

WESTMINSTER NEWS



December 27, 2011

From The Pastor's Study:

Christmas is the season of giving. We go to great effort to find "just the right gift" for the special people in our lives, and we eagerly wait for Christmas morning when paper and ribbons go flying as packages are opened from under the tree. And then...it's over, right? Not at all! Real giving continues all year long. In a recent article in the Star-Telegram, Jane Glenn Haas quoted Henry Ford, the founder of Ford Motor Co. as saying, "To do more for the world than the world does for you – that is success."

By that definition, they may not be the folks getting honored at society events for big donors, and their returns may be elusive and hard to measure. They are the friends and volunteers who drive someone to the doctor or deliver meals to the elderly and sick - the ones who can always find time to lend a helping hand. Often they provide assistance to those who could not afford to buy it. As Ms. Haas points out, "we all have excuses – we are busy working, or raising our families, or coping with our own troubles. Some folk have time and make others pay for it, or maybe they just won't give it away." Time is a huge commodity in life that does nothing – by itself – to pay the rent or put cookies in the jar. The volunteers who give their time are likely to say, "Oh, it's nothing," but if you have ever been the person in need on the receiving end, you know how invaluable their help is. It is worth far more than money in the bank. And if you have ever been the recipient of these angels' kindness, I hope that you will become a "giver" in turn. Pay it forward.

The size of the "toys" you bought at Christmas may be how the world measures whether you are a success as a doctor or lawyer or teller or salesman or whatever..... The kind of giving provided by these selfless volunteers is a way to measure their success as a person. Success is not defined only by what we get, but also by what we give back. We are fortunate at Westminster to be blessed by the kindness of so many truly successful people. They are the angels who give not just at Christmas but all year long.

I hope that your New Year starts off with joy and celebration that leads to a year filled with success.

Blessings,

Don



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women

Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." Joshua 3:5

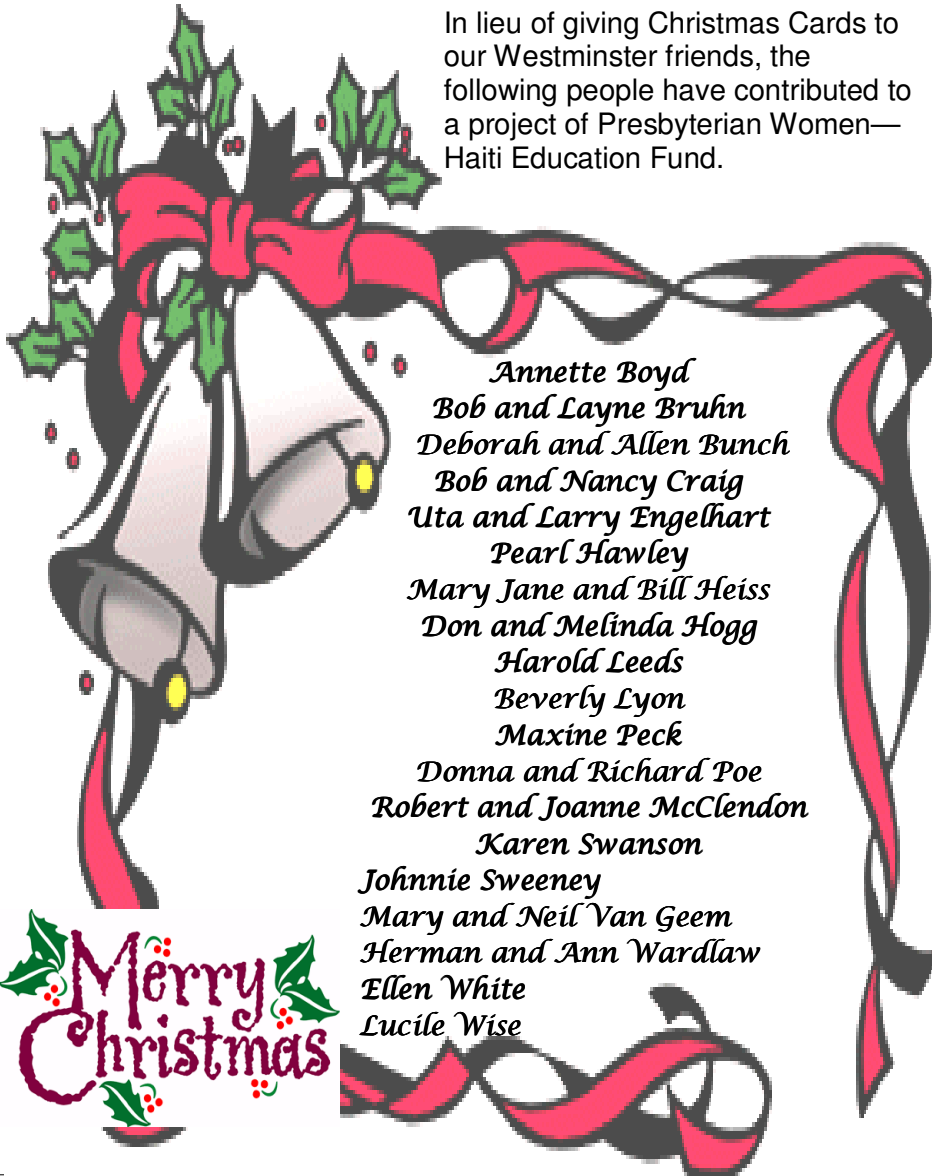
At the December 13th PW General Gathering, the Presbyterian Women brought in home baked cookies of all kinds and filled 152 cans for the Southwest route clients of Meals on Wheels. We would like to thank Rose Wynne, Director of ELP and the children of the ELP for coming to our rescue and performing beautiful Christmas songs for our General Gathering Program.

