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This Week at First Pres

As of June 5

June 10 - 16, 2012

Sunday

8:30 AM

Traditional Worship

9:45 AM

A&O Sunday MS & HS

Early Child Critter Land

Elementary Sunday

School

Summer Sunday School

11:00 AM

The Road Fellowship

Traditional Worship

11:05 AM

1105 Worship

Monday

7:00 AM

Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 AM

Affinity Group -

Exercise

5:30 PM

Session

5:30 PM

Women's Bible Study -

Sicola

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!"

On Wednesday evening, First Pres hosted a free night at the Amarillo National Bank Sox Stadium. First Pres staff and volunteers greeted fans, visiting with them and distributing information about our church. First Pres members participated in games and activities between innings and shared in the fun and fellowship with people of the community.



Ezrie, seven-year-old daughter of Jennifer and Cole Camp, wowed the audience singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Tuesday

8:30 AM

Affinity Group -
Exercise

8:30 AM

Prayer Group A

3:00 PM

Affinity Group -
Needlework

Wednesday

8:30 AM

Affinity Group -
Exercise

8:45 AM

Prayer Group B

12:00 PM

Men's Summer Bible
Study

5:00 PM

Personnel Committee

5:15 PM

Stephen Ministry
Supervision

Thursday

8:30 AM

Affinity Group -
Exercise

9:30 AM

Women's Bible Study -
Emily Wood

10:00 AM

NUFFs

Friday

8:30 AM

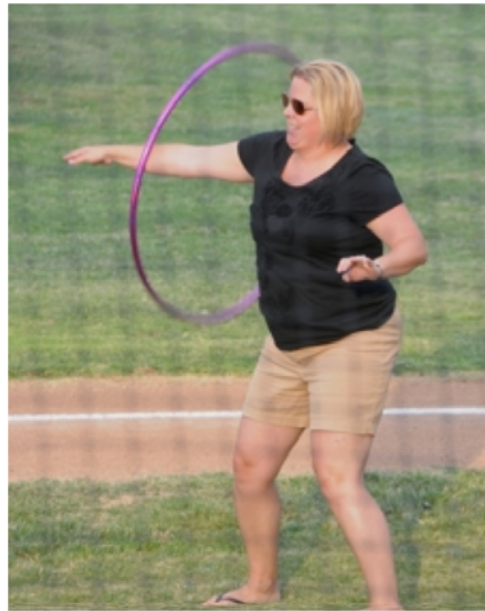
Affinity Group -
Exercise

Saturday

No events scheduled



It may have been a strike on the first pitch thrown by Howard Griffin.



Winner of the hula-hoop contest, Allison Teuscher, shows how it's done.



Obstacle course contestant, Blake Milum, shows no fear as he gets ready to go.



Some of the rousing crowd having fun in the First Pres special section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORSHIP

Many First Pres members know about our bilingual congregation that began meeting weekly in May and which will be featured in our monthly "Celebrating Grace" video presentation Sunday. Under the leadership of Orlando Lopez, the fellowship continues to thrive. Recently, The Road Fellowship was the subject of a story in the Amarillo Globe News. Below is an excerpt of that story for those in the congregation who may not have seen it.

(Excerpted by Permission of the Amarillo Globe-News, Mark Haslett, Reporter)

Would you like to worship in English or Spanish? How about both?

For bilingual Christian families who'd rather not make a choice between English or Spanish for their Sunday morning worship, there's a new option being offered by First Presbyterian Church. Not only is there a bilingual worship service, but the pastor and congregation of this service are also on the track to become an independent, bilingual church.

The new faith community is called Comunidad El Camino, which translates as The Road Fellowship. The Rev. Orlando Lopez, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, is leading services, which began in January.

"... what I'm doing here [is] planting a bilingual fellowship designed to reach the unchurched or de-churched Hispanics of Amarillo," Lopez said.

Lopez goes back and forth between English and Spanish during the services, immediately translating himself, almost on a sentence-by-sentence basis.

"So it would sound something like 'Dios los bendiga, hermanos. God bless you, brothers,'" he said.

Comunidad El Camino's services follow the pattern established by the Presbyterian Church's reformed tradition, with a little influence from Lopez's own background in the Assemblies of God tradition, he said.

Lopez described a common generational breakdown in bilingual families. Many such families have grandparents who speak mostly or exclusively Spanish, parents who are comfortably bilingual and children who speak mostly or exclusively English, he said.

"So where do you go that you can go to church as a family? If you went to an all-Spanish church, the kids are going to miss out. If you went to an all-English church, grandma and grandpa are going to miss out. You could go to two churches, but that's no fun as a family."

Lopez said. He also said many married couples in Amarillo are composed of an English-speaking spouse and a Spanish-speaking spouse.

Chris Reynolds, who attends Comunidad El Camino with his wife and three children, said Lopez has been an inspirational leader. "I'm extremely impressed with the pastor's attitude and his ability to convey his outlook and beliefs. He draws you in and encourages you," Reynolds said. The new congregation is friendly, mutually supportive and is welcoming, Reynolds said.

Comunidad El Camino's service starts at 11 a.m., as does First Presbyterian's late-morning traditional worship service as well as a

contemporary worship service also held in the facility. The three services conclude shortly after noon when all attendees gather in First Presbyterian's main hall for fellowship.

"It really is kind of a look at what the kingdom looks like, when everyone across generations, across cultures comes together," Lopez said of the three congregations coming together after the services end.

