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JANUARY

Average Attendance for December 2014:

Worship: 78
 Sunday School: 45



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30AM

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Dear Friends at First Presbyterian,

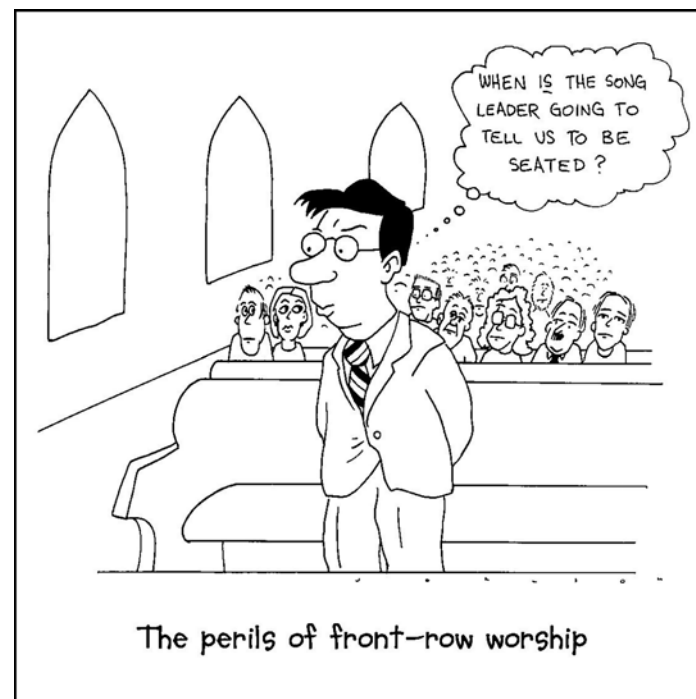
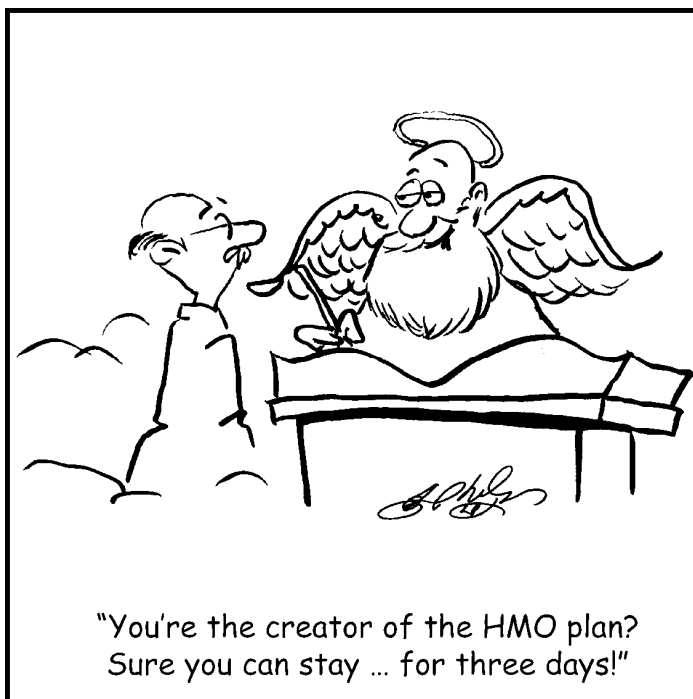
Happy New Year! What a joy it is for me to begin 2015 as your pastor! My prayer is that we look toward the future with confidence that God *is* leading us in our missions and ministries in Brownsville and beyond.

One focus of this new year will be to strengthen our koinonia, the Greek word we use to describe the relationship between and among God's people. It is often translated "fellowship," and yet it means so much more. It describes the peculiar kind of communion Christians have with God and with one another in Christ. Paul uses it when he describes Christians who share in God's grace, the Gospel, or the promise of the Holy Spirit. Koinonia is used of the community Christians should have with each other, marked by sympathy and concern. It describes a unique kind of community made possible by the righteousness of God made visible in Jesus Christ.

