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FROM PASTOR DUNCAN'S DESK

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Congregational

Meeting

Sunday,

February 8th

Following second service

Greetings from the Great State of Texas:

About the time you receive this message I should be returning from a two week class at Austin Presbyterian Seminary in Texas. I am at the midway point of a five year Dr. of Ministry program. This class focused on sermon preparation and delivery and the current theories on preaching.

The annual FPC Congregational Meeting is coming in one week. It will follow immediately after second service on Sunday February 8th. I hope you already have it in your schedule. We will celebrate many of the accomplishments of this past year and take a peek into 2009. Other items on the agenda include:

- Electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) to search for a new Associate Pastor for Youth and Families.
- Review progress and plans of the Building

Renovation. John Monson is doing a fantastic job of overseeing construction and will give us the latest.

- Review the FPC annual budget and answer your questions.
- Bring other business as is customary

This has been a challenging year for all non-profits and churches, with many seeing sizable drops in income. The Session has worked hard to trim costs and is facing difficult choices. We have prioritized the programs that will help us grow and support our youth in discernment of God's work here at FPC. This has meant tough decisions, but puts us in a healthier position in this current economy. The bulk of the reductions will be from the Personnel budget which is leading the way with a 12 percent reduction. The savings came from eliminating the Business Manager position and by combining the Associate Pastor and Youth Director into one ordained position.

The new Associate Pastor position will be focused on Youth and Families. This will involve an open and prayerful search by the APNC for the person to fill this role. Next month we will say "Thank You" to Pastor Linda for her ministry as Interim Associate Pastor at FPC. We are grateful for her service during the interim period and will celebrate her ministry together next month. Pastor Linda will continue with us through the end of March.

I look forward to being back with you soon.

Blessings in Christ.

Pastor Duncan



ELDERS

Elders are chosen by the people. Together with the ministers, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for life of a particular church as well as the church at large. They shall serve faithfully as members of the session.

Class of 2009

Jan Bussman
Bill Jindra
Cathy Monson
Karen Nichols
Linda Powell
Ronda Rohm

Class of 2010

John Davis
Terry Fyne
John Griffin
Jan Jacobsen
Ed Little
Danny Monson

Class of 2011

Don Barber
Nancy Dobeck
Brynn Kernaghan
Mary Jane Lent
Jan Regitz
Chuck Zincke

BOARD OF DEACONS

The Board of Deacons begins 2009 with an outstanding group of new deacons and an equally outstanding group of returning Deacons. We rejoice in the continuing work of service to others and look forward to another year at FPC.

Class of 2009:

Tom & Marian Allison
Betsy Azariah
Til Bennett
Betty Dunlap
Marti Kurschat
Sidney Lowrey
Don & Chris Marshall
Margaret Schnoor
Jean VanDerVeen
JoAnn Voisan

Class of 2010:

Lee Culp
Claire Curran
Jennifer Foyt
Brad Jacobsen
Jim Lowrey
Jennifer Monson
Kevin Monson
Dodie & Norm Puckett
Lorri Spiering
Christy Thompson
Jill Wilke

Class of 2011:

Mary Cheung
Randy Dennewitz
Robert Doidge
Eileen Finck
Doris Foulds
Joe Fyne
June Krebs
Betty Murphy
Gina & Jerry Salomon

A Deacon is...

....a mind through
which Christ thinks,
.....a heart through
which Christ loves,
.....a voice through
which Christ speaks,
.....a hand through
which Christ helps.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Last month your session voted to form an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). This means that sometime this year you will call your new associate to come and be part of the new vision for ministry which your leaders have discerned. You'll be hearing more about the APNC at the Congregational Meeting and they will update you on their progress just as the

PNC did this past year.

I am very thankful for three years of ministry here together at FPC.

I am grateful for the way you responded to yet another interim pastor!

I have been able to serve in a way that has prepared you for this next step.

This year will be an exciting time in the life of this church: as you complete the building plan and complete your staff-

ing plan.

At the end of March I will be going...

So remember in all your comings and goings (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

You shall love the Lord God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

In Christ's ministry,

Pastor Linda



From my Celtic corner of blessings:
Would it not be the beautiful thing now, if you were just coming instead of going?
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FPC Discovery Seminar

Frequently asked questions:

What:

- A half day seminar to answer questions about the Christian faith,
- A place to meet new friends
- A time to enjoy two great meals
- Find what it takes to become involved at FPC Fullerton.

