



First Presbyterian Church – Weslaco

Mission Statement: In response to God's Power at Work within us, The Weslaco First Presbyterian Church offers hope in Christ through opportunities to learn and serve.

The Lazy Days of Summer are Here

As you read this, summer is beginning: school is out, our winter visitors have returned home to cooler climes, and we have settled into a different rhythm at home and at church. I am reminded of Seals and Crofts song, "Summer Breeze" - "Summer Breeze, makes me feel fine, strolling through the jasmine in my mind." We are hoping for those breezes and some good soaking rains. Summer brings vacations, with trips to the beach, to see family, and for many of us, trips to the library, coming back with arms laden with books for those hot afternoons when we rest during the heat of the day, away from the sun.

This summer, I plan to begin a couple of new things. As Douglas Adams said in *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, "Don't panic!" These are just a couple of options of informal conversations between me and anyone who wants to join me. Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:30 a.m., I will be at Savory Perks (10th and Texas). Come and get a tea, coffee, or latte, and join me for a chat. Some pastors put topics on their blog for conversation. We will begin with the topic of 'God Sitings' in our lives. How has God blessed you? What difference has God's love made in your life? What would you consider a 'God Siting' in your life? Join me for **Coffee Graces**.

The second conversation will be on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. in the Parlor. I recently received a biography of Bonhoeffer, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* by Eric Metaxas. I am reading and thinking about Bonhoeffer these days, dipping into a commentary on his book, the Cost of Discipleship and another on the Theology of Bonhoeffer. I will dust off my copies of the *Cost of Discipleship*, *Life Together*, and my favorite, *Christ the Center*. Come and let's talk about the life of the church, our faith in action, and any other topic that comes up as we explore the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Lutheran minister who went from a pacifist to being a participant in the plot against Hitler, and ended up being executed by special order just before the prison camp was liberated by the Americans. Why did the Nazis hate him so much? Where did he find his courage? We may read aloud and talk and pray and think. I have also bought a documentary video for us to watch. Join me for **Bonhoeffer Evenings**.

As this summer comes, I will have been with you for a year. The PNC has completed the CIF. Soon, people will be noticing your vacancy. It may take another 12-18 months to find the right installed pastor for the long haul. It may be much shorter. In the interim, until the next pastor comes, I am here to guide and nurture you. I have grown to love you and this beautiful Rio Grande Valley. Have a wonderful summer. While you are away, remember that the ministry continues, as do the bills, so, also remember your pledges. I'll do the same. My pledge remains to return to you 10% of my take home pay. Have fun when you're away, remembering the one who came so that you may have life abundant. When you are here, I'll look forward to chatting and sharing our lives and our faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Sonja

Officers of FPC

Session

Class of 2011

Nathan Aranda (youth)
Melissa Jones
Linda Kopecky
Mary Mattar
Eddie Seils

Deacons

Class of 2011

Ruth Meehlhause
Helen Willhite

Class of 2012

Charles Bell
David Dueñas
Debby Rektorik
Linda Taormina

Class of 2012

Kay Gibson
Chuck Hunger
*Bruce Walker

Class of 2013

Camille Jones
Marvin Miller
Margaret Perez
Sue Peterson

Class of 2013

Mary Ellen Beard
Karen Hunger
Jane Seils
*Moderator

Committees

Christian Education: Sue Peterson

Finance: Camille Jones

Mission & Outreach: Charles Bell

Property: David Dueñas

Worship: Margaret Perez

Fellowship: Linda Kopecky

Environmental: Melissa Jones



Please Note: The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

Contact Information



Interim Pastor

Pastor Sonja Dalglish

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Secretary

Connie Leyva

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Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday Class, Parlor

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

11:40 a.m. Chime Choir

Church Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Friday:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Try to remember the Pastor's day off is Friday. Our secretary is in the office on Friday mornings. You can always leave a message for the Pastor with Connie, or on the church answering machine or reach her by e-mail which she ordinarily checks daily.

Newsletter articles can be submitted to the church office by:

- E-mail: fpcweslacotx@ies.net
- Phone/Fax: 969-1535
- In person during our regular office hours

Deadlines for articles are **12:00 noon** the Tuesday following regular monthly **session** meetings.

Newsletter deadline is June 21st.

JOHN KNOX VILLAGE:

Our deacons and elders will take communion to the people of John Knox Village the **first Sunday** of at 12:45 p.m.

