



# The Good News

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## Summer Is Arriving—Have Fun, But Be Careful Out There

*Glorious summer. It's not hard to think of things that make summer enjoyable—school is out, vacations and/or weekend trips are coming, family members visit, projects are undertaken, water sports are enjoyed. You get the picture.*

*Summer is certainly a time to have fun and enjoy being with the people we love. So get out your cameras and record all this enjoyment. And let us in on it by sending us your pictures.*

*But remember to be careful, too. We can easily be carried away with all the fun and get ourselves into trouble. Summer is hot—very hot—in our neck of the woods. Don't over do it. Stay healthy by limiting your exertion and exposure in the sun. Stay hydrated. Use sunscreen. Also, drive carefully, use your seatbelts, don't text while driving, even on the water. You know the drill.*

And don't forget to pray this glorious summer—for our country and its leaders, for those in need, and for the path we take as we enjoy the beauty of this world we live in and the fellowship of the people we love.

## Joyce McCord Taken from Us While on Oklahoma Trip

FPC members and friends of **Joyce McCord** were shocked and saddened to hear of her death early this week. She had been on the FPC prayer list and seemed to be recovering from an illness that required her to be on oxygen. Those who knew her were not surprised that she was battling back with grace and grit. She vowed she would not let carrying oxygen with her keep her from attending FPC.

Indeed, she fought back and was apparently well enough to take a trip to Oklahoma for a beloved aunt's funeral. However, during the trip, she took a turn for the worse and was taken to a hospital in Oklahoma City where she underwent an operation to remove part of her colon. After yet another fight, she succumbed, passing away peacefully shortly before noon on Monday, June 11.

### Obituary

Joyce Dewbre McCord, longtime Commerce resident, passed away on Monday, June 11, 2018. Joyce

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## Reverends Adkins, Hughes Back to Lead FPC in Worship June 17 and 24

Two familiar faces will be coming back to FPC to fill the pulpit in the absence of Rev. Rasco on the Sundays of June 17 and June 24.

**Rev. Julie Adkins** will lead worship on June 17 and **Rev. Beverly Hughes** will lead us on June 24.

Please extend a big "Welcome Back" when you see them and be sure to catch them up what FPC is doing and then thank-them for being an important part of helping FPC serve our God and community.



Rev. Julie Adkins



Rev. Beverly Hughes



MUSEUM  
OF  
BIBLICAL  
ART



## Mark Your Calendar, Don't Miss This Trip to the Museum of Biblical Art in Dallas!

**Bettina Zvanut** is heading up a very special trip on **Sunday, June 24**, to see the wonders at the Biblical Museum of Dallas. Following the worship service, a lunch in Fellowship Hall of sandwiches, salads, and cookies will be provided for those participating in this unique trip. Please contact Bettina if you will go, so that she can make arrangements to have enough food, and if you can take a car so that carpooling will be possible.

The group will leave FPC around 12:45 for the trip to Dallas. The museum is located at 7500 Park Lane across from North Park Mall. Plans are to arrive around 2:30 p.m. and leave about 4 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$8 for children under 12.

### Joyce McCord Obituary

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was born on June 27, 1935, the daughter of Alvy Doc Dewbre and Thelma Bowden Dewbre.

Visitation was held Thursday, June 14, from 6-8 p.m. at Commerce Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 15, at 11 a.m. in the FPC sanctuary.

A meal was provided for the family by the women of FPC in Fellowship Hall following the service here.

Afterward, a committal service was held at Eubanks Cemetery in Canton at 2 p.m.

Joyce is survived by her sisters, Ruth Green of Comanche, TX and Mary Fern McKibben of Lubbock, TX. She also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews, as well as a multitude of dear friends.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and devoted and loving husband, Dr. Kenneth McCord.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the memorial of your choice.



Got a picture (or a story) for

*The Good News*  
that you would like to share?

Email it to

fpc-commerce  
@embarqmail.com



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all that's missing is U!

