



St. Philip Presbyterian Church
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July, 2016

Parish Punch News

“Joyfully Growing and Moving with the Spirit”

From the Pastors:

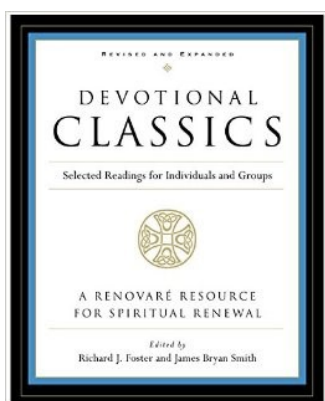
In times of difficulty we must “Trust in the Lord.” Many times Jesus encouraged his disciples to have faith and trust. When the waters were quickly swallowing Peter after he walked a few steps toward Jesus, he rescued him and questioned his faith (Matthew 14:31). Jesus must have sensed some of the anxiety and worries of the disciples when he asked them “. . . Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? . . . Consider the lilies of the field . . .” After Jesus said this, he asked about their faith. (Matthew 6:27-30) Although it is comforting to know that Jesus called disciples to follow him with worries and anxieties like us, we also know how our worries and anxieties can overwhelm us. If only we had Jesus present to reassure us and comfort us like those disciples! But we do have the presence of Christ with us. Jesus promised that God would send in his name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who would teach us everything and remind us what he had said. And then after these very words, Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:26-27)

Fifteen times we can read in the Bible the words “Trust in the Lord.” In Psalm 115 the writer writes these three words multiple times.

“O Israel, **trust in the LORD!** He is their help and their shield.
O house of Aaron, **trust in the LORD!** He is their help and their shield.
You who fear the LORD, **trust in the LORD!** He is their help and their shield.” (verses 9-11)

The Lord our God is our help and our shield and with the Spirit’s presence we can move forward with faith the way that Jesus intends and deal with most any situation that comes our way.

Blessings and Peace,
Greg Garis & Alissa King



Devotional Classics Covenant Group
Tuesdays 7:00 P.M. in the Parlor
We will be meeting every Tuesday
until August 2nd

A Covenant Group focused on Spirituality has been formed by
Rev. Garis and Rev. King.

A covenant group is a group committed to read, study and
discuss together their thoughts and reflections.

This covenant group is studying a book called “Devotional Classics.”



St. Philip Presbyterian Women

Circles will resume in September.
Enjoy your summer!

Note: Please continue to bring non-perishable food items (canned goods and dry goods) throughout the year and place them in the NEED bin on the Oak Terrace. Thank you.

Team Building
and Beyond!

moms group

Moms Group Sunday, July 24th Team Building TBD

Childcare provided at the church.
Drop off your children at the church,
and join us to bond as a team in Motherhood!

Be on the look-out for more event details to follow!

All Moms Welcome!

MARINERS

Saturday, July 16th
6 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall

Join the Mariners for food, fun,
and fellowship on Saturday,
JULY 16th. Everyone is invited!



Hope to see you there!

Contact Joe or Paula at 817-284-2771 if you have any questions.



Join the Happy Slackers Thursday, July 14th 12 Noon at Ernie's

If you are retired, unemployed, preach or work
part time, you are eligible to join the
Happy Slackers for lunch.

Leave your aches, pains and worries at home and have a great time
with new and old friends. Good food and fellowship!

See you there Happy Slackers!



Men's Coffee Fellowship

The men will meet once
during the month of July,
instead of every
Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, July 20th at 8:30 A.M.
at [Corner Café in NRH](#)



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

Summer Worship Schedule for July



Sunday School starts at
9:00 a.m.

One worship service at
10:00 a.m.

Please remind others of
our summer worship
schedule.

We will resume regular worship
services starting August 7th at
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



YOUTH CALENDAR

11th-14th
26th-31st

July
5:30-8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
Synod Youth Workshop



NEWS!

St. Philip Sunday School children and youth will be studying the following during classes starting at 9:00 A.M. during the month of July:

Birth-Age 2 will hear Bible stories that are designed for young learners.

Ages 2 & 3 are studying "Life of Moses/Esther" from the Hands on Bible curriculum.

Ages 4-5th Grade will be studying "Re-New" focusing on being good stewards of God's creation.

