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Sermons for the Month of September

The first Sunday of October is always World Communion Sunday. This is a powerful witness to the universality of the Kingdom of God, as Christians across the globe each in their turn gather to worship and to take bread and drink of the cup in a covenant pledge and bold witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Together, we testify that our faith is in Jesus



Christ and His death for the forgiveness of sins. On this World Communion Sunday we will read 2 Timothy 1:1-14 and Luke 17:5-10 and as the world the question, **Who Do You Trust?** This October is a five Sunday month, and the second Sunday, the 9th, we will consider Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Luke 17:11-19 to consider the need for **Faith in All Circumstances**. A further lesson in faith comes on the 16th when we hear 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and Luke 18:1-8 which urge the need for **Persistence**. The fourth Sunday, the 23rd, our regular Potluck Sunday, we will examine Joel 2:23-32 and Luke 18:9-14 and a key resource of faith: **Humility**. Finally, on October 30, the Highland Bells will provide some of our music and we will study 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 and Luke 19:1-10 to consider the necessity of **Relenting to Be Made Worthy**. The weather is finally getting cooler and we need the hope of faith more than in many a year, so join us for worship each of the Sundays of October.

It Happened in Session

The Session met on Tuesday September 20th at the church.



According to Deb Lowrance, the Game Night (in the afternoon) was a big success with 19 people attending. There will be more game nights in the

future, probably quarterly. Support for after worship fellowship has been good, with snacks furnished weekly by a rotating list of people.



Ron Lowrance reported that the new lighted sign, which will be installed on top of the existing sign near the corner of Paluxy/Dennis has arrived. It is assembled, ready to install.

It is in place on October 1st!

The MemberCare Committee will continue to send birthday cards to members and other cards to shut-in on a quarterly schedule.

The Stewardship & Service committee will prepare the list of Stewardship activities and present them at the next Session meeting. Activities will be much the same as previous years with the Soup & Stew luncheon to be scheduled for November 20th. There will be a Harvest Table in the elevator area during November, with food thus gathered to be delivered to PATH prior to Thanksgiving.

The Worship committee will meet soon to review plans for the Advent season, which begins on November 27th.

Jerry Ragan advised that the cost of the church's phone service will increase after November 16th unless we contact AT&T and consider a revised contract with them. The church has two lines which may not be necessary. By eliminating the second line, the cost would be lowered enough to offset the increase in cost if no change in the service was made. Following discussion, the Session decided to drop the 2nd line.

Lora Savoie reported that we have Outreach postcards for the fall season which will be mailed soon.



HIGHLAND OCTOBER HAPPENINGS



Ladies, Please Read...

Prayer Shawl Meeting: Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 p.m. at Eleanor's house.



Video Bible Study:
October 4th at 11:00 a.m.

Ladies' Circle meetings...

Evening Circle:

Monday, Oct. 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Morning Circle:

Tuesday, Oct. 11th at 10:00 a.m.



Tuesday, October 11th: Ladies' Out-to-eat at PotPourri House at 11:30 a.m.

School Bus supply needs are:

Please note: the following items are always needed during the school year.



- Dry Erase Markers
- Kleenex tissues
- Erasers-pencil tops and regular
- Germ-X
- Colored pencils
- Pencils with # 2 lead
- Wide-ruled notebook paper

The children and I are grateful for all that you give.

Deb Tompkins

THE PENNIES FOR PATH PROJECT UPDATE...

The PENNIES FOR PATH project was very successful with a total of \$152.50 received and sent to PATH. The jars into which you may put your pocket change (and paper money) will continue to be available in Fellowship Hall. Our support of PATH has a long history with our food contributions and this effort provides another way to support them.



A special thanks to Lee Johnson, who had the idea to solicit these funds, and to all in our congregation who participated.