Where: Right here at FPC.

When: Saturday February 28th, 2009 from 8:30am until 3 p.m.

Why: To ask your questions about the Christian faith and make some new friends. Great food! Talk with the pastors. **Special Attraction:** Stump the Pastors session.

How: Several easy ways: Tell the pastor as you leave worship. Call the church office at 714 526-7701 or e-mail the church office at fpcoffice@fpc-fullerton.org. The Discovery Seminar is a prerequisite for church membership. (Recently joined FPC members may also want to come.)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Think back on any song you may know by heart. It could be a camp song from childhood, or a children's hymn from Sunday School, or even a song from the radio. Now sing it to yourself. Isn't it remarkable how the words and the melody to this song has been imprinted on your being? Somewhere in the path of your life, this song was taught to you, probably by rote. You synthesized it mentally and probably learned to sing it over many times. Through this process a incredible change took place. The song migrated from your brain matter and became more than the object of mental recitation. If it is a song with a particularly poignant melody, or with extra meaningful words the song becomes a part of our soul as well. We may remember things in the short term that fall from our memory soon after;

however, a song or a poem has the ability to stay with us forever. I find it a mysterious and beautiful acknowledgment of God that we have such a facet to our natural beings. When special songs make the transition from mind to heart, we have the ability as people to take that wonderful modulation a step further: we may act out the good deeds, the song in our heart.

This is but a ravishing aspect of the multitudinous purposes of hymn singing. Many of these hymns and songs we've been singing since childhood are on our lips daily. They are our inheritance to pass down, to imprint on the hearts of our progeny. May we in this blessed new year be filled with the wonder of the great mysteries of our faith and our universe. May we allow the beauty of song and word to tran-

scend our limited minds, and find breadth and hope through our heart, in our hands.

Sometimes for people like clergy and choristers, who constantly live their faith by serving the needs of others, it becomes easy to fall into rote recitation of the richness of our prayers and songs. We may sometimes allow the richness of the tongue to overshadow the meaning of the words from whence they came. There's a beautiful prayer I learned as a young chorister. It reminds us of our daily devotion to God.

Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts; And what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives - Through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



LINES FROM LYNN

February is the month we think of love! With our children at FPC, we regularly teach by word and actions that “God is Love,” “We love because He first loved us,” and “God loves each and every one of you!” One of the goals of all adults who interact with our kids is that God’s love will shine through each of us, so that each child will encounter Jesus through us.

If you have a chance, I invite you to visit my office this month to enjoy one of Charles Schultz early books with Peanuts and the gang “Love is Walking Hand in Hand.”

Here are the entries, but you **MUST** see the cartoons to fully appreciate the lines!

Love is messing up someone’s hair.

Love is loaning your best comic magazines.

Love is having a special song.

Love is tickling.

Love is a valentine with lace all around the edges.

Love is wishing you had nerve enough to talk with that little girl with the red hair.

Love is letting him win even though you know you could slaughter him.

Love is sharing your popcorn.

Love is hating to say good-bye.

Love is walking hand-in-hand.

Love is a letter on pink stationery.

Love is getting someone a glass of water in the middle of the night.

Love is passing notes back and forth in school.

Love is standing in a doorway just to see her if she comes walking by.

Love is not nagging.

Love is wondering what

he’s doing right now this very moment.

Love is buying somebody a present with your own money.

Love is visiting a sick friend.

Love is a phone call.

Love is walking in the rain together.

Love is eating out with your whole family.

Love is being able to spot her clear across the playground among four hundred other kids.

Love is committing yourself in writing.

Love is being happy just knowing that she’s happy...but that isn’t so easy.

Love is a flag. Love is liking people. Love is liking ideas. Love is the whole world.



SOUL HARVEST WORKER'S NEEDED!

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.” Luke 10:2 (NIV)

During my college years, God really pressed this verse on my heart. As I began working with kids at camp and at church, I saw the great need for adult role models and influences in kid's lives. Our world is full of people, searching for the Truth, and many are ready to hear about the grace given through Jesus Christ, yet the “workers are few.” This is also true for today's youth. They are seeking for something real, for a story bigger than themselves, for someone who cares and understands them. Are we up for the challenge to “send out workers into His harvest field?”

