

# The Good News

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## Sermon Focus

In her sermon on Sunday, Rev. Rasco will be using **Exodus 16:2-15**. In these verses, God once again produces a miracle by providing the Israelites food on their journey across the desert.

## Prayer Requests

Please pray for Geraldine Branom's family, which includes her sister, FPC's Freida Branom. Geraldine, long time former FPC member, passed away on Sept. 17. Following her wish to be cremated, there will be a graveside memorial service, but at the time of publication, a date and time had not been scheduled.

FPC member Beverly Housewright also needs your prayers. She will undergo surgery on Sept. 25 at Hunt Regional Medical in Greenville.

## Church Activities and Meetings This Week

*Teach the Preacher*, which provides an opportunity to discuss the previous week's sermon and take a look at the upcoming one, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 9 a.m.

## Upcoming Area Activities

**Tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 20**, First Presbyterian Church of Dallas invites you to **Burgers and Bluegrass**, its Concert Series kickoff event for the 2014-2015 season. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. (\$7/person payable at the event) and a free concert featuring the Oak Cliff String Band will be followed Dr. Tim Sharp's *Come Away to the Skies: A High Lonesome Bluegrass Mass* at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concert and mass are free. Free parking is available in the church parking garage. Full details can be found at: [www.fpcdallas.org/bluegrass](http://www.fpcdallas.org/bluegrass).

**On Saturday, Sept. 27**, Grace Presbytery will hold its monthly meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Longview. Go to the Grace Presbytery website for time and docket information.

*The FISH BBQ* on **Sept. 26** (Friday) supports Hunt County Shared Ministries. The event is at Wesley United Methodist Church in Greenville. Lunch and dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5:30-7:30 p.m., respectively.

**On Friday and Saturday, Sept. 26-27**, Commerce's annual Bois d'Arc Bash is back. Our Food Pantry volunteers will have a part in it—handing out free water. Events include a pageant (held Sept. 20), a golf tournament, a barbecue dinner, and plenty of music—including a "Community Concert in the Park." There will also be a pancake breakfast, vendor booths, and, of course, a parade.



### **This Sunday's Food Pantry Items**

The third Sunday of the month means it's time to bring a box of cereal or some oatmeal for the Food Pantry. You can place these items in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

### **Assisting With Worship This Week**

The following are helping with the worship service on Sunday (Sept. 21). As always, thanks to these folks for their help: Sherry Johnson, Host Elder; Scott Stewart, Head Usher; Mason Howard, Candlelighter; and Neal Stewart, Liturgist.

Some talented FPC members, namely Bettina and David Zvanut, will also be a big part of Sunday's service. They will be performing and leading the service's music.

If you would like to be a part of the worship service like these folks, or if you have something you would like to do in support of our ministry, contact Rev. Rasco or call the church secretary. And don't forget to go up to them and say thanks.

### **Hot Off the Press!**

- **Where's our sidewalk!**-- Our sidewalk is gone! The sidewalk on Monroe Street in front of the church was dug up this week as construction crews make progress on our street. Maybe it won't be too much longer and FPC will once again be on a paved street.

Workers were well on their way to tearing out the sidewalk on Thursday morning.



- **New Computer and Monitors**--FPC's office has entered a new era with a new computer and a dual monitor setup. Still being assembled, it is hoped this will be the last newsletter composed on the old system.

- **Need a New Mattress?**--FPC's **Mason Howard and Lily Selvaggi** are helping the Commerce High School Roaring Tiger Band raise money. If you need a new mattress, you can help them, the band, and yourself. The mattress sale will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the CHS Band Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Mason or Lily for more information. All mattresses are new with full factory warranties. Several brands and many styles are available.



### **Don't Drop the Ball**

Remember, we need get your information as early as possible to make our Friday publication date. So if you have some news or information that needs to go out, please let us know as soon as possible.

We can't print what we know about. Also, if you know of someone who would like to get our church newsletters, send us their email address and we will put them on our mailing list.