January Meetings and Events:

- Tues., Jan. 3rd: PW Coordinating Team meeting.
- Mon., Jan. 9th: PW Circle 3 will meet at 7 PM at Eva Riggs home, 4329 Quail Hollow
- Tues., Jan. 10th: PW Circle 1 will meet at 10 AM at Joyce Hill's home, 7137 Deer Hollow Dr.
- Tues., Jan. 10th: PW Circle 2 will meet at 10 AM at WPC.
- Tues., Jan. 17th: Heart and Hands will meet at 10 AM at WPC
- Fri./Sat., Jan. 20-21: Spiritual Winter Retreat



In lieu of giving Christmas Cards to our Westminster friends, the following people have contributed to a project of Presbyterian Women—Haiti Education Fund.



- Annette Boyd
- Bob and Layne Bruhn
- Deborah and Allen Bunch
- Bob and Nancy Craig
- Uta and Larry Engelhart
- Pearl Hawley
- Mary Jane and Bill Heiss
- Don and Melinda Hogg
- Harold Leeds
- Beverly Lyon
- Maxine Peck
- Donna and Richard Poe
- Robert and Joanne McClendon
- Karen Swanson
- Johnnie Sweeney
- Mary and Neil Van Geem
- Herman and Ann Wardlaw
- Ellen White
- Lucile Wise



Next Newsletter deadline will be Thursday, January 5, 2011



RECYCLE at WPC

What is acceptable: Mail, Newspapers, Magazines, School & Office Papers, Catalogs.



Please keep these police officers

- TA Bessire
- MB O Neil
- JD Donaldson
- LE Brooks



Please remember to pick up a Bear from the Bear Basket in the Narthex and pray for a child at Cook Children's Medical Center.

Westminster Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:



Because of God's grace and the transforming gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, the vision of Westminster Presbyterian Church is: to worship the Lord; to serve the needs of our congregation, community, and world; and to experience and share the power of God's love.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUR CHURCH



"Session challenges all to continue to join us in daily prayer at noon (or as close as possible) as we lift collective prayer for God's will for our church."

Fathers, Brothers and Friends.... Join us on Saturday, January 28th 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Rise and Shine Restaurant on Alta Mesa.



