

# FOCUS

## News of the Community of Faith

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## We are looking for Firm Believers in Christ

Are you searching for a place to be on Sunday mornings?

### Join other Presbyterian believers in Sunday School.

It's time to join us in the Fellowship Court on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 a.m. for a light breakfast as we introduce the teaching staff for the 2009-2010 Christian Education year. There will be **music!** There will be **food!** There will be **laughter!** And there will be **exciting announcements.** You won't want to miss it.

Looking for a Bible Study on Sunday mornings? Join Bill Coleman in the **Parlor Class** and discover your faith as they continue with the curriculum they are currently using.

Are you tired of being told what to believe? Want a lively discussion on current events and how they relate to the Presbyterian life? Join the **Fellowship Class** and speak your mind or listen and share the ideas of others.

Calling all preschool children to the **Nursery** on Sunday mornings where Katie Naron will lead you in Bible stories, songs and crafts.

The **Elementary Class**, for grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>, will meet with Heath Bozeman who will help children understand their belief in Christ using the "*Seasons of the Spirit*" materials.

The **Junior High Class** for grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will explore their beliefs with the team teaching duo of Gene Whitfill and Wes Naron every Sunday morning.



**High School**, grades 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> will have discussions led this year by Jeana Voss and Sue Lewellen.

Lee Naron and Kevin Sweeney will lead junior high believers (**GEL**) on Sunday afternoons beginning September 20.

The Christian Education Committee is "searching" for a Believer who would like to share their vision of Christ with the Senior High **PYC** group. These great kids will begin the year on September 20 at 6:00 p.m.

As Firm Believers in Christ, First Presbyterian Church through the leadership of Jill and Mike Craig, are opening their home to the college age students of Plainview with a Sunday evening meal. Many people will be needed to help provide Sunday evening nourishment to these young adults. Please let Jill Craig or Sherry Thompson know if you are willing to help out.

# Pastor Mark's Mark



## On the Road again...

I begin each session meeting going around the room asking the elders for the high and the low they experienced that day, that week or during the month. I call it "checking in" with where people are as they gather to do the Lord's business. Many people including yours truly said the time at Ceta Canyon was a high. Not many lows were shared. That's more difficult to do. But I'm sure we would have all agreed that the death of Julia Payne was a low. I heard it said how shockingly fast she was taken from us. They discovered cancer right after the 4th of July and she was gone by the end of the August.

At the funeral, the pastor mentioned Julia's love of Willie Nelson. She told him that she would like to have Willie sing at her funeral. Well, they couldn't get Willie to come sing, so they had a recording. The pastor said he voted for "On the Road

Again," because of his conviction that she is entering a new life with Jesus in heaven, but he got out voted. They had Willie singing "Amazing Grace" instead.

"On the Road Again" is the story of our lives. We're all on a journey. None of us knows where we're headed and certainly, when our journey will end. None of us can be certain about what will happen tomorrow or next week or next year. All we are given is this moment to make the most of it, to cherish it, to really appreciate it. But most of us just watch our moments go whizzing by without paying any particular attention.

That's one of the reasons I like life in Plainview. Here, unlike Central Texas, there is a difference in the seasons. Last year I experienced my first snow in decades! With the coming of fall, we know that it will get

colder, that leaves will fall off most of the trees, and that football season is here again!

At church, "On the Road Again," means vacations are over and we are getting back in the rhythm of a life that is on the move. Sunday school starts back up, along with youth groups and a new evening women's circle.

But if that's all "On the Road Again" means, then I think we've missed something. It needs to also mean that this fall, I will devote myself to more time in prayer. It means I will find a way to put my faith in action. It means that I will find a way to study the Bible with others who are on the road with me.

May God bless you while we're all on the road to Christ together.

*Shalom, y'all,*

*Pastor Mark*

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## Guess who is coming for dinner?

Join us on Sunday, September 13 for our monthly **SUNDAY POTLUCK** following morning worship. This is always a time of good food and good fellowship. Our special guest this month will be Rev. Matthew Thompson. He and wife Kaci went to the Holy Lands during his January school term last year and the church help send him. He is going to speak about the trip and express his thanks for this life changing opportunity. He will also have pictures and some of his "treasures" to show us. Come eat, visit and share in the fellowship. See you there!

# First Presbyterian Preschool News

# HELLO!

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**1. Say "I love you" to your preschooler several times a day. Be generous with hugs.**

**2. Say "please" when making a request and "thank you" when the request is completed. Avoid constantly "telling" your child what to do.**

**3. Be consistent. Follow through when you have made clear what is expected. Use a soft, kind voice and offer praise for cooperation.**

**4. Actively listen to your preschooler—get down on their level and make eye contact. Express interest in your child's interests.**

**5. Encourage your child to use words to express his/her needs and feelings.**

**6. Spend time each day with your preschooler doing what he wants to do—playing in the floor, going for a walk, playing ball, swinging. Avoid saying "hurry up".**

**7. Establish routines. Waking up, eating meals, taking naps and going to bed at the same time each day helps a preschooler feel secure.**

## New School Year Begins

Wow! Our year is off to a good start with 24 students enrolled in two 5-day classes.. Judy Davis and I will team-teach in the Pre-K class with 14 students, Sandra Spencer will have 10 Nursery students. We are offering 5-day classes for both ages to better serve our working families.. I will be serving as director once again.

