



# FPC News

**First Presbyterian Church**

September 15, 2006

## Peacemaking Offering

Each year the Peacemaking Offering provides ways for Presbyterians to promote peace at the local, national and international level. Congregations are encouraged to retain 25% of the Offering for peacemaking efforts through their church programs or in their communities. 25% of the Offering is directed to presbytery and synod peacemaking work, and the remaining 50% supports the Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs.

The Peacemaking Offering is a means of financially supporting the mission the Church in this country and around the world. It is an opportunity to make difference right where you are. Together with others, your participation in the Peacemaking Offering can be part of something beautiful and full of meaning. Please give generously to the Peacemaking Offering. This offering will be taken up on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 1st.

## Thursday Morning Bible Study - Teacher: Dale Miller

How did we get here? (No, I don't mean what kind of car do we have) As Christians how did we get to be in this place at this time? What is the history of the church that we love? The beginnings of that story are in the book "Acts of the Apostles" from the ascension through the early disciple led growth through the emergence of Paul. We will study this book with all of its fascinating stories. Details:

**Sept. 21st through Nov. 9th** (with one week off - Oct. 26) every Thursday at 9am in the Hobson Room, get your coffee in the library, bring a Bible and come prepared for a 'bumpy ride' through tongues of flame and shipwrecks and even falling off a window ledge.

## Rally Day

There was standing room only during the breakfast for Rally Day in the Harper Center on Sunday, August 27th! We had a record number of people to begin another great year of Sunday School. After breakfast, the children and their teachers went to their classes and a representative from each adult class gave an overview of their class. Everyone learned something new about each class.

The Men of the Church did a fantastic job of preparing breakfast. Roy Cashion, Ronnie Lemon, Tommy Mann Sr., Reggie Miller, Steve Morgan, Randy Robertson, Bill Tatum and Jimmy Washburn made grits, eggs, homemade biscuits, bacon and sausage. Thanks!

**The Young Adult Sunday School Class** will be studying 'What's So Amazing about Grace?' by Phillip Yancey beginning in October. This class meets in the Session Room. They are a discussion based class and would like to welcome YOU to participate! If you would like a book, please contact Susan in the church office no later than September 13th.

## Senior High Youth

The Senior High Youth will be going white water rafting. We will meet in the Harper Center at 11:00pm (after the football game) on Friday, September 15th. Please call the church office to sign up. We will return Sunday evening.

## Middle School Youth

The Middle School Youth will be having their lock-in on Saturday, September 16th. We will meet in the Harper Center at 7pm to go bowling. The youth will attend the Contemporary Service and Sunday School and be ready for pick up at 10:30am.

## Halloween Carnival

The Middle School Youth will host the Halloween Carnival on Sunday, October 22nd from 3pm - 5pm in the Harper Center for all kids through 5th grade. We will have a hotdog supper, hayride, and lots of games and prizes! The congregation is invited to bring a carved pumpkin to line the hallway of the Harper Center. It is always neat to see the creative pumpkins from everyone. Wear your Halloween costume and bring a friend.

**The Senior High Advisors will meet October 16th at 7pm in the Hobson Classroom.**

## Treasurer's Report January - August 2006

|                       | <u>Jan.-Aug. 06</u> | <u>Jan.-Aug. 05</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income                |                     |                     |
| Operating Income      | 339,390             | 315,323             |
| Total Income          | 339,390             | 315,323             |
| Expense               |                     |                     |
| Witness               | 19,586              | 25,172              |
| Administration        | 181,815             | 230,201             |
| Property              | 95,071              | 94,650              |
| Worship               | 1,984               | 6,419               |
| Christian Education   | 12,890              | 20,155              |
| Congregational Care   | 927                 | 3,485               |
| Stewardship           | 0                   | 549                 |
| Building Loan Payment | 64,117              | 0                   |
| Total Expenses        | 376,392             | 380,631             |
| Net Income            | (37,002)            | (65,308)            |

A couple of non-budgeted items to which we contribute have received the following amounts this year:

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| Pennies for Hunger (Bangladesh) | 1,417 |
| Memorials                       | 8,390 |

Dear Church Family,

Just a short note to thank all of you for keeping us in your prayers since mother's fall. The cards, telephone calls, the food and the short visits have been most welcome. Mother has had some set backs since the fall so please continue to keep us in your prayers.

We love you all,  
Sally & Marie Chapin

Dear Church Family,

We appreciate your thoughtfulness of us during the recent passing of J.C.'s sister. You have been our blessing and may God bless each of you.

In Christ's Love,  
J.C. and Jean Perry

Thank you for your kindness after the loss of our home. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Jeremy, Anna & Emma Patton  
(Family from CDC)

### Usher Captains

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| October  | David Riddle III | 356-3601 |
| November | Russ Knight      | 774-6894 |
| December | Joe Brewer       | 718-5351 |

If you have a desire to serve your church as an usher, please contact any of the above for the month you would be available. New members are especially encouraged to participate.

## What's Happening in September???

**Fri., Sept. 15** - NEWSLETTER DEADLINE; 9:30pm Fifth Quarter; 11pm Sr. High Youth leave for whitewater rafting

**Sat., Sept. 16** - 7pm Middle School Youth Lock-In

**Sun., Sept. 17** - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/Family Sunday School; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 4pm Stewardship Sub-Committee; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders

**Mon., Sept. 18** - 6pm CDC Board Meets

**Tues., Sept. 19** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., Sept. 20** - 12pm Singles' Luncheon

5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS/Youth Club; 7:30pm Choir

**Thurs., Sept. 21** - 9am Bible Study; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting; 6:45pm Stephen Ministers - St. Luke UMC

**Sun., Sept. 24** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship; 4pm Congregational Care Comm.; 6pm Youth; 7pm New Member Committee; Witness Committee; 7:30pm Committees meet

**Mon., Sept. 25** - 10am Bible Study

**Tues., Sept. 26** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., Sept. 27** - 5:00 pm Worship Committee meets; 5:30pm Meal; 5:55pm Children's Choir; 6pm Bible Study; 6:30pm KICKS/Youth Club; 7:30pm Choir

**Thurs., Sept. 28** - 9am Bible Study; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sat., Sept. 30** - Reception in Harper Center