



Words of Faith

Faith United Presbyterian Church

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The next newsletter is September 1.

The deadline for articles is August 22.

The Pastor's Passage

Dear Friends,

Lordy, it is hot!! As I write this we are about to trample through 30 plus days of over 100 degree heat this summer. Come on Fall!! I bet I can get an "AMEN!!" to that.

Though it is hot and has been for "all of recorded history," Faith United has made much progress in its formative months.

By Sunday August 7, we will have completed five Sundays of "writing our Future History" at Faith United. Many thanks to those who participated in the conversations, prayer and sharing associated with listening for God's purposes for Faith United. A team will take the materials that the group developed together and turn it into a vision and mission document

that will become our guiding hand for the future of Faith United.

We now have Brenda Swindle on board and she is doing a great job assuming the reins of handling the day-to-day business of the church and supporting our efforts at improving communications around the church and with the rest of the world. Welcome, Brenda!!

Dennis Simpson, Charlie Cole, Fiona Coughenour, Rebecca Jefferson and Brenda have worked diligently at getting our accounting system and our new web presence established. Thanks to their hard work we are well on our way to having a functional web site and the consolidation of our two memberships into one system so a directory can be printed for

by Pastor Terry McLellan

you to use. Please note the article in this newsletter which talks about our web address and email addresses.

No sitting in the shade for us!! God is with us and will give us the talent and the resources to do what serves The Kingdom.

Also, look for notes in this newsletter about upcoming events for the month of August and beyond.

Stay cool!!

Grace and peace, Pastor Terry
Terry@FaithUnited-pc.com

P.S. Kay and I will be on vacation from 8/14 through 8/27. Please pray for our travels. Jennifer Tiemann will be our guest preacher on 8/14 and 8/21. It is always good to hear the Word proclaimed by Jennifer.

Presbyterian Pilgrimage

Heard of Walk to Emmaus or Via de Cristo? Presbyterians have their own cursillo weekend, Presbyterian Pilgrimage. It is from around 5PM Thursday afternoon till about 5 PM Sunday afternoon, three days palpably surrounded by God's love. The next weekend will be

October 20-23 at the Lake Lavon Christian Center. This is something you owe yourself!

Want to know more? Checkout the website www.ntpp.org or talk to Lois Duell or Mary Blackney about their Via de Cristo experience.

Experience
spiritual



renewal by attending Cursillo,
a Presbyterian Pilgrimage.

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Congratulations to Nancy Smith & Lisa Laclede!

by Jane Ingebritson

Learning all they could about how to lead the Stephen Ministry program at Faith United Presbyterian, **Lisa Laclede and Nancy Smith** attended the Stephen Minister Leadership Conference July 10-July 16 in Dallas. They trained with over 300 men and women from many Christian denominations from all over the United States. There was even one attendee from Australia. At the conclusion of the conference, Lisa and Nancy were commissioned during worship on July 17 at Faith United. Lisa and Nancy shared some of their excitement about the program with the congregation.

What will Lisa and Nancy do as Stephen Minister Leaders? They will work with Stephen Leader Jane Ingebritson to train a new class of Stephen Ministers sometime this fall. They will help the congregation understand the purposes of Stephen Ministry. They will help train members in listening skills, confidentiality, spirituality, and much more. They will help members realize that one does not have to walk through a crisis alone: a Stephen Minis-

ter can provide one on one care, bringing hope and the knowledge that God is always with us, in both good and bad times of our lives. Even happy times can create stress or crisis that causes a person to lose his/her equilibrium. That person can ask for a Stephen Minister to meet with him/her to listen and to help sort out troubling issues. Stephen Ministers do not cure, they care. God does the curing. Stephen Ministers help care receivers feel the presence of God and find their own solutions.

When members apply and are accepted to become a Stephen Minister, they will attend weekly classes for a total of 50 hours of training, spread out over several months. The day and times of the classes will be set so that those who work and have other commitments can attend training. After the initial 50 hours of training, Stephen Ministers will meet twice a month for continuing education

and Supervision. Supervision helps those with care receivers feel supported and guided. Strict confidentiality is observed at all times. Stephen Ministers commit to serving for two years including the training. They may serve longer if they wish.

There will be an informational video/question/answer meeting on September 18 in the larger adult Sunday School classroom at about 12:20 following worship. Light refreshments will be served. All those who have already applied, those who are thinking about applying, and anyone who is simply curious are encouraged to attend this meeting. It should be less than an hour.

There are already several trained Stephen Ministers in the congregation. Look for their blue and white name tags.



Presbyterian Women

Come join us for good food and fellowship as the women of Faith United celebrate the beginning of a new year with a "Kick-off Breakfast" on Saturday, August 27, at 10 a.m. Circle study books, "Confessing

the Beatitudes," will be available for \$9.00 at that time.