Jr. High & Sr. High will be using Feasting on the Word, which provides opportunities for this age group to explore their personal and communal identity in Jesus Christ through meaningful community-building experiences, engaging Bible study, and relevant learning activities. Biblical stories will come alive in new and creative ways. In response to God's amazing, unconditional love, youth will be challenged to put their faith into action as they grow to understand themselves as Christ's disciples.



Youth Mission Trip

The youth went on their mission trip the week of June 12th. Your support of them made this trip possible. Thank you to all of those that got their cars washed, bought sub sandwiches, had their kids babysat, sponsored events, and/or donated money.

The youth and sponsors who attended were:
Jim Houston, Rachael Moffett, Kadin Houston,
Melissa Moffett, James Moffett, Julia MacLeod,
Cole Garis, Hope Garis, Aaron Perez, Ashley Perez,
Lily Belknap, Tyler Belknap, Andrew Asante, and
Jake McLain



God & Family Class Pizza Party!

**Sunday, July 17th after the
10:00 A.M. Worship Service**

Party starts at 11:05 A.M.!



Free Concert!

PHIL'S UNPLUGGED

JULY 15 / 7:00 PM

St. Philip Presbyterian Church
745 W. Pipeline Rd., Hurst, TX 76053



Guest Musician:

JOSEPH NEVILLE

Joseph Neville is a singer/songwriter from Ft. Worth, Texas, and has played at venues such as the House of Blues in Dallas!

Don't miss this opportunity to see Joseph here
LIVE at St. Philip.

Suggested Donation for the artist of \$10.00.

Check him out at:

<http://joepatnev.com/>



Recording Memories

Do you want to somehow document and record stories of loved ones before their memories get the best of them? Do you want to make sure your sons and daughters and/or grandchildren remember some things about the times gone by?

Memories of the past are important and sometimes we have missed the opportunity to hear from our loved ones those wonderful stories of the past. There is a member of St. Philip that would like to assist you in capturing those memories in a more permanent way.

If you are interested in having someone record your memoirs or someone else's memories, please speak to Rev. Garis about this wonderful gift a church member is offering.



SESSION RETREAT

The session is going on a retreat on July 16th to pray, listen, and plan the themes and goals for the next program year. We will be worshipping together, listening for the Spirit, and praying for the church. Please keep all the session members in your prayers as we reflect on the last program year and plan the next.





Note of the Week from Pam Cochrane.....

The weary traveler has returned from London and a Mediterranean cruise with wonderful adventures and stories to tell. And, of course, beautiful pictures as well! Bob and I saw the Rock of Gibraltar, the beautiful cities of Barcelona and Valencia, bull-fighting rings, the palace of Monaco, the leaning Tower of Pisa, and Florence, Italy with its beautiful Cathedral & Piazza Duomo. We had seen Roman ruins before we arrived at this marvelous green granite Cathedral, and it reminded me that even though the Romans sought to stamp out the Christians, Christ's message, the good news of the Gospel, lives on! And the sacrifices of love that were made in the name of Christ Jesus are shown in these beautiful churches all over the world. Thanks be to God!

I am reminded today that even as we face adversity, God will be with us. Even when the way seems dark, He is there. Thank you to all of you and the session for your wonderful support these last few weeks and always! I can't tell you how much your kind words have meant to me! Your calls, cards and emails show what a wonderful caring congregation you are, and I am grateful and happy to be your Director of Music!

This Sunday, my dear, long-time friend and colleague, Sonya Hood, will be singing the anthem in our worship service! You might remember that Sonya was one of our soloists in our spring concert of Schubert's *Mass in G*. The two of us studied and received our master's degree together at Texas Woman's University. So, please welcome her back this Sunday!

See you in church on Sunday.

Joyfully Singing in Christ,
Pam Cochrane



Financial Report

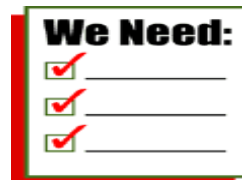
	JUNE	Year to date
Income	\$35,251.03	\$245,764.77
Expenses	\$39,671.85	\$278,142.43
	(\$4,420.82)	(\$32,377.66)

Thanks to everyone for their contributions.
If you are not current on your pledge,
please attempt to catch up as soon as
possible.

N.E.E.D

This month the following
requests have been made:

- Deodorant
- Oatmeal
- Canned Milk
- Cake Mix
- BBQ Sauce
- Hamburger Helper



Thank you for your continued support,
Your Mission Outreach Committee

St. Philip Presbyterian Church Adult Education

Sunday School Hour 9:00-10:00 a.m.

