



# FPC News

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January 1, 2007

## Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year to all! The start of a new year is, for many people, an opportunity to make a new start in different areas of their lives. Such can be true also for churches. I think, however, that you cannot say "hello" to the new until you've said "goodbye" to the old. You can't move to a new place (take that as literally or metaphorically as you choose) until you've said the appropriate "goodbye" to that old place. Moving from the old places and ways to new places and ways requires some thoughtful, intentional transition. This applies to jobs, relationships, homes, habits, lifestyles, perspectives, etc. We find it difficult to take hold of the new unless we have first released our grip on the old. Saying goodbye to the past doesn't simply mean that it is gone forever, but rather affirms all the ways that the things of yesterday will always be a part of us. The people, experiences, and places have left their imprint on our lives, having touched us, having influenced us in so many ways. In fact, it is our remembrance of all those people and experiences that inspires us to move into the future. The writer of Hebrews expressed it well: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." (12:1) The "cloud of witnesses" is all the people who have helped to build our faith, who have drawn us into deeper maturity, and who have been the voice of encouragement throughout our lives.

A new year can be likened to a doorway, which, as you walk through it, you glance back over your shoulder to appreciate where you've been, but look forward to where you must go. You cannot remain in the threshold, standing forever between the past and the future. You must keep pressing forward.

On Sunday, January 14th, we will be saying hello and goodbye to some of our church's leaders. As new officers are ordained and installed, we also bid farewell to those who have served Christ so faithfully during the last three years. We give thanks to God not only for the men and women who have demonstrated such depth of commitment and effort in the past, but also to those who have stepped forward to fulfill that role for the next three years. May God bless you and keep you, making all that you do in His name to bear fruit for the Kingdom!

Yours in Christ,

*Philip*

## \*\*COMMITTEE MEETINGS\*\*

All officers and committee members, please be sure to attend your meeting(s) in January. Most of the committees will be trying to meet on **Sunday, January 7th**, prior to the **January 8th Officers Meeting**. All newly elected officers are expected to attend these meetings. Please look over the schedule and be on time!

Sunday, January 7th:

Congregational Care - 4pm; Administrative - 5pm; New Member - 7pm; Witness - 7pm; Property - 7:30pm; Christian Education - 7:30pm; Stewardship & Budget - 7:30pm

The Worship Committee will meet on the Wednesday before the Monday night Officers Meeting at 5:30pm.

Stephen Ministers/Leaders will meet on the third Sunday of the month at 5pm.

## Worship Education Class

**Worship Education Classes will be held after the Moment with the Children during the 11am worship service on January 14th, 21st and 28th. First and second graders are invited to join Susan Patterson in Room 204 of the Education Wing. We will discuss different parts of worship and their meanings. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 775-5216 ext. 235 or at home at 777-9486.**

Susan

**January Birthdays**

Jan. 1 - Lynetta Martin  
 Jan. 2 - Katy Brewer  
 Jan. 3 - James Holt  
 Jan. 5 - Veryl Killmeyer  
 Jan. 6 - Charles Johnson,  
 Lucille York, Jack Trout  
 Jan. 7 - Mary Gibson  
 Jan. 9 - Taylor Davenport  
 Jan. 10 - Cathy Sewell  
 Jan. 11 - Margaret  
 Seymore  
 Jan. 12 - Merlee  
 McDonald, Felicia  
 Douglass  
 Jan. 13 - Emily Buchanan,  
 Dot Riddle  
 Jan. 14 - Esther Childress,  
 Tommy Mann, Jr., Beryl  
 Jackson, Reid Harris  
 Jan. 15 - Donna Phillips,  
 David Byrd  
 Jan. 16 - Madge  
 Carrington  
 Jan. 17 - Gwen McIver,  
 John Foushee, Jr.  
 Jan. 18 - Hunter Woodell,  
 Faye Vann  
 Jan. 19 - Louise  
 Wilkinson, Cason Quick  
 Jan. 20 - Kristina Gibson  
 Jan. 21 - Steve Whitton,  
 Jr., Elizabeth Terrell  
 Jan. 22 - Anita Slattery,  
 Ashley West  
 Jan. 23 - Keith Gall  
 Jan. 24 - Adam York,  
 Charity Washburn, Katie  
 Bland  
 Jan. 25 - Cathy Wilmot  
 Jan. 26 - Albert Kirkey, III  
 Jan. 27 - Caman  
 Patterson, Roland  
 Moessner  
 Jan. 28 - Bill Holt III  
 Jan. 30 - Nancy Henry

**A Helpful Reminder**

**Whenever you or your group has a meeting in the evening or on the weekend, please make arrangements at least 3 days beforehand with Lori to have the church doors unlocked. And as you leave the building at night, please make sure that 2 people with your group are assigned to 'sweep' through the building to assure that all lights are turned off and that all doors are locked. This will help to maintain the safety and security of everyone!**

**December 12th was a day to remember. Many of our patrons arrived in a jolly mood - Christmas was definitely coming. The dining room was adorned with Christmas decorations and music played in the background from a donated radio. A few patrons even brought food items to add to the kitchen shelves.**

**My helpers and I served 180 plates of**

**Breadbasket News**

**food that day. Entrees included spaghetti, fried chicken and barbeque. The salads offered were garden, fruit, slaw, potato and macaroni. Rolls, dessert and tea completed the meal, with the addition of a candy cane in keeping with the season.**

**My December helpers were Helen Lynde, Martha McGee, Rexine Lloyd, Donna Robertson,**

**Lou VanBruggen and Joan & Don Suddarth.**

**It was a good day. We left tired, yet felt content that we had served our community in some small way. Thanks again to all for your support.**

**Emily Kelly,  
 Hunger Enabler**

Dear Church Family,

I thank you for many kindnesses, cards and visits and especially for your prayers for my recovery.

