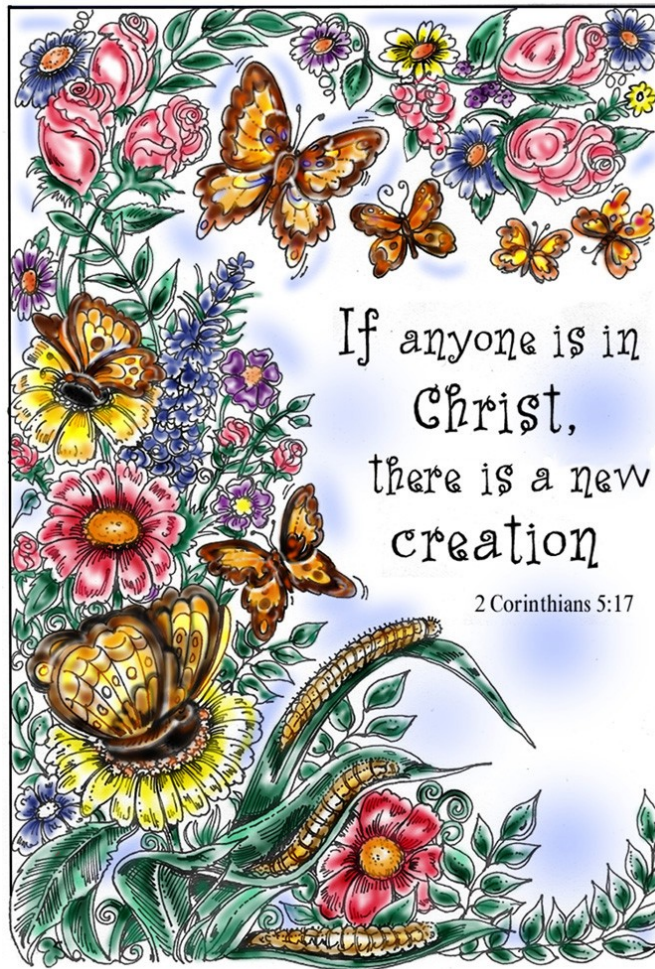


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA



**JUNE NEWSLETTER**  
**2010**



## *The Pastor's Pen*

*"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

*Philippians 1:4-6*

Happy Summer Everyone! It seems that as soon as summer starts schedules begin to change and new priorities set in. I have spoken with many school teachers over the years who look forward to their summer break to catch up on all the things that have been neglected during the rest of year. In general, life has a tendency to move at a slower pace during the summer – partly because of the heat, I'm sure!

Summer in the Church can be very similar. We are no longer celebrating Advent, or Lent, or Easter, or Pentecost – there is no major season to prepare for. We call this time in the Church "Ordinary Time." This can be a time to slow down a bit, and focus on *living* the Gospel. "Ordinary" does not mean uneventful or bland; instead "Ordinary" means living a daily life focused on Christ. It is a time in the Church when we are reminded that we don't always need to celebrate high, holy days (i.e. Christmas, Easter) to live as Christians.

This summer we are going to "shake up" Ordinary time, and do something exciting together as a church. On July 11th we will begin a church-wide study based on the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase. This is a great study, and it will help us to understand who we are as church. This study will also challenge us to respond to the Gospel message and live out our faith in new ways as a congregation. I pray that you will feel called to participate in this adventure of faith, and allow God to transform you in the process. May God's great love overwhelm you this month as you seek to serve HIM!

Your sister in Christ, Julia



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and the pastor's email is

**[pastorjulia@alexandriafpc.org](mailto:pastorjulia@alexandriafpc.org)**

Be sure to save this information in your computer!

**Do you have Facebook Friends?**

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

First Presbyterian Church also has a link on  
Facebook. Next time you're surfing the web,  
add FPC to your list of "friends" on Facebook.



## What does a vibrant, fruitful congregation look like?

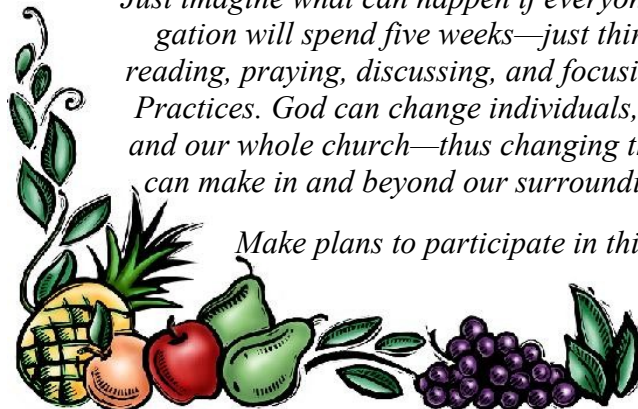
Radical Hospitality  
Passionate Worship  
Intentional Faith Development  
Risk-Taking Mission and Service  
Extravagant Generosity