The Joy Class is for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We combine instruction, music and crafts to teach adults the basics of the Christian faith.

This class uses shared leadership and is studying "compassion." **Parlor**

In July & August the Alpha Class is using the Present Word and will study the following:

July 17, God Set Things Right, Romans 3:21-31, July 24, Not Without Hope, Romans 5:1-11, July 31, Death Becomes Life, Romans 6:1-4, 12-14, 17-23, August 7, Safe in God's Love, Romans 8:28-39, August 14, Living Under God's Mercy, Romans 9:6-18, August 21, God Prunes and Grafts, Romans 11:11-24, August 28, Love Fulfills the Law, Romans 12:1-2; 13:8-10. **Room A**

In July & August the Feasting on the Word Class will be studying the following topics:

July 17, Luke's story of Mary and Martha will challenge adults to confess what distracts them from moments of opportunity and need, Luke 10: 38-42. July 24, Luke's version of Jesus' teaching of prayer will invite adults to renew their understanding and practice of prayer, Luke 11: 1-13. July 31, Adults will assess personal and social consequences of greed by hearing Jesus' call to be rich toward God, Luke 12: 13-21. August 7, Adults will envision ways to practice trust in God's realm as evoked in Jesus' call to be rich toward God, Luke 12:13-21. August 14, Adults will celebrate with Hebrews the legacy and vocation of persevering faith and Christ-grounded hope, Hebrews 11:29-12:2. August 21, Jesus' Sabbath healing will challenge adults to confront contemporary attitudes and traditions that object to gospel words and actions, Luke 13:10-17. August 28, Adults will imagine how to translate Jesus' words on hospitality into contemporary practices of individuals and communities of faith, Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Room 11

GUESTS ARE WELCOME!

Birthdays



1st Emily Mares
 3rd Alice Hallberg
 3rd Marie Stark
 4th Janice Whitwell
 4th Janet Travis
 5th Ann Simmons
 6th Audrey Calaty
 7th Bernie Petty
 7th Bonnie Brockway
 9th Caden Trevino
 10th Julie Starr
 11th Brian Ellis
 14th Rick Patterson
 14th Steve Belknap
 15th Lynette Belknap
 15th Julia MacLeod
 18th Irene Frempong
 18th Pat Collins
 18th Ryan Lininger
 19th Robert Lemmon
 20th Kofi Adzaku
 20th Ruth Poff
 20th Mark Clee
 21st Beverly Cox
 21st Linda Sprinkel
 22nd Michael Gatch
 23rd Joy Wallace
 23rd Mary Jo Shaunty
 23rd Mary Gyarfas
 24th Christian Senagbe
 26th Rosemary Zimmer
 26th Rachael Moffett
 26th Cori Trevino
 26th Jacob McLain
 28th Carolyn Churchwell
 28th Vivian Adzaku
 28th Elaine Stokes
 29th Betty Little
 29th Fred Barney
 29th Wendy Thompson
 29th Julie Toler
 31st Gloria Carrier
 31st Randy Luper



1st Allison Alcala
 2nd Jim Starr
 3rd Chris Trevino
 4th Sara Brewer
 4th Virginia Corneby
 6th Alma Adrian
 7th Marci Sogan
 9th Lu Brewer
 10th Ben Cross
 12th Anne Mitchell
 13th Gene Zimmerman
 13th Ed Wellman
 16th Tyler Belknap
 16th Katherine Umphress
 17th Bitsie Welch
 17th Marcey Mullins
 17th Jennifer Hallberg
 19th Russ Austin
 19th Kenneth Anderson
 20th Dina Ferreira
 21st Paula Overton
 21st Elvin Simmons
 23rd Mary Ann Nicholson
 24th Karen David
 26th Ellen Williams
 27th Rick Peters
 28th Marilyn Cleghorn
 28th Robert Thompson
 29th Ann McKee
 29th Edna Mares
 29th Amanda Bowden
 31st Curt Bosworth
 31st Shelly McCauley



