



# THE WINDMILL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS

*His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;  
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.*

-Psalm 147:10-11



I am running at Singing Wind Park. The sky is gray. Rain is falling. Trees are all around. I can feel the gravel crunch beneath my feet; heart pounding, lungs expanding and contracting. For the moment, I am at peace. I will be headed to Austin Seminary soon. 2011 is not far behind. I am mindful of joys and concerns in our church family. I am confident that God still reigns.

I round the corner and there is a hill with step-like railroad ties. The heart beats faster. Thoughts are suspended. I reach the top, regain my breath and thoughts begin again. What do we make of the church budget? How will we (and others) manage in the wake of those benevolence cuts? There is the YES Center, the Sunday evening services, and all of those visible signs of the challenges before us.

I begin my descent. The step-like railroad ties are much different going down. Balance is the key. I think the church is doing everything it can in such challenging times. I suppose we could always do more and we can't do everything. I reach the bottom of the hill, cross the bridge, and return to where I started. I won't be able to do this forever. For now, I do what I can because I love it.

Grace and peace,

*Rob*



Sunday, February 5, while the world gears up for the biggest football game of the year and anxiously anticipates new and improved commercials, the members of our BOG Squad will join young people around the country participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring."

"Souper Bowl of Caring" is into its third decade of using the energy created by the clash of football giants to ask people to take some time to focus on the problems of hunger and poverty. As in years past, on Souper Bowl Sunday, BOG Squad members will be in the narthex after both worship services to collect cans of soup (or other types of canned food) and monetary donations. All of the donations raised by the "Souper Bowl of Caring" stay in the local community. Last year we donated \$1,370.00 and several large containers of canned goods to CAM. That is a lot, but we think we can do better this year and invite you to participate in the second *super* event on February 5. Thank you for your help!



### Look What's Coming!!

"Meet Your Deacon" Sunday

*When:* Sunday, Feb. 19

*Where:* Ryan Hall

*Time:* 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. and 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Drop by Ryan Hall, get a cup of coffee and say "hello" to **YOUR** Deacon. This is a great chance to put a name with a face!!

## What's in an Ethical Will?

Monday, February 6, starting at 9 a.m., there will be a workshop in Ryan Hall about ways to share your most cherished and meaningful life gifts with your family, friends and community. The workshop subject is "ethical wills", first described 3000 years ago in Genesis, (chapter 39) and later in the Christian Bible (John, chapters 15 and 16) The practice of communicating your life blessings, your hopes, fears and dreams for the future, and your personal wisdom, developed orally at first and later appeared in a variety of written forms. Ethical Wills may be one of the most cherished and meaningful gifts you can leave to your survivors and your community.

The leaders of this powerful workshop are John and Gay Van Osdall, Presbyterians of Houston and Black Mountain, North Carolina. John serves on the Board at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Gay serves on the Mo-Ranch Board. They are longtime members of Memorial Drive Presbyterian in Houston, volunteers with the Faith in Practice ministry in Guatemala and the Prison Ministry, and their son is a Presbyterian minister in Vermont. These devoted Christian leaders have committed their unforgettable stories in written ethical wills, and their teachings on this important subject will truly enlighten and inspire you in valuable ways.

All church and Sunday School members are cordially invited to attend and participate. Attendees should bring a pad and pencil for personal use. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eleanor Baldwin	1-Feb	Glynda Prinz	14-Feb
Henri Gearing	1-Feb	Jan Huber	16-Feb
Kathy Heim	1-Feb	Louis Matjeka	16-Feb
Mary Jo Reno	1-Feb	Linda Ransom	17-Feb
Jayne Amann	2-Feb	Eric Rhoda	17-Feb
Christine Chandler	2-Feb	Blake Smith	17-Feb
Harlan Crouse	2-Feb	Jared Jones	18-Feb
Nancy Denham	3-Feb	Cheryl Armstrong	19-Feb
Nell Swayze	3-Feb	Billy Chandler	19-Feb
Ridge Floyd	5-Feb	Tevian Prohl	19-Feb
Parker Huchton	5-Feb	John Bervinkle	20-Feb
Bill Matthews	5-Feb	Bill Armstrong	21-Feb
James Mooring	6-Feb	Lucy Croft	22-Feb
Pat Stoner	6-Feb	Lois Millard	22-Feb
Stan Brunsman	7-Feb	Rex Miller	23-Feb
Cornelia Shanklin	7-Feb	John Smithheisler	23-Feb
Clarice Amann	8-Feb	Margaret Bedle	24-Feb
Samantha Junkin	8-Feb	Kim Lohmeyer	24-Feb
Sue Dyke	9-Feb	Tom Newbern	24-Feb
Martha Maxwell	9-Feb	Janett Crouse	25-Feb
Alejandrina Shackelford	9-Feb	Ami Maples	25-Feb
Kathy Thompson	11-Feb	Aggie Yeoman	25-Feb
L.K. Croft	12-Feb	Bill Byrd	27-Feb
Eunice McCoy	12-Feb	Sue Endsley	27-Feb
Rola Seyler	12-Feb	Bill Merkel	27-Feb
Mary Virginia Holekamp	13-Feb	Jean Sniffen	27-Feb
Roberta Longnecker	13-Feb	Gail Garlitz	28-Feb
Stephen Louden	13-Feb	Delmar Hiller	28-Feb
Jeanne West	13-Feb	Dick Layman	28-Feb
Shauna Wickham	13-Feb	Paige Priour	28-Feb
Frances Hoffman	14-Feb	Danny Wagoner	28-Feb



