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- 1) I love thee, O Lord, my strength.
- 2) The lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in who I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- 3) I call upon the lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

Psalms 18:1-3



FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

January

Borger, Texas

2013

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Sometimes we ring in the new year and barely sense that anything has changed. Other years, the new year brings changes with it. This year is one of those years for First Presbyterian Church. I will be continuing on as your stated supply pastor. However, my contract with the session has been modified and I will no longer be having an office day on Thursdays. I will be here each Sunday and will also continue to be available to you by phone and email. On the third Sunday of the month I will be here in the afternoons to moderate session and do home communion. I would also be happy to do home visits on these afternoons as requested. If you are in need of a pastor, please give me a call and I will do my best to meet your needs.

Another major change that is coming at the end of January is the retirement of Pat Petty as organist and music director. Pat has faithfully served this church's music program for over 40 years. I have enjoyed working with Pat during my time here and have been thankful for her willingness to include my children in our music program. While Pat will be deeply missed, we wish her all the best as she begins her retirement. When you have a chance, please let Pat know how much you have appreciated her ministry here among us.

As I stated when I first became your stated supply pastor, with any change there are some bumps in the road. With the change in my contract and the retirement of Pat there will be some bumps in the road. When these bumps arise I would appreciate it very much if you would speak to me about them whether on Sundays, by phone, or by email. Sometimes we have to weather the bumps and there will not be much more I can do than listen, but I am very willing to do that. Other times, if I am aware of an issue I can work with the congregation and the session to make changes. Particularly with being here only one day a week, I may not always be aware of a situation so please come talk to me about any concerns you may have. Working together I know we can make 2013 a great year.

Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer

**CALLED SESSION MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BORGER, TEXAS
November 18, 2012**

There was no agenda provided for this meeting.

The Pastor called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. and led the group in prayer. Session members present were: June Voigt, Sue Hooten, Phyllis Harmony, Pat Petty, and Julia A. Kasch.

Business Items:

Elder Petty reported that the piano in the sanctuary and choir room had been tuned. Marc Darby, Amarillo was the service person. Petty moved that funds to pay this bill be taken from the Memorial Account. (Elder Petty, second Elder Harmony) motion passed.

Elder Petty reported that no telephone calls or other contact had been made by any person interested in the choir/organist job. Elder Petty moved that the salary for these jobs remain the same and Elder Hooten seconded the motion that we continue our search on that basis. Motion passed.

Pastor Santer requested early departure on Thursday, December 6, 2011. (Motion Elder Petty, second Elder Harmony) passed. Previously approved dates for absence by Rev. Santer are December 27 and 30, 2012.

Motion to adjourn(Elder Petty, second Elder Hooten),

Submitted: Julia Ann Kasch, Clerk of Session

The Treasurer reported the following figures for November:

Total Income	\$ 5,970.43
Total Expenses	\$ 7,926.32
Total	\$ (1,955.89)

Year to Date	
Total Income	\$ 89,050.11
Total Expenses	\$ 116,175.03
Total	\$(27,124.92)



*Your righteousness
is like the mighty
mountains, your judgments
are like the great deep;
you save humans and
animals alike, O LORD.*

Psalm 36:6, NRSV



**Care of Member and
Friends**

Malnor Arthur
Virginia Edmonds
Don Reno
Lori Shimizu
Toni Pool
Hal & Virginia Hebermehl
First Presbyterian Church
of Dumas, our prayer
partner.

DUTY ELDER FOR JANUARY

MARGARET EDGINGTON

SESSION MEETING

January 20, 2013



P.W. NEWS



PW News

Perhaps it is my age, but I cannot believe the January meeting of PW is coming so soon. The scheduled meeting will be January 3, and I hope all regulars and any more interested persons will be able to make it. We need to be in touch in case the scheduled meeting comes too soon after the holidays. The study is proving to be quite interesting.

Phyllis Harmony

A voice

Despite a brain tumor that took her voice for two years, Pranitha Timothy has led more than 50 rescue operations to save slaves in India. As director of aftercare for International Justice Mission, Timothy works to give “a voice to the voiceless.”

She credits God for protecting her during the dangerous missions, which have included run-ins with slave owners. “God goes before us into the places of darkness and makes the paths straight for us to bring rescue,” she says.

Although Timothy’s voice returned feebly, she says it’s powerful in God’s hands. Most importantly, she says, God has transformed her heart and filled her with compassion.

Special dates

- New Year’s Day, *January 1, 2013*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2013*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 13, 2013*
- Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday Observance, *January 21, 2013*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2013*

The ultimate resolution

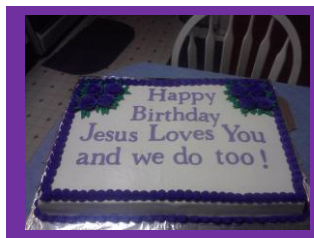
Resolutions are easy to make but oh so hard to keep. In fact, many people refuse to make them for that very reason. After all, by February, most people have broken them, and by March they don't even remember what they were. It's just too hard to change, so why try?