The installation of Presbyterian Women officers will be held on Sunday, August 28, during the worship service.

by Jeanne Sawyer

Current PW projects are the gathering and sorting of school supplies for homeless children, and supplying baby blankets for the Presbyterian Children's Home.

Faith United Presbyterian Church serving the Community

North Dallas Shared Ministries

It is our month to highlight NDSM again. Please consider a donation of time, food or money to this worthwhile organization that serves those less fortunate who are in temporary need of help. Your donation goes to serving others, not to personnel – there are only 2.5 paid workers and their salaries are covered by grants. This month we will be distributing 2 sets of school uniforms and school supplies to about 2600 children. The clothes closet, emergency aid center (for food, rent, utilities and job counseling), and medical clinic will also be quite busy.

Some of the specific needs in the pantry are: jelly (we have been out for several months) Ramen noodles,

canned pinto beans, pancake syrup, crackers, and baby cereal, juice and fruit.

The May fund-raiser was a big success netting almost \$23,000. Thanks to all who donated items to the silent auction and attended.

Faith United should be proud to be a part of this organization. It is impressive what a group of volunteers can do! Come take a tour, either Lorna Acker or I will be glad to show you around.

Lois Duell 972/241-4669



Short-term volunteer opportunity

North Dallas Shared Ministries is looking for volunteers to distribute school uniforms during the week of August 15 -19. Shifts are from 9 – 12 and 12 – 3. If you are available and willing to fill a shift on even one day, call Sherrie (accent on last syllable) Boyd at 214/358-8767. Last year, approximately 2600 students received 2 sets of uniforms.

Movie Night—August 27

The Session has set August 27th as the date of Faith Presbyterian's first Movie Night. We'd love to make this an exciting evening for all friends and families of the church, but will need your help to make it a successful event. The vision is for the evening to include pre-movie entertainment as dusk turns to darkness, some activities geared to young children (possibly a bounce-house?), some refreshments, testimony of how God's presence has provided a

positive influence in lives and a fun time watching a movie on the lawn. Showtime

will likely be about 8:30 PM (depending on when it gets dark!)

There are several areas which need participation and leadership. If you can coordinate or assist with pre-event publicity, donations of refreshments



and/or cash, pre-event setup & cleanup, or operation of DVD/video display & sound system on August 27th, please contact Kurt Booth (k.booth1@verizon.net) or the church office to let us

know what you are willing to do to help us build a bridge to the community.

If you can't assist, please let us know that you plan to attend & bring friends!

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Finance Committee Report

Co-Chairs, Charlie Cole & Fiona Coughenour

Currently the Faith United accounting and finance function is in transition from the systems used by the former congregations – to date we have or are in the process of:

- ◆ Opened a new bank account for the new church and started to receive contributions in the name of “Faith United.”
- ◆ Combined the pledge rolls from Covenant and Ridgeview into one consolidated pledge roll (Note: For 2011 only, you will receive

two pledge statements; one for either Covenant or Ridgeview and the other from Faith United. This is necessary as Faith United is a new church, with new tax ID numbers and identity.) We hope to have interim statements to you as soon as possible.

- ◆ Both churches used different software – we have now selected one software (Church Windows) and are converting the old church records onto the new system.

- ◆ In the process of converting the payroll system and getting payroll records combined.
- ◆ Working on preparing combined financial statements going forward.

Some of these tasks are time consuming to complete – we ask for your patience during the next month or so as we continue to “iron out the kinks!”



Adult Sunday School classes begin August 7 at 9:30

Eclipsing Empire

led by Rich Lewis

A new adult Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 7. The title of the 12-week series is “Eclipsing Empire”. This is a DVD

based study of how Christianity “eclipsed” the Roman empire. Have you ever wondered how the early church was able to spread even though it taught a religion opposed to that of the empire?

In the video portion of the class New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan travel through modern day Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul’s footsteps through the Roman Empire. They provide fresh insights into Paul’s message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle’s radical relevance for today. The photography is beautiful and the message is insightful. We will see how Paul challenged the the-



ECLIPSING EMPIRE
PAUL, ROME, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

ology of the Romans and replaced it with “The Way” of Jesus and the Kingdom of God. We might get ideas about how Faith United can affect its world!

Each session will include a 20 minute video. The rest of the time will be devoted to discussion. We will meet in the room across from the fellowship hall.

Heaven is for Real

led by Dennis Simpson

Discussion of the Number 1 New York Times Bestseller Book: *Heaven is For Real* by Todd

Burpo will meet in the “old Jr. High Room”. Go left when you enter the church, past the fellowship hall, then another left. The room has comfortable seating and is sometimes called the parlor.



