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### **This Week at First Pres**

As of July 10  
**July 15-21, 2012**

#### **Sunday**

**8:30 AM**

Traditional Worship

**9:30 AM**

Blood Pressure  
Screening

**9:45 AM**

A&O Sunday MS & HS

Early Child Critter Land

Elementary Sunday  
School

Summer Sunday School

#### **Town Hall Meeting**

**11:00 AM**  
The Road Fellowship  
Bilingual Worship

Traditional Worship

**11:05 AM**  
1105 Contemporary  
Worship

### **TOWN HALL MEETING CALLED SUNDAY, JULY 15 AT 9:45 A.M. SESSION TO UPDATE CONGREGATION CONCERNING ISSUES AFFECTING OUR DENOMINATION**

Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, July 15 at 9:45 a.m. as your Session updates the congregation on the most recent developments in the PC(USA) and how they affect First Pres. If you miss the meeting or have questions you want to discuss further, sign up sheets for small group meetings will be available in the Narthex.

#### **eCHIMES HIATUS**

eChimes is taking a summer break. This is the last issue until August 17 when exciting information will be published about what's coming at First Pres in the fall!



Join First Pres for Family Camp at El Porvenir Christian Camp in the beautiful mountains of Las Vegas, New Mexico, August 10-12. Space is limited, so sign up now at

**12:30 PM**  
Affinity Lunch Group

**Monday**

**7:00 AM**  
Men's Prayer Breakfast

**8:30 AM**  
Affinity Group - Exercise

**5:15 PM**  
Communications Team

**5:30 PM**  
Women's Bible Study-  
Sicola

**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

**1:30 PM**  
Affinity Group - Bridge

**Thursday**

**8:30 AM**

<http://www.firstpres.com/#/grow/young-adults>.



**WORSHIP**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Women's Gala  
*Creating a Legacy of Faith*  
Thursday, September 6  
Speaker: Dr. Nell Bush



**GROW**

**ATTEND THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT  
SATELLITE BROADCAST AUGUST 9 & 10!**

First Pres members have an amazing opportunity to attend a satellite broadcast of Willow Creek Association's Global Leadership Summit August 9 and 10 at Saint Stephen United Methodist Church, 4600 Western. Leadership is critical to church vitality, and when Christ-centered leaders are at the forefront of well-led local churches, change happens. Cost is \$25 per person. Please contact Anita at 350-5202 or [anitag@firstpres.com](mailto:anitag@firstpres.com) to register. To see the headline featured speakers or more information follow this link <http://www.willowcreek.com/summit>.



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**MURRAY GOSSETT EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR SABBATICAL**

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank Howard Griffin, the Personal Committee, the Session, and the congregation for your gracious encouragement for me to take a two-month sabbatical during May and June. Many people are much more deserving of such a special gift than I am.

Some of my time was spent celebrating and attending four of my children's graduations and the many activities surrounding those. I also was able to be available for some ministry opportunities. The major focus of my time was reading 21 books, all written by the

Affinity Group - Exercise

9:30 AM

Women's Bible Study

10:00 AM

Women's Ministry

Retreat Team

Friday

8:30 AM

Affinity Group - Exercise

10:00 AM

Affinity Group Canasta

Saturday

No Events Scheduled

same author, Dr. John Stott. What did I learn from all that reading? I would sum it up briefly as: 1) Stay focused on the cross of Christ, and 2) Be centered on living under the authority of Scripture. If you want to know more, I'd love to visit with you. Anita Goodrum has also typed up a two-page summary that gives you some more specifics. Let me encourage you to read John Stott as well. The first book I recommend is *Life in Christ*. Between books and tapes by Dr. Tim Keller, available in our library, and books by Stott, your mind and heart will be instructed to love Jesus Christ and His Word.

In Christ,

Murray



**SERVE**

**2011 REFURBISHMENT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

*Nolan Dees, Executive Director of Administration at First Pres, gives an update about the current refurbishing campaign*

**Q:** Can you tell me about the original plan for the Refurbishment Capital Campaign Project?

**A:** This is a three-year plan. Pledges began to be paid in April, 2011, but we committed not to start work until funds were in hand to do the projects because we did not want to go into debt. All the projects were planned to be completed within three years on the following schedule:

**Phase I/ Year One**

- Move Big City from the current Fellowship Center to the 2nd floor of the Children's Area (COMPLETE)
- New Roof on A&O House (COMPLETE)
- Remodel of A&O Kitchen (COMPLETE)
- Construction of the Fellowship Center for 1105 Worship (COMPLETE)

**Phase II/ Year Two**

- Replace Boiler (CURRENT WORK)
- Replace Chiller
- Playground Area resurface, new fence, correct drainage problem (CURRENT WORK)

**Phase III/ Year Three**

- Additional work to Children's Area
- A&O Landscaping and Other Improvements
- Sound and video updates in the Great Hall

- Sound updates in Parlor
- Pew Cushions in Sanctuary

**Q:** Are we on track with this schedule?

**A:** Yes, we're right on track. We purposely wanted to work on the playground in the summer. That project is being completed within the next few weeks.

**Q:** What else is happening right now?

**A:** Though it is not readily apparent, a lot is happening behind the scenes! The old boiler is being replaced now, and the chiller will be replaced in the fall.

**Q:** Do we have funds to proceed?

**A:** We're about a third of the way through the three-year pledge period and have paid cash for all the work. Keep in mind that the boiler, chiller, and construction of the Fellowship Center alone comprise 70% of the total \$1.4 million project. **That said, it's vital that members fulfill their pledges.** The commitment from the start was that we would not go into debt to complete any of these projects, and that commitment still stands firm. **God has blessed this work, and through your generosity, it is right on schedule.**



*Your Refurbishing Gifts at Work! This attractive new steel fence for the children's playground and the new play surface to be installed soon around the playscape will benefit children of the congregation as well as Opportunity School for many years. Thank you for giving!*

**NO COLLECTABLES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

We will resume collecting items in August to donate to those needing assistance in our community.

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO**

**Joe Gallegos**, one of our custodians, in the death of his brother-in-law, Caesar Valdez, July 10, 2012.

**GIFTS IN MEMORY OF**

**Charles Arthur Art“ SoRelle**

Given by  
Joy Nicholson  
D & K Johnson  
John Key  
Jo Anne & Steve Batman  
Carol & Bill Harper

**John Maynard**

Given by  
Sheri & Scott Brosier

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