1st Sharon Harris
 1st Terry Giles
 2nd Stella Urban
 3rd Sue Patterson
 3rd Andrew Asante
 8th Janine Williams
 8th Hayley Mullins
 10th Zella Gordon
 11th Denise Jaynes
 12th Michael Ellis
 14th John Woods
 14th Carrie Sue Woods
 14th M. C. Grisham
 14th Doug Sanders
 16th Sue Ora
 16th Ama Frempong
 18th Margaret Baker
 19th Audrey Whitehead
 20th Meg Green
 21st Kay Fell
 22nd Jim Newlon
 22nd Gary Adam
 22nd Paula Flores
 22nd Jill Hiatt
 23rd Sara Lininger
 23rd Bryson Turner
 24th Bob Hamos
 25th Bill Roddy
 25th Mike Jowell
 25th Bonnie Hardy
 26th Tal Buie
 27th Daphene Flagg
 27th Judy Sneddon
 28th Marie Borland
 28th Sara Snell
 30th Jane Knight
 30th Lori Henry



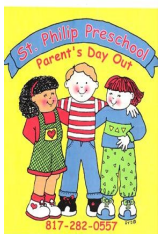
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2016

Session Approved the following items at its stated meeting in June 2016:

- Childhood Education continuing to use Growing in Grace and Gratitude curriculum for K-5th grades.
- Childhood Education is having a Kick-Off Sunday on August 21st, 2016, with an all-church breakfast at 9:45 a.m.
- Childhood Education is holding a swim party, July 16th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Kathy Taylor's house and Sunday School Teacher Prep on August 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.
- Mission Outreach Committee is giving a Minute for Mission on either June 26 or July 3, 2016 to explain the following request:
 - Mission Outreach is setting up a small table on the Balcony Oak Terrace near the tree sculpture so that church members can make "leaves" to hang on the tree with ways that the people volunteer and/or do mission work.
- The youth is using the curriculum "Freedom Ride" for Summer Sunday School.
- Removing Brian Ellis from our member rolls as he has been confirmed into the Catholic Church.
- The memorial resolution for Ray Sprinkel.
- A group including Ann Treleven using the choir room on September 2 and 9, 2016 and possibly October 7, 2016 from 6-8:00 p.m. for rehearsals.
- Receiving an anonymous donation of \$20,000 designated to be split between Capital Repair and Replacement Fund, and the Building and Grounds budget.
- Holding another Congregational Meeting on August 7, 2016, to discuss the status of the church, and holding a Stated Session meeting in July.
- Kathleen Fulenwider holding a creative arts class for adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) to meet for six weeks starting June 15, 2016, in the Parlor.
- Kathleen's colleague and teaching partner, Debbie Dacus, using piano for one of the IDD students.
- Finance Committee taking funds from the Educations Series restricted funds account (#9055) to be used by the staff for Education on Family Systems.
- Issuing a blanket approval for the No-Nut task force to put into place all aspects discussed to make the church Nut-Free. (signs communication, changing building use guidelines, etc.)

Please speak to any session member or to Rev. Garis or Rev. King if you have questions or concerns about these session actions.



St Philip Preschool Register for 2016-2017 School year

**Cindy Baren, Director of the
Preschool, will be back in her office
Monday, August 1st**

**Meet the Teacher,
August 31st 10:00 AM**

**Classes resume
Thursday, September 1st**

**Registration fee is \$80
Nonrefundable**

**\$60 for each additional
child in family**

Tuition rates for 2016-2017:

1 Day per week ~ \$125/month

2 Days per week ~ \$220/month

3 Days per week ~ \$300/month

4 Days per week ~ \$350/month

5 Days per week ~ \$425/month

[Enrollment Forms](#)



You're Invited!



Together with our parents
ALISSA DIANE KING
&
JAY PARKER CONNER
*invite you to share with us this joyous
celebration of love at our marriage*

*Saturday, August 6th
Two thousand and sixteen*

*At one o'clock in the afternoon
St. Philip Presbyterian Church
745 W. Pipeline Rd., Hurst, TX*



Alissa will be acting as a small group leader for synod youth workshop once again this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the broader church. She will be gone doing this the last week of July.

We have one youth attending this camp. It is for youth 9th-12th grade from all over Synod of the Sun. Synod of the Sun is a network of Presbyterians from 11 Presbyteries, approx. 800 Congregations in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas - over 157,000 members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



In the News **Faith Community Nurse Helps Save Patient's Life!**

When Fort Worth resident Linda Elliott attended church on Dec. 10, 2015, she had no idea her life was in jeopardy.

