



## FIRST PRESS

First Presbyterian Church - 301 E. First Street - P. O. Box 306 - Lancaster, Texas 75146



January

Dear First Family,

I'm going to continue my tradition of sending out this message in my January column:

"When should I call the pastor?"

Do you ever hear yourself asking that question? It has come up in conversation recently, and that prompts me to offer this invitation:

Call me whenever you need me. Anytime. 24/7. That's why I'm here. You're not bothering me by calling me for an emergency in the middle of the night. *I get paid to be available at all hours.* But more than that, I'm your pastor. *I want to be there with you when you need me, no matter the day or time.*

So, when should you call the pastor?

Call if there has been a death in the family. Call when someone is at the point of death and you want the pastor nearby.

Call if you're having any kind of a medical emergency. Call if you are taken to the Emergency Room.

Call if you're having surgery. I'll be glad to be with you prior to surgery, and visit you in the hospital as you recover. I do lots of early morning pre-surgical visits. Why not to *you*?

Call if you are being admitted to the hospital. I'll be glad to visit you and have prayer with you.

Call if you're feeling depressed or troubled about something. Your pastor has had specialized education in pastoral care, so I can either help you directly or help you find the right helper for you.

Call if you are having a spiritual concern. I remember growing up and having some questions that I wanted help with, questions that only my pastor could answer.

Call if you're having some difficulties in your marriage or in your family. I'll be glad to help you deal with those.

Call if you're having a financial emergency. We have a fund at the church to help people having such a crisis.

Call if you need help with a Bible lesson.

Call if you would like to go to lunch! I love doing that.

You get the idea. Whenever you need your pastor, call. Anytime!

Grace and peace,

*Dick*

Dr. Richard W. Selby  
Pastor

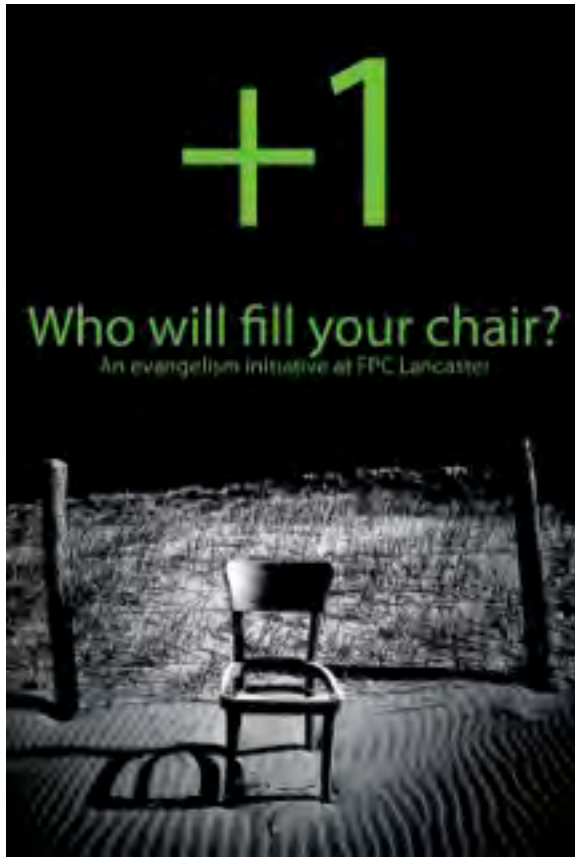
Love, Peace  
and  
Blessings

Happy  
New Year  
2012



## +1 Revealed

You have seen it in the bulletin;  
You have heard it mentioned on  
Sunday morning;  
You must be thinking: "What is  
+1?" Wonder no more! I will now  
unveil what +1 is, and how it  
affects you.



Picture a chair.  
But not just any chair.  
This chair is your chair.  
And you're responsible to fill your  
chair.

But it can't be filled by anyone.  
It is reserved for someone special.  
And it needs to be filled in 2012.  
The +1 campaign is about bringing  
someone who is disconnected  
from church to worship with us

(not church goers or family/friends  
from out of town). In 2012, your  
mission is to get this chair  
filled...and that is +1.

The evangelism committee has  
been trying to determine how we  
not only have a mission statement  
about making disciples, but  
actually do it. We have found that  
it is easy to talk about, but  
sometimes difficult to do. So we  
wanted to come up with an  
achievable goal for all  
of us. With that, we decided to  
launch the +1 campaign for 2012.  
In this campaign we are asking  
everyone who calls FPC  
Lancaster home to bring 1 person  
to church in 2012. Just 1.

And you have a whole year to do  
it. It is that simple and that easy.  
Our hope in this is that in the end  
people would come to know Christ  
and find our church home a  
place where they can learn and  
grow in their faith. And it will all  
start with you, filling that chair.

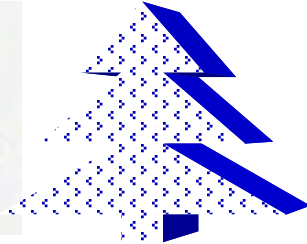


Excited for the future,  
Ryan O'Dowd  
Director of Evangelism

Service  
2012

The item for **January** is: **Soup**

Also needed are: **hygiene items for Teenagers: Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Hair Gel, Lotion, Razors, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, and Perfume/Cologne.**



**Christmas Child Shoeboxes:** – Keep our Christmas shoeboxes in mind as you are out shopping.

### Christmas Parade

**Thanks to everyone who helped build our float. Particularly Robbie Blacknall. She** did everything, arranged the decoration and made sure we had what we needed. **Rosa and Chuck Finsley furnished the generator, Frances Hitchcock furnished the trailer, and Don Bennett furnished the pickup to pull the float.**

**The muscles was provided by all above, plus Charlotte Burns, Karyn Haas, Carolyn, and Robert Fulton, Gayle Barber, Dick Selby, and Wilmer Blacknall. It was a fun time and we won "Best Organization".**

*Fellowship*

*Gayle Barber*

*Moderator*

**GOOD HEALTH WISHES TO:** Ruth Clark, Susan Dimon, Jerry and P. J. Jenkins, Randolph Reeves, Sue Rigsby, Billie Taff, Vi White, and Marimyn Garrison.

