



# 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.*

Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful experience with our full day Bible School, Camp Creativity. We had forty children and twenty youth. It took forty-four adults to put it together and carry it off. It was a joy for me to have my husband, Pastor Doug and our daughter, Victoria, here to assist. We were also fortunate to have many people help and give us good leadership. My special thanks is to my co-director, Carolyn Bell, who helped think of many things that would have flown beneath my radar. I have prepared a chart of the twenty youth and forty-four adults who helped. See inside.

The theme was *Nazareth, Jesus' Hometown*. The children arrived and went to color coded areas to meet with their "tribes:" Reuben, Simeon, Judah, and Benjamin. Bob Dymond started our group activities with energizers, which involved loud music and a lot of jumping around.

After energizers, Hometown Nazareth began with an opening led by Pastor Doug while I assisted with some singing. Then, the children went off to their tribes to learn the lesson for the day. The themes were: family, home, church, names, and service to others. After learning the Bible story for the day, the children had fun in the marketplace. Our marketplaces each day had crafts and activities that taught about life in Biblical times: the Farmer's Field where they planted seeds, a Carpentry Shop where they worked with a wooden sheep, the Bead Bazaar where they made and decorated clay beads, a Wool Shop where they worked with felted wool, the Dye shop where they tie-dyed their shirts, the Synagogue School where they made a prayer shawl and created a "Tzedekah" box for donations for the poor. The children even learned the beginning of a Hebrew prayer: Shema, Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad (Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God. The Lord is one.)

At the end of the morning, the children returned to the tribes to recap the day, then joined together with Doug in Celebration, singing songs and talking of the blessings of the day which we called "God Sightings" and wrote on sheep-shaped note papers. They ended with a rousing grace, Johnny Appleseed and returned to their tribes to eat together a lunch prepared by Dick Gibson and his kitchen crew.

After lunch, was a separate program with board games, weaving, art, Bingo, Pictionary, and some outdoor activities, such as soccer and four-square. In the art room, a mural with the day's theme was decorated by the children and hung in the sanctuary on Sunday. Needless to say, the adults went home more tired than the students. We heard rumors that some of the youth went home and did energizers in the afternoon. It is amazing how much energy teens have.

What a wonderful way to share our faith and create new disciples! Little Emily said that she wanted the day to never end. That is exactly the feeling that we all want to have. It was a beautiful time together. Although several children came only because their families made them, by the end of the week, they left with smiles, saying that they were coming back next year. The love of Christ was evident this week.

Yours in Christ,

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

## 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, or on the church answering machine or reach her by e-mail which she ordinarily checks daily.

## Contact Information



### **Interim Pastor**

*Pastor Sonja Dalglish*

[pastor.sonja.dalglish@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.sonja.dalglish@gmail.com)

[www.hopetalks.wordpress.com](http://www.hopetalks.wordpress.com)

### **Secretary**

*Connie Leyva*

[fpcweslacotx@ies.net](mailto:fpcweslacotx@ies.net)

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

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

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Adult Coffee Class, Room 10

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

11:40 a.m. Chime Choir

**Newsletter articles** can be submitted to the church office by:

- E-mail: [fpcweslacotx@ies.net](mailto: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 July 19<sup>th</sup>.**



Stop by and read the blog and make a comment at [hopetalks.wordpress.com](http://hopetalks.wordpress.com).

# NEWS & Notes

## COFFEE GRACES:

**Savory Perks** on **Wednesday mornings from 7:00-8:00.**

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and a muffin. Spend time with Pastor Sonja and some friends.

## JOHN KNOX VILLAGE:

Our deacons and elders will take communion to the people of John Knox Village the **second Sunday of September.**

## COMMUNION & POWER OF HOPE FUND:

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.

### COMMUNION CALENDAR CHANGE FOR SEPTEMBER:

**Communion will be second Sunday in September**  
Because Pastor Sonja will be gone the first week of September, the session has approved communion in the pews on the second week instead of the first.

**The Power of Hope Fund** is used for helping families in need find a sense of hope. This is collected on communion Sundays.

## PARLOR BIBLE STUDY

The Parlor Bible Study group will have our first meeting on **Tuesday, September 13th at noon.** We will be studying Max Lucado's book, "Traveling Light." The cost of the book is \$9.50; you can pick it up in the church office and pay Connie.