Thanks to the quick thinking of Faith Community Nurse and St. Philip church member, Bonnie Skodak, B.S.N., R.N., Texas Health HEB, Linda survived a life-threatening bradycardia episode.



Note from Pastor Alissa:

I will be on vacation
August 1st-19th
for my Wedding and Honeymoon!

Breakfast



Potluck

**Kick Off Sunday
August 21st at 9:45 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall**



**Please bring your favorite covered dish for the
All-Church Breakfast Pot-Luck. (NO NUTS)**

We will be promoting all Sunday School children into their new classes, awarding new Bibles to incoming Kindergartners, 4th and 9th graders.

During the service we will have a “Blessing of the Backpacks” ceremony.

Bring your school bags, brief cases, lunch boxes, teacher bags, or purses to be blessed for the upcoming year.



The youth will resume meeting at 5pm on August 21. They will get to know one another, play games, and have some food together. This is for all youth 6th-12th grade.

We will have a youth parent meeting on August 28th at 5:00 pm for all parents of youth.
Please be sure to attend.

You will receive important information about the upcoming year.

LIBRARY NEWS – Event

CHILDREN

**Come join us in the LIBRARY for
A SPECIAL 5th SUNDAY PROGRAM
JULY 31st
Grades K – 5th
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

Please join us in the Library to hear the story, ***CROW CALL***, by renowned author Lois Lowry. Come hear about a young girl who had to get reacquainted with her father returning from WWII and the new memories they built together.

SCRIPTURE:

EXODUS 20: 12
Honor thy Father and Mother

CRAFT:

Following our story, we will be making origami birds and paper crows!

STORY * DISCUSSION * CRAFTING

Come check us out!

JOIN US FOR A
POOL PARTY

For Families with Elementary School Children

**Matt & Kathy Taylor have opened their pool
for our annual swim party. Take a break
from the heat and join us for a little
mid summer fun!**

**July 16th - 2:00-5:00 PM
513 Coventry Drive, Grapevine
Refreshments provided by the
CE Committee.**



(This is NOT a drop your kids off event. Please plan to be there with your child during the party.)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The family of Johnnie Wallace. Johnnie, husband of Joy Wallace, passed away July 2nd. A memorial service was held at St. Philip on Friday, July 8th. The family of Phil Mercer. Phil, brother of Tom Mercer, has passed away.

CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR: Ed Wellman...Rosie Olivas...Pat Swanzy...Martha Jane Staples...Charlie Grisham...John and Carrie Sue Woods...Leah Moore...Gloria Carrier...Klaus Krah...Bailey Atchley...Jennifer Hunter...Shelly Blevins...Jimmy Taylor...Don Williams...Terri Caniford...Kathryn Hanson...John Dietz...Andrew Dietz...John Negronida...Doris Clark...Randy Welch...Madelyn Glass...Al Moreira...Merlin Carstenson...Jim Toler...Marie Borland...Cindy Simmons...Mary Ann Nicholson...Mary Jo Wood...Pat Carlson...Kelly Frazure...Ellis Rogers...Lu and Sara Brewer...Elma Lee Mulkey...Ben Cross...David Moore...Colby Steddum...Sally Starr

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Michael Simmons, grandson of Ann Simmons...Joshua Bosworth, son of Curt & Grace Bosworth...Jesse Dean Swanzy, Grandson of Wayne & Pat Swanzy...Philip Govan, nephew of Max & Ann McKee...Tanner Sprinkel, grandson of Ray & Linda Sprinkel...Zach Saunders, Tom & Lynette Mercer's son...John Calhoun Miller, Ruth Calhoun's grandson & Elaine Stokes' nephew...Matt Kiser & David Kiser, sons of Helene Kiser...Josh Peck, son of Sherri Siler...Jennifer Reynolds, daughter of Margaret Reynolds...Matt & Cosmo Romo, great-nephews of Liz Hailey...Andrew Norman, grandson of Stella & Bob Urban...Sarah Willett, granddaughter-in-law of Bob & Stella Urban...Ben Temple, grandson of Tal & Jaylon Buie...Austin MacLeod, grandson of Lillian MacLeod

St. Philip on Social Media

Calling all Facebook Friends: come join our SPPC Facebook and Twitter community! Stay updated on all the latest events and news in our church community. Do you have information or pictures that you want to share with the rest of the congregation? You can now email all your details to socialmedia@stphil.org! Like us, follow us, join us!



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