**Special prayers for Billie Taff, and Jerry Jenkins for their health concern**

**Our First Lunch Out on January 1, will be at the Outback Steakhouse, located at 1101 N I-35E near Pleasant Run Rd, Desoto. Start our New Years off right by worship and going out to eat after our morning service.**

**Happy New Year**

**-Gayle**



**Presbyterian Women**

*Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community*

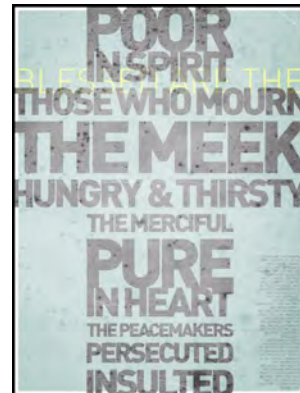
**The December luncheon and program** was one of our highlights of the year, and the response to our request for cookies for the Presbyterian Children's Home was outstanding.

**We delivered five heaping trays of cookies for the children and an assortment for the office staff. Thank all of you for your generosity.**

Our luncheon was catered by **Razz Restaurant** and **Gayle Barber** furnished the delicious dessert.

**On Wednesday, January 18, 2012,** we will continue our **study of the Beatitudes** at the regular time of 2 pm. We invite all Presbyterian Women to join us.

*-Doris Gibbons, Ch.*



*Men's Breakfast  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 8:00 am  
The Hickory House Barbeque*

**All Presbyterian Men** are invited to come and to fellowship with us at Breakfast on **Saturday, January 14, at 8:00 am.** Invite all your family, neighbors, co-workers and friends. Meet us at the **Hickory House Barbeque located on North Dallas Ave. in Lancaster. See you soon!!**



*Worship Ministry*

*P. J. Jenkins Moderator*

**The Worship Committee would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Steve Taff, Billie's son.** The Christmas decorations were and are beautiful. We will begin planning for the Lent season at our January meeting. Jerry and I want to thank you all for your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls during his time of illness. Our church family has, is, and always will be a huge part of our lives. GOD Bless You all and we hope you had a wonderful and joyous Christmas and New Year. **Congratulations Wilmer and Robbie Blacknall for winning the award on the Christmas Float.**

*PJ Jenkins*

*Worship Leaders*

*P. J. Crowder*

**Communion Servers:** Beth Koski, Don Bennett, Bob Guinn, Carl Dimon, Robert Fulton, Frances Hitchcock,

**Acolyte –** Taygan Rolle

**Lay Leader**

**01/01** Dolores Hays

**01/08** Karen Bennett

**01/15** Gloria Berry

**01/22** Carl Dimon

**01/29** Robbie Blacknall

**Greeters**

**01/01** Gayle Barber, Nancy Moore

**01/08** Don and Clarice Bennett

**01/15** Lillian Mathis, Bidy Walker

**01/22** Frances Hitchcock, Sue Wyrick

**01/29** Bob and Karyn Haas

**Ushers**

**01/01** Karyn Haas, Lillian Mathis, Jim Stallings, Sue Wyrick

**01/08** Gloria Berry, Robert Fulton, Beth Koski, Dolores Hays

**01/15** Gayle Barber, Nancy Moore, P. J. Jenkins, Carl Dimon

**01/22** Don and Clarice Bennett, Wilmer and Robbie Blacknall

**01/29** Bob Guinn, Bidy Walker, Glynn and Jeanie Killough

**Nursery**

Nancy Baker

*First Presbyterian Church  
January  
Calendar Events*

- 01/01 New Years Day; Communion;  
First Sunday Lunch
- 01/03 Office Closed
- 01/04 Youth Group 5:00 pm
- 01/06 Epiphany of the Lord
- 01/08 Communion; Baptism of the Lord
- 01/14 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am  
(Hickory House)
- 01/15 Session Meeting
- 01/16 Martin Luther King B'Day observed
- 01/18 Presbyterian Women 2:00 pm;  
Youth Group 5:00 pm;  
Heaven Study 6:15 pm
- 01/25 Youth Group 5:00 pm  
Heaven Study 6:15 pm

*First Presbyterian  
February  
Calendar Events*

- 02/01 Youth Group 5:00 pm  
Heaven Study 6:15 pm
- 02/05 Communion; First Sunday Lunch Out;  
Souper of Caring
- 02/08 Youth Group 5:00 pm  
Heaven Study 6:15 pm
- 02/11 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
- 02/12 Ministry Teams meeting
- 02/15 Youth Group 5:00 pm  
Heaven Study 6:15 pm
- 02/19 Transfiguration of the Lord;  
Session meeting
- 02/20 President's Day observed
- 02/22 Ash Wednesday
- 02/26 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent



01/13 Karen Bennett

01/15 Sue Rigsby

01/16 Gayle Barber

01/19 Vi White

01/21 Jackie Fulton

01/26 Dick Selby



01/29 Frank and Lillian Mathis



**Love Blossoms  
from the Heart**

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## **Lectionary for January**

01/01 - Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians  
4: 4-7; Luke 2: 22-40

01/08 - Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19: 1-7;  
Mark 1: 4-11

01/15 - I Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6,  
13-18; I Corinthians 6: 12-20; John 1: 43-51

01/22 - Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12; I  
Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

01/29 - Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111; I  
Corinthians 8: 1 - 13; Mark 1: 21-28