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Sunday Mornings

9:20am Church School * | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary * (* Child care provided.)

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2016-2017

TO THE CONGREGATION

Thank you for your support and welcoming the Confirmation Class as full professing members of First Presbyterian Church. They have worked hard over the past year and have each written their own statement of faith.



LUNA CURTISS (daughter of Claire Curtiss) is a rising 10th Grader at Bryan High School who participates in Tech Theatre working back stage for performances. She is active in FPC's youth group and Church School class.

I believe that God the Father is the one who created the world and us. God helps us in bad times and gives us more hope each day. Jesus came to us as God in human form to help and save us. I believe in the Trinity which is Father, Son, Holy Spirit. All are one but none are the other. To be a Christian is to believe in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit and have trust in them.



TABITHA CURTISS (daughter of Claire Curtiss) is a rising 8th Grader at SFA Middle School who participates in Drama and is a member of the Color Guard. She is active in FPC's Youth Group.

I believe that the Trinity is the symbol of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as one but in different ways. God is the Father of Jesus and all living things on earth. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of sins from all people and he was sent to earth to save and protect us from harm. God helps us when we pray for it and when we need it. God saves us by helping us with what we pray for. What it means to be a Christian and a member at FPC is to believe in Jesus and God, and to believe in the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.



JAKE FATTIG (son of Amber & David Fattig) is a rising 8th Grader at SFA Middle School where he participates in track and cross country. He is a tournament soccer player through a local league. He is active in FPC's Church School and participates in Homebound Communion.

The Trinity is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit which is three in one and one and three. It's a cycle of being not just one but all three at the same time. God is the maker of heaven and earth. He is the heavenly Father to all of us. God loves us even if we do terrible sins. Jesus, the son of God, Mary and Joseph, came to earth as God in human form. He helped us renew our relationship with God. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. The Spirit is basically the symbol of God and the Christian sign or way of life to follow. God is always by our side showing us the best possible way to live. When we try to follow our own path, he does what is needed to get us back on track. Being a Christian means that we believe in God, and he is one and almighty. As a member of the Presbyterian Church, we follow the Word of God and commandments that are set.



HANNAH WERTZ (daughter of Hilda & Andy Wertz) is a rising 8th Grader at SFA Middle School who is a cheerleader and a member of National Junior Honor Society, runs track, plays volleyball and soccer, and is a Girl Scout. She is active in FPC's youth group.

I believe in the Holy Trinity with God being the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all in one. I believe in God, the great I am, the creator of heaven, earth, and all living things. I believe in Jesus, the Lord our Savior, who died on the cross for our sins who defeated hell and rose to heaven. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the feeling you have inside of you when the Lord touches your soul. I believe that God protects us, unites us, helps us through hardships, and makes us better people. I believe he saves us by loving us. I believe that being a Christian means to be accepting, loving, and imperfect but perfect in the Lord's eyes. And I believe that being a member of FPC means to be a part of a community of people who support you and you support them.

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VOICES FOR CHILDREN EVENT SCHEDULED



A FREE event hosted by College Station Police Department and Voices for Children is set for **SAT, JUNE 17**, from 8:00am to Noon at Cy Miller Pond in College Station. A day of fishing and entertainment will honor fathers and father figures. Come fish, grab lunch/snack, interact with police officers, SWAT, and firefighters and their equipment, and learn about fish from Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists.

CHURCH LADIES GATHER

Church Ladies gather on the First Day of Summer **WED, JUNE 21**, at 11:30am at Café Eccell on Texas Avenue in Bryan. **Reservations are needed.** If you plan to join this fun-loving group and/or would like to get on the mailing list, please email Becky Alter alter@suddenlink.net.

PRAYER PARTNERS & CARE TEAM

CareTeam concludes its discussion of *The Pleasure of God: Finding Grace in the Ordinary* on **WED, JUNE 21**, at 5:00pm. Prayer Partners meet at the beginning of our time together.