PARLOR BIBLE STUDY

The Parlor Bible Study group will resume meeting again in the fall. Our first meeting will probably be **Tuesday, September 6th.**

FLOWER & FELLOWSHIP:

Please take a look at the **Flower & Fellowship Charts.** There are several summer dates available. You can sign the charts in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

COMMUNION & POWER OF HOPE FUND:

The Session has voted to move our communion to the **first Sunday of the month.** This will put us on the same schedule as most other churches who have once a month communion. The deacons will continue to take communion to the homebound on the same day that we have it in church. If you know of someone who is homebound and would like communion, let us know by calling the office or informing your deacon.

This is also the Sunday we receive funds for our benevolent fund "**The Power of Hope Fund**". This fund is used for helping families in need find a sense of hope.

FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS:

Thank you for filling out the fellowship registers. We report attendance members to the denomination. They are on file for Pastors who are looking at applying for our pastor position.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

The Men's Bible study and discussion group is taking a summer break. They will resume meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. in the church Parlor on September 13th.

ANOTHER SS ADULT OPPORTUNITY:

What do you do while the kids are in Sunday school? Come and join us for good coffee and conversation in Room 10. God is good - and so is community.



Coffee Graces

Would you like to have an informal chat about faith and life over coffee?

Stop by **Savory Perks** on

Wednesday mornings from 7:30-8:30.

Get a cup of coffee and maybe a muffin or piece of coffee cake and spend some time with Pastor Sonja and some friends.

Bonhoeffer Evenings

Come and learn about one of the great men of faith, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. **Wednesday evenings in the summer, 6-7 p.m. in the Parlor.** Light snacks or a simple dessert and coffee will be waiting.

We will be reading and discussing Bonhoeffer's understandings of God and faith, cheap grace, the cost of discipleship, and where the German Church went wrong in the years leading up to WWII. Could we be doing the same? We will also schedule time to see a documentary film of his life.



24-hour Prayer Vigil

for Church Mission and New Pastor

Friday June 3, 2011 6 p.m.
through

Saturday, June 4, 6 p.m.



Third Sunday Hymn Singing

Beginning in May
Come a little early
on third Sundays.

We will sing your favorite hymns from 10:20 to 10:30 a.m. The plan is to allow you to call out a book and a hymn number. Our organist, Jeffery Figueroa, is brave enough to do this and allow you to pick any hymn. We will sing one verse, using our hymnals, and then ask for another favorite hymn. There will be no words on the screens for this because we want it to be reflective of what you want on that day. Come prepared to sing your favorites. We hope all from our youngest to our oldest will participate. We know ten minutes is not long enough. We plan to do this each month on the third Sunday.

FACEBOOK

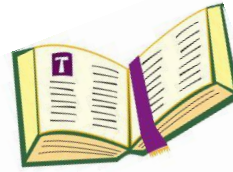
Find: "First Presbyterian Church of Weslaco" on Facebook.
Press "like" and you will be part of the group.
This way you will get notifications of events like the Prayer Vigil.



In our effort to get the good news out that God loves and cares about this world and all the people in it, we now have a church blog.

Stop by and read the blog and make a comment at hopetalks.wordpress.com. My goal is to post three times a week - Monday,

Wednesday, and Friday. This is a high goal for your pastor. If you have ideas for conversation, please let me know.



Revised Common Lectionary Scriptures for April

Sunday, June 5

Acts 1:6-14; Ps. 68:1-10, 32-35
| Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Sunday, June 12

Acts 2:1-21 or Num. 11:24-30
Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13
Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23, John 7:37-39

Sunday, June 19

Gen. 1:1-2:4a, Ps. 8; 2, Cor. 13:11-13
Matt. 28:16-20

Sunday, June 26

Gen. 22:1-14; Ps. 13; Rom. 6:12-23
Matt. 10:40-42



PNC has completed the CIF
(CHURCH INFORMATION
FORM)
Session has approved it!

Now it goes to be approved by the Committee on Ministry.
Then, it will be posted on the national site and all people looking for a church to serve will see it!
We are moving forward!!

The Division of Finance provides a monthly report regarding average weekly Sunday service attendance and tithes.