## FLOWER & FELLOWSHIP:

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

## GUEST PREACHER:

The first Sunday in September, Elder Cheryl Brockman will be leading worship and preaching for us. Cheryl is the Campus Minister to students at Texas A&M Corpus Christi and Del Mar Colleges in Corpus Christi, Texas.

## 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 and can be used by the deacons and membership committee to respond to members' needs.

## STARS OF HOPE:

Stars of Hope will begin meeting again on Wednesday nights starting **August 31, 2011** through October 26, 2011 from 5:30 to 7:00. The kick-off will be Splash Night and the final date will be the annual Fall Festival. All children from pre-K to 12th grade are welcome. A light supper is served and then the children break into groups to learn God's word, sing, play games, and socialize. If you are interested in helping guide the students or in providing a meal for the children, please contact Roxie Blood.

## Chime Choir:

The children who are in third grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come and join the chime choir. We will start on August 28<sup>th</sup>. I want to start practice at 11:40 a.m. and end at 12:05 p.m. We need to have better attendance so that we will sound good.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Our children's Sunday school program has begun and we are once again following the rotational Sunday school model. This means that each age group of children rotates through a series of lessons that are on the same biblical story for six weeks. At the end of six weeks a new story is introduced and the rotation begins again. Our children are rotating through storytelling, games, art, cooking, music and science lessons. We have a wonderful group of volunteers already in place but are looking for a few more. Right now we need someone to teach four sessions of cooking and four of music. The lessons are all written out for the teachers. The dates for cooking are October 2, 9 and November 13 and 20, the dates for music are the same. The teacher would teach the same lesson on October 2 and 9, once to the younger group, grades K-2, and once to the older group, grades 3-5. A second lesson would be taught in November. Please see Sue Peterson or Melissa Jones if you are interested in helping.



### Memoir Writing Group

One of our winter Texans asked if we would start a writing group. In October, if there is interest, we will begin meeting on Monday afternoons from 1:30-2:30 in the parlor to talk about writing, write to prompts and perhaps share some writing with each other.

### Biblical Class

Do you wish you knew more about the Bible and the stories there? Join a new Sunday morning class beginning in October. This will be a general overview of the Bible, starting in the Old Testament and walking through from beginning to end. It will not be an in-depth study, but an overview to know what is there and how it all fits together. Coming in October, Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. in Room 15. Join us. We plan to finish in May. The Bible from October to May.

### Wednesday Nights in September

6:00 p.m. Parlor Class:

All about elders and deacons.

The first three Wednesdays: overview on role and responsibilities of a Presbyterian elder

Last Wednesday: All about deacons as defined by the Book of Order and Scripture.

Let Pastor Sonja or the office know so that you will have materials.

### Wednesday Nights in October & November

6:00 p.m. Parlor Class

*What's the Least I Need to Believe and Still be a Christian?* By Martin Thielen

Books \$10.50

Pastor Sonja will order it for you, if you like.

### Ask the Pastor:

Do the symbols on your robe mean something?

I wore a robe with a rose and a butterfly on it to serve communion in August. The rose is a symbol of the love of God. The butterfly is a symbol of resurrection. This robe was a gift to me from the late Rev. Robert Graham who attended Canyon Lake Presbyterian Church after he retired for the second time.

## Session Snippets

The Session welcomes questions about church activities and asks everyone to pray for our ruling elders, deacons, congregation, community, and the world at large.

The session voted, by email and in person, to move the September communion to the second Sunday in September. Pastor Sonja will be on vacation on September 4th. In the same way, the session voted to cancel the August meeting which would have occurred in the middle of Camp Creativity.

## PNC News

The Pastor Nominating Committee is working on reviewing applications for the next installed pastor (called PIFs - Personal Information Forms). Out of the many that have come, they are reviewing and following up on ten. Ministers who are referring themselves are still sending in PIFs. The PNC will continue to review and follow up on these self-referrals.

