

THE WINDMILL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS



Acolytes of FPC

The Westminster Catechism begins by affirming that our chief end is to glorify God. Worship, our pastors remind us, is where our identity as children of God is defined. In worship we are nurtured and strengthened; from worship we are sent out as witnesses of God's love. Many components combine to make worship meaningful and complete: scripture, sermon, prayer, music, bread, juice, water and light. All of these are meant to work together, drawing us closer to the mystery of

God. **Acolyte** comes from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning attendant or follower. The ministry of acolytes can be traced back to the early church. The duties and ages of acolytes are as varied as the denominations who use acolytes to assist as worship leaders. In our church you must be in fourth grade or older to be an acolyte. As worship begins, the acolytes process in leading the choir, ministers, and scripture readers, carrying with them light. The acolytes climb the chancel steps lighting the candles, one beside the pulpit and one by the lectern. As worshipers, the lit candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the light shining in the darkness, the light the world cannot extinguish. At the end of the service the acolytes "pick up" the light from the candles and lead us out carrying the light, calling us to bear the light of God in us as we serve God by serving others in the world. When our acolytes enter seventh grade, they become water bearers, bringing in the water for the baptismal font on the first Sunday of every month. Watching water fall from pitcher to bowl, we remember once again we belong, body and soul, to God, having been claimed by God in the waters of baptism. We are blessed by the ministry of these young people as they call us to worship, prompting us to focus on why we have gathered. Young people serving this year as acolytes are pictured above from left to right: Braedon Schlechte, Christopher Jones, Brock Billeiter, and Madison Repka; not pictured are CJ Goodyear, Andrew Houdeshell, Cole Lutz, and Tyler Mejia. Our water bearers this year are Parker Cowden, Preston Gamble, Bailey Havis, and Kate Lohmeyer. While they are young and perhaps their roles seem small, they have great responsibility reminding us we are called to worship God. **THANK YOU** to all of these young people who faithfully come on Sunday mornings and who attend trainings and take seriously their roles as worship leaders.

*Shalom,
Sam Baublitz*



Happy Birthdays

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
Madison Repka	31-Jan
John Osborn	31-Jan
Eleanor Baldwin	1-Feb
Henri Gearing	1-Feb
Kathy Heim	1-Feb
Mary Jo Reno	1-Feb
Jayne Amann	2-Feb
Christine Chandler	2-Feb
Harlan Crouse	2-Feb
Nancy Denham	3-Feb
Nell Swayze	3-Feb
Ridge Floyd	5-Feb
Parker Huchton	5-Feb
Bill Matthews	5-Feb
James Mooring	6-Feb
Pat Stoner	6-Feb
Stan Brunzman	7-Feb
Cornelia Shanklin	7-Feb
Clarice Amann	8-Feb
Samantha Junkin	8-Feb
Sue Dyke	9-Feb
Martha Maxwell	9-Feb
Alejandrina N Shackelford	9-Feb

Family Night Supper

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

Greet Eat and Meet

Are you ready to Greet, Eat, and Meet 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.

Come to the church office to pick yours up today! The cost is only \$5.00. Call the church office to order.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Braedon Schlechte, a fifth grader at Tally Elementary, has been chosen to serve on the Kid's Advisory Board for *Pockets Magazine*. *Pockets* is a devotional/activity magazine for elementary age children published by Upper Room. There are copies of *Pockets*, available for children every month in the narthex, near the children's worship bags.

SAVE THE DATE!

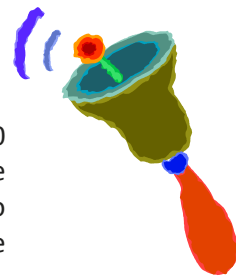
Children's ministry team will be hosting a **Kids' Night Out** on Saturday, February 18, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Infants through children in 5th grade are welcome to come. Please RSVP for your children to the church office 257-3310. There will be a special activity planned that evening for 4th and 5th graders.



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.

Bell Choir is Beginning



Bell Choir is resuming Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. New members are welcome. Anyone with a basic music background is invited to 'try it out'. Call Tim Wilborn for more information at 830-257-3310.

DID YOU KNOW...



that, according to the Pew Research Forum on Religion and Public Life, religious lobbying in Washington, D.C. has increased five-fold in the past four decades — from fewer than 40 religion-related advocacy groups operating in the nation's capital in 1970 to 212 today?

Of these, the largest category represents multiple faiths or advocacy for such broad concerns as church and state, human rights, etc. Of the remaining groups, 19% represent Roman Catholic matters, 18% evangelical Protestant, 12% Jewish, 8% mainline Protestant, and 8% Muslim.

Religious groups collectively spend over \$390 million yearly in efforts to influence national public policy.

submitted by David Tritenbach



Sunday School Classes

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 Fane Downs in Ryan Hall.

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

It's Your Library...Check It Out!

Two new books in the Church Library:
BEING PRESBYTERIAN IN THE BIBLE BELT. A Theological survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused Presbyterians by Ted V. Foote, Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg 285 FOO.

BONHOEFFER. Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy. A Righteous Gentile VS. The Third Reich by Eric Metaxas 920 MET.



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Calendar for January 22 - 29

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

5:30 Session meal
 6:00 Session mtg.

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

9:45 CCP Chapel
 10:00 Bible study - Matthew
 3:15 Koinonias
 5:30 Family Night Supper
 7:00 Choir

Thursday, January 26

Friday, January 27
 10:00 Prayer Shawl

Saturday, January 28

11:00 HOPES Kitchen

Sunday, January 29

8:30/11:00 Worship
 9:45 Annual Congregational
 Mtg., FLC
 3:30 Jr. Highs, FLC
 6:30 Sr. Highs

Let Us Worship God

The Scripture readings for the
 8:30 and 11:00 services
 on January 22 are

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:16-20

The title of John Wurster's sermon is
 "Better Do It Now"

Weekly Bible Studies

Riverhill Bible Study	Tuesday	7:00 a.m.
Beth Moore Bible Study	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.
Matthew Study	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.

This Week in Mission

YES Center	Monday - Thursday	3:30 p.m.
HOPES Kitchen	Saturday	11:00 a.m.
Prayer Shawl	Friday	10:00 a.m.
YMCA Basketball	Monday & Thursday	5:30 p.m.
Families in Literacy	Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 p.m.

Meetings

Session Meal	Monday	1/23	5:30 p.m.
Session Mtg.	Monday	1/23	6:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministers	Tuesday	1/24	6:00 p.m.

CAM - Help Needed!

Christian Assistance Ministries is needing a man to work the pantry desk Mondays from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please call Neva Pratt at 792-6014 if you are interested.