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THE WINDMILL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS



Dear Friends,

A new year often invites a round of fresh intentions and resolutions: "I'm going to finally do that" "Now is the time for me to try this. . . ." Similarly, a new year is frequently the time to launch new programs and innovations.

However, I'm wondering as I write on this New Year's Day, if God might be inviting us not to embark on something new but rather to reclaim and reaffirm something old. Namely, a way of being the church that takes us back to the earliest days of our faith when Jesus was recently raised from the dead and his followers began to organize themselves to preserve his message and extend his kingdom.

What were their programs and initiatives? What were the contents of their mission and the focus of their activity? The Book of Acts describes the life of the early church in this way: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

A devotion to worship, study, and fellowship marked the lives of our spiritual ancestors. Their activities included a regular cycle of praise and prayer, nurture of and care for one another. Such a life had an attractive quality to the surrounding world. As Scripture reports in that same part of Acts, "Day by day, the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Through faithful attention to these simple practices the church was strengthened and expanded.

In a time when new is often viewed as better and when someone is always promoting a "never seen before" program or method, I suggest we cling all the more tightly to the biblical witness of how to structure our life in Christ. Let us grow in our devotion to worship and study and fellowship, not resisting the Spirit's fresh work among us, but also not turning away from the path the saints have marked so well for us.

There are numerous opportunities for worship, study, and fellowship described in this *Windmill*. As this new year unfolds, I'm sure there will be even more opportunities, at least some of which we can't even imagine right now.

May we be formed and grounded in what is old so that we may be prepared to respond to the new things our God seeks to do in our midst.

Happy New Year!

Let Us Worship

The Scripture readings for the
8:30 and 11:00 services
on January 8 are:

Genesis 1:1-5 and Mark 1:9-11

The title of John Wurster's sermon is
"A Good Beginning"



Tim Cowden	5-Jan
Sherry Hiller	6-Jan
Howard Hovde	6-Jan
Bob Ogle	7-Jan
Tim Huchton	8-Jan
John Hughes	8-Jan
Tiana Young	8-Jan
Marianne Bowers	9-Jan
Ilene Roemer	9-Jan
Mae Sunday	10-Jan
Rae Baldwin	11-Jan
Betty Burton	11-Jan
Tim Summerlin	12-Jan
Sonny Payne	13-Jan
Lane Rouse	13-Jan
Roma Collins	14-Jan
Nan Schiavo	15-Jan
Don Coombs	16-Jan
Elyse Houdeshell	16-Jan
Tess Wells	16-Jan
Jeff Cunningham	17-Jan
Herb Lewis	17-Jan
Vicki Yates	17-Jan
Ray Baldwin	18-Jan
Mary B Hartman	18-Jan
Thomas Houdeshell	18-Jan
Wayne Yeoman	19-Jan
Delores Finch	21-Jan
Nancy Skarich	21-Jan
Carolynn Cobbs	22-Jan
Bob Finch	22-Jan
Fred Gamble	25-Jan
Jeanne Thompson	25-Jan
Dewayne Bannister	26-Jan
Kristina Tuschak	26-Jan
John Wurster	26-Jan
Linda Delaney	27-Jan
Ray Humphrey	27-Jan
Barbara Joplin	27-Jan
Leah Holekamp	28-Jan
Ruth McNay-Gray	28-Jan
Michelle Epps	30-Jan
Diana Hurst	30-Jan
Dorinda Brewer	31-Jan
Dylan Cannon	31-Jan
Kate Lohmeyer	31-Jan
John Osborn	31-Jan



Sunday School Classes beginning January 8

Friendship Bible Study. Join us as we study the writings of St. Paul; his theology, philosophy, discipline, and practical advice. We will continue our study of his epistle to the Roman Church, starting with Chapter 12, on Jan. 8, 2012, followed by II Corinthians later in the year. This is the *Friendship Class*, where we strive to know each other as we strive to learn more about the *Word of God*. Our format is lecture, discussion and sharing. We will continue to meet in room 208, starting at 9:45 a.m. This class will be led by LeRoy Schlechte.

Finishing the Race – Finding Grace in Life's Final Journey. Imprisoned in Rome and approaching the end of his life, the apostle Paul wrote to his disciple Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." As Christians, we too hope to travel the path at the end of life with faith, courage, and grace. This class will look at some of the challenges of the last years, including having a serious illness, being a caregiver, preparing financially and legally for the long haul, finding end-of-life resources, and bereavement following the death of a loved one. Experts from the community will speak on some of these topics, but the heart of the class will be personal sharing by several church members who have traveled this road as persons with illness or as caregivers. We will invite discussion about the spiritual challenges and growth that come out of this journey. This class will be facilitated by Howard Hovde, Walter Workman, and Barbara Noblin.

