

There will be no evening service on December 28. Pastor Simmons will be out of town that week and Rev. Tom Duke will be filling the pulpit for us for the morning service.

Session is pleased to announce that the Lord has added to our church the following:



**Cody Edwards** is an instructor and head of the department of Welding Technology at Kilgore College. He comes from a family of welders including his brother, father, and grandfather. As you might expect, he loves welding and loves working with young adults who are interested in a career in welding.

We thank God for the work He is doing in Cody's life. And, we invite and encourage you to get to

know him, find ways to be an encouragement to him, and pray for him.

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**Katalin Kovago** comes to us by transfer from a church here in Tyler. She was born in Budapest, Hungary where her father was the Mayor before communism overran the city, at which time she along with her parents escaped and arrived in the U.S. She was 9 years old when she came to this country. Katalin graduated from Harvard with a BA in government and then proceeded to UCLA

where she received a MBA in Marketing which was followed by a 25 year career in advertising. Katalin came to faith in Christ in 2006 and has over the last year become more and more involved in the life of our church. Please welcome her to our church and pray for her that she may grow in grace and serve our Lord faithfully here at Fifth Street Presbyterian Church.

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## Welcome to Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

*If you are visiting with us today we want you to know that we are delighted to have you with us as we gather for corporate worship. We believe that there is nothing closer to heaven than God's people gathered to worship. We are glad you can be here today with us as we approach our Lord through the ordinary means of grace. We hope to see you again and ask that you provide us a record of your visit by filling out a visitor's card.*

### This week at a glance:

Today	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.	Sunday School Morning Worship Evening Service
Wednesday	6:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Service
Thursday ó Friday		Church Office Closed

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined....For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

—Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

## Announcements:

Evening Service: We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. this evening. We sing, pray, hear God's Word, and enjoy fellowship together. We invite you to join us. What a wonderful way to end the Lord's Day! (No meal tonight - meals on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

**The Christmas Eve Service:** We invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve service of carols, Scripture lessons, and a message from God's Word. The service begins at 6:00 p.m.

Concerning our pulpit ministry here, we will return to our study of the Psalms in the morning services the first of the year. Our next text will be Psalm 14. Your ongoing prayer for the usefulness of the preaching of God's Word is much appreciated.

### As you pray, please remember to pray for:

Hazel Hebert - recovering from surgery  
Caitlin Covey - due January 7  
Casey Stout - recovering from surgery  
Glen and Jamie Milham & Ben and Hope Ferrell  
Chris Wiesinger and the Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School  
Christianity Explored for 2015  
Dan Smith - RUF, Tyler  
Nathanial Adawonu and New Harvest Missions of Togo  
Bethel PCA, Dallas  
Powledge Unit Bible Study - *Pastor Simmons begins Hebrews*

Clarice Smith, a former member here who moved to Ohio four years ago after her husband's death, will be buried here in Tyler this coming Monday. Your prayers for the family are appreciated.

*We would like to thank Pam Eikner and the choir for the beautiful Christmas Cantata last Lord's Day. We also would like to thank all who provided the poinsettias for our sanctuary this Christmas Season. You can take your plant home today. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.*

## Session in Review

**Shepherding** needs were discussed and the Session spent time in prayer for our congregation and the ministry of Fifth Street PCA.

**The Deacons budget report** was received with thanksgiving. So far the second half of the year has been good, our giving is about \$7,000 over what was budgeted for that same period and we are, by God's good grace, seeing our reserve monies once again increasing. We rejoice in God's mercy and thank you for your faithful giving. As you know, we are committed to not holding large amounts of money in our accounts, we do not believe that is a right use of the tithes and offerings of God's people - so, as you give you can be assured that when our accounts have once again reached a modest reserve amount we will again begin looking for ways to invest God's money in His Kingdom. Thank you for your faithfulness and your prayers. Also, Copies of the 2015 budget are available from our church office.

**Christianity Explored** will begin in January! A series of seven classes designed to give the individual space and time to consider the big questions of life and explore the life of the person at the heart of Christianity: Jesus Christ. Please pray with us about this class and be prayerfully considering who you can invite to attend this introduction to Christianity. For more information go to <http://www.christianityexplored.org/course>.

**A men's cookout** is scheduled for Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> it will be a bring your own steak event.

**A benevolence fund** account was created with the hopes of complementing our Robert Hill Fund which is designed to only assist members of Fifth Street Presbyterian. The benevolence fund account will provide the deacons with a means of ministering to those who are not members here but perhaps have some connection to our church body. Monies given to this new fund will be used under the direction of the Deacons and for the purpose of showing mercy to widows, orphans, the helpless, and needy that the Lord brings into the life of our church.