April 2010

Average weekly attendance: 124

Average weekly tithes and offerings: \$5746

Average Weekly Expenses: \$ 5900

All financial information is available in the church office.



~~~~June Birthdays~~~~

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| June Cornell       | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Beverlye Patterson | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Linda Williams     | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Chelsea Jones      | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Beth Vinkemulder   | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tiffany Cardenas   | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Clyde Pellett      | 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Quinlan Vos        | 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Alex Papacek       | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Zachary Budimir    | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Seth Kirby         | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mardell Blom       | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Emily Anne Jones   | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Betty Strouts      | 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Maureen Vos        | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Aime Delacretaz    | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Jennifer Rektorik  | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| William Rektorik   | 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bailey Bagwell     | 30 <sup>th</sup> |

**A Note from Sharon Newcomer:**

Please come with me to the Women of Faith event at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, Texas on October 20-22, 2011. Call Woman of Faith at 1-888-493-2484 (using account #1889086) for your reservation. The cost is \$89, which includes two box lunches.

Your room is already reserved at the Courtyard by Marriott. There are two queen beds in each room. (There is no additional cost for two, three, or four people per room). The room rate is set at \$157 per night, payable to the hotel, upon check-out.

We will catch the coach bus at 709 S. Iowa. Ave. in Weslaco; leaving Thursday at 3:30 p.m. returning (to the same location) Saturday at 10:00 p.m. Cost for coach bus is \$50, payable to Sharon Newcomer (1501-40 S. Airport Dr. Weslaco, TX. 78596-7265)



**Pentecost Sunday** is June 12! We will celebrate the birthday of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit! If you are able, please join in the celebration and wear something red!



## Session Snippets

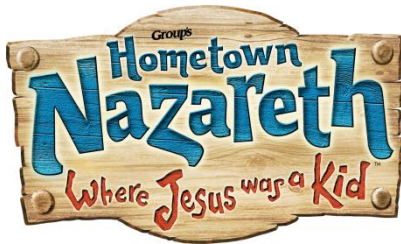
May 15, 2011 Meeting

The Camp will be from August 15-19

We need a point person who can direct the day to day operations on site during the week. Contact the office if you are interested or need more information, call 969-1535.

In addition, there will be many ways to volunteer. We will have a market place where the children will do projects, Mary's House where they will hear stories, music, and fun and games outside.

Help needed: For decorating the spaces in Hometown Nazareth, we will be collecting baskets, burlap sacks, and colorful pieces of fabric, terracotta pottery, rugs, and blankets.



**Summer's coming**  
but the worship and mission continue!  
Remember to keep your pledges current!

1. Bruce Walker reported that the FPC deacons are working hard. They served communion this month to 8 people. Communion will be served on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June with two Elders. There will be no communion served to John Knox during the month of July.
2. Congregation created 73 Hygiene Kits for disaster areas. A volunteer collected them, boxed them, and paid to ship them to the World Church Services warehouse.
3. The historical marker has arrived. We will choose a day and time for the celebration ceremony and reception. We will want to invite the community and the Presbytery. Be thinking of this.
4. Session approved the use of the Fellowship Hall for Tuesday Ecumenical Pastor's Lectionary Group from across the Valley will be invited to come and study the lectionary together from 10-11.
5. Matthew Jones presented the CIF to be considered by the session. Session approved it to be sent to the Committee on Ministry.
6. The property committee has been hard at work.
7. We are still in need of an on-site director for Camp Creativity.

I thank my God every time  
I remember you.  
[Philippians 1:3]

thank you!

## Special Thanks To Our Recent Hosts and Musicians

### PIANISTS:

Sherri Bagwell

### ORGANIST:

Jeffery Figueroa

### FLOWER HOSTS:

Ruth Meehlhause  
Joe & Loretta Barbee  
Jane Seils

### LITURGISTS:

Charels Bell  
Sue Peterson  
Debby Rektorik  
Camille Jones  
Youth

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:

Linda Kopecky  
Margaret Perez  
Youth

### ACOLYTES

Wyatt Blood  
Tiffany Cardenas  
Morgan King  
Zachary Budimir

If you would like to donate flowers for worship,  
or if you would like to be a fellowship  
host/hostess, you may sign up on charts  
located in the Fellowship Hall or call the  
Church Office.

Melissa and Sue would like to thank everyone who helped with Youth Sunday. Thank you to Connie for finding great pictures and putting together



the PowerPoint, to Wendy, Bryan and Mischelle for figuring out how to have the book displayed during the children's sermon and running the microphones so that everyone could hear the lines, to Thelma for helping to paint props, to Sonja for helping with the parts that we were missing, to Cody and the Mid-Winter Planning Team for writing a great skit that we could borrow, to Jeff for playing exactly what we wanted and adding "life" to *This Little Light of Mine*, to parents who brought food for fellowship and the kitchen crew who got it ready, to Robb for providing tacos, and to our fabulous youth who did an outstanding job on all parts of the service! We are blessed at First Presbyterian Church, Weslaco!!