### In Our Prayers at First Presbyterian

<b>Our Troops</b>	<b>Gordon Hunter</b>	<b>Bruce Campbell</b>	<b>Sara Grace Pullen</b>
<b>Melba Blount</b>	<b>Amy Lopez</b>	<b>Joe Yeakley</b>	<b>Grace Byrd</b>
<b>Gayle Shumate</b>	<b>Gladys Gray</b>	<b>Mildred Miller</b>	<b>Gaye Furry</b>
<b>Preston Helton</b>	<b>Catherine King Robertson</b>	<b>Bennie Neve</b>	<b>Ron Davis</b>
<b>Jan Burns</b>	<b>Audrey Hucks</b>	<b>Larry Ratliff</b>	<b>Jack Gray</b>
<b>Jean Angotti</b>	<b>Jim Calvert</b>	<b>Tammi Fucci</b>	<b>Adele Reeves</b>
<b>Brandon &amp; Kate Pullen Hall</b>	<b>Bob Wilkins</b>	<b>Joe Dipiazza</b>	<b>Deryl McKenzie</b>
<b>Danny Spruel</b>	<b>Kristen Anderson</b>	<b>Family of Beverly Murphy</b>	<b>Family of Donald R. Smith</b>
<b>The Chang Family in Atlanta and China</b>		<b>Family of Freda Lambert</b>	<b>Family of Joyce McCord</b>

### **Additions to Prayer List**

We've had several recent additions to the FPC Prayer List.

**The Chang family in Atlanta and China**, following the death of Hui Clevenger's grandmother in China. Hui and her husband Eric live in Atlanta. Eric is the son of FPC's Martha Clevenger.

**Freda Lambert's family** following her death on May 29.

**The family of Joyce McCord**, following her passing in Oklahoma on June 11.

Please pray for these families and all those on our list.



### **Assisting with Worship**

The following people are assisting with worship the next two Sundays.

#### **June 17**

Head Usher: ..... **Ric Estes**

Candle Lighter: ..... **TBD**

Liturgist: ..... **Barbara Tucker**

#### **June 24**

Head Usher: ..... **Scott Stewart**

Candle Lighter: ..... **TBD**

Liturgist: ..... **Toni Deaton**

*Please remember to let our worship leaders know how much you appreciate them. If you would like to help with worship in some capacity, please contact Rev. Rasco or the church secretary.*

### **Upcoming Bible Readings**

**Sunday (June 17) Is the  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Old Testament: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13** *David Anointed as King*

**Psalter: Psalm 20** *Prayer for Victory*

**Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17** *Living by Faith, The Ministry of Reconciliation*

**Gospel (and sermon focus): Mark 4:26-34** *The Parable of the Growing Seed / The Parable of the Mustard Seed / The use of Parables.*

**At press time the Bible readings for Sunday, June 24, had not been determined.**

Deadline for the July edition of the Good News is Wednesday, June 27 at noon.

It will be emailed on Friday, June 29.



♦ Flyer providing details and a picture of the Red, White and Blue Quilt being raffled off on July 1 at the Bois d'Arc Fourth of July celebration. Benefits the **Commerce Food Pantry**.

♦ A Thank-You Note from **Whitney and Michael Rice** for the children's Bible dedicated to their son **Liam** at the worship Service on Mother's Day.

♦ A card that came with a gift of \$205 collected from friends and colleagues of **Kirby Lambert** at the Montana Historical Society in memory of his mother, **Freda Lambert**.

**Happy Father's Day**





Don't forget to send us  
your summer pictures!