Heaven is for Real is a true story of the four-year old son of a pastor in a small town in Nebraska. During emergency surgery he slips from consciousness and enters heaven. He survives and begins talking about being able to look down and see the doctor operating and his dad praying in the waiting room. The family didn’t know what to believe but soon the evidence was clear. Comments about the book range

from it’s true, it’s a Christian hoax, it’s a political ploy to there’s no such thing as heaven.

This class will discuss the theological, social and political ramifications of this book. You can purchase it online at Amazon.com, or purchase locally at Wal-Mart, and other department and book stores for under \$10. It is a very exciting, stimulating and mostly a feel-good book. If you don’t have enough time to read, that’s OK, come anyway and join in on the discussion.

New website & email addresses!



www.FaithUnited-pc.com

Dennis Simpson has been hard at work building our new website! We now have pictures, calendar of events, the church address and contact information with more to come.

There will be a section that lists our various outreach and community activi-

ties. Dennis has received some write-ups for these groups and welcomes updated and current information.

The calendar section will be very helpful when completed. There are many advantages of an on-line calendar. It can be kept up-to-date to include last minute events or changes to events or meeting times.

We will upload the monthly newsletters so that members can view the full color version and print anytime from the privacy of their home or office PC.

All we need is you! We would like to establish a small website committee. Dennis is graciously doing our initial set up but we envision a small committee updating the content eventually, so that Dennis can serve as technical consultant when a new section is needed, like a pastor's comments area, audio/video of worship services, printed sermons, etc. Contact the church office if you would like to lend your talents in this area. Email addresses for Terry and Brenda are: Terry@FaithUnited-pc.com and Brenda@FaithUnited-pc.com.

From the editor

Any newsletter or publication is quite the process! These publications whether, church bulletin, newsletter, or special program are key in communication. I have certainly come to appreciate all those newsletter & bulletin editors who came before me. My hat is off to you, Arleta Stone, Angela Bakowski, Roc & Clarice

Mitchell, Scarlett Silva to name a few. Apologies for any omissions.

You will notice that this issue of "Words of Faith" has a new look. It is filled with useful information that is so important to the life of Faith United Presbyterian Church. It is also quite colorful with it's makeover. It will be uploaded to the

new website, www.FaithUnited-pc.com for easy reference, viewing and printing from your home or office computer.

The next issue will be September 1. The deadline for articles will be August 22. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office if you or your group has information to share.

by Brenda Swindle

Next newsletter is September 1. Deadline for articles, August 22. Contact church office or Brenda Swindle via email to submit articles.



Session & Such

The Session has been hard at work. Decisions & business have been handled on behalf of the congregation of Faith United Presbyterian Church. We thank each session member for their commitment and contribution of their time and talents to the glory of God and to FUPC.

Several motions have been approved in recent months.

- To allow a movie night for the community on August 27 at approximately 8 pm. (see page 3 for details)
- To conduct a "Trunk or Treat" event in the church parking lot on

Sunday, October 30 from 5:00—6:30 pm. Volunteers will be needed from 6:00—8:00 pm. The costume decoration will occur at 6:15. (stay tuned for announcements with further details as this event nears)

The next stated session meeting will be Sunday, September 11 after worship.

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Happy Birthday!

August 6

- * Terrie Russell

August 7

- * Judy Saunders

August 10

- * Chris Pentecost Walker

August 11

- * Hugh McWhorter
- * Renee Wensley

August 15

- * Helen Bowling

August 17

- * Mike Mosher

August 18

- * Kathryn Heffler

August 21

- * Jennifer Tiemann

August 26

- * Kathy Newton

August 27

- * Gail Crumpler

August 28

- * Pat Whitaker
- * Jewel McClellan

August 29

- * Jeanne Haben

August 30

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

August 31

- * Dana Morton



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for:

- ♥ Marvin John
- ♥ Melanie Spoon
- ♥ Jan Bolton
- ♥ Ann Bogle
- ♥ Martha Watson
- ♥ Oda McMeans
- ♥ Ashton Matthew (CSI)
- ♥ Charles Elliott
- ♥ Dallas Meek
- ♥ Kira Schildwacher
- ♥ 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

In the Hospital/Rehab:

- ♥ Mary Steinmetz
- ♥ Warren McLellan, Terry's father

Service Personnel:

- ♥ SGT Kevin B. Cuiksa
- ♥ CPT Brian Gaddis

- ♥ LT Ben 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

At Home:

- ♥ Phil & Marilyn Beaubien
- ♥ Harvey & Marian Garoutte
- ♥ Don Speigel
- ♥ David & Betty Daly
- ♥ Betty Donoho
- ♥ Ken Quevreaux
- ♥ Hugh McWhorter

The congregation of FUPC as they discern & discover their future history.



