



FPC Youth News!

First Presbyterian Church
Texarkana, Arkansas



March & April 2010

The Easter Bunny needs YOUR help!

On Saturday, April 3, please come help the Easter Bunny hide eggs for the little ones of our church. Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the home of Kay and Jimmy Murphy, 2801 Forrest, Texarkana, Arkansas. Please arrive at 10 a.m. to hide eggs! The hunt will be from 11 a.m. - Noon.



FPC YOUTH SHINE IN AREA SCHOOLS!

Emily Andrews will be dancing with the **REDLINE** this fall at Arkansas High School!



Kristina Ellis represented AHS by competing and securing a voice in **All-Region Choir** and **All-State Choir**.

Will Gloster was selected by his peers as **Best All-Around Boy for 7th Grade** at NHJHS.



Laura Davis and Claire Norton will be dancing with the **HIGHSTEPPERS** at Texas High School.



Emily



Kristina



Will



Laura



Claire

Don't know much about...

Λουκᾶς *Loukas*?



You asked for it, and you got it! A quick youth poll helped me realize that while we've all heard of Luke, we just don't know that much about him as an individual.

This Spring, join FPC Youth and me as we study about Luke the Evangelist (Λουκᾶς *Loukas*). I think you will find great comfort being reaffirmed in the fact that with God there are no outsiders. The stress and drama of Junior High and High School has a way of making us forget that!

Luke was a champion of the outsider. He was an outsider himself, as the only Gentile in a all-Jewish cast of writers of the New Testament. Luke was a doctor, well educated in Greek, yet he wrote in street Greek so he could communicate with everyone. He was a close friend of Paul. Luke shows us how Jesus included people who were commonly treated as outsiders by the religious establishment of the day. He tells the story of how we are welcomed by God in Jesus with doors wide open, no matter who we are.

Luke created two volumes of work; the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Luke calls upon Christian disciples to identify with Jesus who is caring and tender to the poor and lowly, the sinner, and the outcast.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS ROCK



TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!

Bible Study - Retreat - Lock-In - Activities

Meals - Hospitality - Mission - Road Trip

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Luke's story of Jesus and the church is dominated by historical perspective. Luke himself is not part of the first generation of Christian disciples. He is dependent upon traditions he received from those who were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word. The prominence given to the period of the church has important consequences for Luke's interpretation of the teachings of Jesus. By presenting the time of the church as a distinct phase in salvation history, Luke shifts the early Christian emphasis away from the expectation of the imminent second coming of Christ (parousia) to the daily concerns of the Christian community in the world. Luke emphasis the words "each day" in the sayings of Jesus. Luke is more concerned with sharing the words and deeds of Jesus Christ as a guide for the behavior of Christian disciples during the period between His ascension and the parousia. Luke presents Jesus himself as the model of Christian life and piety.

I look forward to learning about Luke with you!

Jane Portis



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