



The Clarksville Presbyterian

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Prints Available of First Presbyterian Church

Mike Gillespie, who was part of the Red River County Historical Society's Artist in Residence Program, painted a beautiful painting of our Church. A member of the congregation purchased the painting, and the artist has allowed for us to have prints made. These prints are 8 x 10, and are printed on museum archival paper. The cost is \$20.00 per print. If you are interested in purchasing a print, please contact Jim Clark at 903.427.2374. We only have a limited number available.



New Hymnals in Place

We are happy to announce that we received gifts for 200 hymnals for the sanctuary. The hymnals were ordered and appropriate gift plates were placed in each hymnal. The congregation has been learning new hymns each week, including newly written hymns, African American Spirituals, and hymns from Rwanda and Kenya. We have certainly enjoyed singing from the new hymnals and thank each of you that contributed to this fund.



Presbyterian Happenings

Easter 2014 was a glorious celebration at First Presbyterian Church. Our former minister, Raymond Judd was here to preach. We were happy to welcome back Raymond and Mary Jane, their daughter Jane Deming, and their two grandsons, Reed and Blake all from San Antonio. Some of the visitors seen at the service were Sam and Leslie Hocker from Dallas, Dickie Grant, Neil Grant from Dallas, Linda Clark, Jack and Diann Arnold from San Antonio, Mike and Susan Hill, Thelma Lee, Clinton Evetts and Rob and Jerri Osborne.

Jim Clark has recently returned from a trip to the Rio Grande Valley as a result of a trip that he won from the Texas Historical Commission. As the winner, he could select any area of the state for a guided tour. While in the Valley, he visited Harlingen, Brownsville, Mission, Rio Grande City, Roma, Kingsville, and the King Ranch. The trip will be chronicled in the Summer Edition of the Texas Historical Commission's magazine, *The Medallion*.



The Red River County Historical Society held their Quarterly Program meeting in our Sanctuary on May 1st. The speaker was Mike McCrary, from DeKalb, who presented a very informative program on entitled "Steamboat Traffic on the Upper Red River." There was a large crowd in attendance. On Thursday, August 7, 2014, Harold (Pete) Norris will present the Quarterly Program in our Sanctuary entitled "Country Schools in Red River County." The program will start at 6:00 p.m.

Heath Humphrey and Kimberly Ross were joined in marriage in a beautiful ceremony held in our Church on Saturday, May 3rd. The sanctuary was filled to capacity for this joyous celebration. Kim and Heath are living in Clarksville, where Kim is employed at State Bank, and Heath is a fireman in Paris.

Nancy and Bill Rains attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Emily Michelle Rains, who married Danny Waller at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bryan on May 31st. Emily is the daughter of Richard and Karen Rains.

Donna Robinson and Joyce Lynn Ward traveled to Pearl, Mississippi in May to visit Donna's aunt, and Joyce Lynn's cousin, Nell Allen Mayo. They were also joined by Lou Allen Walton, Fran Allen, and Cliff and Linda Cardwell. They had a grand time.

Donna Robinson, Joyce Lynn Ward, Sandra Osborne, and Jim Clark attended the quarterly meeting of Grace Presbytery at the First Presbyterian Church in Dallas on June 3rd. They enjoyed lunch at the S & D Oyster Bar afterwards and then some shopping at Central Market before heading back home.

Several descendants of George and Margaret Bagby, who were founders of our church, were visitors on June 15th. These included Scott Hudson, Helen and Don Pierson and Nancy and Steve Wilson. They were here to attend the annual Clark Cousins Reunion.

Hunter Humphrey and Britney Martin were joined in marriage in a ceremony held at Los Pinos Winery in Pittsburg, Texas on Saturday, June 21st. Hunter and Britney are living in Paris, where Hunter is an accountant at Huhtamaki, and Britney is the girl's athletic coordinator and teacher at Chism ISD.



During a recent heavy rain, a large oak tree in the Stones' Chapel Cemetery fell. After a careful inspection of a slice of the tree trunk, Mike Hill came up with a count of 314 rings. Now that is a big, old tree.

Therefore, the tree was an ACORN in 1700.

Kathryn Underwood has had visitors in July. Kathy and John Carter brought their two grandchildren, Katie one year and Henry 3 years, for a visit (Katie and Henry are the children of Jason and Kelly Shoulders). They joined their cousins, Eli one year and Brody three years to celebrate Eli's first birthday. Eli and Brody are the sons of Brena and Kevin Burgan, and the grandsons of Nancy and Brent Duren.



Henry and Katie Shoulders

Rody and Eli Burgan

Frances Hill is home after several days in the hospital. She is feeling better and plans to be back in church soon.

A few words from Aaron

My oldest daughter, Bonnie, is going into fourth grade and walks home from school most days with her nose in a book of fiction. She draws dragons and unicorns and cartoons. She makes up elaborate imagined worlds in her head while playing with toys that many of her classmates probably would not be interested in anymore. If we didn't watch her, Bonnie would possibly wear the same shorts and t-shirt combination for days at a time without washing them because she doesn't spend much time thinking about how she looks. I love all these things that make her unique, but with her active imagination she sometimes struggles with practicality. All these things come to her honestly, because her dad is much the same. Thankfully, in Staci, Bonnie has a mother and I have a wife who reminds us when a little bit of practicality is called for and right now is one such time. So without further ado, let me fill you in on a few of the things that are going on at FPCC.

With Jim Clark's help we have been working our way through the new hymnals. Often Jim will select a well known old hymn along with a newer one that many of us do not know yet in order to expand our repertoire. For example, we have worshiped to a couple of hymns that started off as African American spirituals many years ago. We also have learned a couple of new chorale responses that we include during the normal worship service. Next month Jim is planning to add an electric guitar and a drum set to our Sunday morning experience. Just kidding...we're still Presbyterians.

One of the projects that was recently completed was getting the water to the nursery/kids area working again. We do have children up there sometimes and pray that more will soon join them. Our intention is to make the church a welcoming place to any visitors that may have young children. In other building-related news, there has been some discussion about replacing the air-conditioning system which is quite old, and also about replacing the carpet in the sanctuary. During the work day a few months ago, a general clean-up was accomplished and the new hymnals were put in the pews. There are still old hymnals available for anyone who is interested. Operators are standing by...

This past month we started having a time for Sunday morning fellowship before the service. Coffee and donuts are available in the foyer next to the sanctuary starting about 10:15. Our hope in this is to encourage our church family to have some time to *be* a family and to welcome others to join us. The only exception to this pre-service fellowship is on the Sundays when we have our monthly after-church pot-luck. We would love to have you join us for donuts, coffee, conversation, and of course worship of our loving Creator.

At the moment we are working our way through Luke chapter 14 and turning its lessons towards ourselves in the hope that they will make us more Christ-like disciples and strengthen our witness to the world. We want the world to know that Jesus *is* our lord and master. All the practical matters of church life find their purpose in glorifying God, and their value in the extent to which they do this. Hopefully this outlook will keep us from two equally damaging errors. The first error is to ignore the traditions of our predecessors, and the second is to be enslaved by those traditions. By God's grace may we be held to historical truth and compelled by present application. Soli Deo Gloria!

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Hosts for Luncheon are

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Beverly Jamison Haley	2
3 Bruce McClannahan	4 Charles McClannahan	5	6	7	8	9 Leigh Igo
10 Monthly Luncheon Laura Millikan	11 Henry Shoulders	12 Daphne Arnold	13 Lisa Humphrey	14	15	16 Jacy Robinson
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Bill Sparkman	28 Kelly Shoulders	29 Catherine Lee Goodwin	30 Dana McLendon

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