There is a "Parent Center" in the west hallway stocked with information about parenting 3-and 4-yr-old children.

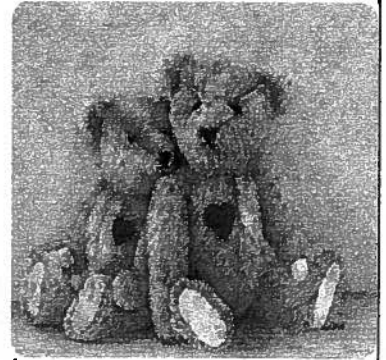
There is also a basket under that table for "recyclables"—toilet paper tubes, cardboard tubes from pants hangers, large coffee cans, oatmeal boxes, or shoe boxes,

If you have any of these, please leave them in that basket and we will put them to good use with many projects this year.

Our first theme will be bears and that always proves to be lots of fun—especially when the children bring their teddy bears for a picnic on the 19th.

I would like to encourage all church members, parents, and especially our governing board members to visit our classes any morning and see how much fun and activity is happening!

Sue Lewellen, Director



## Volunteers

Parents are encouraged to volunteer to help in your child's class whenever you can. We can always use an extra pair of hands!!!

## Parent Meeting September 24

**Be sure to make plans to attend our parents' meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24. At that time your child's teacher will explain our routines and curriculum. You will also see examples of your child's work which will be updated throughout the year.**

**This is a time for parents only. Please make arrangements for child care for that evening. We will begin at 7:00 P.M. and be through by 8:30.**

**See you there!**

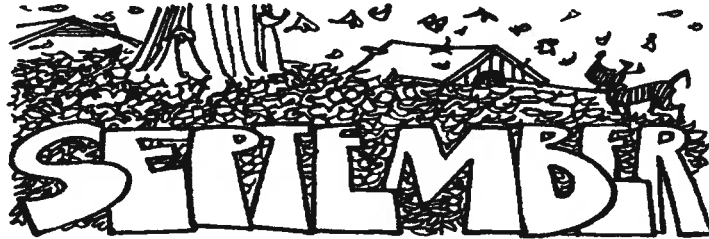


**Have you checked out the Parent Center?**


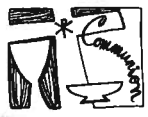




**Start a great habit now—early to bed, early to rise! Our school day begins promptly @ 8:30.**

**Sunday Regular Schedule**

9:15 Sunday School  
10:00 Coffee/Fellowship  
10:30 Worship  
5:00 GEL  
6:00 PYC



2009

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu                         | Fri                                  | Sat  |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
|   |   | <b>1</b><br><br>6:00 Pack | <b>2</b><br>5:30 PNC<br>6:00 H & C<br>7:00 Choir   | <b>3</b><br>6:00 Boy Scouts | <b>4</b><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>  | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>6</b><br><i>Regular Schedule</i><br><i>No Sunday School</i><br>Communion<br> | <b>7</b><br><br><b>LABOR DAY</b><br>Office Closed<br>5:00 SSGN | <b>8</b><br>8:30 Pre-School Starts<br>10:00 Naomi-Ruth Circle<br>6:00 PNC<br>6:00 Pack                     | <b>9</b><br>6:00 H & C<br>7:00 Choir   | <b>10</b>                   | <b>11</b><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i> | <b>12</b><br>8:00 Men's Breakfast  |
| <b>13</b><br>9:30 Rally Day<br>11:30<br>                                       | <b>14</b><br>5:00 SSGN<br>7:00 Officer Nominating Committee   | <b>15</b><br>6:00 PNC<br>6:00 Pack<br>7:00 Worship Committee   | <b>16</b><br>6:00 H & C<br>7:00 Choir  | <b>17</b>                   | <b>18</b><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i> | <b>19</b>  |
| <b>20</b><br><i>Regular Schedule</i><br>2:00 Session<br>6:00 GEL & PYC  | <b>21</b><br>5:00 SSGN<br>6:30 Me & Thee  | <b>22</b><br>6:00 PNC<br>6:00 Pack   | <b>23</b><br><br>6:00 H & C<br>7:00 Choir | <b>24</b>                   | <b>25</b><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i> | <b>26</b><br>9:00 Girl Scout Training<br> |
| <b>27</b><br><i>Regular Schedule</i>  | <b>28</b><br>5:00 SSGN  | <b>29</b><br>6:00 PNC<br>6:00 Pack   | <b>30</b><br>6:00 H & C<br>7:00 Choir  |                             |                                      |  |

## Our thanks to

- Larry Williams for cleaning the filters in the air conditioner unit.
- Chris Lewellen for mowing the "north 40" and mowing the back lawn.
- All the Vacation Church School workers and our Christian Education Committee for an amazing adventure this summer. For those of you who missed it, you really missed a great experience.
- Our wonderfully talented choir members who provided music for us during the summer.
- Those responsible for the new carpet in the nursery. It looks fantastic!

