



Presbyterian News

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August 2011



I was sorry to miss Pandamania, our Vacation Bible School. But I was happy to return to Dumas on the Sunday night following VBS and find the sanctuary had been turned into a jungle wonderland. I thought how excited the children must have been to enter the gates through a grassy bamboo entrance right out of a King Kong movie.

It brought a smile to my face and caused me to hope that visitors and members enter the church each week with a similar sense of mystery, welcome, and joy that I was feeling standing on the outside looking in.

If I said it before I will say it again, I know I am home when I drive back into Dumas. The residents of Alaska refer to trips to the lower 48 states as “going outside,” as in “I hear you vacationed outside.” It struck me as an odd statement but was quickly adopted into my vocabulary when I realized how they feel they are treated as a distant relative to these United States.

Maybe there was a little of that feeling when I wound my way up Highway 87 from Sonora the other day. I was leaving the **outside** and returning **inside** to Dumas, my current home.

Let us all work together so everyone--member, potential member, one time visitor, long-time friend and every man, woman and child know they are home at First Presbyterian Church.

You've done that for me and I thank you, John

FINANCIAL FOCUS 2011

	<u>June</u>	<u>January-June</u>
PLEDGES	\$14,149.00	\$ 95,774.15
YOUTH PLEDGES	466.00	5,417.00
INTEREST INCOME	1,615.24	12,376.94
OTHER INCOME	<u>1,756.61</u>	<u>30,436.36</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$17,986.85	\$144,004.45
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>- 23,334.83</u>	<u>-144,294.28</u>
NET PROFIT/LOSS	\$ -5,347.98	\$ -289.83



Make a joyful noise!

Choir practice
Sundays 10 am
and

Wednesday, August 11, 6-7 pm



Come join us at Wonderland Park on Sunday,
June 7th from 1-6 pm.

Tickets must be purchased from Delma Stokes
for \$12.50 each and enter through the North-
West Gates of the park.

Bring your entire family!

Need a ride? Call the church office or
Delma Stokes at 717-7413



GIRLS!

Grades 4th - 8th

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A SLUMBER
PARTY!**

WHEN: Sunday, August 14th

WHERE: The home of Delma Stokes
11152 FM 1284

WHAT TIME: 7:00 pm till 8:00 am
Monday morning

DISCUSSION: Your Friendship with
God

Wear your favorite pajamas, grab your pillow,
blanket and your stuffed animal.
Moms are welcome too!

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Classes for ALL ages

Pre-school thru High School and Adults

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

**Join us for Worship where we enjoy each
other's fellowship while receiving the Word
of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

We welcome Carmen Napp of the Moore
County Sherriff's Department for an informa-
tional presentation of Substance Abuse in
Moore County.

Parents and youth 5th grade thru High
School are welcome to attend.

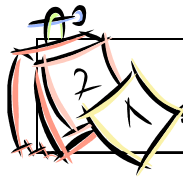
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
Wednesday, August 10th at 6:30 pm.

The Reverend John Conley

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Looking Ahead....

Monday, August 1, 6:00 pm ~ LOGOS meeting for decorators, Dinner Dean & Head of Kitchen. Meet at the church parking lot and carpool to Sunray to the home of Mary Taylor.

Tuesday, August 2, 6:15 pm ~ Stated Session Meeting

Sunday, August 7, 10 am ~ Sunday School
11 am ~ Worship
1- 6 pm ~ Wonderland Park

Tuesday, August 9 ~ Nominating Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 6:00 pm ~ Choir practice
6:30: ~ Drug Program by Sheriff's Department for Parents and Youth.

Sunday, August 14, 10 am ~ Sunday School
11 am ~ Worship
7:00 pm ~Girls Night Out
Slumber Party for 4th grade to Jr. High girls

Monday, August 15 7:00 pm~ LOGOS Meeting

Sunday, August 21, 10 am ~ Sunday School
11 am ~ Worship

Friday, August 26, 12 pm ~ Membership/Evangelism Committee meeting

Sunday, August 28, 10 am ~ Sunday School
11 am ~ Worship

August Birthdays

- 1 Ashante Zirker
- 3 Kagen Macumber
- 5 Molly Hutches
- 7 Pat Clay
- 9 Mackenzi Stokes
- 12 Pete Mhoon
Lynnette Ward
- 13 Milt Hoefling
- 14 Jeannine Atkisson
- 21 Sullivan Heck
- 27 Sharon Molina
Kaitlin Sullivan
- 28 Arlisa McBee
- 31 Elizabeth Mercer



Anniversaries

- 3 David & Lily Sykes
Will & Shelly Philly
- 4 Doug & LaKrisha Williamson
- 9 Delwin & Carrol McGee
- 10 Richard & Shelly Burnett
- 15 Eddie & Carolyn Stallwitz
- 16 Joe & Sharon Molina
- 16 Loren & Natasha Coffin
- 17 Bruce & Linda Smith
- 18 Russell & Tami Fangman



Prayer Concerns

We remember John Clay and Sharon Simmons who have had knee surgeries. Kyle Carnahan has had surgery for a brain tumor. Doel Cordero is recovering from back surgery, Paul Nystuen from abdominal surgery and Jon Bose from heart surgery and pneumonia.

