



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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November 2010**

Nov. 7	<b>Sandi Hall Scott Hall Clancy Henley Nancy Tanner</b>
Nov. 14	<b>Paul Jones Katelyn McChesney Lee McChesney Patty Waline</b>
Nov. 21	<b>Benny Daigle Ron Kurth Jean Kurth Richard Merriman</b>
Nov. 28	<b>April Bentley Matt Bentley Jim Holder Mandy Holder</b>

**Sunday**

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School  
10:45 a.m.—Morning Worship  
5:00pm-7:00pm.—Combined  
Middle School and High School  
Aftershock Youth Meetings

**Wednesday**

5:30 p.m.—Children’s Choir  
6:00 p.m.—Church Supper  
6:30 p.m.—Bible Buddies  
7:30 p.m.—Choir Practice

**Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Dates to Remember**

- **Sun.-Nov. 7**—Stewardship and Commitment Sunday
- **Tues.-Nov. 9**—Evening Circle at 6:30 PM
- **Thurs.-Nov.11**—Morning Circle at Church at 10:30 AM
- **Sun.-Nov. 14th**—Youth Campfire @ Northside Presbyterian 6:30pm-9:00pm
- **Mon.-Nov.15**—Session Mtg. at 6:30 PM
- **Wed.-Nov. 17**—World Trade Show at First Presbyterian at 6:00 PM
- **Sun. Nov.-21**—Congregations Mtg. after worship
- **Sun. Nov.-21**—Thanksgiving Breakfast at 9:00 AM
- **Wed.-Nov. 24**—No Church Supper
- **Thurs.-Fri.-Nov. 25-26**—Thanksgiving Holidays
- **Sun.-Nov. 28**—1st Sunday of Advent
- **Sun. Nov. 28th**—No Youth Group Meetings

**MISSION:**  
“To know Christ,  
and to make Him known.”

# First Presbyterian Church



## Weekly Children's Ministries!

### Kindergarten- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School

Taught by Rhonda Merriman on Sunday mornings @ 9:30am

Their new Bible Study is all about learning the 23rd Psalm



### Nursery

Taught by: Sarah Cross, and Rebecca McGrath

Available every Sunday Morning and Wednesday evening and upon request.

Our Nursery is a safe and loving Christian environment for your children.

Also we believe you are never to young to start learning about God's word so there is a Sunday School for our nursery age children as well!

### Bible Buddies

Wednesday Night 6:30pm-7:00pm

This Children's ministry is designed for smaller churches and combined ages learning! Bible Buddies invites children ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade for a fun time of fellowship surrounded by the teaching of God's word. Activities include crafts, games, and movie time. This ministry is located in the upstairs Education Building and taught by life long member Beverly Mazza! :-)

## Weekly Youth Ministries

### Aftershock Youth Group

"If God is the earthquake our lives are to be the

**AFTERSHOCKS!"**

Taught by Leah Grundy and other church member volunteers

### New Time

**Both** Middle and High School Aftershocks will meet every Sunday @ **5:00pm-7:00pm** in the youth room.

They also participate in many extracurricular events such as rafting, lock-ins, Presbytery Retreats and events, Christian concerts, mission projects, discipleship programs, and group building activities, just to name a few!

**Sunday School**-Taught by: Robin McChesney and David and Christina Melton on Sunday Mornings @

9:30am located in the youth room.

### New Video Study: "Gospel Journey"

- Challenge teens to understand their own beliefs
- Motivate and train teens for outreach
- Equip your teens to engage their friends in intentional spiritual conversations and be prepared to answer hard questions

## Become Part Of Our Team!

The Christian Education Committee is responsible for many functions of the church from Sunday School, Wednesday Night Programs, Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries, Family Ministries, and Nursery. If you would like to have vital impute into any or all of these ministries please join us at the Committee Luncheon on November 7th following church services!

or

contact the Christian Education Director, Leah Grundy @ 715-8135.

## Youth Bonfire Event!

### Who:

Youth Families

### What:

Bonfire with roasting of hotdogs and making of Smores:)

### When:

**November 14th**, starting at 6:30pm

### Where:

Northside Presbyterian Church

### Why:

Because it sounds fun!!!!



## November Celebrations

### Birthdays



Ron Kurth	Nov. 2
Laurie Mazza	Nov. 3
Mary Gallagher	Nov. 4
Scott Sellers	Nov. 4
Danielle Bentley	Nov. 5
Julie Melton	Nov. 5
Beverly Mazza	Nov. 7
Elsie Lawman	Nov. 7
Martha Griffith	Nov. 8
Tom Whitsitt	Nov. 9
Nancy Sellers	Nov. 11
Jami Smith	Nov. 11
Mitchell Crow	Nov. 15
Rebecca McGrath	Nov. 17
Sandi Hall	Nov. 17
Josey Carroll	Nov. 21
Blake Spencer	Nov. 22
John Spencer	Nov. 24
April Bentley	Nov. 25
Jean Bowdle	Nov. 25

### Anniversaries



Tom and Jane Strange	Nov. 1
Jim and Loree Dudding	Nov. 10
Jonathan and Rhonda Merriman	Nov. 22
Norm and Sue Partain	Nov. 26

### Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Kandace Young  
Roma & Clancy Henley  
Tommy Hendrix  
Edna Gibson  
Paul Cate  
Jane Strange  
Ed and Tab Lawman  
Harry & Ruth Reisch  
Peace in Middle East  
Homeless  
Unemployed  
Military  
Lucy Grace Tanner  
Kenneth Griffin



## Lectionary Readings

Lectionary Reading for  
Nov. 7, 2010  
**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Hag. 1:15b-2:9;  
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98;  
2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 10:27-38

Lectionary Reading for  
Nov. 14, 2010  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Isa. 65:17-25, Isa. 12;  
2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Lectionary Reading for  
Nov. 21, 2010  
**Christ the King/Reign of Christ**  
Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;  
Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Lectionary Reading for  
Nov. 28, 2010  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
Isa. 2:1-5; Psalm 122;  
Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44

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## FROM THE PASTOR

This time of year, the Nominating Committee meets to prepare a slate for the election of elders. Four will be elected, and you may make nominations from the floor in the congregational meeting. These nominations must have prior approval of the person you wish to nominate, and they must be a member in good standing in the Church.

It would be wise to review from the Presbyterian Book of Order the duties of an elder. Why? Because the church wants to elect responsible, dedicated Christian men and women. Here is what the Book of Order states:

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament Church provided persons with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry!

Elders are chosen by the people. Together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large, including ecumenical relationships. They shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected commissioners to higher governing bodies, elders participate and vote with the same authority as ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and they are eligible for any office.

Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely, and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and session of those persons and structures which may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places which without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. In specific circumstances and with proper instruction, specific elders may be authorized by the presbytery to administer the Lord's Supper. Those duties which all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities.

Pray about his election and elect elders that will take their ministry seriously with love, wisdom and faith.

Joe

### Choir Rehearsal Schedule Wednesday Nights

**Oct. 27 No Rehearsal**

**Nov. 3**

**Nov. 10**

**Nov. 17**

**Nov. 24 No Rehearsal**

**Dec. 1**

**Dec. 8**

**Dec. 11 Possible Saturday Rehearsal  
(if needed)**

**Dec. 12 Christmas Program**

### Bell choir Rehearsal Schedule Sundays after worship

**Oct. 31**

**Nov. 7**

**Nov. 14**

**Nov. 21**

**Nov. 28 No Rehearsal**

**Dec. 5**

**Dec. 11 Possible Saturday Rehearsal  
(if needed)**

**Dec. 12 Bells will play during Love Feast  
6:00 p.m.**

Nov. 1, 2010

### SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Most of you know about Lucy, born prematurely, and weighing one pound, nine ounces! She is now eight pounds, nine ounces. She has had wonderful care, surgery, loving parents and excellent care by the hospital staff. It is obvious that her growth has taken work, perseverance and faith. So it is in the Christian life, we are not supposed to stay infants, God expects us to grow in our faith and maturity as Christians. Unfortunately, many Christians are still in the infant or adolescent stage of faith and maturity. Some, think they have done all they can do and have literally stopped trying. So, how do we grow as Christians? The answer is simple and challenging at the same time and is based on the acrostic GROWTH!

- G.....Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7).
- R.....Read God's Word daily (Acts 17:11), begin with the Gospel of John is a good place to start.
- O.....Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21).
- W.....Witness for Christ by your wife and words (Matthew 4:19 and John 15:8).
- T.....Trust God for every detail of your life (I Peter 5:7).
- H.....Holy Spirit, allow the Spirit to control and empower your daily life and witness (Galatians 5:16-17 and Acts 1:8).

Fellowship in church is also important. God's Word admonishes us not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). Several logs burn brightly together, but put one aside on the cold hearth and the fire goes out. So it is with your relationship with other Christians, if you do not attend church and involve yourself in the service and fellowship of a church the fire will go out. Take the initiative, make plans to attend regularly. This will facilitate spiritual growth and is one of the indications that you possess faith in Jesus Christ who "loved the church and gave his life for it." (Ephesians 5:25) May God help all of us to continue to grow and mature in Jesus Christ.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you to those who have served on this committee! The slate they present to the congregation and Session, for Elder is as follows: Henry Smith Jr., Buster Stuart, Paul Jones, and Christina Melton. The election will be held after worship on November 21, 2010. You may make nominations from the floor under the following conditions: (1) to nominate a member you must be a member of the church; (2) you must secure the approval of the person you nominate before you nominate them; and (3) they must be a member in good standing in the church. (This simply means they attend, participate, and give etc. to the ministry of the church.) The newly elected elders will have a class with the pastor and will be ordained and installed in the New Year. To vote you must be present at the congregational meeting. Thank you to those who are willing to be on the slate. Joe



**Moravian Candle-Wrapping Tea**

All ladies are invited to a Christmas Tea.  
Tea time is 2pm on Sunday, December 5,  
with candle-wrapping to follow.  
Fellowship Hall

If you have questions, please call  
Meg Buchanan at 475-5649.

### Start Crossing Off Santa's List

Did you say Santa?  
That time is soon approaching!  
"Shop the World Gifts" will be coming to First Presbyterian on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 6-8:00 PM to offer new and different gifts, some like last year, and some brand new. Silk scarves are wonderful as table runners, as are the hand-carved wooden and stone animals. The variety of nativity scenes will impress you. Bob will be there to share his big smile and assist with your purchases. Look for his wife's handmade stone bracelets too!!!

Come join the fun.

Sherry Torpe