Note from the secretary



This has been a busy summer for us. We enjoyed a visit from our son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Cathryn, and our grandson, Artie at the end of August. They returned home Saturday, September 3rd. I had to learn the hard way, that with Artie, even I shouldn't rush up to him and start hugging and kissing

him especially since he hadn't seen us that much. But after a little while, he would let us come near and hug him a little. I did get to give him a "Grandma Kiss". I'm hoping that as Artie gets older, he realizes that we are his grandparents and that we love him so much. But I'm sure he will.



We do get pictures sent (to our "Smart" phones) from Matt and Cathryn, and that brightens our day!!



When you have kids and grandkids, a "Smart Phone"

(or "iPhone") is extremely handy to have. We are so blessed with having a wonderful son, daughter-in-law, and grandson. I'm praying that this Fall and Winter and the upcoming holidays will be filled with making more wonderful memories and receiving blessings not just for us, of course, but for everyone. *Dorothy "Doty" Rayen*





Becky's Music Notes



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“The heat is on.... the heat is on....” That is part of the chorus of the theme song for the 1984 movie “Beverly Hills Cop”. It was recorded by Glenn Frey, of the Eagles, who passed away in January of this year. But, that tune is running through my head as I write this article. Yes, the heat is on! It’s hard to even think about Christmas when it is 90+ degrees outside; but that is exactly what I’ve been doing.



The Christmas program will be Sunday, December 18, during worship. Music for the Christmas program has been picked out for the bells and they are working on the pieces. I am really excited about that Sunday, because YOU, the congregation, will be participants in a couple of the bell pieces. Don’t worry, you won’t have to learn anything or hold a bell or anything like that. But, you WILL get to sing with the bells.

I have the bells scheduled to play before that, however. They will play on Sunday, October 30. We have two pieces picked out, along with a hymn that the congregation will be singing. We actually started working on a few pieces last spring before we wrapped things up for the summer. They will be ready to play for you during worship by the end of October.

Tori Dorsey is a member of our bell choir. I met Tori when she started teaching music at Higgins Elementary a couple years ago. She replaced Bobbie Cadenhead who had retired after teaching music in WISD for several years. (For those of you that don’t know, Bobbie is Dorothy Ragan’s sister and has sung for us several times over the years.) Tori joined us last January, when Lee Shafer decided not to participate in bells. Tori is a member of The Tyler Civic Chorale and they have a program coming up on October 29. It is at 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$15 each. If are interested in a ticket, please let me know and I’ll have Tori get it touch with you. I hope to see you there! They will also have a Christmas program. I will have details on that in an upcoming newsletter.

Last, but not least, a great big shout out to Jerry Ragan! Last Sunday I told Jerry we needed some new boxes for our bell music stands (we have cardboard boxes that are starting to fall apart). I showed him what I needed, the size I wanted, and asked him if he thought he could make something light weight, so it would be easy to carry, at his convenience. WELL...he made two boxes, the size and shape needed and put handles in them and they were delivered to me three days after I talked to him. They are perfect! Thank you, Jerry Ragan, for helping out the bell choir!

Love and Prayers,

Becky Davis



Highland Highlights for October 2016:

Thursday, October 20th:

November Newsletter Submission Deadline!

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 11:30 AM - Fellowship Time

Office Hours:

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6	Richard Hickman	12	Lon Anderson
12	Joan Heck	22	Matt Ragan
28	David Byers		

Fellowship Snacks

Blessed are those who share FELLOWSHIP in CHRIST, for GOD lives in their FRIENDSHIP. Please join together each Sunday after Worship for some conversation, laughs and to welcome our guests. Refreshments will be provided by the Fellowship committee.



Please pray for Pvt. Ross Clayton, son of April Linthicum, and grandson of Chuck and Deb Tompkins who is serving in Kuwait. Also be in prayer for all of our other men and women in the Armed Forces. Also, please keep the Christians, Kurds, and Jews in your prayers in N. Iraq.