The Reformation in Ten Not-So-Easy Steps. We are who we are as Presbyterians largely because of a complicated, violent, and creative period in the 16th Century history of Europe. During this period, western society was more or less unified by the Pope's symbolic leadership and by possession of a common Latin culture; deep disagreements about how human beings should exercise the power of God in the world tore this unity apart. Out of this political, economic, and religious (ecclesial) chaos there emerged different ways of being the church; changes in worship, governance, role in society dramatically marked a new Europe, and by extension shaped much of North America. This course will survey the main lines of Reformation history and culture of which we are the heirs. This class will be taught by Fane Downs.

The Gospel of John: Gateway to the New Testament. This class will be in the lecture/discussion format. Each lesson will stand on its own, and you cannot get behind by missing a Sunday. There are no prerequisites, and the only book will be your own Bible. Please call the church office at 257-3310 if you are interested in becoming a part of this new class. This class will go from January 8 - March 18 and will be taught by Tom Huser.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thirteen years ago two young women in New England began a Prayer Shawl Ministry. Seeking a way to extend comfort and compassion to those undergoing medical procedures, in times of stress, or in a case of bereavement, or perhaps even to celebrate a new birth, they put their needlework skills to use making prayer shawls. The shawls were to be given to signify that others were concerned for their well being and peace of mind. Some makers knitted, some crocheted, some quilted. Whatever the manner of construction, the shawls were begun with prayers, completed, then given with a blessing to the recipient.

We would like to begin this project in our church. The knitting and crochet patterns are very simple, although you can be as elaborate as you wish. Beginners are always welcome. If you would like to learn more about it, come join Clarice Amann and Martha Maxwell in the MSS living room on Jan 6. at 10:00 a.m. There you can find out more about it and enjoy a cup of coffee with friends.



Make a Joyful Noise

NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Circles are scheduled to meet January 12, 9:30 a.m. at the following locations.

Circle	Hostess	Location
1.	Sheftall	302 Lakewood Dr
2.	Moore	room 206
3.	Thurmond	206 Spring Mill Dr
4.	Korman	280 Bluebird Circle
5.	Pickett	MSS
6.	Gourney	Ryan
7.	Doan/Garlitz	Library
8.	Evening Circle	Ryan Hall, 7:00 pm

G E M Greet Eat and Meet

Are you ready to **G**reet, **E**at, and **M**eat for February, March April, and May? These are wonderful months to be with friends as winter moves along and spring brings forth beautiful opportunities to share fellowship time with others. Please complete the entire registration form with your choice for greeting others. Information will be mailed the first of February. Another opportunity to sign on the "dotted line" will be at the Family Night Supper on January 25. Please contact Marilyn Vordenbaum if you have questions or concerns. 896-2894 Polish up your skills of conversation and be part of this **GEM** of an opportunity.

James
MERCY TRIUMPHS
 Beth Moore

The **Beth Moore Bible Study of James - Mercy Triumphs** will meet from Tuesday, January 10 - March 6 at 10:00 a.m. in room 208. The cost of the workbook is \$15.00. To preregister for this class, please call the church at 257-3310. You can also register on the first day of class. This study will be done as a tribute to our sister in Christ, Puddin' Lohmeyer, who lived her life by serving Him through serving many. Come and discover the same joy that Puddin' found in meeting God on the pages of scripture.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Don't forget to sign up to come to the men's breakfast on Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00. Call Arthur Clough at 896-8826 to RSVP.

DID YOU KNOW...



that Americans continue to give the majority of their donations to the church and other religious organizations?

According to a 2009 study, Americans gave 74% of their donations to religious institutions. Charities and other organizations received 21% and educational institutions received 3%.

According to the "Empty Tomb, Inc." study, church members are not likely to increase giving toward institutional maintenance. To stimulate increased giving, "church leaders need to convey a vision that engages people both inside and outside the congregation."

submitted by David Tritenbach

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Calendar for January 8 - 15

Sunday, January 8

8:30/11:00 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 New Officers Ordination
Installation
3:30 Jr. Highs, FLC
6:30 Sr. Highs

Monday, January 9

4:00 New Member, MSS
4:30 CCP Committee, 500
4:45 Planning & Training,
Library
5:00 Property, 207
5:00 Stewardship & Miss., 204
5:15 CE. 206

Tuesday, January 10

6:45 Riverhill Bible Study
9:15 Staff
6:00 Stephen Minsters, Ryan

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 Men's Breakfast
9:45 CCP Chapel
10:00 Bible study - Matthew
3:15 Koinonias
4:00 Personnel, library
5:45 Worship Comm, 208
7:00 Choir

Thursday, January 12

9:30 PW Circles
7:00 PW Night Circles, Ryan

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14
11:00 HOPES Kitchen

Sunday, January 15

8:30/11:00 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
3:30 Jr. Highs, FLC
6:30 Sr. Highs

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