It is good to be home again and enjoying its daily blessings. I hope to be driving soon and able to get back to church.

Love and Gratitude,  
 Katherine Cameron

**Singles' Luncheon**

The Singles' Luncheon will be held Wednesday, January 17th at 12pm in the Harper Center. The ladies from Circle #7 will be hostesses.

Please call the church office by Monday, January 15th to make your reservation.

**Session Report - December**

- **Beginning in January, Children's Church will only be for Kindergartners.**
- **New officers will be installed at the 11am worship service on January 14th.**
- **The Lee County Quiz Bowl will be held in the McIver Fellowship Hall on February 3rd.**

**Live Nativity**

The Live Nativity was once again a wonderful addition to the Christmas activities at FPC this year. Many families participated in the Nativity and many of you drove through to see our version of that special night.

Many people helped behind the scenes. Leah Terrell baked 300 cookies and Barbara Dymond prepared the hot chocolate and provided pizzas for the children in the Nativity. Randy & Donna Robertson and Susan Norris helped serve refreshments. Katrina Johnson, Lisa McClelland and Penny Shields helped with costumes and organizing shifts of participants. What a great opportunity to work together and share the true meaning of Christmas in our church and community.



**Men of the Church**

The Men of the Church breakfast will be held Sunday, January 21st at 8am in the Harper Center. Join us for a delicious breakfast and a great program!

- January**
- Meals on Wheels**
  - Men of the Church**
  - Church Flowers**
  - Coordinating Team**

- January Door Greeters**
- Peggy Golden
  - Wanda Wazenegger
  - Flora Perry
  - John Stevens

- Circles Meet on January 15th at:**
- #1 - Alyce Clark, 30A Traceway North
  - # 2 - Flora Perry, 611 McLeod Drive
  - # 3 - Jean Perry, 1605 Spring Lane
  - # 4 - Lucille Cameron, 613 Denada Path
  - # 5 - Sarah Mann, 502 North Steele Street
  - # 6 - Officers' Supper
  - # 7 - Charlotte Dracousis, 800 Tryon Street
  - # 8 - Church Library, Julianne McCracken, hostess



**Prayer Requests**

Max Brown; Emily Buchanan; Sally Chapin; Dorothy Foushee - Parkview; Margaret Foushee - Parkview; Velner Jones; Charlotte Lutton; Toni Mackey; Merlee McDonald - Pinelake; Bobby McIntyre; Janelle & Savanna Phelps; Margaret Poe - Parkview; Joan Bland's stepfather - D.C. Holler; Melissa Boles; Jessica Brewer's mother - Linda Brewer and father - Winslow Brewer; Jerry Campbell's mother - Clarene Campbell; Carol Carlson; Beth Crandell; Misty Gerstmyer's grandmother - Carole Wines; Joyce Mann's mother - Lorene Glasscock; Carole Petraglia's son - Philip Gregory Petraglia; Wanda Perry; Wilson Proctor's sister - Elizabeth LeCroy; Burton & Betty Sherrod's son - Marc Sherrod; Sally Suther's niece - Amanda Mager; Lucretia Sperry's grandmother - Mildred Frady; Jennifer Tatum's mother - Edith Beasley; Karen Tatum's father - Wesley Spence; Jennifer Tyndall's brother - Brian Tucker; Cameron Womack; Raymond Womble's brother - Wayne Womble

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:*

*Rex Mann and Family in the death of his sister-in-law.*

*Ruth Quick and Family in the death of her sister-in-law.*

*Heather Riddle and Family in the death of her grandmother.*

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## What's Happening in January???

**Mon., Jan. 1** - New Year's Day; Church Office Closed; CDC Closed

**Tues., Jan. 2** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., Jan. 3** - 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir

**Thurs., Jan. 4** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., Jan. 7** - Communion; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/Family S.S.; 11am Worship; 3pm Bible Moderators; 4pm Congregational Care Comm.; 5pm Administrative Comm.; 6pm Youth; 7pm New Member Comm.; Witness Comm.; 7:30pm Committees Meet

**Mon., Jan. 8** - 5:30pm Deacons Meet; 6:30pm Officers' Supper; 7:00pm Elders Meet

**Tues., Jan. 9** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting; 6pm CDC Board Meets

**Wed., Jan. 10** - 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

**Thurs., Jan. 11** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., Jan. 14** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship/Children's Church/Officer Installation; 12pm Congregational Luncheon - Sr. High Youth; 12pm PW Coordinating Team Meets; 6pm Youth

**Mon., Jan. 15** - Circles Meet

**Tues., Jan. 16** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., Jan. 17** - 12pm Sin-

gles' Luncheon; 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

**Thurs., Jan. 18** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Fri., Jan. 19** - Sr. High Youth leave for ski retreat

**Sun., Jan. 21** - 8am MOC Breakfast; 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School/Family S.S.; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 5pm Stephen Ministers/Leaders; 6pm Middle School Youth

**Tues., Jan. 23** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., Jan. 24** - 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice

**Thurs., Jan. 25** - 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Sun., Jan. 28** - 9am Contemporary Service; 9:45am Sunday School; 11am Worship/Children's Church; 4pm Congregational Care Comm.; 6pm Youth; 7pm New Member Comm.; Witness Comm.; 7:30pm Committees Meet

**Tues., Jan. 30** - 9am Staff Meeting; 10am CDC Chapel; 6pm Cardio./Sculpting

**Wed., Jan. 31** - 6:30pm Contemporary Choir; 7:30pm Choir Practice