## First Fruits

*"Bring the best of the first fruits of your labor to the house of the Lord your God."*  
Exodus 23:19

In biblical times, first fruits were a portion of the grain or fruits harvested each year. This produce, including firstborn farm animals, was considered sacred. It was offered to God in thanksgiving and celebration in a special ceremony on the Day of First Fruits, held during the festival of Pentecost (*The Revell Bible Dictionary*).

This April 25–29, 2012, our congregation will celebrate the ongoing ministry and mission of The Children's Corner Preschool with our "First Fruits" celebration. We will joyfully offer up our goods and services to be redistributed through a silent auction. All proceeds from the auction will benefit Children's Corner, and allow us to continue to provide affordable, Christian education that remains accessible to middle- and lower-income families in our community. Your gifts will also be used to improve classroom facilities and give our teaching staff continuing educational opportunities—this with the goal of achieving 'Rising Star' accreditation for our school.

What are your first fruits? What can you offer to God in thanksgiving and celebration?

First Presbyterian Church of Kerrville is blessed with many talents, combined with a great generosity of spirit. In years past, first fruits have included delicious homemade baked goods, soups, casseroles, and even complete catered feasts. Fine, handcrafted items have been lovingly donated, as have heirloom antiques and works of fine art.

Services are always popular—babysitting, gardening, massage, home repair, or financial advice, to name a few. Lessons make a wonderful donation—voice, music, art, creative writing, quilting, wood working—think of the special gifts and skills you have that you can share with others. Giving another person a new life experience is a lot of fun! Lead a nature hike. Plan an overnight camping trip or a kayaking expedition. How about offering a pair of tickets for an evening of theatre, a concert, or a sporting event? Skydiving, anyone?

You may also contribute by shopping the auction, helping the First Fruits committee, or making a monetary gift. The greatest gift is your participation and all gifts are welcome. We would like to contact each church member, so could especially use your services for telephoning.

To suggest a donation, make a gift, offer your services to the committee, or to ask any questions, please contact Bev Kapelle, 896-0544, bevnfred@windstream.net, or Louise Larson, 896-7589, tillarson@windstream.net. We look forward to hearing from you!



## Make a Joyful Noise

### NEWS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Luncheon, February 16 at 12:00 noon. Special music by Sara Lohmeyer and entertainment by "ROSEBUD" and her dog, "Valentina Casper"

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

Circle	Hostess	Location
1.	Reinbach/Vaughan	FLC Lobby
2.	Merkel/Cole	Ryan Hall
3.	Burton	110 Rodeo Dr
4.	Hutzler	601 Galbraith Ave
5.	Armstrong/Cowden	MSS
6.	George	Library
7.	Garlitz/Wunsch	176 Treasure Hills Rd.
8.	Evening Circle	Ryan Hall, 7:00 pm

*In life and in death we belong to God*

Jean H. Burns  
February 14, 1931 - January 30, 2012  
Jean had been a member of our church since 1993.

# FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Annual Congregational Mtg., FLC 11:00 AM Worship 3:30 PM Jr. High Well, FLC 6:30 PM High School Well</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 6:45 AM Riverhill Bible Study 9:15 AM Staff mtg 10:00 AM Beth Moore James study, 208 4:00 PM Bell choir practice</p>	<p>1 9:45 AM Children's Corner Chapel 10:00 AM Bible study - Matthew 3:15 PM Koinonias 5:30 PM Diaconate mtg, 208 7:00 PM Choir practice</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM PW Women's Council 4:30 PM Children's Ministries, library</p>	<p>3 Jr. highs to Mid-Winter, Mo-Ranch 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Mtg., MSS 10:30 AM Plaza on the River 6:00 PM SEEKERS Kick-Off Event, Ryan Hall</p>	<p>4 11:00 AM HOPES Kitchen</p>
<p>5 BOG Squad collecting canned food and donations for Souper Bowl Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship coffee hour 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:30 PM Jr. High Well, FLC 5:00 PM Fellowship I Super Bowl party 6:30 PM High School Well</p>	<p>6 9:30 AM John Van Osdal, Ryan Hall 4:45 PM Planning &amp; Training, 204</p>	<p>7 6:45 AM Riverhill Bible Study 9:15 AM Staff mtg 10:00 AM Beth Moore James study, 208 4:00 PM Bell choir practice 5:30 PM Fellowship Committee, library 6:00 PM Stephen Ministers, Ryan Hall</p>	<p>8 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:45 AM Children's Corner Chapel 3:15 PM Koinonias 5:45 PM Worship Comm., 208 7:00 PM Choir practice</p>	<p>9 9:30 AM PW Circles 7:00 PM PW Night Circle, Ryan Hall</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Mtg., MSS</p>	<p>11 Youth Saturday 11:00 AM HOPES Kitchen</p>
<p>12 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship coffee hour 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:30 PM Jr. High Well, FLC 6:30 PM High School Well</p>	<p>13 4:00 PM New Member, MSS 4:30 PM CCP Committee mtg, FLC 500 5:00 PM CE mtg, library 5:00 PM Property mtg., 207 5:00 PM Stewardship &amp; Mission, 204</p>	<p>14 6:45 AM Riverhill Bible Study 9:15 AM Staff mtg 10:00 AM Beth Moore James study, 208 4:00 PM Bell choir practice 5:30 PM CCP staff mtg, FLC 500</p>	<p>15 9:45 AM Children's Corner Chapel 10:00 AM Bible study - Matthew 3:15 PM Koinonias 4:00 PM Personnel, library 7:00 PM Choir practice</p>	<p>16 12:00 PM PW Lunch, Ryan Hall</p>	<p>17 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Mtg., MSS</p>	<p>18 11:00 AM HOPES Kitchen 6:00 PM Parent's Night Out</p>
<p>19 Meet Your Deacon Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship coffee hour 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:30 PM Jr. High Well, FLC 6:30 PM High School Well</p>	<p>20 YES Center closed today 5:00 PM Budget &amp; Finance mtg., 204</p>	<p>21 6:45 AM Riverhill Bible Study 10:00 AM Beth Moore James study, 208 4:00 PM Bell choir practice 4:30 PM VBS planning mtg., FLC 500 5:30 PM Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, FLC 6:00 PM Stephen Ministers, Ryan Hall</p>	<p>22 9:45 AM Children's Corner Chapel 10:00 AM Bible study - Matthew 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday service, chapel 3:15 PM Koinonias 5:00 PM Coordinating Committee mtg. 6:15 PM Ash Wednesday service, chapel 7:00 PM Choir practice</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Mtg., MSS</p>	<p>25 9:00 AM Officer Retreat, Mo-Ranch 11:00 AM HOPES Kitchen</p>
<p>26 8:30 AM Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship coffee hour 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3:30 PM Jr. High Well, FLC 6:30 PM High School Well</p>	<p>27 11:00 AM Adult Ed. Mtg. 5:30 PM Session meal 6:00 PM Session mtg.</p>	<p>28 6:45 AM Riverhill Bible Study 9:15 AM Staff mtg 10:00 AM Beth Moore James study, 208 4:00 PM Bell choir practice</p>	<p>29 9:45 AM Children's Corner Chapel 10:00 AM Bible study - Matthew 3:15 PM Koinonias 5:30 PM Family Night Supper 7:00 PM Choir practice</p>	<p>1 10:00 AM PW Women's Council 4:30 PM Children's Ministries, library</p>	<p>2 Mission Presbytery, San Antonio 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Mtg., MSS 10:30 AM Plaza on the River 12:00 PM Lenten worship &amp; soup lunch</p>	<p>3 Mission Presbytery, San Antonio 11:00 AM HOPES Kitchen</p>

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## SEEKERS Sign-up

Please sign up with Sam and June Begeman at 896-0541 (email [srbegeman@ktc.com](mailto:srbegeman@ktc.com)) to join in a **Service/Educational/Entertaining/Koinonia** filled year.

A kickoff planning meeting and potluck supper (bring your favorite dish to share) is scheduled for Friday, February 3, at 6:00 pm in Ryan Hall. The attendees will plan the events for the year. You will enjoy it.

## Men's Valentine Breakfast

The annual Men's Valentine breakfast will be held on Wednesday, February 8 in Ryan Hall. Dr. Diane Fitch, licensed marriage and family therapist, will be speaking. The name of her presentation is *Will You Catch Me When I Fall?* Spouses and significant others invited to attend. For reservations call Arthur Clough at 896-8826.

## Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who attend the Family Night Dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup> and joined the Fellowship Committee in "stepping out of the box". We look forward to your comments as we discover and create opportunities for more opportunities of fellowship.

*submitted by the Fellowship Committee*

I want to thank my dear church family for your telephone calls, cards, flowers, visits, delicious food, taking me for my daily treatments, and over all for your prayers. Thank you so very much. May the Lord bless you richly.

*Alejandrina N. Shackelford*

## Sunday School Classes

<b>Friendship Bible Study</b>	208
<b>Finishing the Race/Finding Grace in Life's Final Journey</b>	500
<b>The Reformation in Ten Not-So-Easy Steps</b>	Ryan Hall.
<b>The Gospel of John: Gateway to the New Testament</b>	207
<b>College Sunday School class</b>	MSS
<b>Children's Sunday School</b>	available for all ages.

## Let Us Worship God

The Scripture readings for the  
8:30 and 11:00 services  
on February 5 are

Isaiah 40:21-31 and Mark 1:29-39

The title of John Wurster's sermon is  
"Searching for Jesus."

## Save the Date

Currie Series	April 20 - 22	Dr. Earl Palmer, Presbyterian Pastor and Biblical Teacher
4th Annual Calvin Cup	March 31, 2012	