We invite you to join the team and be a worker in the harvest through Youth Ministries at First Presbyterian Church.

Here's how you can join the team. 1. Be an advocate for Youth Ministries. Be cheerleaders for the kids and let others know about the great things the youth are doing. 2. Be a resource by donating your time, equipment, or your house. 3. Be a prayer partner by committing to pray for the youth at church. 4. And finally, be a “worker” in the harvest. Youth “workers” come in all different shapes and sizes. If you're married or single; have kids, grandkids, or even great grandkids; have a lot of free time, or a tight schedule; like your job or want to find a new one; work in the high tech industry or in the creative arts field; a teacher, a boss, a student, a drop out, a cook, a parent; retired or dreaming of retirement, God might be calling you to work with the youth of our church. Ask these questions to yourself and prayerfully consider them. Do you “have any availability?” “feel a sense of God's

calling?” “like kids, junior high or senior high?” “want to share your growing faith with others?” If you feel called to be an advocate, a resource, a prayer partner, or are considering being “worker,” we welcome you to join the team. Talk to Pastor Duncan or Pastor Linda whom both were called to pastoral ministry later in life. Talk to Lynn who has worked with the kids most of her life! Talk to a Sunday School teacher, a member of our Youth Committee, a parent who has volunteered. And of course, you can talk to me! We would love to share our experiences of working with youth and in ministry with you to help you discern where God might be calling you! Whether you are the one asking God to send workers, or are a worker being sent into the fields, remember that the harvest is plentiful and will always need workers! Grace and peace to you.



Upcoming Events

Souper Bowl of Caring—Feb 1

Super Bowl Party at church at 3:00 on Feb. 1

JH Winter Camp @ Alpine Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead Feb 27–March 1

DOOR OF FAITH ORPHANAGE

All the children at the Door of Faith Orphanage, along with the adults on the staff, are very grateful for the gifts our generous congregation sent down to them for Christmas and Twelfth Night (the Mission Tree). You all go above and beyond expectations every year and it is very heartwarming.

With so many gifts, getting them to the orphanage is a challenge! This year, we had two angels who were responsible for transporting the gifts to Mexico. As if they didn't have enough to do, Ted and Renette Laase stepped forward again and carried almost all the gifts to the storage unit that the orphanage maintains on this side of the border. It was a mission accomplished, thanks to the willingness of the Laases to help us out with a big job. Muchas gracias!

The Happy Birthday program is nearing the end of its second year and it is such a great success, once again, due to our congregation's generosity. It is hard to describe the importance of this project to the children as well as the staff at Door of Faith. March and April birthday pictures will be available beginning the first Sunday in February. Look for our table after both services.

We are continuing to plan the bus trip to Door of Faith on Saturday, April 25th. The Mission Committee has again agreed to pay half the fee for any child 18 and under who is traveling with a parent. No passport is needed for this trip so we hope to fill the bus. Watch the Good News for more details.

We have many unsung heroes in our congregation but we would like to

mention one in particular whom most of you do not know. Every Friday, our sandwich-makers gather to make 120 sack lunches to help feed the needy of our community. One of our members, Kae Thomas, has been supplying oranges for these lunches from the farmer's market for as long as we can remember. This healthy dessert is a big part of each sack lunch and we want to thank Kae for her loyal effort in this church project.

Both of these outreach missions are sponsored by our church Mission Committee, along with many other projects that are local, national and international.

Thanks for your help on these projects.

Mimi and Bill Maginnis

Here is a glimpse of what Door of Faith Orphanage goes through in one week!

- 2,850 meals
- 980 showers
- 567 diapers
- 480 loads of laundry
- 175 rolls of toilet paper
- 109 Band-Aids
- 98 trips to school
- 70 gallons of milk
- 45 haircuts
- 37 "time-outs"
- 15 gallons of bleach
- 4 trips to the doctor
- 2 birthday cakes

Countless hugs!!



BUILDING UPDATE

The demolition work has finally been completed. We are now well into the building phase and it is exciting to see the new construction taking place.

