



THE WINDMILL

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS



Youth Winter Retreat Returns

Greetings friends! Well, after an amazing week in Red River, NM we returned safe and sound a little over a week ago from this year's Youth Winter Retreat for The Well. This was our 4th annual trip, and much like the past three years it was fun, and meaningful. However, this year's trip

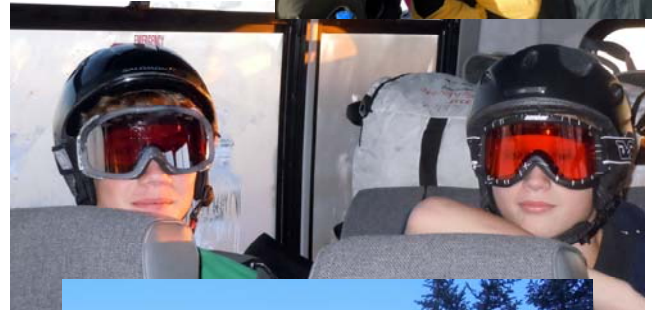
was also significantly different in that there were no girls!! Don't worry they were invited – it just didn't work out for any of them to come this year...

Still, an all guys trip turned out to be a really unique opportunity and we took advantage! The snow was great, the weather was cold and we had an amazing time snowboarding. We ate together, laughed together, watched football, and looked for sasquatch. Each evening we had devotional time in which we studied some scenes from the life of David in 1 and 2 Samuel and talked about what it might mean for our lives as young men trying to live into the description of David as "a man after God's own heart." (1 Sam. 13:14 and Acts 13:22.)

All in all it was a fantastic trip! I want to say a special thank you to Bubba Havis for volunteering his time and energy as a volunteer leader on the trip. He was awesome, so if you see him please tell him thank you for serving in that way as well. And of course, a big THANKS to all of you for your prayers and support in making this type of ministry to our young people possible. I truly believe that God was present and at work in each of us on this trip.

In Christ,

Eric



Let Us Worship God

The Scripture readings for the
8:30 and 11:00 services
on January 15 are:

1 Samuel 3:1-11 and John 1:43-51

The title of John Wurster's sermon is
"Bump in the Night"



Happy Birthdays

Tim Summerlin	12-Jan
Joshua Graham	13-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
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



January 25

5:30

Family Life Center

Do you like variety? Well, things will be different when you come to the 'Smorgasbord of Fellowship' family night supper. Bring a friend and a potluck item for sharing. From 5:30 to 6:00 you can mingle and visit representatives of fellowship functions and groups in our church who will answer questions and have signup lists. We will eat at 6:00 p.m., and directly following hear more about 'fellowship'.

submitted by Sam Begeman



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 call 896-2894 Polish up your skills of conversation and be part of this **GEM** of an opportunity.

History of First Presbyterian Church 1981 - 2011

At last the day to present the "History of the First Presbyterian Church, 1981 - 2011," to the congregation, has arrived. This book contains a detailed account of the events of each year prefaced by verse/s from the Bible accompanied by a homily on those verses. The years' events are followed by articles of interest written by our pastors and members of the congregation. A global timeline follows. At the end of each year are the testimonials so many of you sent in.

Other sections are biographies of all FPC pastors, detailed history of various groups, organizations and new additions since 1980, history of the 1988 Centennial, history of the new sanctuary, and a section of Christian poetry from well-known poets and two resident poets.

The water color cover and sketch of the original church building are a contribution from Norma Daniel.

In order to help defray printing costs a nominal price of \$5.00 is asked. Call the church office at 257-3310 to order your copy. *Diana M. Hurst, Editor and Collator*

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 have begun 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 January 13 at 10:00 a.m.** There you can find out more about it and enjoy a cup of coffee with friends.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting will be Sunday, January 29 at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. (No adult Sunday school classes that day. Children's classes will meet as usual.) The meeting will include a report on 2011, the presentation of the final 2012 budget, and a review of the terms of call for the pastors.



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

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

Hosted by Circle 4

January 19 in Ryan Hall at 12:00 noon

Program: "Poetry of Joy" given by our own Deb Burks

DID YOU KNOW...



that according to the Public Religion Research Institute, 55% of white mainline protestants believe that "society would be better if wealth was distributed more equally"?

Black protestants weigh in at 79%, Catholics and "unaffiliated" both scored at 61%, while white evangelicals came in close to white mainline protestants at 53%.

The results of the survey politically were Democrats at 78%, Republicans at 35%, Independents at 60% and Tea Party at 37%.

submitted by David Tritenbach

James MERCY TRIUMPHS Beth Moore

The **Beth Moore Bible Study of James - Mercy Triumphs** meets on Tuesdays until March 6 at 10:00 a.m. in room 208. The cost of the workbook is \$15.00. You can register when you come to 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.



Note room changes!

Friendship Bible Study. This class will be led by LeRoy Schlechte in room 208.

Finishing the Race – Finding Grace in Life's Final Journey. This class will be facilitated by Howard Hovde, Walter Workman, and Barbara Noblin in FLC 500.

The Reformation in Ten Not-So-Easy Steps. This class will be taught by Sara Hamilton in **Ryan Hall** on January 15.

The Gospel of John: Gateway to the New Testament. This class will be taught by Tom Huser in room **207**.

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Calendar for January 16 - 23

Sunday, January 15

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

Monday, January 16

5:00 Budget & Finance, 204
5:00 Stewardship & Mission,
207

Tuesday, January 17

6:45 Riverhill Bible Study
9:15 Staff
10:00 Beth Moore Study, 208
4:00 Bell Choir

Wednesday, January 18

9:45 CCP Chapel
10:00 Bible study - Matthew
3:15 Koinonias
5:00 Coordinating Comm, 208
7:00 Choir

Thursday, January 19

12:00 PW Lunch, Ryan

Friday, January 20

High School Midwinters at
Mo-Ranch

Saturday, January 21

11:00 HOPES Kitchen

Sunday, January 22

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

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