## Women of Faith

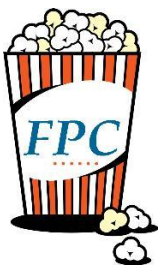
You are invited

**Date:** October 20-22, 2011

**Place:** San Antonio, Texas (Alamo Dome)

**Cost:**

- **Conference \$89**, which includes two box lunches Call Woman of Faith at 1-888-493-2484 (using account #1889086) for your reservation.
- **Hotel (Courtyard by Marriott) \$157** (two queen beds).
- **Coach Bus Fee: \$50** (payable to Sharon Newcomer (1501-40 S. Airport Dr. Weslaco, TX. 78596-7265). The bus will depart First Presbyterian Church located at 709 S. Iowa Ave. in Weslaco on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and returning to the same location on Saturday at 10:00 p.m.



### POPCORN MINISTRY

The Popcorn Ministry will begin on Wednesday, September 7. This program was started several years ago to recognize the youth at Central Middle School. The program offers a good opportunity to serve the community and to visit with the other volunteers participating in the program. If you would like to volunteer for the Popcorn Ministry, contact Marvin Miller at 968-8442.

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

**July 2010**

Average weekly attendance: 47

Average weekly tithes and offerings: \$4318.40

Average Weekly Expenses: \$ 5900

All financial information is available in the church office.



## ~September Birthday~

Marlin Meyer	1 <sup>st</sup>	Shirley Anderson	15 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Peterson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Austin Lowe	16 <sup>th</sup>
Millicent Pinto	6 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Jones	21 <sup>st</sup>
Michele McFarlane	7 <sup>th</sup>	Kaitlynn Bagwell	21 <sup>st</sup>
Evelyn Nelson	9 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Cabote	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Norman Reid	9 <sup>th</sup>	Todd King	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Marlene Meyer	11 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Gibson	27 <sup>th</sup>
Lola Nelson	12 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Garry	27 <sup>th</sup>
Dale Opsata	15 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Rektorik	29 <sup>th</sup>
		Mitchell Jones	30 <sup>th</sup>

### Choir Workshop with Joseph Martin

Sing and learn with a great musician.

**Time:** 9-5

**Cost:** \$35/person

**Where:** Wesley Methodist Church  
1406 E. Austin Ave, Harlingen  
(956) 423-6156

**RSVP:** [cmdc78550@yahoo.com](mailto:cmdc78550@yahoo.com)

## Camp Thicket Fun Bash aka Church Picnic

Fun for all ages: swimming, games, eating, full of laughter and stories.

The Committee: Margaret Perez, Mary Mattar, Linda Taormina, Marvin Miller, and Nathan Aranda.

### The Fun Bash will be:

at Camp Thicket  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, September 17, 2011

1. Kay and Dick Gibson will organize the food -- Hooray!!
2. Camp Thicket will provide the lifeguard
3. Schedule: 10-12 noon: games and activities  
12 noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch  
1-3 p.m.: Swimming and indoor board games and charades

In order to have loads of fun, we need:

4. An Activities Director – (indoor and out)
5. Someone to choose and buy prizes for the games.
6. Publicity Whiz, encouraging people to come & perhaps even matching people with rides. Let people know about the contests so that they can practice up.
6. Clean up Director
7. Official Photographer -- Chief Shutterbug

## Main Event for Youth September 23-25

### NAMED AND CLAIMED

#### Isaiah 43:1-3a

Walk with us as we explore God's claim on us and God's presence with us through Baptism.

Keynote speaker: Rev. Kelly Allen from University Presbyterian Church, San Antonio.

Who: Youth in grades 6—12, Adult leaders

When: September 23—25, 2011

Cost: \$90 per person



Revised Common

Lectionary

Scriptures for September

### Sunday, Sept. 4

Exod. 12:1-14

Ps. 149

Rom. 13:8-14

Matt. 18:15-20

### Sunday, Sept. 11

Exod. 14:19-31

Ps. 114

Exod. 15:1b-11, 20-21

Rom. 14:1-12

Matt. 18:21-35

### Sunday, Sept. 18

Exod. 16:2-15

Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45

Phil. 2:1-13

Matt. 21:23-32

### Sunday, Sept. 25

Exod. 17:1-7

Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16

Phil. 2:1-13

Matt. 21:23-32



Recycle

### Environment Committee:

We are becoming better stewards of our beautiful environment. We are now recycling our office paper...great! We will add cans and bottles.