2011 Christmas Poinsettia Dedication List



Atkinson	Larry and Delight	In Honor of Malcolm Atkinson In Celebration of Family
Bartlett	Larry & Debbie	In Celebration of Christ's birth
Bagsby	Dionne	In Memory of Paul and Ann Phillips
Bellingham	Pat	In Memory of Don Bellingham
Bennett	Jon & Susan	In Memory of Family In Honor of Children
Bittle	Bob & Becky	In Memory of Family
Bruhn	Layne	In Honor of the Monday Counters
Claus	Joan	In Memory of Delbert Claus
Claus	Peggy	In Memory of Tony Johnson In Memory of Verdie McGehee
Couch	Gordon & Linda	In Honor of Don & Laura Wheeler
Cox	Juanita	In Memory of Bill Cox
Crouch	Tom & Beverly	In Memory of our Parents
Gregory	Leon & Carolyn	In Memory of our Parents
Halton	Ernest & Rhoda	In Celebration of Church
Hurd	Allison	In Honor of friends
Kessler	Betty	In Memory of Walter Kessler
Klint	Patricia	In Memory of Bud & Mary Klint
Lindsay	Carol	In Celebration of Emma Whitman In Honor of Michael Nance
Nance	Robert & Kathy	In Honor of Michele Nance Parker
Poe	Richard & Donna	In Memory of our Parents
Puckett	Linda	In Memory of Marvin & Jean Ewing In Memory of Jerry Puckett (Husband)
Riedel	Vance & Julie	In Honor of our Children
Riggs	Bob & Eva	In Celebration of Family
Rigney	Mickey & Patricia	In Memory of Mary Griffin In Memory of Frances Merritt
Rizzo	Seleta	In Memory of Betty Vaughan
Stephenson	Barbara	In Honor of Sue Williams
Sweeney	Johnnie	In Memory of Shirley Halford
Varnon	Eric, Leslie, Noah and Cooper	In Memory of Edna Biesheuvel
Varnon	Eric, Leslie, Noah and Cooper	In Memory of Olive "Gran-Gran" Pendergraft
Wardlaw	Herman & Ann Barbara & Charles	In Honor of our Family
Welsh	Charles	In Memory of our Parents
Werner	James	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. Peterson In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Elden Werner
Wheeler	Laura	In Celebration of our Family
Wise	Lucile	In Memory of Glynn C. Wise Jr.
Wynne	Jim & Linda	In Celebration of family and the Christmas Season



WPC Youth Ministry
JANUARY Calendar

Jan. 1	No Youth Activities
Jan. 4	5-8 PM Open Youth SHYC Sign-up deadline
Jan. 8th	8:45 AM - 2:30 PM Youth Programming
Jan. 11th	5-8 PM Open Youth
Jan. 15th	8:45 AM Worship; 9:45 AM Sunday School; 11:20 AM Out to lunch
Jan. 22nd	8:45 AM - 2:30 PM Youth Programming
Jan. 25th	5-8 PM Open Youth
Jan. 27th, 28th & 29th	Senior High Youth Conference "SHYC" at Austin College in Sherman, Texas

Friends and Neighbors

Please join us on
Wednesday, January 25th
for our kick-off luncheon for 2012.

Our ELP friends will visit at 11:45 AM
and then we'll have great food and fellowship.

Robin Lyon (Beverly Lyon's daughter)
and her associates from Inside Inc.
will give us a very useful and practical
presentation about adapting our homes
to make them safe and comfortable
as we advance in age.

After all, most of us want to be able
to remain in our present surroundings.



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WPC—Outreach & Missions Report

The WPC Outreach & Missions and Christmas Craft Bazaar Committee report the WPC financial disbursements being made to International and local Missions.

We thank you so much for your generous contributions and great involvement in the 2011 Christmas Craft Bazaar.

Total Funds received: \$7,047.00

Disbursement of the funds from the Christmas Craft Bazaar:

45% Outside Texas Missions:

Presbyterian disaster assistance (PDA):	\$1575.00
Haiti Education Fund	\$1000.00
Bread for the World (Food Assistance)	\$ 530.00

55% Fort Worth and Texas Missions:

Presbyterian Children's Home & Services	\$ 800.00
Presbyterian Night Shelter	\$ 800.00
Fort Worth Food Bank	\$ 392.00
WPC Discretionary Fund	\$ 850.00
WPC Youth	\$1100.00



Christian Community Assistance
FOOD SUNDAY— January 1, 2011

Needs:

sugar, flour, oil, canned meat,
toilet paper, macaroni &
cheese, bar soap, canned
vegetables.