The new restrooms in the Christian Education Building have been framed and the rough plumbing and electrical is in place. We should have the walls dry walled by the time this Good News article is out. The next steps will be the flooring, cabinets and fixtures. We will then be ready for tile work and paint. We hope to have

these restrooms finished and in service by the middle of February. The new kitchen in the Youth Room should also be ready by the middle of February.

The Chapel / Board Room should be finished by the end of March. The Elevator equipment has been ordered and the construction of the tower for this equipment should be started by late January. The Fellowship Hall with the new kitchen, welcome center and Euclid Street entrance hallway should be well underway by the

time this article is published.

The new electrical service should be installed during the month of February. We hope to be working on the resurfacing of the main parking lot in late February or early March.

Thanks to everyone for their support and interest in this project and we pledge to work very hard to keep this project on schedule and under budget.

In God's Service –
FPCF Building Committee

LEGACY FUND-PHASE II UPDATE

The renovations at FPC, Fullerton are starting to take shape. The updated outlines of the new chapel, library, Fellowship Hall and kitchen, and CE handicap access bathrooms are exciting to watch.

At the same time, the Legacy Fund – Phase II has been launched to close the gap between the initial pledge results of \$1.25 million and the revised total target of \$1.8 million. Phase II has extended the time frame of

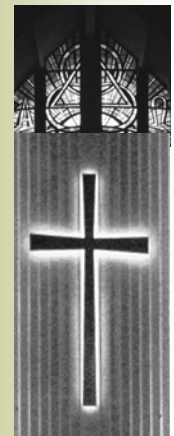
the Legacy Fund campaign by an additional 2 years, ending in December, 2012.

We are very happy to report that early pledges for Phase II were received in December, 2008 in the amount of \$129,000. So the current pledge total is almost \$1.4 million.

Please review your current financial situation to see if you can continue your current pledge for 2 more years. And, of course, new pledges of any level will be received thankfully.

We ask that you forward the Phase II pledge cards to the office by February 15, 2009 so that we can work towards completing this campaign soon. Thank you for your continued support.

Legacy Fund Committee :
Jan Bussman, Gordon Carlson, Joe Fyne, Renette Laase, Stan Lewczyk, Dave Miller, John Monson, Karen Nichols, Simon Ong, Jim Regitz, Dee Stopper, Howard Wilson, Pastor Duncan McColl.



FULLERTON INTERFAITH EMERGENCY SHELTER

The words "Thank You" seem most inadequate, but we do thank you so much for your generous donations to the Holiday Clearing and to our Fullerton Interfaith Shelter Network programs this past year.

We received donations of toys, food, gifts, money, and time effort from so many to our Holiday Clearing program, including Assistance League of Fullerton, PTAs and Fullerton Schools, NOC Realtors, Salvation Army, churches, many other groups and individuals, as well as from FIES.

Our participating group members, including FIES, worked over 1200 hours during the 14 days, and that did not include the hours of planning, buying, stocking, and bringing the items to the Distribution Center. In addition, the schools spent many hours contacting, qualifying, and scheduling the 800 low income families to come and give them a happier Christmas.

Again, thank you to all who contributed, and a very special thank you to our church members -Hazel Smyth (who worked every day!),

Jean VanDerVeen (who worked almost every day), Jackie Schleich, Al & Til Bennett, Mimi & Bill Maginnis, and Eric Azariah.

We still need your many contributions of food and kitchen supplies for both the Distribution Center and for the ISN (Interfaith Shelter Network) program. I will pick them up from the church office—place in the box marked F.I.E.S.

Yours in Christ,

Fran Carey



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www.fies.us

FIES FUNDRAISER

Save the Date!

FIES third annual "Food Loving Guys Cook-off" is planned for Sunday, March 29, 6:00 PM. As

before, this popular event will feature non-professional chefs preparing their favorite recipes. Our own Bill Jindra will be one of more than 20 chefs. More informa-

tion on this fun (and delish!) event will be coming soon. Talk to Fran Carey, Eric Azariah or call FIES 714-680-3691.