Weslaco's recycling center is located north of town by the airport. The address is 1912 Joe Stephens. They will recycle paper, cardboard, tin, aluminum, glass and plastic. Please be a part of conserving our environment. Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Recycling hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00-5:00. For more information, call the Public Works office at 973-3146.

Water conservation: We are watering the church lawn once a week, in compliance with the city's watering restrictions.

Coming Soon: Reusable shopping bags and water bottles with a Christian logo. Let's spread God's word while being kind to our environment. Start a trend.

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

### Special Thanks To Our Recent Hosts and Musicians

**PIANISTS:**

Sherri Bagwell

**ORGANIST:**

Jeffery Figueroa

**FLOWER HOSTS:**

Namken Family

**LITURGISTS:**

Lynn Carter  
Mary Mattar  
Camille Jones  
Charles Bell  
Margaret Perez

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:**

Linda Kopecky

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.

### Thanksgiving for the lives of

Betty Strouts

Cards of condolences may be sent to her husband,  
Lawrence Strouts: 1326 S. 1800 Rd.  
Wilsey, KS 66873

Dorothy Warren

Cards of condolences may be sent to her nephew:  
Garland Ruble: 172 W. Meadows Lane N.E. Cleveland,  
TN 37312.

Elmer Nagel (Ruth Meehlhause's brother)

Cards of condolences may be sent to  
Ruth Meehlhause: 2712 S. Int'l Blvd. #135  
Weslaco, TX 78596

Jack Thurmond

Cards of condolences may be sent to his wife,  
Lois Thurmond: 206 Spring Mill Drive  
Kerrville, TX 78028-6525

Sylvia Muñoz (Savory Perks)

Cards of condolences may be sent to her family at  
Savory Perks: 1000 South Texas Boulevard  
Weslaco, TX 78596-7058

We are grateful for their lives of faith. They now rest from their labors and are with our Lord.



Cody is attending Texas A&M Kingsville this year. His mailing address is as follows:  
Cody Blood  
700 University Blvd  
Martin Hall 113B  
Kingsville, TX 78363

Kalen Vos is attending Trinity University in San Antonio.  
(Kalen's address will be available next newsletter)

Please keep our college students in your prayers.

8-11-11  
Dear Friends,  
On behalf of our session, I am writing to say thank you for the wonderful Christian hospitality provided our Mexico Mission team in July. Our partnership with the church in Weslaco has blessed so many of us over the years. Enclosed is a letter from our team leader, Don Payne, describing his heartfelt appreciation. We look forward to future joint missions across the border. Thanking you in Christian love,  
Carol Cepeloni



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)
- 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 EMPLOYEES**

- 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**

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|--|---------------|
| 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) |               |
| Robert Pratt (Bob Ordway's friend)       |               |
| Pamela Dueñas                            |               |
| Dawn (Jo Green's daughter)               |               |
| Sharon Newcomer                          |               |

**CAMP CREATIVITY PICTURES**



**LONG TERM LIST**

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|---|---|
| Dora Aldrich                                  | Melanie Liesner                           |
| Bob Jolma                                     | Dorothy French                            |
| D J McGroarty                                 | Chris Anderson                            |
| David Salazar                                 | Alex Rodriguez                            |
| 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)                 | Bill Cody                                 |
| Sylvia (Savory Perks)                         | Julia Sleeth Mays (Ellen Sleeth's sister) |

**SHUT-INS & FRIENDS**

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



## CAMP CREATIVITY A SUCCESS!!!!

Many thanks of appreciation to all volunteers who volunteered time, energy, art, food supplies and food preparations for lunches and snacks. Thank you to the FPC congregation for your prayers and support. Thank you all who made the week of Camp Creativity meaningful and memorable for 40 campers! It was a busy week. A week of day camp for five days is no easy task. However, there are lots of people who thought it was important to be available for Camp Creativity week.



