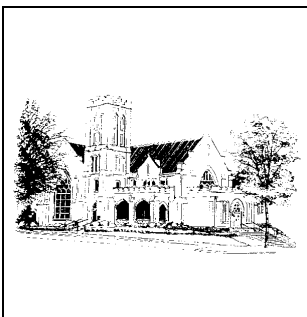


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SAVE THE DAYS, PLEASE

Angel Fund Foundation's annual ULTIMATE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE will be Friday, May 30th, and Saturday, May 31st. It promises to be a classy event due to your generous donations of quality merchandise. We expect this year's sale to be even more fun and exciting than last year.

We Need Your Help with setting up for the sale on Thursday, May 29th, and for a few hours to work the sale on either or both days. It promises to be fun! Your brawn and brain, and more importantly your caring, will help Texarkana area cancer patients with their treatment and hopefully on their road to recovery. Remember, ALL funds raised by this sale will go to their treatment.

If you can spare some time setting up and/or working the sale, please contact Fran Mitchell at (903) 792-8897 or (903) 826-4077 or Beth Morgan at (903) 244-7892.



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MAY 2014

Just a few fallible words about what I think from month to month...

Rev. Susan

*But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.*

ESV Psalm 131:2

Honor and cherish *all* the women in your life this month who have been a mother, or like a mother, to you. From those who do mothering well, we learn the part of God's nature that is *loving kindness*.

UPDATE ON THE SUMMER STUDY: CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

Several, if not all, Adult classes will combine in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 on Sunday mornings throughout the summer to study this important topic. Class teachers, along with Rev. Susan, will rotate facilitation of the Sunday morning discussions.

As well, we will continue to use this study for Brown Bag Bible on Thursdays & Sunday afternoons.

"This is a unique study for a unique time. Each session of this 13-week study covers a major area of the world's two largest religions, comparing and contrasting them in a way that brings greater understanding of each. Written for Christians that have little knowledge of Islam other than what they have seen in the news, it aims at providing a general understanding of the differences and similarities between these two great religions.

The study takes neither a "how-to-convert-Muslims" nor a "we're-all-the-same" approach. It provides students with a greater appreciation of both Jesus and Muhammad, both the New Testament and the Quran, and both Christianity and Islam and it faces, frankly, both our similarities and our differences."

This popular study is divided into the following thirteen weekly sessions:

June 05 & 08	The World's Two Largest Religions	July 24 & 27	Pillars of Faith
June 12 & 15	Jesus & Muhammad, Early Years	Jul 31/Aug 3	Religious Leadership and Worship
June 19 & 22	Jesus & Muhammad, Ministry Yrs.	Aug. 7 & 10	Primary Theological Beliefs
June 26 & 29	Jesus & Muhammad, Conflicts	Aug. 14 & 17	Culture and the Role of Women
July 03 & 06	Apostles & Caliphs	Aug. 21 & 24	Violence and Warfare
July 10 & 13	Schisms & Denominations	Aug. 28 & 31	The Future of Christianity and Islam
July 17 & 20	The Bible & the Quran		



REACHING THE INVISIBLE MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP FIELD — COME JOIN THE FUN! BY REV. JOHN ARNOLD

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20

We live in a time like no other. We can literally make disciples of all nations from the comfort of our living rooms or a coffee shop with Wi-fi. It’s crazy, but true.

For example, Erin Gloster and I have presented two online prayer workshops. We used free technology to broadcast live worldwide while simultaneously recording. We could even interact with participants and answer questions live.

People from other countries attended both workshops. Specifically, we know for certain we had someone from Fiji and India. Those two workshops have had 184 views so far! That’s with little to no promotion AND they will continue to be viewed by more and more people AND did I mention – It was free.

We can reach people both locally and abroad. The possibilities are endless.

Just imagine:

- An online class for our college students who have moved away, and their friends.
- Watching Family Night Supper online if you couldn’t come.
- Participating in a Sunday School class while out of town, or watching it later to catch up.
- Reviewing a study you did in Brown Bag Bible study.
- Praying with and for a missionary in another country, live.
- Making what we do on a weekly basis available to military members who are deployed in another state or overseas.
- Having an online children’s channel of Bible stories and fun songs.
- New faces in worship because they found our church online and liked it.

If you think it would be awesome to see some of these visions become realities, (even if you don’t know diddly about technology, but are willing to learn) please let me know. I would love to see us eventually have a fun, creative team of folks working toward that end.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!

Josh and Shannon Davitt have joined the Church.
Please help us welcome them into our church family.

RANDY SAMS’ MISSION

The volunteers for Sunday, May 4, are:
*Dean & Bob Ransdell (Group Coordinator)
Novella Hunter
Sheila & Marshall Moore
Margie Rhoads
Cynthia & John Wesley

 **May 11, 2014**

SYMPATHY

**Harold A. Terry passed away on
April 8, 2014.**
**Paul Madden, Jr.,
son of Nina Madden, passed away on
April 10, 2014.**



MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please continue to pray for the Music Search Committee as we struggle to choose the best fit for our choir and congregation.