To the Session, Members & Friends of FPC

Thank you for the lovely reception on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. From the hats decorating the tables to the beautiful cake and many delicious dishes of food, it was a grand way to be appreciated. I do appreciate your loving and thoughtful emotional support.

The standing Celtic cross was a very thoughtful gift to remember my staff position with you all.

Thank you for the opportunity to preach in March. Of course it is a joy to worship, anytime!

God be with you,  
Cheryl Lindstrom.



Prayer for our Graduates, May they thrive as they walk in the light of the Lord.

**OUR PRAYER to our GRADUATES**

Dear Lord,

As these two graduates, Kalen and Cody, look toward the future, we are filled with bright hope them and for the world. You have spoken to us Lord, through Jeremiah, saying that you know the plans you have for us, plans to prosper, plans to give us hope and a future.

Holy Spirit, we ask that you lead and guide these graduates, opening their eyes to the promise of the future. You have made them and called them into life and have given them gifts to be developed for the benefit of your people and this earth that you love. Help them to follow in Jesus' footsteps as his disciples, bringing good news to this hurting world.

May they take time to be still and know you are God. Let them feel your presence with them each and every day.

Your Word is a lamp to them and to us, a light to guide our way. Remind them of all they have learned at FPC and of all those who love them. May this knowledge be a strength and comfort to them.

Help them to live their lives to praise You, using their gifts and talents to work for the kingdom and make this world a better place, seeking your will for their lives instead of the rewards of this world. Let them seek your help so that everything they say or do will bring you glory.

Show Cody and Kalen your favor and bless them.

May your face ever shine upon them and give them your peace.

Amen



The office is in the process of updating its e-mail address book. Having your current e-mail address in our address book will help us send you announcements and other church news.

Send and/or update your e-mail address with the Church Office by sending an e-mail to [fpcweslacotx@ies.net](mailto:fpcweslacotx@ies.net). Thanks for your help!

# PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

**Please pray for our troops and all the families with loved ones in the Middle East. Do you know of others? If anyone is not on the list that needs to be, or if you have an addition, please contact the church office.**

**MILITARY PERSONNEL**  
**Clint Gebke** (Polly Lovell's grandson)  
**Spc. Douglas Walker** (Bruce Walker's son)  
**Mickel Fernández**  
**Jim Rogers** (Jim & Barbara Roger's son)  
**Lucas Anderson** (Orlen Anderson's grandson)  
**Terry Osheim**  
**Jonathon Osheim**  
**Joseph Osheim**  
(Sharon Newcomer's nephews)

**STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEEES**  
**Eric Whitaker** based in Nairobi, Kenya  
(Carmen Whitaker's son)

**Jonita Whitaker** based in Basra, Iraq



If you have someone you would like the Prayer Chain members to pray for, please call (968-6478) or email [janeseils@msn.com](mailto:janeseils@msn.com) so this person can be added to our list. If anyone needs to be removed from the list, also contact Jane.

### SHORT TERM LIST

|                                           |               |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Thomas January                            | Connor Cruz   |
| Ruth Armstrong                            | Randy Petch   |
| Jennifer McDaniel                         | Amy Scott     |
| Marti Dyrk                                | Marion Scott  |
| Raul and Carla Leal                       | Clyde Pellett |
| Casey Damen                               | Jerri Lantz   |
| Jay Tirrel (Shirley Anderson's son)       | Sean Moore    |
| Alan Landers (Doris's son-in-law)         | Jeanette Roe  |
| Gerardo Mendoza (Ana Maria "Anita's son)  |               |
| Mary Lou Lovell (Polly Lovell's daughter) |               |
| Robert Pratt (Bob Ordway's friend)        |               |
| Pamela Dueñas                             |               |
| Dawn (Jo Green's daughter)                |               |

### LONG TERM LIST

|                                               |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Dora Aldrich                                  | Melanie Liesner  |
| Bob Jolma                                     | Dorothy French   |
| D J McGroarty                                 | Chris Anderson   |
| David Salazar                                 | Alex Rodriquez   |
| Phil Timmer (Sherri Bagwell's cousin)         | Mary Jane Lofton |
| Nancy Smith (Kathy Sornson's sister)          | Bette Fasano     |
| Clayton Vicars (Linda Kopecky's grandson)     | Jo Summers       |
| Lois Alexander (Phyllis Walker's step mother) | Beth Moore       |
| Linda Evans (Bob Ordway's sister)             | Don Brue         |
| Gavyn (Karen Hunger's friend)                 |                  |
| Sylvia (Savory Perks)                         |                  |

### SHUT-INS & FRIENDS

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Juanita Pointer | Arlene Waughtal       |
| Delores Rettig  | Juanita Cloninger     |
| Fran Pellett    | Millie Johansen       |
| Joe Barbee      | Dorothy Warren        |
| Katie Carter    | Isaac and Doris Botts |

# SURPRISE DAD

..... at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.\*

#### What you need:

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

#### What you do:

1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

#### Other ideas:

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.



*\*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.*