Youth	Tribal Leaders	Marketplace	Other Adults
Bailey Bagwell	Bob Dymond	Charles Bell	Sonja Dalglish
Cynthia Schach	Chuck Hunger	Chuck Sornson	Carolyn Bell
Diamond	Echo Truax	Doug Dalglish	Sue Cathey
Dmitri Garlic	Jack Havertape	Fran Solether	Tencia Escamilla
Forrest Jones	Karen Hunger	Kathy Sornson	Victoria McCammon
Grace Bell	Lupita Gonzales	Linda Williams	Art Lindstrom
Jason Morales	Mary Jo Havertape	Mary Ellen Beard	Camille Jones
Jenna Wells	Rosita Jones	Melissa Jones	Jennifer Rektorik
Jonah Dyer			Jane Seils
Kaitlynn Bagwell	<b>Kitchen Helpers</b>	<b>Afternoon Leaders</b>	Jerri Lanz
Kyrie Garlic	Dick Gibson	Linda Taormina	Rob Peterson
Morgan King	Darlene Griffin	Margaret Perez	
Nathan Aranda	Linda Kopecky	Carmen Whitaker	
Nicholas Pash	Beth Moore	Helen Willhite	<b>Before the Camp</b>
Nicole Kelly	Isabel Waldschidt		Julie Kelly
Reid Vaughn		<b>Drama Group</b>	Roxie Blood
Robert Pash		Bruce Walker	Maureen Vos
Tiffany Cardenas		Mary Mattar	Stephanie Aranda
Wyatt Blood		Loretta Barbee	Helen Myerink
Zach Budimer		Phyllis Walker	



Tribe at lunch



Mary telling a story



Fun under the parachute tent

4 August 2011

The First Presbyterian Church in Athens, Alabama and our Mexico Mission team thanks you for once again hosting us during our recent mission trip to Reynosa. Without the support and assistance from you and the many volunteers who provide arrangements, showers, sleeping rooms, kitchen help, ice, cookies, laundry, and many other things; our mission trip would not be possible. Your contribution is substantial!

Our Mexico Mission Team completed a very successful mission trip to Reynosa where we built Casa #7 for this year, dug the footing for Casa #8, and poured the roof on Casa #6; all with the great help from a team of Mexican volunteers and Faith Ministry staff. While building the house is important for that family, as David Rodriguez, the Faith Ministry director, stated; the most rewarding part of the mission trip is the hope we brought to the families, the Faith Ministry staff, and the volunteers. If you would be interested in reading a journal of our daily experiences go to our church web site: <http://www.fpcathens.org>.

We were taken care of very well by the Faith Ministry staff at all times and never did anyone on the team express any fear or even concern for our personal safety. The areas and times of violence in Reynosa are not the places and times that we are there.

As usual, you at the First Presbyterian Church in Weslaco did an excellent job of meeting our housing and other needs. We were able to renew our acquaintances and discuss plans for the future. We met your interim pastor, Sonja, and were pleased for her to join us for dinner and worship for several evenings. We thank the many individuals there for their assistance, but especially commend Dick Gibson for his work coordinating and hosting us.

Faith ministry is struggling to survive the current bad economic times and adapt as the number of team built houses has plummeted in the past two years from 8-100 to 20 or less. The house funding that is provided by the teams not only covers the building materials but also the salaries of some Faith Ministry staff. Staff has been reduced and more reductions are coming. The team has encouraged FPC Athens to do all we can to help perpetuate this valuable ministry that has made lifelong changes to people's lives, especially some of our FPC Athens youth. We encourage you to do the same.

The Mexico Mission Committee has asked our Session to schedule a mission trip for our usual June week (June 9-16,

2012) next summer. We are asking FPC Weslaco to continue our common mission and support that trip. In keeping with current expectation, we would plan to bring a team of 12-15 to build one house. If sufficient interest exists, perhaps a second team could be sent later in the year. The 12-15 fit on our church bus (and a single van to cross the border each day), is more suitable for FPC Weslaco support, and is sufficient to complete our building project with the help of our Mexican volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you next June!

Gloria a Dios!

Don Payne  
For the FPC Athens Mexico Mission Team

## Valley PW Fall Gathering

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, September 10  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Treasure Hills Presbyterian Church  
Harlingen, TX

Introducing the 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study,  
"Confessing the Beatitudes"

### Featuring:

**"Beatitudes"** Spanish workshop –Edna Garza Escobedo

**"Beatitudes"** English workshop-Margaret Perez

**"Presbyterians Go Green"** Roxanna Hauschild

**"Peace & Justice Working Together"** Patti Nance

Also Worship, Communion, Guatemala Store, and Lunch.

For more information, call Margaret Perez at (956) 343-3013