Linda Cogbill, Moderator

**Congratulations to the
McDaniel and Brown Families on
the birth Brooklyn Elise
McDaniel who was born
on March 7, 2014, to
Jane and Jody
McDaniel.**



FAMILY CAMP

It’s that time of year again! Family Camp will be held June 20-22 at Jan-Kay Ranch in Detroit, Texas. The sign-up sheet is located outside the Fellowship Hall. Deadline for sign-up is June 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship! Please contact Erin McCasland for more information. The fees are as follows:



Ages 13-up — \$115.00
Ages 9-12 — \$86.25
Ages 3-8 — \$57.50
2 & Under — \$0.



Please remit your payment for Family Camp to the Church Office by Sunday, June 15, 2014.
Thank you!

ONGOING FINANCIAL STATUS

	MARCH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$40,297.01	\$30,568.33	\$117,324.41	\$ 91,704.99
Expenses	<u>29,989.84</u>	<u>38,467.25</u>	<u>100,621.77</u>	<u>115,401.75</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$10,307.17</u>	<u>(\$7,898.92)</u>	<u>\$ 16,702.64</u>	<u>(\$23,696.76)</u>

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars for:
Six Flags
July 1, 2014
Rangers Game
August 12

TEXAS PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

	MARCH
Principal Amount Invested	\$114,828.23
Income Earned Since Inception	<u>11,006.92</u>
Subtotal	\$125,835.15
Unrealized Gains Since Inception	<u>26,307.23</u>
Total Value of TPF Funds	<u>\$152,142.38</u>

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THANKS!

Special thanks to the Congregation! \$469.06 was donated for the “Souper” Bowl of Caring Offering!



HELP NEEDED WITH ROOF REPAIRS

As many of you are aware, we are in the process of repairing the canopy over the rear entrance to the church. Initially the cost estimate was just over \$18,000.00. However, when we removed the outer membrane we discovered deeper structural issues which have elevated the cost of this project to just under \$27,000.00.

We would appreciate any and all gifts that can be made to help offset this cost. This is an unbudgeted expense that far exceeds what we anticipated as property expenditures for the year. We need your help. Please prayerfully consider making a gift toward the repair of the roof. Bring your gift to the Church Office, or if you write a check please note in the memo portion, "Roof Repair."

Thank you so much for your generous support.

On behalf of the Property Committee,

Ronnie Walraven, Moderator

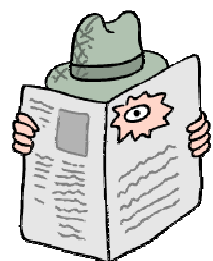
May Worship / Study Schedule

<i>SUNDAY</i> Worship Services	<i>WEDNESDAY</i> Family Night Supper	<i>THURSDAY</i> Brown Bag Bible Study
		Noon - <i>Matthew</i> 1
11:00 a.m.: <i>Being a Power Full Witness</i> – Lk. 24:13-35 4 5:00 p.m.: <i>Brown Bag Replay</i> – Matthew	PW Birthday Dinner 7	Noon - <i>Matthew</i> 8
11:00 a.m.: <i>I Just Wanna Be A Sheep</i> – Jn. 10:1-10 11 Mother's Day 5:00 p.m.: <i>Brown Bag Replay</i> – Matthew	FNS Study – <i>Reformation History</i> 14	Noon - <i>Matthew</i> 15
11:00 a.m.: Senior Sunday & Youth Sunday 18 5:00 p.m.: <i>Brown Bag Replay</i> – Matthew	FNS Study – <i>Reformation History</i> 21	Noon - <i>Matthew</i> 22
11:00 a.m.: <i>Go Viral With It!</i> – Psalm 66:8-20 25 5:00 p.m.: <i>Brown Bag Replay</i> – Matthew	FNS Study – <i>Reformation History</i> 28	Noon - <i>Matthew</i> 29

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please join us in celebrating our four graduating High School Seniors during Youth Sunday on May 18th, 2014. We will host a Senior Recognition Breakfast honoring Laura Davis (Texas High Class of 2014); Emily Andrews and John Veon (Arkansas High Class of 2014); and Anna Emerson (State of Arkansas High School) at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship led by the youth at 11:00.

We are also in need of volunteers for Wednesday night children's program and alternates for Godly Play. If you feel led to serve, please see Jessica Sharp, Martha Nell Richards, or Beth McHenry.



SAVE THE DATE: July 28th – August 1st
Vacation Bible School . . .
Stay tuned for more details

Presbyterian Women Updates — May 2014



Happy Birthday, PW!

In 1922, the Women's Auxiliary of the PCUS celebrated its 10th anniversary by collecting an offering for the Kochi, Japan, School of Girls. Since that time, the women of Presbyterian Churches throughout the US have invited the members of their churches to join them in a birthday offering for a worthy cause not included in General Assembly ongoing mission support. This year's Birthday Offering will support the Blue Corn Mothers Alliance.

The Blue Corn Mothers Alliance, operated by volunteers in facilities provided by La Mesa Presbyterian Church, is the only program in Albuquerque providing domestic violence counseling focused on the needs of Native American women. The goal of the Birthday Offering is to enable the program to expand services from one day per week to five days per week and to combine these funds with funds from other sources to open a shelter for Native American victims of domestic violence.

