



Trinity Presbyterian Church
4700 Nash Drive
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February, 2012

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:00 AM Fellowship

10:30 AM Worship Service

February: The Love Month

I always enjoy going to the store in February when all the candies, cards, flowers and gifts are displayed for Valentine's Day. This is the day we are to remind those we love how much we love them and that we appreciate that they are in our lives. There are too many days that fly by and I forget to share my love for people in my life. I am so blessed with children and grandchildren close at hand, many friends I care for, and of course a good husband. Its nice to have a day to consider how blessed I am by loving them and being loved by them. And it's inexpensive to send a small card or give a little candy to let them know they are loved in big and small ways. I am glad for holidays that remind me how much love I have to give and have been given!

I know that all true love begins with God and so I would like to make a suggestion for remembering the source of love this valentines' day. Read a couple of Scriptures and think about how to love God, others, and self.

I would begin with Paul's love chapter in I Corinthians 13. Consider what Paul thinks love looks like. I like this passage because it shows both what love is and what it is not. If you read with an open heart and mind, you will see most of us have trouble always loving others; for love is patient and kind and some days I feel neither patient nor kind. Yet one day a year I can work at it really hard to be all the things Paul suggests makes up love.

Then I suggest you read 1 John 4:7-12. Remember that love comes in both word and deed. If we want to walk in the way of our God we need to walk in the world loving each other and loving God. If we can not love we do not walk in God's light. I believe John would have sung with gusto the song, "What the World Needs Now is Love Sweet Love."

How will you use this Valentine's Day to show the love we first received from God?

Happy Valentine's Day beloved of the Lord. May we all love well and know the love God gives to us.

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Reverend Beverly Hughes 972-423-8611 (h)

Important Dates

Birthdays

2/7 Zoe Hughes
2/8 Von Floyd
Paul Leddy
2/9 Gracie Bulkeley
2/10 Julie Santjer
2/16 James Godecke
2/18 David Bulkeley
2/22 Steffanie Floyd
2/24 Katy Rice
Jane hall
2/25 Rachel Maduro
2/28 Ethan Bulkeley



Anniversaries

2/17 Dennis & Monique Yates



Ushers

2/5 Terri Decker
Brad Decker
Debi Ward
2/12 Kate Bobo
Rachel Bobo
Joseph Uwakwe
Joe Cesspooch
2/19 Gloria Parsons
Nancy Hearon
Joy Koch
Marilyn Schilling
2/26 Ruth Horton
Charlie Horton
Daniel Bauer
Harvey Wright



Children's Ministries



We have a fun event coming up for February. Can't put all the info in this newsletter because it would spoil the surprise. This event is coming up on Saturday, February 11. All children please plan to attend. I promise you'll have fun. I will be sending out more information to the children as the date gets closer.

For the March event we will be "Sowing Seeds of Love" again this year. That will be towards the end of March. Please watch next month's newsletter for more info and children be watching your mail.



"Rays of Sonshine" are practicing now for their next performance which will be in March. Practice is on Sunday mornings at 9:45 immediately following Sunday School which is at 9:00. This is for all children ages 4 years thru 5th grade. If you haven't joined us yet, now is a good time to try us out. We'd love to have you.

VBS dates have been set for the week of July 16 - 20. Amy Olson has agreed to be the director again this year with Esther Lee as co-director. More information to follow.



Our next committee meeting will be Sunday, 2/12/12, immediately following church. All are welcome.

Ruth Horton
Elder—Children's Ministries

Get Involved, Stay Involved!

At some point in our lives we all dream of changing the world, or at least of leaving our mark on the world. If that describes you then allow me to offer a suggestion. Get involved, stay involved, and do what you can where you can. Then once you have done your part trust God to do the rest.

A friend of mine had a pair of hip waders. He had not used them in many years and during that time they just sat in the closet, unused and mostly forgotten. Over time they have become stiff, brittle, and are no longer able to perform their intended function of keeping the wearer dry when wading in water. I invite you to think of them along the lines of God parting the Red Sea in the sense that they allow you to walk through the river without getting wet. In the same way our faith helps us cross the rivers of temptation without getting soaked.

Matthew 25:14-26 tells the story of the three men and the talents of money entrusted to them. Two of the men used the gold entrusted to them, made more, and were rewarded. However, the third man was afraid, buried his, made nothing, accomplished nothing, and received nothing as his reward. God calls each of us to play a part in his ministry of love and reconciliation. God also gives each of us the talents needed to meet the challenges of our calling. Every act of love, kindness, and compassion draws us closer to God. Gathering with others to worship and sing God's prayers strengthens our faith and draws us closer to God as well.

I recently heard a story about a pastor who went to visit a member of the congregation who had been absent for several Sundays. The pastor and the man were sitting in front of the fireplace, enjoying a hot cup of tea, the warmth of the fire, and some conversation. As their conversation was coming to an end the man broached the subject he believed was the real reason for the pastor's visit. "I suppose you are going to fuss at me for missing church these past weeks?" The pastor didn't say anything... took the tongs and pulled an ember from the fire... they sat there for several minutes, neither saying anything, watching as the ember cooled and slowly turned dark... a couple minutes later the pastor put the ember back in the fire and it immediately started glowing again... The pastor got up and said his good-byes. The next week the man was back in church.



Faith is like that glowing ember in that it draws its heat and light from the fire of worship and prayer. Faith is also like my friend's waders in that if you stop trusting God, and stop being guided by faith, your faith will gradually crack and be unavailable when you need it the most. See you Sunday.

John is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Prosper

Trinity

Organizational Structure

Session

Session Elders - Debra Sweeney, Ruth Horton, Lee Ann Bandy, Lloyd Olson, Debra Whinnie

Session Moderator - Rev. Beverly Hughes

Clerk of Session - John Fiedler

Ministries

Worship – Debra Sweeney

Children – Ruth Horton

Youth – Lee Ann Bandy

Membership – Joseph Uwakwe (includes Fellowship, Member Care and Member Involvement)

Team Leaders

Gloria Parsons, Camille Marchelletta, Mimi Montgomery

Adult Studies –

Evangelism – Lloyd Olson

Mission – Debra Whinnie

Points of Contact

Hurricane Ike Relief Galveston and Emanuel Presbyterian Church - Lynda Rice

Angel Food - Roly Rice

Hats for the Homeless - Laurie and Ron McKee

Never Ending Food Drive, A Youth Project - Tyler Winn

Road to Recovery -Dee Stokes

Volunteering at North Texas Food Bank -Pam Hampson

TPC Touchstones - (Does not begin until August 2011) -Cissi Bauer

Al's Hugs and Hammers Project - Janet Ohlig

Volunteering at The Stewpot-Second Chance Cafe- Frank and Debra Whinnie

Meals on Wheels - Lynda Rice

Facilitating – Steve Thomas

Committees

Property - Patrick Dilger

Grounds - Charlie Horton

Services - Steve Thomas

Finance - Larry Johnson

Personnel - John Fiedler

Executive Director - Steve Thomas