### Directory Update

Page 18—Gene Whitfill Please change Gene's address to 2503 West 13th, Apt 5, Plainview, TX. Employer: Wayland Baptist University.

## In need of our prayers

We offer **Prayers of Concern** for the following individuals and families as they deal with difficult times:

**Joel Steed family**—Joel's mother died in Columbia, SC on September 2. Services were Saturday, September 5. Also for Beverly Steed as she finishes her latest round of chemo and faces a new scan on September 8.

**Julia Payne family**—Julia died on August 18 and funeral services were held in Olton on August 21.

**Sue Kidwell**—is now at her daughter's home recovering from surgery but still having major health concerns.

We offer **Prayers of Thanksgiving** for those recovering from health issues: Doris Johnson, Minnie Ruth Rigler, Dale and Opal Zeleny, Gay and Gayle Thompson and Michael Graves.

## "Me and Thee" Group Organized

The evening circle is now organized, named, and has events planned. The newly formed group will be meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. They have selected the name **"Me and Thee"**. This is going to be a fun new activity for the women of our church! Plans are also being made to have some **"Chick Adventures"**, possibly even movies and road trips. Nurturing each other is one of the purposes of the Presbyterian Women organization and having fun together is all a part of that. Please join them for their next meeting on September 21 in the church parlor. Call Sharon Morgan if you would like a copy of the book study (it should be about \$12.00-\$14.00).



### On the Lookout!

Your help is needed to find one of our new white tables. It has gone missing! If you have borrowed it please return it to the fellowship court. We use it frequently and its matching mate is lonesome. Please return it as soon as possible. If you need help getting a table of that size back to the church, call the church office and a pickup will be arranged.

## Recent Visitors

- August 2—Carol Cork, Steve Hurt
- August 9—LaDeanna Hopson
- August 16—Worship at Ceta Canyon
- August 30—LaDeanna Hopson, Kaitlin Gaither, Michelle Sanders



HAPPY

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Shannon Allen    | September 2  |
| Domingo Silvas   | September 2  |
| Brent Silvas     | September 3  |
| Kayla Craig      | September 13 |
| Carlyn Crawford  | September 15 |
| Shelley Williams | September 15 |
| Mary Anna Self   | September 16 |
| Lil Nicholl      | September 18 |
| Gayle Thompson   | September 19 |
| Paul Raymond     | September 21 |
| Sally Simpson    | September 21 |
| Hailey Travis    | September 21 |
| Sandra Scholten  | September 26 |
| Shane Steen      | September 28 |
| Richard Morgan   | September 29 |

BIRTHDAY!

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**Be sure to note**  
**these important**  
**dates and jobs to**  
**be**  
**done during the**  
**month of**  
**September**

## September News to Know

### September Ushers

Dwain Dodson, Head Usher  
 Rob Kinkaid, Captain  
 Larry Williams, Co-Captain  
 Trent Kinkaid, Robert Rigler, Brian Thomas, Hayden Walter, Brendan Voss, Vaughnie Voss

### September Liturgist

Jill Craig

### September Greeters

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### September H & C

Chris Lewellen, Cook  
 Sue Lewellen, Kitchen

**AND WHAT DOES THE LORD**

**REQUIRE OF YOU**

**TO ACT**

**JUSTLY**

**AND TO LOVE**

**MERCY**

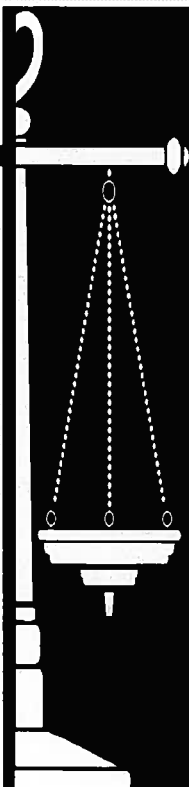
**AND TO WALK**

**HUMBLY**

**WITH YOUR**

**GOD.**

MICAH 6:8



### July Finances

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| July 5  | 3,392.00 |
| July 12 | 2,163.00 |
| July 19 | 4,236.00 |
| July 26 | 2,890.94 |

### July Totals

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Beginning Bal.          | 205.12    |
| Income                  | 12,681.94 |
| Expenses                | 12,508.87 |
| Ending Balance          | 378.19    |
| Needed to Date          | 94,376.33 |
| Received to Date        | 85,237.37 |
| Total needed to Balance | 9,138.96  |

### July Attendance

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| July 5  | 40 |
| July 12 | 54 |
| July 19 | 50 |
| July 26 | 58 |