## Coming to FPC Next Month



The flyer for SCAMP! features a vibrant, multi-colored geometric background. At the top left, there is a graphic of a musical staff with a cross on it. The text 'FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH' is in a serif font, followed by 'Commerce' in a script font and 'is proud to introduce:' in a smaller script font. The main title 'SCAMP!' is in large, white, stylized letters. Below it, 'Summer Creative Arts & Movement Program' is written in a script font. The dates 'July 16-20' are in large, white, bold letters. Below that, the text 'For students entering 1st - 6th grades' is in a smaller font, followed by '\$20 for a week of Singing, Instruments, Creative Movement and Art' and 'Includes lunch daily and a T-shirt!'. The time '8am- 12pm Daily' is in a bold font. The location 'Located at First Presbyterian Church Commerce' and '1216 Monroe St. Commerce, TX 75428' are listed. The registration information 'Register online at <http://fpc-commerce.com/> OR by using the QR code below!' is provided. A registration deadline notice 'Registration deadline is July 9th!! Limited slots available sign up today!' is at the bottom. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. The background is decorated with colorful musical notes and a treble clef.

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*is proud to introduce:*

# SCAMP!

*Summer Creative Arts & Movement Program*

## July 16-20

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\$20 for a week of Singing, Instruments, Creative Movement and Art  
Includes lunch daily and a T-shirt!

**8am- 12pm Daily**

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Register online at <http://fpc-commerce.com/> OR by using the  
QR code below!

Registration deadline is July 9th!! Limited slots available sign up today!

SCAMP returns of course (see flyer), but on July 29, we will have a special fifth-Sunday Hymn Sing featuring our own Jim Deaton and his musical partner Joe Knight.

Look for more about this musical happening in our next newsletter.



Jim Deaton



Joe Knight

## Mason Howard After Graduation

A lot of FPC folks wanted to know what is **Mason Howard** doing after graduation. Where is he off to? Fortunately for us, not too far.

In his own words, we'll let Mason answer your question about what he is doing after graduation.

*Now that I have graduated I will be joining Cummins, Inc. starting June 11th as a diesel Technician*



*Apprentice. I will be living mainly in Duncanville where the branch of the company I will be working at is located, but for two weeks at a time ever so often I will be sent to North Carolina for college classes to get an associate's degree. I'm not sure yet where in North*

*Carolina or how often I'll go, but y'all won't have to worry about me not being at church for at least a little while.*

*This program is called the Technician Apprentice Program or TAP. It is a four year program that starts me off at half of the highest paid technician in the shop—which from my understanding isn't too bad.*

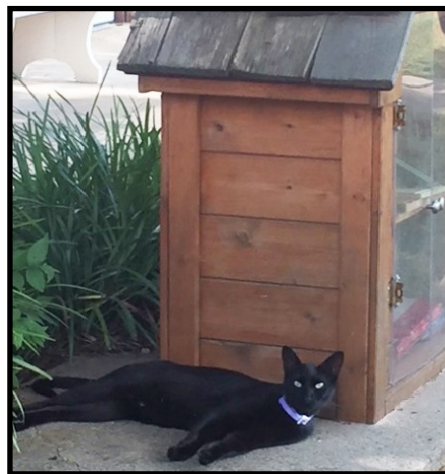
*Throughout the four years, every six months I receive a significant raise so that at the end of the program I am making a minimum of 85% of the highest paid tech. When I complete the program I will have an Associate's Degree in Applied Sciences of Diesel Technology, which i can put towards a mechanical engineering degree, as well as multiple certificates for working on diesel motors.*

*If I stay two more years, then I will get to keep the \$10,000 tool kit they provide at the start of the program.*

*So if all goes well I will be highly qualified, have a degree, and get paid to do things that I really enjoy.*

*What I'm looking forward to the most is being able to do something I enjoy as my career, and being able to further my education at the same time.*

*I hope this covers most everything. If you have any more questions please let me know.*



*Library Cat—This feline was snapped by Isabel Davis while waiting for the Little Library to open earlier this month. Or maybe, the cat was just taking advantage of the shade.*

## Freezer Helps Provide Healthier Proteins

With the addition of its new freezer, the Commerce Food Pantry leadership is using it to provide even healthier food choices to those it serves.

Because the pantry can now offer frozen meat choices of chicken, turkey and beef at greatly subsidized prices, the list of food pantry items requested of donors is gradually changing. One of those changes is reflected in the new donation list below.

Spam has been removed. In its place, recipients are now being offered their choice of frozen meats.

