

The Good News

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This Week's Sermon Emphasis

Rev. Rasco will be emphasizing the reading from Matthew this Sunday in her sermon. The verses, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, tell the Parable of the Sower.

Prayer Requests

This week three names have been added to the FPC Prayer List. Please pray for Pat McFadden, Larry Yearwood, and Peri Poole, and their families. Pat McFadden is the brother of FPC Odeana Stewart. He is in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. He has had open heart surgery, and doctors are trying to get his kidney's to function properly. Earlier this week, he had a leg amputated.

Larry Yearwood and Peri Poole are former co-workers of FPC's Susan Reeves. Larry Yearwood is in hospice and Peri Poole is unable to return to work due to a head injury.

Time Running Out to See Godspell



The final three performances of Godspell, a musical depicting the life and times of Jesus, mostly according to the book of Matthew, are this weekend in the University Playhouse at Texas A&M—Commerce. Tonight and Saturday performances will be at 8 p.m., while Sunday's finale is a matinee at 3 p.m.

This is the school's annual summer production, where alumni, theatre students/faculty, and community members all come together for the departments annual summer program. This mixed group of people help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques, and a hefty dose of comic timing.

This popular musical is a Broadway favorite—originally in 1971 and with subsequent revivals since. For ticket information, call the Box Office at 903-886-5900.

Meetings This Week

- Monday, July 14, 9 a.m. – The Presbyterian Women’s Kitchen Work Day.
- Monday, July 14, 6 p.m. – Come meet with the assessor helping FPC with the New Beginnings program. Rev. John Sterner will be here from approximately 2-8 p.m. looking at our church and the community. At 6 p.m., he will meet with the congregation for an "appreciative inquiry session." The more people who can attend, the better.
- Wednesday, July 16, 5:15 p.m. – Worship Committee meeting.
- Wednesday, July 16, 6 p.m. – Adult Bible Study, led by Walt and Isabel Davis.

From Grace Presbytery

Stated Presbytery Clerk Gerry Tyer has extended an invitation on behalf of Grace Presbytery to attend one of two (or both) gatherings to discuss the recent meeting of the General Assembly in Detroit.

The invitation noted that there were a number of significant issues voted upon which generated a lot of conversation among Presbyterian leaders.

The emailed invitation noted, “This gathering will be your opportunity to hear from Grace Presbytery commissioners and staff who attended the General Assembly meeting. It will also be a time to share our thoughts with each other as we look toward the future as Presbyterian Church leaders.”

Anyone at FPC who is interested may come to the meetings, which are scheduled on Sunday, July 20, from 2-4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 815 East Main Street, in Kilgore and on Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Presbyterian Mission Center, 6100 Colwell Boulevard in Irving.



A Taste of Italy

FPC’s Selvaggi clan recently took a trip a little farther afield than Detroit. Try exotic Italy! Here’s a taste of what they experienced. We’re hoping to get a little more out of them for our monthly newsletter. We are not describing the pictures below. You’ll have to ask a Selvaggi family member. If you don’t get around to it, we’ll try to fill you in next month.



This Sunday's Food Pantry Items

Don't forget to bring something to church this Sunday for the Commerce Food Pantry. Second Sunday items are a bag of pinto beans and/or bag of rice.

Thank-You Received

FPC's Joyce Isaacs has sent the FPC Church Family a thank-you note.

It reads,

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement.
Your words of encouragement and prayers will never be
forgotten.*

Joyce Isaacs

It has been placed on the bulletin board outside the church kitchen.

Oops!

You are getting a second, updated newsletter due to a single omission. Other than this paragraph, can you find the omission. A Snickers' bar to the first person who can find it and email me (church secretary) what it is.

Keep us informed

If you have some news or information that needs to go out, please let us know. We can't print what we don't know about.