

The Good News

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March, 2015 set as Monroe completion date

Thank-you Lt. General.

After a very long time and, with a little help from a famous military figure who just happened to be born near FPC, a date has been set for completion of the northern section of Monroe Street.

In a page one story in its Oct. 23 edition, The Commerce Journal's Caleb Slinkard pinned (and penned) down a date for the completion of the road in front of FPC. He wrote that Commerce City Manager Marc Clayton said the completion date for the completion of paving of the northern section of Monroe Street is March, 2015. That will allow the go-ahead for a planned ceremony to honor the World War II hero whose childhood home is located just doors down from FPC—Lt. General Claire Chennault.

FPC's section of Monroe Street, north of Live Oak, is under a separate paving contract—funded by the Texas Water Development Board.



Childhood Home of Lt. Gen. Claire Chennault



FISH FRY THIS SUNDAY!

Don't forget the **FPC Fish Fry** is this Sunday at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those who can are asked to bring a side or desert for sharing

Joyce McCord Getting Better

Bettina Zvanut reports that Joyce McCord is at Legends in Greenville in Room 302 and in physical therapy.

"She was working hard in therapy and seems in good spirits. I took her flowers from my yard, and that made her happy. If anyone else wants to see her, she is usually done with therapy after 3:00,"

said Bettina. If you have some news you would like to pass along, we'd like to hear it.

Grace Presbytery Issues Prayers for Ebola Victims

Editor's note: This article was inadvertently left out of last week's newsletter, which affects its timelessness, but not its message. We apologize.

The following prayer was sent out by Grace Presbytery:

*Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us
in all our troubles so that we may be able to comfort those experiencing
any trouble with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

--2 Corinthians 1:3-4

The eyes of the world have been focused on Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas since September 25. As the epicenter of this nation's first outbreak of Ebola, the staff of the Presbyterian-related hospital has worked tirelessly - nurses, doctors, chaplains, and administrators.

We offer prayers of mercies and comfort as they continue to do their job in a stressful situation, providing medical and spiritual care for all.

Lord, in your mercy.

We offer prayers of mercies and comfort for the family of Thomas Duncan as they grieve his loss and ask the question "Why him?"

Lord, in your mercy.

We offer prayers of mercies and comfort for Nina Pham, a nurse who was part of the medical team for Thomas Duncan, who is now the patient.

Lord in your mercy.

Kiss the Pig Contest

The race continues! If you haven't done so yet, cast your vote for either Dr. Rick Selvaggi, Joe Fred Cox, Sherry Johnson, or Rev. Krista Rasco. Whoever receives the most votes (money) has to kiss Sir Little Bacon.

This fund-raiser will help FPC youth attend an upcoming trip to SHYC, an annual get-together for Grace Presbytery high schoolers held at Austin College in Sherman in late January. So there is still plenty of time for you to put someone in the kissing hot seat. Four money jars, one for each candidate, are in the FPC office during the week and in the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday.

Please tell friends and family about the fundraiser and make sure you vote.



Sermon Focus

Rev. Rasco will continue examining the Old Testament in her sermon on Sunday. She will be using **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**. In these verses, Moses dies and is buried in Moab.

Assisting With Worship This Week

Those assisting with worship this week are: Bob Johnson, Head Usher; Matthew McFarland, Candlelighter; and Dennis White, Liturgist.

Thanks to all those who give of their time and talents to make worship at FPC more meaningful.

Upcoming FPC Activities and Meetings This Week

Teach the Preacher is Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 9 a.m.

On **Saturday, Oct. 25**, members of FPC's Presbyterian Women (and guests) will head to Athens, Texas, for their **Fall Gathering**. Car pools will start forming at 7 a.m. Those going to the retreat are asked to wear something orange and bring rolls of toilet tissue for donation to a "safe house. It's all in support for victims of domestic violence.

All women are invited. If you travel by yourself, know that registration starts at 9:30 a.m.

This Sunday's Food Pantry Items

The fourth Sunday of the month calls for canned tuna, spam, or chicken. Your donation can help an ever growing list of people who need help. Place your items in the box at the back of the sanctuary, and thank you for your donation.

Other Area Activities This Month

Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:30-11:30 a.m.—Local businesses are sponsoring with the Chamber of Commerce here a Health and Wellness Fair in the Ben E. Keith Community Room at 2248 Live Oak in Commerce. This one day expo promotes healthy living and fun while providing health information. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 903-886-3950.

Friday, Oct. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m.—Trick or Treat on the Square in Commerce. There will be lots to do and see. For more information, call Sherry at 903-886-1123. The event is sponsored by the City of Commerce.



Don't Forget

We are only as informative as you make us.

We can forget, too. Help us remember important things that should be in each week's newsletters. We need get your information as early as possible to make our Friday publication date.

Please let us know of important items 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.