### Food Pantry Donation Items

The Commerce Food Pantry typically serves between 30-40 different families in need each week—over 120 families each month. Donations remain an important source of its ability to help these people. Remember to help out the food pantry with a donation of food each Sunday.

Here are suggested donations. There is a box just inside the sanctuary for your donation.

**1st Sunday**—Saltine crackers

**2nd Sunday**—Ranch Style Beans

**3rd Sunday**—Spaghetti sauce (in cans)

**4th Sunday**—Chili without beans

**5th Sunday**—Canned pineapple

In addition to the above, the Commerce Food Pantry is always in need of grocery paper bags with handles (Braum's paper bags are perfect). If you have any spare paper bags, please consider donating them at any time.



## Upcoming Community Events



### Bois d'Arc Fourth of July Celebration

♦ This annual event takes place Sunday, July 1, at 6 p.m. at the Eddie Moore Sports Complex in Commerce's Centennial I Park.

Admission is free, but everyone is encouraged to bring a canned good for the Commerce Food Pantry.

There will be nearly continuous music up until the fireworks display starts at 9:30 p.m. Right before the sky starts lighting up, the winning ticket for the Commerce Food Pantry's Quilt Raffle will be drawn. The winner gets a huge patriotic red, white, and blue quilt. If you haven't yet bought your ticket, they will be on sale at the celebration.

Lots of concession food and drinks will be available, as well.

♦ **Friday, June 22, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.**—Commerce Appreciation Day at the Northeast Texas Children's Museum. Half-price admission for all Commerce residents.

♦ **Thursdays throughout June, 6-8 p.m.**—Family Night at the Commerce Public Library.



### Newsmakers

FPC's **Hoyle and Ann Julian** were honorees at the 2018 Alumni Awards Gala at TAMUC on May 4 held in the Sam Rayburn Student Center. They were among nine recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, the highest award the TAMUC Alumni Association presents. Recipients have achieved illustrious careers in their field of study.

Both Hoyle and Ann are retired after long and successful careers in the oil and gas industry (Hoyle) and as a librarian (Ann). Congratulations to a wonderful FPC couple.

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**Captain Rose Selvaggi Rhodes**, daughter of Rick and Tina Selvaggi, is back to work at Fort Travis in Fairfield, California. As an Air Force reservist, she serves her country one weekend per month and two

weeks per year. This is Rose's fifth year to serve.



*Rose, in uniform, proudly holds her new son Austin, who was born in February.*



The 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) will take place Saturday, June 16 through Saturday, June 23, in St. Louis, Missouri.

For more information, click on the following link: [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org).

“ Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened. ”

— Dr. Suess



# FPC in Action

## Parents' Night Out

From 6-10 p.m. on Friday, June 1, in Fellowship Hall and outside on the church lawn. **Toni Deaton, Brenda Estes, Arlene Allen, and Bettina Zvanut** babysat four children, giving their parents a special night out.

But this wasn't just any babysitting! **Toni** taught two music lessons, **Arlene** supervised coloring, **Bettina** led bubble-making outside, and **Brenda** read two Bible stories. They all played musical games and hopping games in the parlor in addition to the lessons on drums, sticks, zylophones, and finger cymbals.

Everyone ate grapes, strawberries, cheese, and cookies. Thanks to **Jason Rasco** for providing pizza! At 10 p.m., the kids were ready to go home, and the teachers were ready to sleep! Everyone had a great time.

## Coterie Club Gets Art Lessons from Walt

On June 7 in Fellowship Hall, the Coterie Club's leader, **Brenda Estes**, brought some unique hands on art lessons to her club members. Actually, she brought FPC's **Walt Davis** to the club meeting and he did the teaching. It was a special meeting that gave everyone a chance to learn and make a piece of art to take home.

*At right, Commerce City councilwoman Jean Klaus (seated left) and Brenda go about creating their own art. Below, Walt Davis gives instruction to Toni Deaton (left) and Rheba Icenhower.*



**Did we leave anything out? Did you forget to let us know about something?**

**Let us know!**