Penny Offering for PNS

Our annual Penny Offering will be taken up on Sunday, January 8th at the Worship Services. This offering is given to the Presbyterian Night Shelter.

Thank you,
Outreach & Mission

**Session Notes:**

Session approved the 2012 budget in the amount of \$461,293.57 and thanks each person in our congregation for the support given in time, talent, energy, love and money.

On Sunday, January 8, 2012 Lisa Francis, Celestine Kepnga, LaNelle Pierce-chambers, Mickey Rigney and Jule White will be ordained; Tony DiNicola will be installed to the Class of 2013; Lisa Francis, Celestine Kepnga, Mike Moriarty, LaNelle Pierce-Chambers, Mickey Rigney and Jule White will be installed to the Class of 2014; and Mickey Rigney and Mike Moriarty will be installed as trustees for the Class of 2014.

The Presbyterian Panel (a part of PCUSA) has randomly selected our congregation for participation in a survey. Members will be randomly selected to receive a personal invitation to participate in a three-year survey, primarily involving church membership and mission. Approximately three surveys a year will be sent with questions easily answered. Session and Dr. Hogg urge participation as requested by this organization. Compilations of the information gathered from our church members and the members of other churches selected will be available on the PCUSA website. (This opportunity to work within our church-at-large is DIFFERENT from the survey completed on Sunday, September 19 at the end of our worship service. This will be PCUSA contact directly with individual members of our church.)

Joys and concerns were shared and we are in prayer for all.

Please continue to join our Session in daily prayer - at noon or as close to then as possible - as they continue to lift collective prayer for God's will for our church.

Session thanks all those who contributed to the Advent Devotional this year. Combined with the efforts of the compilers and printers, the Devotional has been among the best You have written.

Session wishes a most joy- and love-filled Christmas season to each of you and we look forward to serving you in the New Year!

Here's Your New Year's Resolution: *Read through the entire Bible in 2012*

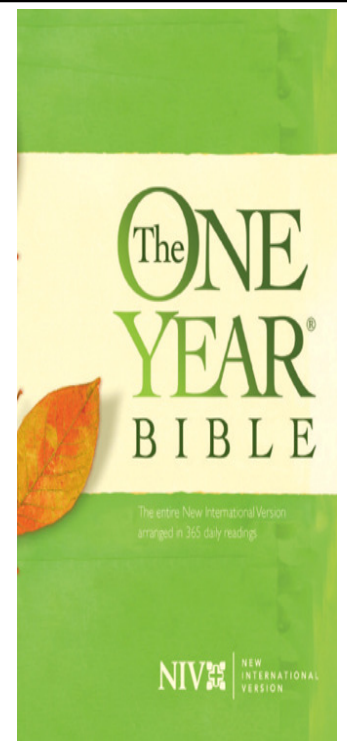
We are challenging all of Westminster to read through the Bible in one year. It sounds overwhelming, but if you will commit 15-20 minutes each day, you can read through every verse, every word of the Bible.

We will be using *The One Year Bible* as our guide. This unique Bible gives us readings for every day of the year starting with January 1st. Each day you will read through a passage from the Old Testament, New Testament, and short passages from Psalms and Proverbs.

You can purchase a personal copy of *The One Year Bible* through the church for \$13.00. If you love the Bible you already have, the daily reading references will be printed in each week's bulletin insert for you to take home. And don't worry if you miss a Sunday. The daily references will be made available on the church website as well.

Contact Eric if you would like to purchase a copy of *The One Year Bible*. It is also available on Kindle and Nook if you would prefer an electronic version.

We look forward to experiencing together the whole story of scripture.




WPC
will gather for
one Worship
Service
at 11:00 AM
on Sunday,
January 1st

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Jule White	Polly Pooler
Mindy Dyer	Shar Werner
Alice Carter	Lisa Francis
Celestine Kepnga	Mike Francis
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**For teaching, leading, facilitating and entertaining
our children and youth in Sunday school in 2011**

"Jesus Did It! Now You Do It!"

