



Presbyterian News

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November 2011

Thanks For the Memories

George Bernard Shaw went into a used bookstore and browsed around the dusty shelves looking for some treasure there. He discovered one of his own books on the shelf and was disturbed to think someone would discard one of **his** books. He opened it up and was further surprised to find an inscription to a friend of his to whom Shaw had given the book many years before. The inscription read, "To W.T. B. with Compliments. G.B.S."

Shaw bought the book, mailed it back to the original owner with the inscription, "To W.T.B., With renewed compliments. G.B.S."

It's a good parable as we approach the season of Stewardship and Thanksgiving and think about giving and receiving with gratitude.

The Biblical vision is that our life is given to us as a gift. "God our maker doth provide..." in the words of the old hymn. The Bible is also realistic about human beings, about human nature, those of us who are recipients of the gift of life. It says we too often take life for granted, squander it, waste it, and abuse it. We are not always good stewards of our gifts.

But the amazing revelation about the Giver is this: God continues to give the gift. Each day now, without our deserving it, He takes what we waste and misuse, recreates it and gives it to us again, "with renewed compliments."

E.E. Cummings writes a poem saying human beings treat nature by "*punching it, poking it, pinching it.*" He concludes by saying: "*And God answers all of this with Spring.*"

That's the Biblical vision, life is God's gift sent to us daily, with renewed compliments.

Peace and grace,
Pastor John

Looking Ahead....

Tuesday, November 1, ~ Noon Bible Study

Wednesday, November 2 ~ LOGOS

Sunday, November 6, 10 am ~ Sunday School

11 am ~ Worship

Stewardship Sunday followed by meal

Monday, November 7, 11:30 am ~ Membership & Evangelism meeting

Tuesday, November 8, ~ Noon Bible Study

5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 9 ~ LOGOS

Thursday, November 10 , 5:00 pm ~ Ladies leave for Women of Faith Conference to Oklahoma City. Meet in the church parking lot.

Sunday, November 13, 10 am ~ Sunday School

11 am ~ Worship

Tuesday, November 15, ~ Noon Bible Study

6:15 pm ~ Stated Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 16 ~ LOGOS

Friday, November 18-20 ~ Palo Duro Presbytery Retreat for Jr. High and High School. Meet in the church parking lot at 6:30 pm

Sunday, November 20, 10 am ~ Sunday School

11 am ~ Worship-Romanian Mission Hanging of the Greens

6:30 pm ~ Community

Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 23 ~ NO LOGOS

Thursday, November 24 ~ Happy Thanksgiving

Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25, ~ Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 27, 10 am ~ Sunday School

11 am ~ Worship

Wednesday, November 30 ~ LOGOS

High School LOGOS in Canyon

November Birthdays

- 1 David Sykes
- 3 Ben Maples
- 4 Billie Jameson
- 5 Doel Cordero
- 6 Cooper Sykes
- 10 Hilary Cordero
Bruce Smith
- 11 McKenzie Eudy
Lisa Flood
- 13 Matallee Fangman
- 14 Jim Owens
- 16 Marietta Reynolds
- 18 Tony Hise
Macey Philley
- 19 Felicia Flint
- 23 Mert Keeney
- 24 Lois Ball
Richard Erwin
- 26 Michaela Reynolds
Sue Sims
- 27 Ann Parrish
- 28 Gail TeBeest
- 29 Ashley Lance
- 30 Margie Brookmole



Anniversaries

- 6 Mark & Susan Graves
- 15 David & Robin Kehoe



OCTOBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session welcomed Shon and Cindy Williams into membership on September 18 by reaffirmation of faith.
- Rev. Conley represented the church at Presbytery, held October 14 and 15 in Plainview.
- Beginning on World Communion Sunday, our new Presbytery prayer partner is First Presbyterian Church in Borger.
- Elder Marietta Reynolds reported that \$10,000 was moved from the special funds account to provide funds to pay the monthly bills.
- Rev. Conley requested that the 2012 budget for the Membership Committee be increased by \$200 to provide for the formation of fellowship groups. He would also like to recognize members who are moving with a small gift.
- The Budget and Stewardship Committee has received budget requests from all committees other than Personnel. The time and talent sheet will be reviewed; revisions must be made before October 21 when the time and talent sheets will be mailed.
- The All Church Breakfast is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning, October 30. Everyone is invited to come for breakfast! Session members are cooking.
- The average church service attendance for September was 87.
- The Building and Grounds Committee will have a defective electrical breaker box replaced. Four "Church Parking Only" signs will be placed on the parking lot to assist in preventing garage sale advertising on the parking lot.
- The Building and Grounds Committee will purchase two baby cribs to comply with Federal Register and Consumer Product Safety Commission regulations.
- The Worship Committee has scheduled decorating the church for Christmas on November 20, following church services.
- The Logos Children's Christmas program will be included in worship services on Sunday, December 11. The annual Christmas lunch will follow church services also on December 11.
- The Mission Committee compiled an information sheet explaining the services provided by the agencies supported by the Church. The information sheets are available to the entire congregation.
- Canned goods will be collected each communion Sunday to be donated to the Food Pantry. Collection baskets will be available for the canned goods.
- Rev. Mary Ferris will present a program on NOROC, an agency supported by the church, during church services on November 20.
- The Mission Committee is inviting members of the congregation to participate in Operation Christmas Child "Shoe Boxes for Christmas." Collection dates for the boxes will be through November 13.
- The Mission Committee would also like to support a "Mitten Tree" project at Christmas and a food/paper goods drive December 4 – 11.
- The Fellowship and Nurture Committee announced the schedule for future events:
 - October 30 – All Church Breakfast – 9:30 a.m.
 - November 6 – Stewardship Sunday – meal following church services
 - November 11-12 – Women of Faith Conference in Oklahoma City
 - December 4 – Ladies Ornament Exchange, 3:00 in parlor
 - December 11 – Church Christmas Dinner following worship

Member Highlights... ~ Larry & Ann Parrish ~

Larry and Ann Parrish are long time members of our church. They are both Elders and Larry is currently serving on the Session. Larry grew up in Clovis, New Mexico, and attended New Mexico State before coming to Dumas where he had a trucking business for a number of years. He has worked at Continental Carbon for twenty-seven years. Ann grew up in Dumas and has been a lifelong member of our church. She attained her degree in nursing at Amarillo College and is now working in Memorial Hospital's hospice program. Larry and Ann have three daughters and nine grandchildren.



Canned goods will be collected each communion Sunday (the first Sunday of the month) to be donated to the Food Pantry. Please place your donations in the baskets provided in the Narthex.

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New address is
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Alcoholics Anonymous
2nd floor Mondays & Fridays 8 to 9 p.m.

Probation Counseling
meets with clients
the first & third Saturday of the month,
from 9—Noon, 2nd floor

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