

First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

February 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,

I want to lift up to you a quote from J. Finley,

“Merton once told me to quit trying so hard in prayer. He said, ‘How does an apple ripen? It just sits in the sun.’ A small green apple cannot ripen in one night by tightening all its muscles, squinting its eyes and tightening its jaw in order to find itself the next morning miraculously large, red, ripe, and juicy beside its small green counterparts. Like the birth of a baby or the opening of a rose, the birth of the true self takes place in God's time. We must wait for God, we must be awake; we must trust in his hidden action within us.”

To wait for God's timing, to be awake to our own life and to trust in God's Almighty love and action within our life--and the life of our church—is an exciting and adventurous call. Wake up! Allow for a creative pause. Exercise your faith! Christ has come. Christ is coming. Christ will come again.

You know it is true. He has touched your life before. He is present in this very moment! He is going to show up again.

So, do not be afraid.

God loves you—and so do I,

Kary

Dates to Remember

- 1 Hoyt House Worship ~ 9:00am-9:30am
Sunday School ~ 9:30am
High School Sunday School Meets~ Valentine
Fudge Fundraiser begins.
Worship ~ 10:45am ~ Reverse Offering
Communion Class of 2016
Little Ones~ 2:00pm-3:00pm
- 4 Plarning~ 1:00pm
Presbyterian Women~5:00pm Business Meeting
5:30pm Bible Study
- 5 Kary Ann's Clan~11:30am~ Big Boy's
Choir~ 5:30pm
- 8 Sunday School ~ 9:30am
10:10am Little Ones and IBKs Song Practice
Worship ~ 10:45am~ Little Ones and IBKs will
sing during church.
IBKs~5:00pm-6:00pm
MS & HS Youth~ 5:00pm
- 10 MS Youth to Hoyt House~ 4:15pm
- 11 Plarning~ 1:00pm
MS & HS Youth~ 4:15pm
Session 5:30pm
- 12 Kary Ann's Clan~11:30am~ Skeet's
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 15 Sunday School ~ 9:30am~ Bible Bowl for Youth
Worship ~ 10:45am
- 17 **Pancake Supper~ 5:30pm**
- 18 Plarning~ 1:00pm
Ash Wednesday Service~5:30pm~Chapel
- 19 Kary Ann's Clan ~ 11:30am~ Neal's
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 22 Sunday School~9:30am
Worship~10:45am~Noisy Offering
Children's Church
Confirmation Class 4:00pm-5:00m
Little Ones 5pm-6pm
- 25 Plarning~ 1:00pm
- 26 Kary Ann's Clan ~ 11:30am~Schlotzsky's
Choir Practice~5:30pm



**Everyone is invited to
Hannah Bennett's 1st Birthday Party
Saturday February 28th 2pm-4pm
Church Fellowship Hall**



- 1 Lou Ann Cumbie and Dennis Cumbie
- 8 Doug Richards and Donella Parker
- 15 Ann Shirley and Keith Brock
- 22 Ruth Ann Campbell and Mike Fry



Birthdays

- 1 Lily Catherine Smola
- 5 Payton Moore
- 7 Lacey LeBleu
- 8 Tres Campbell
- 10 Jack Aycock
- 12 Gayle Biggerstaff
- 14 Bette Byrd
- 15 Buddy Alldredge
- Leigha Armstrong
- 16 Kay Staton
- 18 Gordon Nemir
- 19 Greg Wortham
- 20 David Bennett
- Tracy Wilburn
- Hannah Bennett
- 23 Evalyn Bates
- Kiara Collins
- 27 Nolan Collins

Church Directory

The Church Directory has been sent in this email (pdf file). It can be printed from any computer. I am sending out the directory in an email first. When all needed changes are made, printed copies will be available. If there are too many changes, I will resend the file in an email. I hope this will be helpful for the membership. Thank you for your patience!

Becky Brock Secretary

Church Mailing Address!

Please send all mailing to the church to the post office box: **P.O. Box 956** instead of the physical address. Thank you!

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.

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.



All Women of the Church are invited to come for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study. Presbyterian Women will begin their monthly meetings on Wed. February 4. 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.

This is a wonderful study, and we are so blessed to have Kay lead us again this year. We hope to see you all on Wednesday.



The Youth will be selling Fudge for Valentines.

\$10.00 per package which includes fudge, packing, wrapping, bow, card and delivery. Order forms will be in bulletin or church office.

Stephanie Wiele will lead Children's Church for ages Preschool-3rd grade the last Sunday of the month after the Noisy Offering.

Little Ones and IBKs Schedule
for February
Lou Ann Cumbie

February 1: Little Ones from 2:00 – 3:00 (a different time due to the Super Bowl game). Valentine Activities and Bible Stories

February 8: Little Ones and IBKS sing during worship, with practice at 10:10. IBKS from 5:00 – 6:00 Valentine Activities and Bible Stories

February 15: No activities due to the school holiday on Monday

February 22: Little Ones 5:00 – 6:00

Middle School and High School
For February
Ruth Ann Campbell

Sunday, Feb. 1st – HS Sunday School, Valentine Fudge Fundraiser begins.

Sunday, Feb. 8th – MS/HS Youth @ 5:00
Tuesday, Feb. 10th – MS Youth to Hoyt House @ 4:15

Wednesday, Feb. 11th – MS/HS Youth @ 4:15

Sunday, Feb 15th – Bible Bowl during Sunday School

Wednesday, Feb. 18th – HS to assist with Ash Wednesday Service in Chapel @ 5:30

Sunday, Feb. 22nd – HS Sunday School, Confirmation class begins.

Sticky Faith Bible Study



The Youth Making it Spiritual Super Bowl Style



***Brownie Troop 7305 meet at the church weekly.
Melissa Maitland troop leader.***



More pictures are available on the website and church bulletin board.