

First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

January 2015

*The mission of our church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ
Our vision is to be an oasis of God's love.*

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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Everybody,

Happy New Year! As this New Year dawns upon First Presbyterian Church and the lives of the faithful within, I hope we can be like Simeon of old, and look with expectant eyes.

Simeon had been waiting and longing for God's promise of salvation for Israel and for the Gentile nations (Luke 2:25 f). When Jesus' parents brought him to the Temple at eight days old, Simeon sees in this baby the Savior for the world. He had eyes to see.

As we embark upon 2015, I would like to challenge you to be charged with the recognition of God's promise for your life and for our broken world. Are your hopes high enough? Are they high enough to expect the purpose of God to be worked out in your daily life, in the life of this church, and in the life of our world?

Gracious God, give each of us expectant eyes to see Your salvation being accomplished in our lives, in the life of our church and in our world. Help us to live as an expectant, hopeful people. In Jesus' name, our Savior, our blessed hope. Amen.

Blessings to each of you,

Kary

Dates to Remember

1 New Year's Holiday~ Office Closed

4 Hoyt Place Worship ~ 9:00am-9:30am

Sunday School ~ 9:30am

Worship ~ 10:45am ~ Reverse Offering

Communion Class of 2015

**All are invited to stay after worship
to take down Christmas Decorations.**

Sticky Faith Bible Study~6:00pm Mike & Kary's
High School and College Students.
Dinner and Study

7 Plarning~ 1:00pm

Presbyterian Women~5:00pm Business Meeting
5:30pm Bible Study

8 Kary Ann's Clan~11:30am~TA Truck Stop
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm

11 Sunday School ~ 9:30am

Worship~ 10:45am

Ordination and Installation of New Elders

All Youth~ 5:00pm Making It Spiritual with
Snowflakes

14 Plarning~ 1:00pm

Committee Meetings~5:30pm

15 Kary Ann's Clan ~ 11:30am~Neal's
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm

18 Sunday School~9:30am

Worship~ 10:45am

21 Plarning~ 1:00pm~Fellowship Hall
Session Meeting~5:30pm

22 Kary Ann's Clan ~ 11:30am~ Dairy Queen
Choir Practice~5:30pm

25 Sunday School~9:30am

Worship~ 10:45am~ Noisy Offering

All Youth~5:00pm Making It Spiritual Super
Bowl Style

28 Plarning~ 1:00pm

29 Kary Ann's Clan ~ 11:30am~Oak Street Cafe
Choir Practice~5:30pm

30 Presbytery Meeting~ Westminster Presbyterian
Abilene



- 4 Mike Fry & Karen Brown
11 Lou Ann Cumbie & Dennis Cumbie
18 Patty Gesin & Richard Gesin
25 Ruth Ann Campbell & Doug Richards



Birthdays

- 2 Emerson Jane Gesin
3 Gail Batchelor
6 Rick LeBleu
7 Karen Brown
9 Francis Harris
10 Laverne Foy
12 Betty Richards
16 Brandon Bennett
17 Seth Maitland
Mason Maxwell
18 Hollis Ellis
Bryson Maitland
20 Willadean Brock
Michelle Maitland
21 Mike Briggs
23 Alex Wiele
26 Alyson Moore
27 Bunny Hampton
31 James Staton

Hoyt Place

We are excited to lead worship every first Sunday of the month at Hoyt House, from 9:00-9:30 a.m. We will sing, hear the Word of God, and share Communion. Come join us in this wonderful ministry of fellowship.

Christmas Decorations

The Christmas Decorations will need to be taken down Sunday, Jan. 4th, after church. If you can stay after worship and help, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are visiting First Presbyterian Church, we warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ!

If you want to join in this journey of faith, you are invited to join by:

- letter of transfer from another church;*
- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism; or*
- Reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.*

Kary and the Session elders are always happy to meet with you.

We celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion every first Sunday of the month. Because this is the Lord's Supper, we invite all in Christ to share the blessings of this Sacrament.



Planning will meet Wed. Jan. 7 at 1:00pm

The planning group will begin working every Wednesday afternoon at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Some are folding bags, some are cutting bags and others are actually making balls of "plarn" (plastic yarn) to be crocheted into mats. All are invited to join in this project.



All Women of the Church are invited to come for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study. Presbyterian Women will meet on Wed. January 7. There is a business meeting at 5:00pm and Bible Study with Kay Staton at 5:30pm. The study will be Walking by Faith: Lessons I Learned in the Dark by Jennifer Rothschild

STICKY FAITH STUDY
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
YOUTH

Sunday January 4
6:00pm
Meal and Sticky Faith Study
Mike and Kary Fry's home
#5 Greenwood



*Celebration Scholarship Fund, Inc.
of Palo Duro Presbytery*

GRADUATING SENIORS AND PARENTS!

Just a reminder that your Presbytery offers \$500 per semester scholarships to Presbyterian youth for whatever school they choose to attend. Selection of Celebration Scholarship recipients is based on academics and church and community involvement.

Information and the application are available at www.paloduropresbytery.org linked to the "Publications" page. There are also printed applications on the bulletin board in the downstairs hallway.

The application deadline is March 1, 2014. Email chairman Leslie Adkins if you have any questions: adkins.family@sbcglobal.net.

Applications are to be mailed to Mr. Bob Hardy at 4719 Catalina, Wichita Falls, TX 76310



HS & College Youth:

Sunday, Jan. 4th - 6:00 PM: Sticky Faith, Dinner & Bible Study @ Kary & Mike's.

All Youth (Little Ones, IBKS, Middle School, High School):

Sunday, Jan. 11th - 5:00 PM: Making It Spiritual with Snowflakes. Art activity & Bible Study.

All Youth (Little Ones, IBKs, Middle School, High School):

Sunday, Jan. 25th - 5:00 PM: Making It Spiritual Super Bowl Style (wear your favorite football/cheerleading clothes) for games & Bible Study.



NOTICE

During worship, all doors will be locked except the front door to the sanctuary. The front door will remain unlocked during worship.