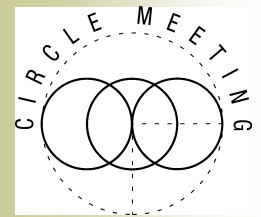
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE MEETINGS

<p>COVENANT</p> <p>February 12</p> <p>Thursday @ 7:30 pm</p> <p>Fran Forsch</p> <p>1401 Shadow Lane</p> <p>Phone: (714) 871-2698</p>	<p>ESTHER</p> <p>February 12</p> <p>Thursday @ 9:30 a.m</p> <p>Janet Miller</p> <p>2048 N Smokewood Av</p> <p>Phone: (714) 526-2057</p>	<p>ROSALIA</p> <p>February 12</p> <p>Thursday @ 9:30 am</p> <p>Joanne Olson</p> <p>2001 Terraza Place</p> <p>Phone:(714) 525-3663</p>
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Women's Fellowship

<p>RUTH</p> <p>February 12</p> <p>Thursday @ 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Nancy Dobeck</p> <p>501 Cliffwood Av</p> <p>Brea 92821</p> <p>Phone: (714) 257-0321</p>	<p>EVENING STAR</p> <p>February 24</p> <p>Tuesday @ 7 p.m.</p> <p>Janet Pickering</p> <p>221 East Country Hills Drive</p> <p>La Habra 90631</p> <p>Phone: (714) 879-3955</p>	<p>Everyone is welcome</p> <p>Please call: Fellowship Chairperson,</p> <p>Margaret Schnoor @ (714) 870-0308</p>
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Please join us for Fellowship, Bible Study, and Prayer

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

<p>Thursday,</p> <p>February 19, 2009</p> <p>at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>in the Sanctuary.</p>	<p>Program will be</p> <p>“Be my Valentine”</p> <p>with Carol Gustafson.</p> <p>Carol will be singing as well as leading us in a sing-along.</p> <p>She is a long time member of FPC choir (alto, second alto as well as tenor) and also sings with Note-abelles choir.</p>	<p>Come, bring a friend, and enjoy_</p> <p>Refreshments</p> <p>to follow.</p>
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SMALL GROUPS/MUSTARD SEED GROUPS

Are you currently a member of a small group (consisting of no more than 15 or 20 people) at First Presbyterian Church? If not, the Adult Education Committee would like to encourage you to become a part of a group. These groups offer you an opportunity to grow in your Christian walk, to fellowship to have prayer support and encouragement when you need it.

Below are the groups that currently exist with their meeting days and times. If none of these times or days fit your schedule, we would like to help you form a group.

Please call MaryJane Lent at 714 529-7184 for more information.

Small Study/Fellowship Groups 2009

Mustard Seed

3rd Thurs at 7:30 pm	Nancy Bauer	The Purpose of Christmas
2nd Sundays at 10:15-11:30 am	MaryJane Lent	at Church/Child Care

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday from 7 to 8 am (Carrows)	Chuck Zincke	Gospel of Matthew
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Mom's Covenant Group Tues at 10:00 am Lynn Taylor

Women's Fellowship Circle Meetings Sharon Miller

2nd Tues at 7:30 pm (1 group)
 2nd Thurs at 7:30 pm (1 group)
 2nd Thurs at 9:30 am (4 groups)

Women's Study/Prayer Wed at 9:30 am Irene Munson

Prayer Group Tues at 10:00 am Pastor Linda Flatley

Bridge Group 3rd Sat evenings Norm Smith/Jim King

If you are interested in joining ANY of these groups, please call the contact person(s) or any of the Adult Education Committee members.

SENIOR SINGLES

We are a community of single adults, ages 55 and up, seeking to become fully devoted followers of Jesus, through Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. We exhibit great care and concern for our fellow members. We gain comradeship through special outings, recognizing member's birthdays, and "Care & Share" meetings. If you are not currently on our roster and wish to be, come to our table on the patio between services or after second service.

Please join us for a fellowship brunch following each service of worship on Sunday mornings.

The schedule for February is:

Care & Share – February 9 and 23 from 1:30 – 3:00 tentatively scheduled for the music room. On Feb. 9, Fran Forsch will share her travel adventures to Australia and New Zealand.

Special Outing – February 14

Valentine Luncheon

February 15

Downey Travelogue,

"Etched in Stone: Scotland to Provence"

Birthday Dinner

February 28 at 5:00 p.m.

February birthdays are:

Linda Ganda	Feb 1
Marion Reinert	Feb 5
Allene Morse	Feb 10
Judy Casper	Feb 11

Sue Dunlap,
Singles Chairman

"The Steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness." Lam. 3:22 & 23



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