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Dr. John Coleman Will Preach At FPC on June 19 and 26.

Dr. John Coleman is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant, TX., where he serves as a Ruling Elder, teaches the mixed-adult Sunday School class, and facilitates a Wednesday night Bible Study.

He was an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church before returning to graduate school for another degree, this time in counseling and psychology. For the past 10 years, he has counseled and taught psychology at Northeast Texas Community College in Mt. Pleasant and psychology and Bible/Religion courses at Letourneau University in Longview.

Dr. Coleman speaks and conducts workshops on communication and leadership.

He has two grown children and a six-year old grandson, all of whom live in Texarkana, Texas.



Summer Lunch Program Numbers Uneven

Report by Bettina Zvanut

The United Way Summer Lunch Program has been underway here for two weeks. Lunch is will be served from 11 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, to children through age 18. There is no charge or paperwork to fill out. It started out with two children, but the number has increased to 12 being served



each day. However, on June 15 and 16, no one came. Help spread the word to keep this program going. If you know of a child that would benefit from this program, please take advantage of this program. Meals not used are being given to clients at the Commerce Food Pantry.

In addition to lunch, each child has received a book or two; they have taken coloring sheets, mazes, puzzles, crayons, and mechanical pencils home. Each child has also received an apple or orange to take home each day thanks to **Janet Fuller**.

I would like to also thank **Brenda Estes, Evie Conner, Lily Selvaggi, Chase YanWei, Ric Estes, Martha Clevenger, and Janet Fuller** for helping me throughout the two weeks.

Prayer List Update

Nancy McFarland has added **Loretta Kibler** to our prayer list. Her longtime friend (and friend of many others in Commerce) is a former superintendent of schools here. She is being treated in Dallas for cancer. **John Paul Rhodes**, who was already on our list, fell last week. He suffered a bump on his head and a hip injury which are being evaluated. Please pray for all those on our list.

In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

Our Troops	Diane Little	Gordon Hunter	Jace Carrington
Bruce Campbell	Sara Grace Pullen	Melba Blount	Amy Lopez
Billy Marshall	Joe Yeakley	John Paul Rhodes	Grace Byrd
Gayle Shumate	Gladys Gray	Family of Christopher Cosby	Pat Skauge
Nila McQuary	Family of Scott Williams	Missy Burns	Family of Dan Jones
Mildred Miller	Amanda Swanson	Gaye Furry	Family of Jean Follis
Preston Helton	Monty Howard	Loretta Kibler	



Bible Readings for this Sunday and Next Sunday

This Sunday (June 19) is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 *David Anointed King of All Israel / Jerusalem Made Capital of the United Kingdom*

Psalter: Psalm 48 *The Glory and Strength of Zion*

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 *The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth / The Mission of the Twelve*

Epistle: (and sermon focus) 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10 *Paul's Visions and Revelations*

Next Sunday (June 26) is the Sixth Sunday After Pentecost.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14 *The Valley of Dry Bones*

Psalter: Psalm 130 *Waiting for Divine Redemption*

New Testament: Romans 8:6-11 *Life in the Spirit*

Gospet: Selections from John 11

Assisting with Worship

Our worship leaders this Sunday (June 19) are: Bob Johnson, Head Usher; Cal Conner, Candle lighter; and Martha Clevenger, Liturgist.

Next Sunday (June 26) our worship leaders will be Nancy McFarland, Head Usher; Sally Walker, candle lighter, and Keith McFarland, liturgist.

These volunteers make the worship service meaningful. When you see them. Please let them know how much you appreciate what they do. If you would like to assist in worship or some other way, please contact Rev. Rasco or the church secretary.

Summer Pictures Wanted



Do you have a picture that perfectly captures the essence of summer—at least the essence of your summer? Maybe you have a picture of a garden or a relative you don't get to see as often as you like but they came or you went to visit them and the visit was really nice. How about a trip you've taken? Email your picture(s) to fpc-commerce@embarqmail.com. Please provide adequate information, so our newsletter readers will know what they are looking at.

Upcoming FPC Events

- Sunday, June 26, noon—SCAMP meeting after worship service
- Tuesday, June 28, 5 p.m.—Commerce Food Pantry meeting

Is a committee meeting or church event on your schedule? Let us know!

Upcoming City Events

Johnson Helps Launch Juneteenth Celebration on Sunday

FPC's **Bob Johnson**, president of the Commerce Community Action Program, spoke about the revival of the celebration of Juneteenth in the June 16 edition of The Commerce Journal. The event, which marks the end of slavery in the U.S. dates back to June 19, 1865.

Dr. Johnson, who was among those who put this event together, was quoted as saying, "We are doing our best to get as much of the local population involved as we can."

The public is invited to come enjoy music, barbeque and guest speakers from 5-8:30 p.m. this Sunday, June 19, at Ivory Moore Park in Commerce.

City and Chamber of Commerce Working on July Fourth Party

The party is planned for Saturday, July 2, at the Eddie Moore Sports Complex in Commerce's Centennial Park. There will be music, food, and lots of activities for kids. Events start at 6 p.m. and conclude with a fireworks show at 9:30 p.m.



Don't Forget Food Pantry Items

The **Commerce Food Pantry** serves families in need each week. Donations, both food and money, are a major source of its ability to help these people. Remember to help out the food pantry with a donation of food each Sunday.



1st Sunday—Peanut butter and/or jelly

2nd Sunday—Bag of pinto beans and/or rice

3rd Sunday—Box of cereal or oatmeal

4th Sunday—Cans of tuna, spam, chicken

5th Sunday—Cans of fruit: peaches, fruit cocktail, etc.



Did We Forget Something?

Don't Forget, You Have to Do Your Part

Maybe we forgot an event you are organizing for FPC or a committee report you wanted to get in The Good News. Whatever you notice is missing, let us know. And if you forgot, remember to remember next time! We can't be informative without you and your input.





Summer Pictures

While not quite yet officially summer, it is vacation time and Wally and Barbara Tucker supplied these pictures from their recent trip to South America. On the way, in the pictures at left and directly below, are some pictures from their ship as they crossed the Panama Canal. Later in Columbia (below, left) is a picture of a beautiful cathedral in Santa Marta some weddings are about to be conducted there.



Because weddings are so expensive, as many as 10 weddings were planned at the same time for this Cathedral in Santa Marta, Columbia.



Got a picture for The Good News that you would like to share?

Email it to fpc-commerce@embarqmail.com