# Five Practices of FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS

*These are the Five Practices of vital, fruitful congregations. These ideas aren't secret or new, but they are the practices that can lead to excellence and growth in the life of our church. And they are the practices we will be focusing on for five consecutive weeks, beginning July 11th and ending August 8th.*

*Just imagine what can happen if everyone in our congregation will spend five weeks—just thirty-five days—reading, praying, discussing, and focusing on these Five Practices. God can change individuals, entire families, and our whole church—thus changing the difference we can make in and beyond our surrounding community.*

*Make plans to participate in this study!*



## *Father's Day June 20th*

*This year we are planning a special  
Father's Day presentation during  
worship.*

*Debbe Clegg is requesting you bring her a  
picture of your father along with a word  
or phrase to describe him.*

*You can bring this by the church office or  
email it to Debbe at  
[dclegg3737@suddenlink.net](mailto:dclegg3737@suddenlink.net)*



We are bringing back a former feature  
to the newsletter

### **Meet the Members by Dee Arnold**

Dee's goal is to interview all of FPC's families and write about them in our monthly newsletter. Please allow Dee to interview you so we can all learn more about the members of our church family.

### **MEET THE . . . CLEGG'S**

When I think of the word artistic, I think of Debbe Clegg. She and Her husband Thomas have been attending church here at First Presbyterian, for about a year. Debbe Clegg is a blur of motion, here and there, full of energy, and ideas and plans to make people happy. One Sunday morning she and her husband handed out beautiful carnations to the congregation as they came into the sanctuary to worship. On Easter morning she and Tom handed each of us lovely Easter baskets she had made and filled them with a large chocolate and peanut butter egg and many small Easter eggs hidden in the "grass" in the basket. The baskets were a small work of art. Mine is still on the counter in my kitchen, of course most of the Easter eggs are gone. They were good.

Debbe's full name is Deborah Lynne Mackay Clegg, and she was the first child of three children in her family. She was born in Biloxi, Mississippi. Tom on the other hand was born in Wilmington, Delaware. His full

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name is Thomas Charles Clegg and is the second child in a family of two children.

I asked the couple how they met, and they told me it was by a blind date. It sounds like they had better luck at it than I did. This time the person who suggested they meet must have had 20/20 vision, because they “hit it off” just fine.

Tom and Debbe have two grown sons: Thomas in live in Orlando, Florida and brother Geoffrey lives here in Alexandria, but will be moving to Dekalb, Illinois this fall.

Debbe is a third grade teacher at Nachman Elementary School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in 1987. In 1989 she received her Master's Degree plus 60. The “plus 60” means she has 60 hours above a Master's degree of the past ten years. She received her degrees from the University of Delaware and Northwestern with a Master's in Early Childhood Education.

Tom graduated from high school in Delaware in 1968. He retired from the Air Force after 22 year and in 1992 and has work for Provine School Pictures for the last 10 years.

The couple enjoys traveling and said they had an exciting Caribbean cruise the ship had to out run a hurricane. It reminded me of a similar cruise we took. We were to go to St. Martin in the Virgin Islands, on the same day a hurricane decided to visit that island. The ship captain turned away and took us to Grand Turk. You might want to talk to Tom and Debbe about their adventure, I can imagine it was “hair raising” to say the least.

Debbe enjoys reading, crafts, cross stitch, using

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her computer and playing with their wire haired fox terrier, Lucy. She is also the one who compiled the pictures of our mothers into that outstanding power point presentation for Mother's Day. Wasn't that great? When asked what was the top most highlight of Tom's life, he said, "Definitely, it had to be meeting my wife and the birth of my sons." That is a nice tribute to Debbe for Mother's Day.

Tom said that he was born into and raised in the Presbyterian Church, but Debbe was raised in the Catholic faith.

I asked Debbe what here plans were for the future and she replied, "Just make it to the next day." That is spoken like a truly hard working and dedicated teacher. This couple live every minute of the day to the fullest. If you haven't had a chance to get acquainted with them, take some time out of your busy schedule to talk to them, they are a delight to have in the congregation.

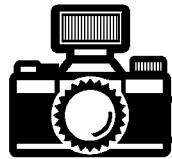
# June Birthdays



Amber Ellington 6/06

Ruth Goforth 6/18

*\*If you have a birthday in the month of June,  
and are not mentioned above please notify the office. Thanks!  
[office@alexandriafpc.org](mailto:office@alexandriafpc.org)*



## Coming Soon . . .

The Mission, Evangelism, and Worship Committee is planning a pictorial directory for our church. Information will be forthcoming, so keep your eyes open for important dates. It is our goal to have everyone pictured in the new directory.



## *Wednesday Night Fellowship*

This month our Wednesday Night Fellowship will begin on June 2nd, with a covered dish meal at 5:45 pm, followed by a prayer meeting at 6:30.

June 9th we will have a Sandwich Dinner after which we will hold our regular monthly Committee Night meetings at 6:30 pm.

