

Celtic Cross

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Dear FPC Denton Church Family,

I just finished up talking about prayer—again (my Sunday sermon from James, chapter 5).

Here's more about prayer: Luke 18: 1: "He (Jesus) spoke a parable to them that they must always pray, and not give up." The Bible tells us:

God hears our prayers (Isaiah 65: 24; Micah 7:7)

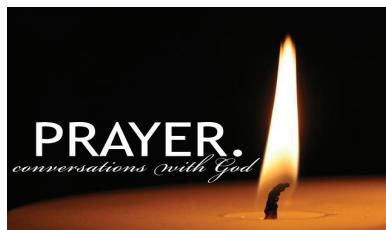
To pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5: 17)

That the Holy Spirit speaks to God on our behalf when we pray (Romans 8: 26-27)

That God answers our prayers (James 5: 13-18; Matthew 7: 7-8)

How to pray (Matthew 6: 9-11; Luke 11: 2-4)

Prayer is a means of communication with God. Without communication, we cannot know God. Prayer is an act of submission and humility. When we pray, we acknowledge God as the Holy One and our Redeemer. Prayer changes things. When we pray, we receive strength, wisdom, courage, comfort, and direction. We see God in action. Prayer changes lives. Let it change yours. Blessings!



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Mission News

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LINN WELBORN

**World Communion Sunday
October 3**





Love Notes from Pastor Debbie

Autumn is here! Well, it's beginning to make its appearance felt with some lovely 80 degree weather. Not much in the fall foliage category yet but it'll come. Now comes the rush to the end of the year: World Communion Sunday, Christ the King Sunday. Did you know that the first Sunday of Advent is just nine weeks away? Hold on to your hats, folks!



Here are the readings for October:

October 3: World Communion Sunday. Communion. Readings: Psalm 26; Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10; Mark 10: 2-16; Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12. Sermon Title: "The Good and the Bad" Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10.

October 10: Readings: Psalm 22: 1-15; Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Mark 10: 17-31; Hebrews 4: 12-16. Sermon Title: "Jesus Our High Priest" Various texts from Hebrews

October 17: Readings: Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c; Job 38: 1-7, 34-41; Mark 10: 35-45; Hebrews 5: 1-10. Sermon Title: "It is Not What You Expect" Mark 10: 35-45.

October 24: Readings: Psalm 34: 1-8, 19-22; Job 42: 1-6, 10-17; Mark 10: 46-52; Hebrews 7: 23-28. Sermon Title: "Bartimaeus' Story" Mark 10: 46-52.

October 31: Reformation Sunday. Readings: Psalm 146: 1-10; Ruth 1: 1-18; Mark 12: 28-34; Hebrews 9: 11-14. "Ruth's Story" Ruth 1: 1-18.

MASK REQUIRED

Dearest (long suffering and patient) FPC family,

The church received the notification this morning from the City of Denton that all indoor meetings in Denton again will require the wearing of masks.

In light of this, we feel it is wise to postpone the planned resumption of coffee time before the service.

Thank you for your flexibility and prayers. Blessings, Beverly

Lesson TWO

Ladies' 2021-2022 Bible Study

What My Grandmothers Taught Me

The Lineage of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel~

Leader is Carol Nance

Tuesday, October 5 at 10:00AM

Sybil Hopper Room



What My Grandmothers Taught Me

Learning from the Women in
Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus

By Merryl Blair

With Suggestions for Leaders by Magdalena I. García

2021-2022

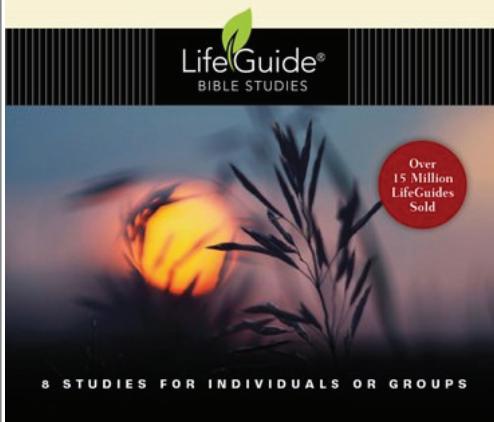
PW/*Horizons* Bible study

By Merryl Blair with Suggestions for
Leaders by Magdalena I. García

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt, as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place? And what can Jesus's grandmothers-of-the-faith teach us? By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

DOUGLAS CONNELLY

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Disciples Class 9:30 AM

Bible Study

Beginning October 3, 2021 we will resume the Disciple's Class at 9:30 AM. We will be studying "The Lord's Prayer" using the Life Guide Bible Study series books. In this eight-session study, author Douglas Connelly unpacks the Lord's Prayer section by section with additional texts that help you dig deeper into Jesus' teaching about how to pray. Study guides will be available. Please Join Us.

Church Directory

The Mission Committee has just finished publishing the yearly update to our church directory. Copies will be distributed beginning October 3, 2021. If you need your copy mailed, please contact the church secretary to make arrangements.



After the kind response from Shut ins and college students last year, we're sending cards again. If you know of College or shuts ins, please email addresses to Diana_shenberger1@verizon.net

October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM 	4	5 Ladies Bible Study 10AM	6	7	8 Denton Quilters—CR at 11:00	9
10 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Missions 12:15 CR	11	12	13 Anniversary: Jim and Linn Welborn	14 Ladies Breakfast 9AM	15	16
17 Birthday: Charlie Briggs Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM	18	19 Birthday: Joan Hubbard Session 7 PM	20	21 Birthday: Valorie Frederico	22 Anniversary: Bill and Linda Cassidy	23
24 Birthday: Charles Hubbard Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Celtic Cross Deadline	25	26	27	28 Ladies Breakfast 9AM	29	30
31 Disciples Class 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM						

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The Joy offering

One Great Hour of Sharing

Pentecost

We thank you for your support of these missions.