Lopez said Comunidad El Camino has benefitted greatly from being able to join in First Presbyterian's well-established ministries and programs, which include youth and adult Bible study, vacation Bible school this summer and a mission trip to Costa Rica, also this summer.

"If El Camino wasn't being mothered by First Pres, those opportunities would not present themselves," Lopez said.



GROW

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER --
CO-OP PILOT PROGRAM FOR PARENTS**

Parents of two-year-olds have a wonderful opportunity to participate in a pilot program that will provide a positive and nurturing group experience and also equip them to be their child's primary spiritual teacher during the 2012-2013 school year. The Co-Op will emphasize Bible stories, nurture spiritual growth, and encourage social, emotional, and intellectual skills. Each parent and child will spend quality time together, and parents commit to assist the lead teacher a specific number of times per semester. Parents will play an active role in the teaching team! Parent Co-Op will be T/TH mornings from 9-11:00 a.m. Monthly tuition is \$50.00 with a \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee. Spaces are available! Please call Susan Dees at 350-5212 for more information or to register your child. Children must be two years old by September 1, 2012 to participate.

Men's Summer Lunch Bible Study Begins

Join David Mullin and Tony Schellhamer Wednesdays at noon during June, July, and August to study Galatians. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship and study of God's word -- room 207.



CONNECT

NUFFs HOST BOLIVIA MISSIONARIES FOR TRAVELOGUE

At the NUFFs next meeting, June 14, a missionary group from First Pres will give an exciting "Travelogue to Bolivia." Coffee and fellowship start at 10:00 a.m. followed by a short business meeting at 10:30 and the program at 11:00. Lunch will be catered by Calico County for \$6. Please RSVP for lunch to Cal Smith at 655-3204 by noon, Tuesday, June 12.

VOLUNTEERS PUBLISH eCHIMES AND BULLETIN -- KUDOS!

Every week since mid-March when the church's communications coordinator resigned, members of the Communications Team have written, edited, and published *The Chimes* and the Sunday bulletin. Despite full time jobs and family responsibilities the publishing deadlines have not been missed.

A special word of thanks also goes to several women of the church who volunteer every week to assemble, fold, and put *The Chimes* in the postal mail to about 100 members who are unable to get the newsletter by email. The effort was undertaken to relieve the "spread-too-thin" staff of that responsibility. These women "took up the slack" during a time when the church was understaffed, and they have faithfully stayed on the job.

These volunteers don't do the work for praise or recognition but because of their interest in helping keep all segments of the congregation informed and connected. The Communications Team thanks them.



SERVE

FIRST PRES COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

This Sunday, 48 people, the largest and most varied group to embark on a mission trip from First Pres, will venture to San Jose, Costa Rica to work under the auspices of Christ For the City International. They will help build two churches, engage native women in a "sewing" ministry, and reach out to children with a sports ministry and vacation Bible school.

Ranging in age from seven to 62, this may also be the most diverse age group ever to go on a mission trip from the church. Monday through Friday, the team will meet each morning for breakfast and devotional time then travel to the mission site in the San Jose area to do their assigned work. At the end of the day, the team will return to the hotel for praise, worship, and a time of sharing. Friday afternoon the team will travel to a beach area and enjoy debriefing and recreation before returning to Amarillo on Monday, June 18.

Members of various First Pres groups -- Adult, Young Adult, GAP.

SALT, A&O Youth, The Road, and Children's Ministry -- will come together as one and serve as the hands and feet of Christ. Members of the Costa Rica mission team include: Michael Bankhead; Marcia Barrick; Diane Battles; Joy Berry; Ben Carpenter; Evan Darnell; Cortlyn, Cullen, Susan and Nolan Dees; Jace Foster; Gena and Eddie Fox; Corbin, Jamie, and Cody Graham; Maddie Hansen; Alyssa, Will and Jennifer Langley; Brandi Leal; Angela and Orlando Lopez; Connor, Sarah and Kelli Love; Blake Milum; Shelby and Michele Morris; Pete, Jack, Yvonne and Darrin Murphy; Shannon Osburn; Dominic Pinis; Andres Ramirez, Abi, Liz, and Cody Rogers; Bonnie Rogers; Kalley and Matt Sadler; Amanda Soukup; Shawntae Stout; Paige Strickland; Kim Talley; and Emily and Casey Wood.

The team thanks you for your prayers.

POTENTIAL NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR CHURCH OFFICE

The Congregational Nominating Committee is requesting your assistance to identify potential nominees for the offices of elder, deacon, and CNC member-at-large. If you desire to recommend potential nominees for these offices, email your suggestions to CNC@firstpres.com or submit them in writing to Charlotte Kinch in the church offices. Qualifications and duties for the offices may be found on the website as well. The CNC will nominate a slate of names for the different offices at a congregational meeting in late September. The deadline for making suggestions is Monday, July 2 at noon.

MISSION TO HELP REBUILD JOPLIN, MO

Join the mission trip to Joplin, Missouri July 29 - August 2 to help rebuild from the tornado that struck that city about a year ago. This opportunity to serve the Lord is for people of all ages, although a parent or guardian must accompany anyone under age 18. No particular skills are needed, only a heart to serve. The cost is \$150.00 per person, but that is negotiable! We want you with us! Call Murray Gossett or Anita Goodrum, 350-5202 with questions or to sign up.

DIAPERS AND WIPES NEEDED IN JUNE

To help those in our community who need them, please leave your contributions of diapers and wipes on the Mission table in the southwest corner of the Great Hall Crossroads.

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