

November 10

- * Pepper Durholz

November 14

- * Martha Hardee-Scuphum

November 15

- * Gary Greer

November 18

- * Holly Toliver

November 19

- * Gerry Nichols

November 20

- * Sharon Meurer

November 21

- * Jewell Haworth

November 23

- * Betty Laney

- * John Morris

- * Wade Yost

November 24

- * Teresa Nelson

November 26

- * Jenae Nelson

November 27

- * David Daly

November 30

- * David Pierce



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Ann Bogle
- ♥ Lilas Kinch
- ♥ Käthe & Eberhard Kaschung
- ♥ Jim Laclede (Steve's father)
- ♥ Ann Mobley
- ♥ Dave Norvell
- ♥ Thelma Rinehart
- ♥ Carol Roberts
- ♥ Betty Runkel
- ♥ Edie Sapp
- ♥ Mary Sewell
- ♥ Mary Silva
- ♥ Alan Swope
- ♥ Jerry Swope
- ♥ Roberta Welther
- ♥ Carol West
- ♥ Debbie Winters



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

Homebound/Rehab:


- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ Earl & Mary Blackney
- ♥ David Daly
- ♥ Lois Davenport
- ♥ Harvey Garoutte
- ♥ Ruth Innes
- ♥ Henry Knight
- ♥ Earle Krause
- ♥ Jo Ann McKnight
- ♥ Wanda Mosher
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter
- ♥ Roc & Clarice Mitchell
- ♥ Ken & Emroy Quevreaux
- ♥ Freddie Simmons
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ Martha Watson
- ♥ Martha Worrell

Service Personnel:

- ♥ Logan Burkham
- ♥ SPC Albert Campos
- ♥ David Crossley
- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ Marshall Dobbs
- ♥ MAJ Brian Gaddis
- ♥ LT Ben Garoutte
- ♥ Sr A Jaron Garoutte
- ♥ SPC Jason Jackson
- ♥ SPC Ryan Liggett
- ♥ SPC Chad Manis
- ♥ CPT Joshua Montero
- ♥ Andrew Moore
- ♥ COL Thomas Pentecost
- ♥ SFC George Pittman
- ♥ SFC Adam Reno
- ♥ USAF CPT Andre Silva
- ♥ SPC David Wheat

Know of someone who is homebound & not on our list? Let us know, contact the church office.

November 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>Calendar Legend 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</p> </div> | | | | | 1 | 2 9:00 CSID-Fellowship #1 9:00 CSID-Resource Rm 9:00 CSID-Classroom #3 11:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm #2 2:30 CSID Choir-Sanctuary |
| 3 9:00 CSID Worship 9:00 FUPC Prayer Time 9:30 FUPC Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Good Shepherd | 4 6:00 Shelter | 5 1:00 Starboard Stitches 7:00 GA-Rm #2 7:00 Gam-Anon Rm 4 7:30 OA-Fellowship #1 | 6 7 pm FUPC Choir | 7 7:00 GA-Fellowship #1 7:30 ABA-Rm #4 | 8 | 9 9:00 CPR Class Rm #4 11:00 GA-Double Rm #2 11:00 OA-Fellowship Rm #1 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.

Austin Street Meal



The October meal day will be Monday, Nov. 4. Looking ahead, the December meal will be Dec. 2. Plan ahead for your food donation. Refrigerator for cold food storage is down the hall from the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!



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