Mission Committee reports that there has been a construction delay on the Little Free Food Pantry, but we are continuing to work on this project.

Each week we set aside 3.5% of the operating gifts received which is then divided among five ministries: Our Daily Bread, The Denton Christian Preschool, Interfaith Ministries, Grace Presbytery and Zoie's Place. Linn Welborn



Thursday, October 14, 9AM

Sybil Hopper Room

LADIES' BYO Breakfast

2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month

Come for an uplifting devotional and fellowship!

Celtic Cross deadline is October 24 for publication on October 27th. Please send your news and articles to "Newsletter@fpcdenton.org

Session		
Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Terry Nobles (T)	Beverly Hoch	Larry Harberson (T)
Valorie Frederico	Carol Nance	Vacant
Diaconate		
Pam Asher (Moderator)	Carolyn Smith	Vacant
	Marlene Nobles	

In the Kitchen

In 2002, Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church published the revised edition of "In the Kitchen," their favorite recipes. The first edition was published in 1993. The ladies of the church, and some men, provided their favorite recipes.

I hope you enjoy looking back at these glimpses of times past.
Jim Welborn

Pumpkin Pie Cake (page 214)

1	(29 oz.) can pumpkin
4	eggs
1	13 oz. can evaporated milk
1½	c. sugar
2	tsp. cinnamon
1	tsp. ginger
½	tsp. nutmeg
Yellow cake mix (with pudding)	
1	c. melted butter
1	c. chopped pecans



Mix first 7 ingredients well. Pour in ungreased 9X13 pan. Sprinkle with cake mix. Drizzle melted butter over cake mix and top with pecans. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

Pat Miller



Households for Prayer

Let us continue to uphold our households in prayer with these members for

October 2021



Mike Steinel and Beverly Hoch
David and Nancy Storrie
Michael Stroud
Kimberly Tate
Cathy Taylor
Jim and Linn Welborn
Beverly Westlake
Ted Wilkinson

Session Meeting
Tuesday October 19 2021
at 7:00 PM
(third Tuesday)



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FPC Presbyterian Women: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PWDentonFPC/>

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Prayer Concerns

Health Concerns: Protection for all healthcare workers, especially Valorie F, Ashley H, Kim T and Becky J. Continuing Prayers for Pam A, Helen B, Gerald B, Eunice C, Dee D, Pat H, Bob Hoch, Nadine Hoch, Louise K, Pat M, Don N, Bob N, Pat R, Don R, Irene R, Judy R, Buzz F, Kathy K, Karen B and Dorothy M, Annemarie V, Sam C, Noble C, Sara L, Rev. Tim Keller, Dick and Eleanor W.

Safety, Strength, Wisdom and Courage: every one of us the world-over as we navigate this extraordinarily unprecedeted time. Those impacted by recent natural disasters and civil unrest; rescue teams, fire fighters, first responders, police officers and other peacemakers; those who seek a spiritual connection, may they find it.

Our Church: Leadership - Pastor Spangler, Deacons, staff and all who give their time, talent and treasure to further God's purpose in the church, the community and the world. God's grace upon the works and projects of the Mission Committee, and wisdom for good stewardship of all our many blessings, past, present and future.

October Birthdays *Anniversaries*

- 17 Charlie Briggs
- 19 Joan Hubbard
- 21 Valorie Frederico
- 24 Charles Hubbard

- 13 Jim and Linn Welborn
- 22 Bill and Linda Cassidy



Feeding the Community

Deacon News
Next Denton Community Food Center drive will be November 14th. Last collection was \$457! *Thank you!*

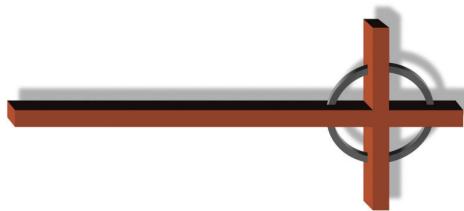
Pam Asher—Deacon

Bible Readings

October 2021

- 1 Matt. 8:1–17
- 2 Matt. 8:18–27
- 3 Luke 7:11–17
- 4 Matt. 8:28–34
- 5 Matt. 9:1–8
- 6 Matt. 9:9–17
- 7 Matt. 9:18–26
- 8 Matt. 9:27–34
- 9 Matt. 9:35–10:4
- 10 Luke 7:36–50
- 11 Matt. 10:5–15
- 12 Matt. 10:16–23
- 13 Matt. 10:24–33
- 14 Matt. 10:34–42
- 15 Matt. 11:1–6
- 16 Matt. 11:7–15
- 17 Luke 10:1–12, 17–20
- 18 Matt. 11:16–24
- 19 Matt. 11:25–30
- 20 Matt. 12:1–14
- 21 Matt. 12:15–21
- 22 Matt. 12:22–32
- 23 Matt. 12:33–42
- 24 Luke 10:25–37
- 25 Matt. 12:43–50
- 26 Matt. 13:1–9
- 27 Matt. 13:10–17
- 28 Matt. 13:18–23
- 29 Matt. 13:24–30
- 30 Matt. 13:31–35
- 31 Luke 12:22–31

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