The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16b NLT

Cancer Patients: Jonah Daily, John Davis, David Garvey, Jeff Hedges, Rita Kelly, Jan Park, Donna Richardson, Lee Shafer, Carl Trent, and Leon Welborn;
Continuing Concerns: Charley Brooke Reese, Mike Arbour, Jory Bayne, Joy Carreno, Ross Clayton, Bobbie Cohen, Sharon Cohen, Bonnie Cottrill, Sally Ferrell, Eleanor Garvey, Mark Garvey, Ann Gstohl, Joan Heck, Jean Hedges, Georgann Hickman, Jean Jeffers, Claudine Peter, Steve Savoie, Michael Williams, and Judy Woodyard.

Also, pray for the following circumstances: our nation and our electoral process, those waiting on medical tests and answers, and people traveling. *(In the spirit of getting the best out of our prayer ministry, please submit names for the Prayer list, a brief reason and then a subsequent update to the request, by the monthly deadline for the Highland Herald. This will enable us to keep the list current and to give thanks for God's answers. Also submit updates for the prayer list.)*

Prayer request from Jory Bayne:



Please pray for Jory, the students, and the city of Denver. Pray specifically for this school year for the Freshmen, that they would get connected with someone who truly follows Christ as they ask themselves life's most important Questions.



The Tyler Civic Chorale will be performing [The Other Side of the Baton with first conductor Jeffrey Ford](#) on October 29, 2016 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15. The concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church on 230 West Rusk St in Tyler. Tickets can be purchased through Tori Dorsey in our bell choir. Thank you, Becky



The NOVEMBER 2016 Highland Herald submission DEADLINE is OCTOBER 20TH! **PLEASE** (Pretty Please?) submit your articles, information, events, etc. to your friendly Highland Secretary by this date! I would like to get the newsletter emailed and mailed no later than Wednesday, October 26th. Thank you, Dorothy Ragan



items for October are Peanut Butter & Jelly and "Coats for Kids". Monetary gifts are always accepted. More information is on the bulletin board.





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The View from the Back Page

There is no denying that what Reagan and I are going through right now is the hardest thing I've ever had to endure. Oh, I have grieved before - at the death of my father, of two sets of grandparents, close family members, even high school friends in tragic accidents - yet nothing is quite like losing the spouse with whom you had become "one flesh." If it was not for faith, I'm not sure such grief would be bearable. It is not just the knowledge that Janet is alive and blessed, though that is a great comfort. It is the promise of God's presence and gifts of grace in the present - the knowledge that He promises to work all things for good for those who love Him and who are called according to His purposes - that helps you keep going.

We are going to look at several aspects of faith as we go through the month of October. Faith is not a magic you can "name and claim" to secure your "best life now" or to reconstruct your present reality. Faith is the connection we need with Jesus that enables us to endure regardless of what life in this world goes through. Sometimes chaos is impossible to avoid, and suffering grows like inevitable weeds blown in on the wind. The human mind, whether by logic or by emotion, often only sees the negative possibilities. Faith sees the God who is over, within, and through the human dilemmas and His promise of grace and blessing to endure and eventually overcome through God's own victory. Looking at the world we live in and the times we are going through, faith is going to be our greatest ally in connecting to Father and to persevering.

Scott Mackey



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Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 8:30 AM till Noon
 Sunday School 9:30 AM—Sunday Worship 10:30 AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3  Pat Barnes Derrick Ishee	4 11 AM - Video Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Meeting	5 6 PM - Bell Practice	6  Richard Hickman	7	8
9	10 7:00 PM Ladies Evening Circle	11 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Ladies' Morning Circle 11:30 AM Ladies' Out to Eat	12  Joan Heck Lon Anderson 6 PM - Bell Practice	13 10AM - Pastor's Bible Study	14	15
16	17	18 6 PM - Session Meeting	19 6 PM - Bell Practice	20 HIGHLAND HERALD  DEADLINE!	21	22  Matt Ragan
23  POTLUCK!	24	25	26 6 PM - Bell Practice	27 10AM - Pastor's Bible Study	28  David Byers	29 
30	31	 = Tyler Civic Chorale's "The Other Side of the Baton" Performance at First Pres Church. Sat., Oct. 29th At 7:00 PM.				