



FPC Youth News!

First Presbyterian Church
Texarkana, Arkansas

July  2009

Rose Hill Cemetery Veterans Headstones Mission Project

On Friday, June 12, 2009, FPC youth, friends, and adults met at Rose Hill Cemetery for a mission project. The project was cleaning the 246 headstones on our veterans gravesites. Participants were: Alyssa Cool, Madeleine Pellegrin, Caitlyn Barber, John Arnold, Susan Arnold, Claire Howard, Kristina Ellis, Maggie Nichols, Ruth Arnold, Colten Wade, Sue Ellen Letterman, Fran Keasler, Anna Emerson, Laura Davis, Emily Andrews, Ashley Thomas, Cynthia Walker, Jane Portis, and Jake Boyles.

Rose Hill Cemetery has no water, so Miller Bowie Supply Company generously donated the use of a 400 gallon water tank (and filled it half-full with water twice). Don Keasler loaned us his pickup truck to carry the tank. FPC members donated various recycled plastic buckets and volunteer workers brought soft-bristle brushes and tooth brushes. We purchased a few brushes and some sodas for the project. Our total cost for this mission service project was \$28.03! Everyone brought their own sack lunch and the church provided ice water and sodas to drink.

The *Texarkana Gazette* published a story about our project, and the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* picked up the story and also ran an article. We received a thank-you letter and donation in honor of George McKinney from United States District Judge Bill Wilson of Little Rock, Arkansas. George McKinney sent a nice letter and donation towards our future Rose Hill Cemetery projects. Our youth group was further presented with an "Award of Excellence" by the Disabled American Veterans Department of Arkansas for showing appreciation to America's veterans.

We look forward to our Christmas Wreath Project in November and another cleaning project early next summer.



BEFORE



AFTER

VBS REC PLEX

FPC Youth are committed to serve during VBS! Our youth are in charge of Recreation & Games and will also assist in Art, Music, and with the little, little ones. We are excited to take the campers at Camp E.D.G.E. through: E.D.G.E. Bowl, Crazy Course Challenge, Volley Disc, Crew Competition, and Moving Target games on the playground. Big thanks to our recreation leaders: Madeleine Pellegrin and Emily Andrews.



Mountain Fork River Float Trip

On Tuesday, July 7, 2009, the church bus and 23 FPC youth and adults headed to Broken Bow, Oklahoma to WW Trading Post and Canoe to be outfitted for a ten-mile float on the Mountain Fork River. We put in just below the dam at Beaver's Bend and we were off. We navigated some fun and tricky rapids and went over (one way or the other) Presbyterian Falls, a four foot waterfall about two miles downstream. Some of us went over in our canoes, some of our canoes went over without us. The water was chilly and refreshing and it was a blast to float on lifejackets in the strong current (much better than ANY water park ride). We enjoyed seeing great herons, turtles, and fish. Everyone packed a picnic lunch and we pulled up to a gravel bar for a little fellowship and munching. After we navigated our ten miles and were returned to our bus, we headed back home. We stopped in DeQueen, Arkansas and enjoyed a fresh and fantastic Mexican dinner at Papa Poblanos.



*It's almost
time to go to a
Texas
Rangers
Game*

*Game date
coming soon!*

SECOND ANNUAL

We **LOVE** our Pets

PHOTO CONTEST

Deadline for entries:

August 2, 2009

email entries to:

youth1stpresby@cableone.net

Magic Springs Theme Park

&

Crystal Falls Water Park



Monday, July 20

9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

\$25 per person

**\$\$ needed for lunch
and supper**

**Drinks, sunscreen, &
inner tubes are FREE!**

**You MUST RSVP by
Wednesday, July 15**



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**MAKE SURE YOU STOP FOR A SEC, MOSES, AND
REALIZE JUST HOW WILDLY COOL THIS IS**

LIVE
LEARN
LOVE
LAUGH

Sunday School
Bible Drills
10 a.m.