Yet Scripture exhorts us to be more like Christ, to forgive our enemies, to tithe and to be thankful in all situations. Shouldn't we resolve to put some of these into practice, even if ever so imperfectly?

Peter admonishes us to be holy as God is holy (1 Peter 1:15-16). That's the ultimate New Year's resolution — all but certain to be broken repeatedly before the sun sets on the first day. Yet though we fail, are we not better for trying?

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4th: Hazel Howard
5th: Patty Kasch
7th: Jennifer Santer
11th: Virginia Edmonds
14th: Rose Lusk
18th: Phyllis Harmony
19th: Louise Gillespie
23rd: Ty Anderson



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1st: Carroll and Rosa Pace

Bible Quiz

A•men

(ā•men')

adv., interj.

What is the Hebrew meaning of the word *Amen*?

- A. So be it.
- B. We praise you.
- C. Thank you.
- D. Please, God!

Answer: Following announcements.

For the new year

H old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)

A ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)

P ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

P ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)

Y ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

N eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)

E xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)

W ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

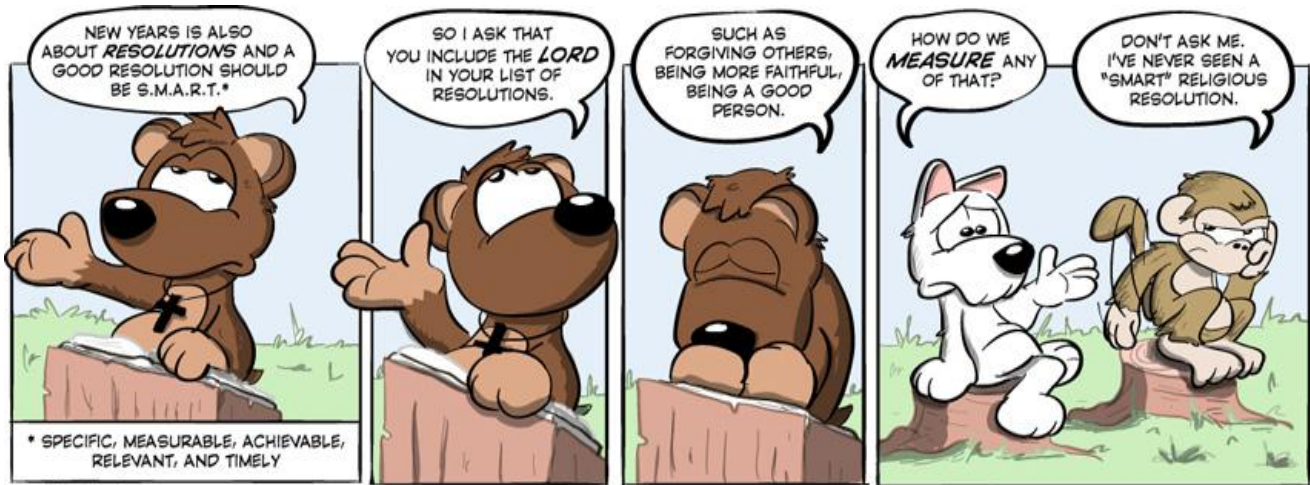
Y ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)

E xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)

A im for a perfect, mature faith (Hebrews 6:1)

R edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols





Notes from the Music



Department

Happy New Year to everyone! Let us pray that 2013 brings goodness and joy to all.

We will meet for choir practice on January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. These dates may change due to weather conditions. We will keep everyone posted as to any changes.

The Opening Response for January will be "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" which is in the hymnal. The Closing Response will be "Grace, Love, and Fellowship" and will be an insert to the bulletin. this is a response that Marge Shepherd gave to us some time ago.

Thanks to our loyal choir members for all their hard work. Everyone is so good about showing up for practice and working hard. I really appreciate their dedication.

God be with you all until we meet again.

Love and Grace - Pat Petty and Choir





January 2013 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Year C

Epiphany of the Lord—January 6, 2013

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

Baptism of the Lord—January 13

Isaiah 43:1–7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14–17

Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

Second Sunday after the Epiphany—January 20

Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalm 36:5–10

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11

Third Sunday after the Epiphany—January 27

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Luke 4:14–21

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- BOULDER
- CAVES
- CHALK
- CLAY
- CLIFF
- CRUST
- EARTH
- EROSION
- FJORDS
- FOSSILS
- GLACIER
- GORGE
- GRAVEL
- IGNEOUS
- LAVA
- LODE
- LOESS
- MAGMA
- METAMORPHIC
- METEOR
- MICA
- MINERAL

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