

Newsletter First Presbyterian Church Terrell, Texas March 2015

Thoughts from Angus

We are already well into lent as we enter the month of March. Though there has been ice and snow on the ground, the sunshine, the smell of the air and the upcoming time change all point towards the end of winter and the onset of spring. Even though we are still surrounded by the presence of winter many of us can find joy in the promise of spring.



Spring is my mother's favorite season of the year, as it is for many simply because of the wonderful spring flowers that bring so much color and joy. I'm not going to get into the trees and the fog of pollen that brings misery for many of us with seasonal allergies because, quite simply, I'm trying to be one who does not dwell on the misery that surrounds us on a daily basis. I know it's out there and I'm not ignoring it or pretending it doesn't exist, I'm just choosing not to make it the focus of my life and here is the reason why...

There are plenty of things out in the world that if we pay attention only to them, they will cause us to lose confidence and hope and then begin to tempt us to believe there is little that is good and beautiful in the world. You just have to watch the weekly news cycle on a regular basis to understand this principle. In fact, the whole arena of news media seems to be built around an evolutionary trait that is deeply entrenched in our subconscious. This trait causes us to be on the lookout for all that is dangerous and potentially life threatening so that we can avoid it at all costs; we humans have a predisposition to see the bad in everything so we can avoid it – we live in fear of what might be.

Some of us have more of a tendency to see the bad in everything first – which means that we actually have to make a conscious effort to pay attention to the things in this world that bring joy and peace. When we notice some of the amazing things all around us in the ordinary, everyday aspects of life, such as the laugh of a friend, a shared moment of beauty, a caring touch or word of another just when you need it, the delight of watching young children at play, or the warmth of the sun after a week of ice, rain, and snow – when we notice these things we are re-

oriented from fear and despair in a threatening world to the possibility of grace and joy and the abundance of life.

There are those who suggest that every single one of us can lead richer, more abundant lives by looking for the amazing grace that surround us. But we need to pay attention. We need to be aware of the wonders of this life and to look for them, to lift them up, and to give thanks for them when we notice. By simply paying attention to the world around us with eyes open to the witness of grace we can experience more meaningful lives as individuals and certainly as a community.

Lent is a time to see more fully the wondrous grace, which surrounds us in every moment.

Angus

A thank you from Evelyn and Jerry Matthews

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the prayers, cards, thoughts, and love we received from our wonderful church family concerning the death of my sister, Oleta Gibbons. We felt the love and prayers during those difficult days.

Love in Christ

Jerry and Evelyn

And from Bettie Ottman

Bettie Ottman wishes to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and visits during her recent hospitalization. She says it was a great comfort knowing we were all praying for her.

Lay Leaders for March

March 1	Linda Austin
March 8	Adrienne Wynn
March 15	Terry Turner
March 22	Bettie Ottman
March 29	Jason Jones



Please remember your Box Tops for Education. A list of these products is on the office door.

We are still collecting items for the Texas State Hospital residents. They need socks, gloves, sweatshirts and sweatpants, brushes, combs and most any personal item. **There is also a need for small suitcases.**

Pastor's Prayer Corner:

"Almighty God, creator of all that is, seen and unseen, and all that is good in me, grant me clarity of my senses and the wisdom to respond when you call upon me to reach out to your people. Reveal a person to me with whom I might share the good news of your love present among us. Empower me to ask "come and see." Help me be their guide to life at FPC Terrell if that be your divine desire. Each and every moment of every day allow me to give you thanks and praise in Jesus' name."



Don't forget your food donations for the Terrell Share Center. We collect non-perishables on the first Sunday of each month. These are delivered on the following Thursday to the Share Center



Keep in your Prayers

Martha and Ron Wilkins, Bettye Borchardt, Norma and Charles Jandrew, Vi Howrie, Bob and Patty Madison, Joel Roberson,

First Presbyterian Church Terrell



March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
Communion		Office hours 10 a.m. to 4 pm		Office hours 10 a.m. to 4 pm		
Bring Share Center Food						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Savings		Office hours 10 a.m. to 4 pm		Office hours 10 a.m. to 4 pm		Church Cleaning
After Worship Luncheon		Session meeting 4 p.m.				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Office hours 10 a.m. to 4 pm		Office hours 10 a.m. to 4 pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Office hours 10 a.m. to 4 pm		Newsletter Submission Deadline	Office hours 10 a.m. to 4 pm	Church Cleaning
29	30	31				
Palm Sunday		Office hours 10 a.m. to 4 pm			APRIL 11 FPK GARAGE SALE	

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Garage Sale

April 11, 2015

First Presbyterian Kindergarten

Spring Fund Raising Project

If you have any garage sale items you would like to donate to the fundraiser, please bring them to the fellowship on Sundays or any morning during the week.

We are particularly looking for children's clothes, inside and outside toys, games, books or any item you may wish to donate. PLEASE NO ADULT CLOTHES. To donate large items (furniture, appliances, etc.) please call Christina Eudy at the school to co-ordinate delivery

A bake sale of Home Made Goodies is also planned for the sale. Those items should be delivered on Friday April 10.

The garage sale will begin around 8 am on Saturday April 11 in the parking. Rain date April 18th.

March Birthdays

<i>Alyssa Poteet</i>	<i>March 8</i>
<i>Lucie Armstrong</i>	<i>March 9</i>
<i>Carolyn Creed</i>	<i>March 10</i>
<i>Linda Austin</i>	<i>March 11</i>
<i>Bettye Randall</i>	<i>March 16</i>
<i>Matt Smith</i>	<i>March 23</i>
<i>Alice Harris</i>	<i>March 27</i>
<i>Stephen Austin</i>	<i>March 27</i>
<i>Bob Creed</i>	<i>March 28</i>

March Anniversaries

<i>Stephen and Linda Austin</i>	<i>March 11</i>
<i>Horace and Jean Ann Flatt</i>	<i>March 21</i>

Thought for the day

The Will of God never takes you
to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

March Recipe

Corned Beef and Noodles with Cabbage

Ingredients

1 Lb Corned Beef

1 Yellow Onion (chopped)

1/2 Head Green Cabbage (sliced)

2 tablespoons Grainy Mustard

1 Lb Egg Noodles

3 tablespoons Parsley

2 tablespoons Olive Oil

Salt and Pepper

2 tablespoons Butter

Directions

Cook egg noodles to package directions.

In a Dutch oven over medium high heat add 1 tablespoon butter and olive oil.

Once butter has melted add onion and pinch of salt.

Sweat onions for about 2 minutes.

Add sliced cabbage to pot and add another pinch of salt.

Cover and cook until cabbage is wilted.

Remove lid and add the beef with pepper, to taste.

Add parsley, remaining tablespoon of butter, noodles, and grain mustard and toss everything together, adding a little of the pasta water if needed. Serve immediately.