Growing Disciples *Christian Education Ministries* (education@fpcbryan.org)

Summer Book Club

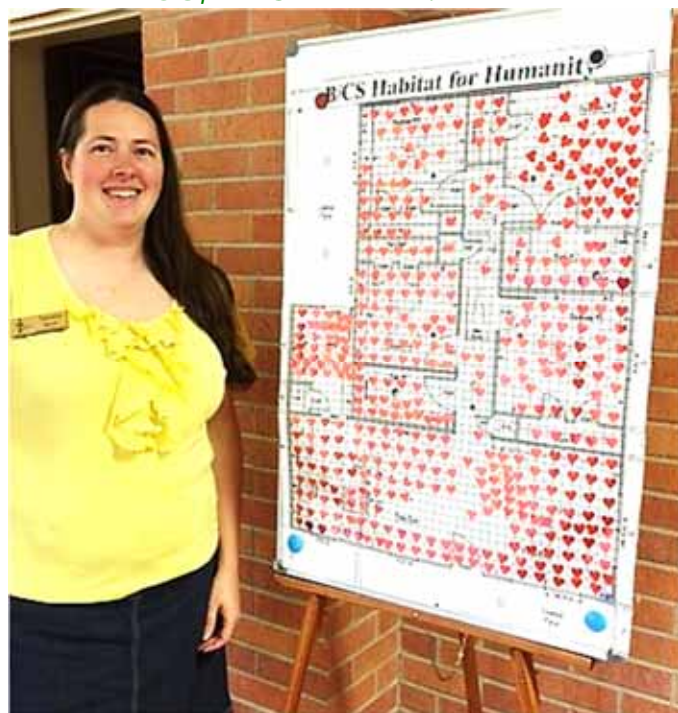


Summer Book Club reads *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom for their July 11 meeting. What if our beliefs were not what divided us, but what pulled us together? In this book, Albom offers a beautifully written story of a remarkable eight-year journey between two worlds — two men, two faiths, two communities — at will inspire readers everywhere.

Catherine Ezzell facilitates and hosts the discussion at her home located at 1525 E. 29th Street, Apartment 901, Bryan. The group meets at 7:00pm. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** This group meets again on August 15 to read *The Uninvited Guests* by Sadie Jones.

For more information, contact Catherine, 979.218.1337 (cell), 979.846.1683, or email her at cezell24@gmail.com.

THANK YOU, FPC-BRYAN!



Tammie (Sprott) Keesee stands next to Habitat house of love.

See all those red heart stickers representing YOUR love and generosity? Thanks to each and every one of you who gave to the **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** fundraiser during the month of May. Almost \$800 was raised to benefit the "Building on Faith" House being built for the Tovar-Ruiz family. The family currently lives in a mobile home with structural issues, water damage and no central heat or air, but this year they're moving into a decent, affordable home, thanks to Smith Dairy Queens and several local churches (incl. FPC-Bryan) that join together to put their Faith in Action.

CARPENTER'S KIDS SCHEDULE



JUNE 21 (8:45am to 3:00pm)

FIELD TRIP. Children depart from the church parking lot at 8:45am for the Barrington Living History Tour and picnic at **WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZOS.**

Children are asked to wear comfortable walking shoes and a hat, bring a brown-bag lunch. A cooler for drinks and lunches will be available. Afternoon drinks and snacks will be provided.

JUNE 28 (Noon to 3:00pm)

PIZZA, GAMES, GAMES & MORE GAMES!!!

Join us in Carter Creek Foyer and Fellowship Hall for a Pizza Lunch, fun, and games, games, and more games!!!

THANK YOU PIANIST STEVE GENTRY!

We have been so blessed to have Steve Gentry serve as our pianist for the last two-and-a-half years! He is a blessing at the piano to lead in worship, and he is a blessing in person as he helps out the church in many ways. We have been blessed to have him with us.

As we move forward, choir rehearsals will move to Tuesday nights at 6:00pm, beginning June 14, to accommodate Steve's schedule as he plays for both churches to allow us some transition time. He will be playing for the early worship service at First Baptist-Bryan on Sunday mornings and then coming over and playing for us at 10:45am. While this is not a long-term solution it does give us some time to plan our journey forward. Thank you, Steve for serving during this transition time for us and thank you to all FPC members for your patience as we make this transition.

FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER

Fellow Church Members,

Once again I would like to thank all of you for your faithful dedication in the contributions to First Presbyterian Church. We are entering the summer months where many of us are not as regular in our attendance due to vacations, children's activities, etc. Please allow me to take a moment to remind you of the importance of maintaining your regular giving to our church. We need our donations on a regular basis in order to meet our financial needs each month. If you are a weekly or monthly contributor, please arrange your schedules to continue your giving in a timely manner. If you chose to donate on a quarterly, semi-annual or yearly basis, please consider that some of your giving be during the doldrums of summer. As treasurer, I appreciate any help you might give to maintaining your regular contributions.

Yours in Christ,
Rick Page

YOUTH Haps



Eric Peterson, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*
(youth@fpcbryan.org)

YOUTH (GR 7-12) ACTIVITIES

MO-RANCH SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCES

FPC youth RACHEL PRATT, MELANIE WERTZ, LUNA CURTISS, and PRESTON WINDHAM and ERIC PETERSON and CHELSEA KINDRED will attend high school Youth Celebration Flip the Script from June 25 thru June 30.

FPC youth HANNAH WERTZ and TABITHA CURTISS and adults ERIC PETERSON and female sponsor (TBD) will be attending Junior High Jubilee II Be "U-nique" from July 9 thru July 13.

Each day at these conferences is filled with time with the keynote speaker, small groups, free time, home group time, and recreation events. Small groups are a key feature of these conferences providing youth with a chance to build community with people from other churches. In small groups, youth are guided by adult leaders who facilitate building community, Bible study and discussions on matters of faith and life.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

FPC youth attend the Adult Combined Church School Class focusing on topics related to FPC's 150th Anniversary.



YOUng Adult News

Eric Peterson, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*
(youngadults@fpcbryan.org)

YOUNG ADULTS

Summer KICKBALL SEASON in College Station is happening! Our team "Kicking it with Calvin" invites and encourages you to cheer us on as we play through early July. All of our games will be on the softball fields at Veteran's Park in College Station. Please email Eric with questions about time and field. Join us for a kickin' good time!



CARING & SHARING

Heartiest congratulations to TAMMIE SPROTT & CHARLEY KEESSE who were married at Alpine Presbyterian Church in Longview on June 3. Rev. Mickey officiated. They make their home at 3987 Windfree Drive in College Station, 77845.

Friends, Thank you so much for your prayers during my recent surgery. Sincerely, Lorne Dunham

DEE GOFF is currently at The Waterford at College Station, 1103 Rock Prairie Road, Apt 407, College Station 77845. She can be reached by phone at 936.727.3241.



Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, please list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. If you would like to be visited by one of our hospital visitors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them of your needs.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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| 06/15 | Dean Akin | 06/20 | Don Sustaire |
| 06/15 | Sarah Kate Pratt | 06/20 | Michael Wesp |
| 06/17 | Vince Espinoza | 06/21 | John Halsell |
| 06/17 | Elaine Vance | 06/21 | David Mora-Boellstorff |
| 06/18 | Tonie Sahn | 06/22 | Heather Moehring |
| 06/19 | Norma Funkhouser | 06/23 | Lorraine Reynolds |
| 06/19 | Billie Housman | 06/25 | Reid Self |
| | | 06/25 | Steve Young |
| | | 06/27 | Luna Curtiss |
| | | 06/27 | Jye Shafer |
| | | 06/28 | Adelle Hedleston |
| | | 06/28 | Jacy Page |
| | | 06/29 | Rod Thornton |
| | | 06/30 | Dorothy Lackey |



- ♥ Madison Hodges
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ George McArthur
- ♥ Erna McCollum
- ♥ Haskell Monroe
- ♥ Landon & Nell Palmer
- ♥ Gladys Wilding
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

- ★ Jason Morris
- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
IN THE
MILITARY**

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 18

Genesis 18:1-15

JUNE 25

Matthew 10:26-33



NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE
covering news and events from June 28 thru July 12,
the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter,
The Chimes (and July Calendar), is **NOON, SUN, JUNE 18.**
Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.