This year's Birthday Offering Dinner will occur on Wednesday, May 7, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join in this catered meal where an opportunity to participate in the Birthday Offering will be available. The program that follows the dinner will continue the church's Wednesday night Family Night study of the Reformation, as John Arnold and Jim Works highlight the effect of the Reformation on music and the visual arts.

Come join us as we celebrate the Birthday of PW on Wednesday, May 7, at 6:00 PM!

A Lasting Legacy

The family of Cornelia DeWoody has given a generous gift to the PW of First Presbyterian. As the Planning Council considers how best to use this gift, suggestions by circle members are welcomed. Please consider how we can honor Cornelia's memory and pass your suggestions along to one of the Council members.

The 2013-2014 PW Year Closes

The May Circle meetings will bring the current PW year to an end. Please make time in your schedule for this last opportunity to participate in your PW circle this year and to contribute to the missions that PW supports in Texarkana and throughout the world.

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS!

PW Council—May 5, 11:00 AM

Birthday Offering Dinner—May 7, 6:00 PM

Josephine Beck Circle—May 13, 10:00 AM

Zelle Moore Circle—May 15, 6:30 PM

Elizabeth Ann Greisser Circle—May 20, 10:00 AM

+++REMEMBER TO SAVE CAMPBELL'S SOUP CAN LABELS FOR GOODLAND ACADEMY+++

MAY Youth MINISTRY MAY

Serving God By Serving Others

SUNDAYS

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Youth Group – DINNER/STUDY/PLAY/PRAYER
(BIBLE STUDY FOR THE SPRING: GOSPEL OF MATTHEW)



YOUTH COUNCIL

- May 4 5:00 p.m. Youth Council
- 6:00 p.m. Youth – Study & Game Night (outside if nice)
- May 11 NO YOUTH (Mother's Day-spend time with your mom!!!)
- May 18 Bowling (meet @ Holiday Bowl @ 6:00)
- May 25 Service Project – Downtown Community Garden

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Family Night Supper
6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Prep for Youth Sunday & Super Secret Service Project

Sunday, May 18 3:00 p.m. AHS Baccalaureate @ Beech Street Baptist Church



- RETREAT ~ June 6-7 (ECO Center @ Ferncliff)
- FLOAT TRIP ~ June 23-24 (Camp @ Murphys' in Oden / Ouachita River Float)
- SIX FLAGS ~ July 1
- PAINTBALL ~ TBA
- VBS ~ July 28-Aug. 1
- RANGERS GAME ~ August 12



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May Calendar

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Brown Bag Bible Study Replay
- 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Groups

WEDNESDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Card Ministry Team
- 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Godly Play
- 6:30 p.m. Godly Play—Evergreen Residents
- 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth Groups
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Angel Quilts
- 10:00 a.m. The Sharing Place
- 12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Bible Study

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- 5:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 4

- 5:00 p.m. Youth Council
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Randy Sams' Shelter

MONDAY, MAY 5

- 11:00 a.m. PW Coordinating Team Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

- 5:00 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting
- 5:15 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. PW Birthday Offering Dinner

MONDAY, MAY 12

- 2:00 p.m. Federal Retirees Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 13

- 10:00 a.m. Josephine Beck Circle — Annex

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- 5:00 p.m. Diaconate

THURSDAY, MAY 15

- 6:30 p.m. Zelle Moore Circle — Annex

SATURDAY, MAY 17

- 9:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting - Good Hope Presbyterian Church - Frierson, LA

SUNDAY, MAY 18

- 9:00 a.m. Senior Recognition Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Godly Play - Opportunities, Inc.
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday
- 3:00 p.m. Arkansas High School Baccalaureate Service - Beech Street Baptist Church

TUESDAY, MAY 20

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Greisser Circle — Library

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 22

- 5:00 p.m. Session Meeting

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, MAY 30 - 31

- 8:00 a.m. Angel Fund Foundation Garage Sale

May Birthdays

- 1 - Alivia Flowers
- 2 - Brian Flowers
- 3 - Gene Cogbill
- 4 - Ryan Boyles
- 6 - Ethan Jackson
- 6 - Mary Helen Solomon
- 7 - Josh Johnson
- 9 - Zander Jackson
- 9 - Zane Jackson
- 11 - William Boyles
- 11 - Sarah Emerson
- 13 - Lonnie Siebel
- 15 - Connor Humphrey
- 16 - Cynthia Wesley
- 17 - Lena Post
- 18 - Carol Letterman
- 20 - Kristen Gibson
- 20 - Lilly Teague
- 22 - Anthony Emerson
- 24 - Imogene Scott
- 25 - Bob Letterman
- 27 - Vickie Nash
- 28 - Courtland Olivet-Smith
- 29 - Dian Acuman



- 7 - Kathi & Tim Hickerson
- 15 - Linda & James Murphy
- 15 - Andee & John Tice Parks
- 20 - Teresa & Chad Jordan
- 23 - Mona & Mark Fomby
- 24 - Carey & Jason Morgan
- 29 - Molly & Doug Teague

May

Anniversaries