**Grace Presbytery
SENIOR HIGH YOUTH
CONNECTION (SHYC)
2011
Austin College
Sherman, Texas**

**January 27-29, 2011
Registration Fee: \$100.00
Due: January 4th
Call Eric if you have Questions**

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Save the Date—Mark Your Calendars
January 7, 2012

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MARINERS ANNUAL GIFT EXCHANGE
6:30 PM

It is that time already to "re-gift" a wonderful gift which might mean more to another. Bring your left over Christmas treats, and a wrapped gift per person to:

Linda & Jim Wynne's
10172 Sunridge Drive
Benbrook, TX 76126
RSVP: 817.249.6892

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Early Learning Place

January 2012

Westminster Presbyterian Church

TAX EIN NUMBER 75-094-5945

January Events

January 3 – Back to Preschool

January 12 – Book Orders Due

January 16 – Holiday MLK

January 23 & 24- Rodeo Round-up

“Cowboy Don “ Visits ELP

January 25 – Sing for Friends & Neighbors
(done every third Wed. monthly)

Rodeo Round-Up

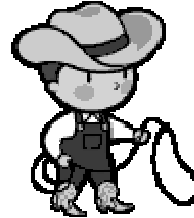


Rodeo Round-up is here again! We will be setting up in Fellowship Hall with several fun centers for the children: Panning For Gold, Bean Can Bowling, Bronco Bull Riding (sitting on a saddle and using our imaginations), Campfire Stories, and Scrub Alley (scrub boards and tubs for washin’ our gear on the range). Fun begins on January 23! Yippee-hi-ay!



Don’t forget—for those of you thinking ahead, our tax EIN number is:

75-094-5945



“Cowboy Don”

Dr. Don Hogg, Minister of Westminster Presbyterian, grew up on a ranch and will visit our preschool in his “cowboy duds” for Rodeo Round-up . “Cowboy Don” will explain how cowboys work a ranch, how cowboys take care of their animals and he will demonstrate a few ropin’ tricks!! Make sure and ask your preschooler what they thought of our special visitor!

Pre-registration Fall 2012



Pre-registration for Fall 2012 is offered to those currently enrolled in ELP from Feb 13 thru Feb 16.

New registration Forms must be fully completed along with the first half of the supply fee.

We cannot hold spaces for those with incomplete paperwork or supply fees. Supply fees are not refundable.

New Enrollment OPTIONS:

Monday/Wednesday

Tuesday/Thursday

All Four Days

We will no longer offer one day attendance.

All remaining openings will be offered to our waiting list beginning Feb 17.








Thanks!

Looking Ahead;

Spring Break March 12-March 16

JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 11 AM Worship Only Caroling Worship Food Sunday, CCA No Youth, Sunday School, Choir rehearsals</p> 	<p>2 Staff Holiday No Exercise 6 PM Committee Chairmen Meeting 7:15 PM Committee Meetings</p>	<p>3 ELP Return 10 AM PW Coord. Team Meeting 7-9 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 5-8 PM Open Youth 7PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 9-10 AM Exercise</p> 	<p>6 Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>7 10 AM Un-decorate the church</p>
<p>8 PNS Penny - collection Ordination and Installation of Elders. 8:45-2:30 Youth Prog. 12 PM Mom's lunch 12 PM Chime Choir 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 9-10 AM Exercise 7 PM Finance Meeting 7 PM PW Circle 3</p>	<p>10 2 PM Newsletter mail-out 10 AM PW Circle 1 & 2 7-9 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11 5-8 PM Open Youth 7PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Communion  8:45-11:20 AM Youth Prog. / lunch out 12 PM Chime Choir 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Day ELP Holiday 9-10 AM Exercise 7 PM Session Meeting</p>	<p>17 10 AM Hearts & Hands 7-9 PM Boy Scouts</p> 	<p>18 5-8 PM Open Youth 7PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8:45-2:30 Youth Prog. 12 PM Chime Choir 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>23 9-10 AM Exercise ELP Rodeo Round-up 10AM Cowboy Don</p>	<p>24 2 PM Newsletter mail-out ELP Rodeo Round-up 10AM Cowboy Don 7-9 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25 11:45 AM Friends & Neighbors 5-8 PM Open Youth 7PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>27 SHYC @ Austin College— Sherman, TX</p>	<p>28 SHYC @ Austin College— Sherman, TX 8 AM  MEN'S BREAKFAST</p>
<p>29 No Youth SHYC @ Austin College— Sherman, TX 12 PM Chime Choir 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30 9-10 AM Exercise</p>	<p>31 7-9 PM Boy Scouts</p>		<p> GOD'S TEAM</p>	<p>*Dr. Hogg will be on vacation until January 7th.</p>	