Notes & Reminders

It is difficult to put into words how appreciative I am to Faith United Presbyterian Church. You have welcomed me to the staff with open arms, love, gifts and grace...not to mention the wonderful "Breakfast with Brenda!"

It is always difficult to move into a new phase of one's life whether it involve job, community of faith, family or friends. I thank each and

everyone of you for helping make this transition easier for me.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and to many years serving the staff and congregation of FUPC. Come by or call the office anytime. I will be in the office Monday—Friday, 9 am—4:30 pm.

Grace & Peace of Christ,
Brenda Swindle

Austin Street Meal—September 5

The September meal day will fall on the Labor Day holiday. Please plan ahead for your food donation if you will be out of town. We have an additional refrigerator now, down the hall from the Fellowship Hall kitchen for cold food storage. Thank you for your faithfulness to the homeless.

August 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|-----------|--|
| | 1 9:00 Ed's Helpers 6:00 Shelter | 2 4:00 G-21 music practice 7:00 GA Choir Room 7:00 OA Fellowship Rm 7:00 PWCT | 3 7:00 FUPC Choir | 4 5:00 G-21 Sanctuary 6:30 GA Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group Rm4 | 5 | 6 9:00 Little Treasures mtg. 11:00 GA Junior High Rm 11:00 OA Fellowship Rm 3:00 CSID Choir Sanctuary |
| 7 9:00 Prayer with Terry 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:30 Called Session Mtg. 5:30 FUPC Future History 7:00 Ice Cream Social | 8 9:00 Ed's Helpers | 9 4:00 G-21 music practice 7:00 GA Choir Room 7:00 OA Fellowship Rm | 10 7:00 FUPC Choir | 11 5:00 G-21 Sanctuary 6:30 GA Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group Rm4 | 12 | 13 11:00 GA Junior High Rm 11:00 OA Fellowship Rm 3:00 CSID Choir Pastor Terry on Vacation |
| 14 9:00 Prayer with Terry 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 15 9:00 Ed's Helpers | 16 4:00 G-21 music practice 7:00 GA Choir Room 7:00 OA Fellowship Rm | 17 7:00 FUPC Choir | 18 5:00 G-21 Sanctuary 6:30 GA Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group Rm4 | 19 | 20 9:00 Quarterly work day 11:00 GA Junior High Rm 11:00 OA Fellowship Rm 3:00 CSID Choir Sanctuary 6:00 CSID Sanctuary 8:30 CSID Fellowship Rm |
| Pastor Terry on Vacation | CSID Vacation Bible School, 6—8:30 pm, Monday—Friday | | | | | |
| 21 9:00 Prayer with Terry 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 22 9:00 Ed's Helpers | 23 4:00 G-21 music practice 7:00 GA Choir Room 7:00 OA Fellowship Rm | 24 7:00 FUPC Choir | 25 5:00 G-21 Sanctuary 6:30 GA Choir Room 7:30 ABA Group Rm4 | 26 | 27 10:00 PW Breakfast 11:00 GA Junior High Rm 11:00 OA Fellowship Rm 3:00 CSID Choir Sanctuary 8:00 Movie Night |
| Pastor Terry on Vacation | | | | | | |
| 28 9:00 Prayer with Terry 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 CSID Sunday School 11:00 Worship | 29 9:00 Ed's Helpers | 30 4:00 G-21 music practice 7:00 GA Choir Room 7:00 OA Fellowship Rm | 31 7:00 FUPC Choir | Calendar Legend G-21 = Community Youth Group GA = Gamblers Anonymous ABA = Anorexic & Bulimics Anonymous OA = Overeaters Anonymous PWCT = Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team CSID = Church of South India Dallas | | |

Our building stays busy!

Many groups call 12717 Marsh Lane home. It is exciting to see the bustle on Sunday mornings. You will notice by the calendar legend the names of groups that meet on a weekly and monthly basis in the church building.

We hope to identify the various meeting and class rooms soon to help in navigating your way to a class or meeting. Your patience is appreciated in the interim time. If you don't know where to be for a meeting or class, just ask someone.

You may make a new friend in the process.

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.



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Quarterly Work Day



On Saturday, August 20th at 9:00 am. A light breakfast will be served by Jeanne Sawyer's Church Life Committee. And then – hi ho, hi ho – it's off to work we will go. We will be

Building & Grounds, David Bell

trimming hedges and beautifying the courtyard. Please bring your own trimmers, pruners, loppers, hoes, extension cords, etc. We should be done by 12:30 or so.