Georgann Foster, Frank Sartain, Harriet Abell and Jenny Lewis are dealing with cancer issues.

Lenora Morton (Hospice), Gary Griffin and Opal Johnson are all requiring special care away from their homes.

We also remember our church prayer partner, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock.

Remember family & friends of Archie Wright who mourn his passing.

Dear Father, we have brought these family members and friends before you. They all face special challenges in their lives. Grant them healing, peace of mind and comfort in the days to come. Amen.



HAPPENINGS AMONG THE YOUTH...

Is it really that time to start getting kids back into the routine of a schedule; of waking up early, possibly going to practice as they prepare for fall sports, having supper at 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 or 8:00, and a set bedtime? What happened to summer?

Though it seems this summer “vacation” went by fast and furiously, it does calm my spirit to stop and think of the positive things that have taken place this summer.

First we said farewell and best wishes to our Senior Class of 2011. Their journeys are just beginning as they all start a new chapter of their lives.

We had our Mission Trip Team take off to St. Louis in June to help out the homeless and others in need. Lots of work took place, as well as a new outlook on what this world can do for each other when people step up to make a difference.



Youth Happenings continued...

Decorating and preparing for Vacation Bible School took lots of work from many dedicated members of our church starting off in July. VBS was a HUGE success! So many volunteers came together to make this VBS a touching experience for our children and the children of the community. A special thank you to all those who gave of their heart and time for this great experience.



The LOGOS committee has begun praying and meeting to prepare for the 2011-2012 year. This will be our 18th year of the LOGOS program at First Presbyterian. We ask that everyone please pray for our LOGOS Ministry. There are sign up sheets in the narthex for those of you who may feel called to participate this year. If you feel you would like to help, but don't know what area to participate in, call a member of the LOGOS Committee. They will be glad to help you discover what talents you have that could be put to good use with this Children's Ministry.

Members of the LOGOS Committee are: Delma Stokes, Sharon Molina, Joyce Snow, Mary Taylor, Susan Riseling, Molly Hutches and Laura Brunson. Feel free to contact any one of these members if you have any questions about our LOGOS program.

Now that August has begun, be sure to be a part of our last summer activities going on before school starts. Families are invited to a day at Wonderland Park on August 7th immediately following Worship Services. Be sure to contact me to get your tickets for a discount rate for your entire family.

Parents, Carmen Napp of the Moore County Sherriff's Department will be coming to our church on Wednesday evening, August 10th for a presentation of drugs that are becoming a problem with youth in Moore County. Because of the graphic nature of some of the photos, we ask that only children 5th grade and up attend with a parent. As parents and caregivers, we cannot be blind to this growing epidemic among our children. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

GIRLS! Get out your PJ's and head on over to the Stoke's House for a Girls Night Out Slumber Party! For girls 4th grade - Jr. High on Sunday, August 14th. Come out and lets discuss your friendship with God. Moms are welcome to come and hang out with us, too.

I pray that this school year will be an amazing year for all our children and youth, as well as teachers and parents. And to our Senior Class of 2012, " The time has come. It is your year to leave your mark of greatness. May God guide you and bless you with a fabulous Senior Year!" ~ *Delma*



Member Highlights...

Molly Hutches was born in Texas, but grew up in Colorado. She went to college and married before coming to Dumas in 1979. Molly is the mother of three grown children and six grandchildren. She has been teaching for about twenty years and is now a kindergarten teacher at Sunset Elementary School. She visited First Presbyterian with her brother, Joe Molina, and found a friendly and welcoming congregation here and wanted to be a part of that. She worked in the kitchen during LOGOS and helped with Vacation Bible School. She recently joined our church. Molly, we are glad to have you.


Almighty God,
You called Your church to be one holy, catholic and apostolic church.
By Your grace, You have given us new life in Jesus Christ, and by Your spirit, You have called us to proclaim His name throughout the nations. Awaken in us such a love for You and Your world that we may so boldly proclaim Jesus Christ by word and deed that all people may come to follow Him as Savior and Lord. *Amen.*



May we be ever mindful of those serving in the military: **Staff Sergeant Ryan Nevius**, Shona's son, **Jerod Maxwell**, the Bittners' grandson, and **Lcpl Omero Porras**, our adopted soldier. Continue to pray for their safe return home.

Return Service Requested

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