In order to develop our koinonia as a church family, the Discipleship Committee will create a sub-committee for small group development. Chaired by Katherine Mascolo, this sub-committee will unfold a small group ministry for you. I urge you to prayerfully consider joining one of the groups. They will meet weekly in people's homes, and the focus will be on strengthening our community of faith while deepening our spiritual lives. We hope to begin the groups in the late winter.

My hope is that through our small group ministry, we will grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and begin to find ministries and missions that will speak to the needs of people in Brownsville, while continuing to strengthen our mission to Mexico. God has big plans for First Presbyterian Church, and he needs each of you to unfold them.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Anne



The perils of front-row worship

Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 14, 2014



Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24, 2014



The Deacons & Pastor Anne Making Christmas Cookies



Dr. Robert's Child's Sermon

DECEMBER 28, 2014



POINSETTIAS



In Honor

J.G. Walker III

By: The Chancel Choir

Ronnie Richards

By: The Chancel Choir

Lalla Brown Mellor

By: Greg & Anne Emery

Debby Rooks

By: Dr. Robert Rooks

Eleanor Rooks

By: Robert & Debby Rooks

Gina & Todd Smith

By: Mary Katherine & Peter Mascolo

Christy & Mike Samotowka

By: Mary Katherine & Peter Mascolo

Lindsay, Wells, Andrew & Sumner

By: Mary Katherine & Peter Mascolo

In Memory

Marion Wright

By: Dorris Wright & Family

Loved Ones

By: Dr. & Mrs. Don Spencer

MD & Virginia McClanahan

By: Ed & Alice McClanahan & Family

Charles McClanahan

By: Ed & Alice McClanahan & Family

Thomas & Enid Powell

By: Ed & Alice McClanahan & Family

Margaret Burton Mann

By: Robert Allen & Taylor Ann

Dr. Ernest H. Mellor

By: Greg & Anne Emery

John & Laura Gallaspy

By: Mickey & Garland Gallaspy

Rainer Nelson Combs

By: Andy & Dolores Combs

Loved Ones

By: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Morrison

Harold Morris Browning

By: Julia Dahlhauser & Allan Browning

Douglas Dominic Dahlhauser

By: His Family

Leroy Claiborne Gillespie IV

By: Mr. & Mrs. Claiborne Gillespie V & Family

Fletcher Lewis

By: Mr. & Mrs. Claiborne Gillespie V & Family

Newman & Dorothy Walpole

By: The Mac Williams Family

JG & Robbie Tyson

By: The Mac Williams Family

Church & Church

ELDERS DEACONS

There was an Ordination & Installation of New Officers on Sunday, January 4th, during the Worship Service. The New Class of 2017 Elders are Mrs. Mary Katherine Mascolo, Dr. Robert Rooks, and Mrs Leslie Stoots. The New Class of 2017 Deacons are Mrs. Michelle Brasfield and Mr. Claiborne Gillespie.

ELDERS & DEACONS TO RETREAT

The Elders and Deacons will have a planning session in lieu of a session meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at the InSouth Board Room. The meeting will begin at 10:00, and lunch will be catered. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND. This is not a regular meeting; we will look at our church in light of the present reality of our secular world and make some concrete plans based on a vision for the future of the church. Any actual business will be conducted at the close of the meeting, so please be concise and specific with your business motions/discussions.

Gifts to the Church

Mexico Mission Fund
In Honor of Mr. Larry Hill's Retirement
By: Mr. & Mrs. Morse

Mexico Mission Fund
In Honor of Mrs. Dorris Wright
By: Her Grandchildren

We have some fun fellowship events on the horizon. These fellowship events are a great opportunity for outreach, so please invite friends & neighbors. Please mark your calendar.

JANUARY 18

Bowling & Skating

At the Jackson Bowling & Skating Family Fun Center

From 3-5pm

Cost: \$7.50 per game of Bowling

\$7.50 unlimited Skating

FEBRUARY 11

Free Spaghetti Dinner

Newly Wed Game for the adults
& planned activities for the children.

More Information to follow

MARCH 28

Easter Eggstravaganza

At 10am

Egg Hunt, games, & activities

More Information to follow