June 16th, we'll have a covered dish meal at 5:45 pm, followed by a prayer meeting at 6:30 pm, and choir practice at 7:30 pm.

June 23rd begins with a Chicken Dinner at 5:45 pm, followed by a musical program featuring the DC3 Choir as our guest musicians.

On June 30th we will have a special Fourth of July celebration. At 5:45 we will grill hamburgers and enjoy fellowship together.

### *Wednesday Monitors*

*June 2nd—Sharelle Herndon*

*June 9th—Annalize Benade*

*June 16th—Debbe Clegg*

*June 23rd—Annalize Benade*

*June 30th—Annalize Benade*

# June Responders

## Communion Servers

Annalize Bendade  
Dirk Benade  
Ed Ware

## Monitors

6 Jim Hockensmith  
13 Dirk Benade  
20 John Martin  
27 Barry Herndon

## Greeters

6 Dirk Benade  
John Martin  
13 Stacey Brown  
Elizabethte Kennedy  
20 Gil Arnold  
John Allen  
27 Pat Turpin  
Sonny Brown

Think of us in this way,  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of  
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1

## Ushers

6 Bob Kennedy  
Stacey Brown  
13 Jim & Stephanie Huffman  
20 Jim Hockensmith  
Nancy Davis  
27 Dave Conner  
Elizabethte Kennedy

# Session Notes

## MAY

The session met on May 17, 2010. Rev. Julia Farrell opened the meeting with prayer. Her devotional was from the daily devotional *These Days* on John 14:15-24 "Loving Jesus."

Members present were Annalize Benade, Dave Conner, Barry Herndon, and Emma Jean Huffman..

Members excused were Ed Ware.

Jim Hockensmith presented the financial reports ending March 31, 2010. Building Insurance will be renewed. Mr. Hockensmith would like Solar under Sun be supported by our church. The project provides solar energy to run water pumps and refrigeration in places such as Haiti. This project is being done by the Synod of the Sun and the Synod of the Living Waters.

King of King's Lutheran church will have Vacation Bible School July 12 - 16.

A thank you note was received from Chris Tyler and Charly LaCroix.

Activities for the month of June are: June 2<sup>nd</sup> Games night; 9<sup>th</sup> committee night, 16<sup>th</sup> prayer meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> DC3 Prison choir; 30<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Huey P. Long sandwich making is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. Women's circle will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday. Community Healthworx meal will be provided on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. Men's breakfast and Bible study

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will meet every Thursday morning.

Dave Conner stated there was a good turn out for clean up day. Brandi Woolman is working on design for flowers around the sign. Maintenance work on the sanctuary and narthex is completed. This project cost considerable less than the original estimate due to not as much work needed to be done. Dave Conner is working on getting a team together to do outside maintenance work.

A new church directory is being planned. This project will be done by Olan Mills. Committee is searching for a coordinator for this project.

If you want to help with transportation to church or if you need help contact Gil Arnold at 640-3414.

Mr. Ed Ware has requested resignation from the session.

A church wide study will begin July 11<sup>th</sup> and will last for 5 weeks. This study will be on the *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase. Rev. Farrell is planning on several small group studies. The goal is to get everyone involved.

The Willow Wood Homeowners association will hold their annual meeting at the church on May 19, 2010, at 6 pm.

Rev. Farrell will be attending a conference on "Transforming Church in Rural America" in Harrison, Arkansas, beginning

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May 24<sup>th</sup>. She will return on June 1. Rev. Nancy Hendrix will fill the pulpit while she is gone.

Stephanie Huffman, Delores McDaniel, and Emma Jean Huffman have been appointed to plan a playground.

The session reconvened the Nominating Committee consisting of Annalize Benade, Liz Magee, and Ed Ware.

Jim Hockensmith will be church's representative at the Presbytery meeting in Baton Rouge on June 15th.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Emma Jean Huffman  
Clerk of Session






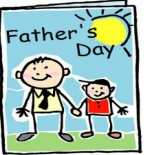
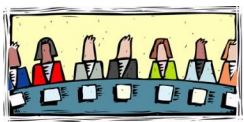


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*Julia Farrell, Pastor*  
*Jack Ready, Choir Director*  
*Judy Ready, Pianist*  
*Delores McDaniel, Nursery*  
*Charles Bell, Sexton*

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**Come experience God's love at First Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday School - 9:45 am, Worship - 11:00 am



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  8:15 am Sandwich making for HPLH patients	2 5:45 pm Covered Dish A-G Dessert H-K Main Dish L-Z Salad/Veg 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting 7:30 pm Choir Practice	3  Brothers, Bibles, & Breakfast 6:30 am	4	5 10:00 am Art Class
6 9:00 am Kingsley Place 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/ Communion	7	8  Women's Circle 9:30 am	9 5:45 pm Sandwiches 6:30 pm Committee Meetings 7:30 pm Choir Practice	10  Brothers, Bibles, & Breakfast 6:30 am	11	12 10:00 am Art Class
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