JANUARY



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| 1 Andrew Adams | 12 Daniel Adams | 19 Layne Bruhn | 29 Danya Trent |
| 1 Celestine Kepnga | 12 Bea Anna Williams | 21 Douglas Snyder | 29 Connie Bosworth |
| 2 Katie Van Geem | 14 Warren Kepnga | 23 Jonathan Carter | 30 Douglas Carter |
| 3 Susan Anderson | 14 Medy-Nora Kepnga | 23 Wendy Burke | 31 Neil Van Geem |
| 4 Laura Wheeler | 15 Cal Miyatake | 24 Larry Engelhart | |
| 7 Barbara Welsh | 15 Diana Cartrette | 24 Linda Wynne | |
| 9 Nancy Lander | 16 Libby Winn | 27 Inez Montague | |
| 10 Amanda Conover | | 28 Allison Hurd | |

Westminster Presbyterian Church

(817) 292-1155

Contemporary Worship Service: 8:45 AM, Sundays

Traditional Worship Service: 11:00 AM, Sundays

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 Webmaster: Eric Varnon
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**Serving the Church — Sunday, January 1, 2012
Traditional Worship Only (11:00 AM)**

Sermon: "Just Like Brushing Your Teeth"
Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2:25; Matthew 1:1-2:12
Pulpit: Eric Varnon
Acolytes: TBA
Counters: Larry Bartlett, Vance Riedel
Doorstep Ministry: Carol Lindsay
Elder on Call: Jon Carter
Greeters: TBA
Liturgist: Dale Montgomery
Scripture Reading: Carl Ewald
Sound Room: Sarah Bernardez
Usher Team: Robert Nance, Kathy Nance, Annette Boyd
 Gordon Couch, Susan Bennett, Michele Parker
Worship Team (8:45) Jim and Linda Wynne

**Serving the Church — Sunday, January 8, 2012
Baptism of the Lord**

Sermon: TBA
Scriptures: TBA
Pulpit: Dale Montgomery, Minister-In-Training
Acolytes: TBA
Counters: Greg Williams, Tom Crouch
Doorstep Ministry: Harold Leeds
Elder on Call: Peggy Claus
Greeters: TBA
Liturgist: TBA
Scripture Reading: Peggy Claus
Sound Room: Elaina Riedel
Usher Team: Ramon Zepeda, Herman Wardlaw,
 Bill Heiss, Harold Leeds
Worship Team (8:45) Bob and Layne Bruhn

SESSION MEMBERS

Dionne Bagsby	Carl Ewald
Larry Bartlett (T)	Allison Hurd
Becky Bittle	Sandra Klovstad
Jon Carter	Harold Leeds
Peggy Claus	Kathleen Nance
Gordon Couch	Polly Pooler (T)
Bob Craig (T)	Maury Shiver (T)
Carol Edley (T)	Neil Van Geem (T)
	James Werner

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Presbyterian C
 Church USA
 7001 Trail Lake Drive
 Fort Worth, Texas 76133

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Building & Grounds:	Carl Ewald	Co-Chairman
	Gordon Couch	Co-Chairman
	Carol Edley	
Christian Education:	Becky Bittle	Chairwoman
	Polly Pooler	
Finance/Stewardship:	Larry Bartlett	Chairman
	Bob Craig	
Membership:	Allison Hurd	Chairwoman
	James Werner	
	Jon Carter	
Outreach & Mission:	Harold Leeds	Chairman
	Neil Van Geem	
Personnel:	Maury Shiver	Chairwoman
	Sandra Klovstad	
Worship:	Kathleen Nance	Chairwoman
	Dionne Bagsby	
	Peggy Claus	