

# the presbyterian epistle

february 11



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## seminary insights

The Lord be with you! Greetings from Iowa to all of our friends in Allen. I'm sitting in our living room right now typing this out and watching the boys, Becky, and another Seminary student play MarioCart on the Wii. We're between semesters right now and have a couple of weeks to relax and prepare for the upcoming Spring classes. I just finished a compressed, two-week course on New Testament Ethics that I found very interesting. I'll be sure to include topics from that course in a future note. However, as I'm sitting here watching the Seminary community in action, I want to write some thoughts about community.

I preached this morning at the church where I'm interning, and I used the lectionary passage for the day, John 1:29-42. Perhaps Kelly did as well. This passage discusses the baptism of Jesus and then tells how Jesus began to gather his first disciples. I found it interesting that the very first thing in John that Jesus did after being baptized was to build a community. I preached this morning on the value of community both to Jesus as he did his work on earth and for us as well. As I was preparing for the sermon and even as I was giving it, I was thinking about our community down in Texas.

The Scripture reading had another take on community as well that I've been considering over the last few days. The Scripture tells us that two disciples of John the Baptist left his

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# our vision

reach seekers,  
grow disciples,  
send servants



### seekers

people who are looking for a relationship with Jesus Christ

### disciples

people who are learning to be more Christ-like

### servants

people who are caring for the world around them in the name of Jesus Christ

## sanctuaryflowers

Members are welcome to share special times (birthdays, anniversaries, other special days) with the congregation by providing flowers for Sunday services. They will be yours to take home and enjoy after the service! The cost need not be more than \$25 and is paid to the church with a note "Pulpit flowers" in the memo on the check. Please let Ida Hassler know the details and date, and special colors or types. E-mail: [ihassler@swbell.net](mailto:i hassler@swbell.net) Phone: 972-231-3017



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# our mission is to:

Glorify God through worship and prayer,  
Bring people to Jesus and into fellowship with His family,  
Develop disciples to Christ-like maturity, and equip them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world.



## fpc allen church staff

Rev. Kelly Yeager-Chadwick, Pastor

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Susie Severin, Preschool Director

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Dena Morrison, Discipleship  
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Joyful Beginnings Preschool

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# welcome dena

Please make welcome our new staff member - Dena Morrison - Discipleship Ministries Coordinator. Contact information: 1204 Crestwood Ct., Allen, TX 75002. (972) 805-7608 and email: [djoyb2007@yahoo.com](mailto:djoyb2007@yahoo.com)



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### women's retreat: save the date

Join us for the Presbyterian Women's Annual Retreat featuring guest speaker/facilitator, Kathryn Carpenter. The retreat will be on Saturday, February 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at one of the Watters Crossing Club Houses in Allen, TX.

### happy anniversary

alicia & kerry osborne – 02.26  
julie owen-shivers & brandon shivers  
– 02.27

### men's fellowship breakfast

Men of the Church!! Join us on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30am at Allen Café for fellowship, conversation and networking. You order and pay for yourself and come and go as you need. Join us!

Who: All men of the church

When: February 1st and 15th at 6:30am

Where: Allen Café, 302 E. Main Street

If you have any questions, please call Rick Zinsmeister at 972-396-8728.

## softball is back

We are getting the "team" back together....the softball team to play this Spring. If interested in playing a Men's League on Monday nights or the Co-Ed team on Friday nights, contact Randy McDaniel at 972/359-1250 or email at Randy\_McDaniel@bcbstx.com. Seasons start the week of March 7th but signups are due by 2/14 so we need to know who wants to play and will we have enough for two teams. Signup in person by the mail boxes or email Randy. Get the arms loosened up.

## seminary insights

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fellowship and joined Jesus. My supervising Pastor here asked me to think about that portion of the passage as it relates to my life. At first, I didn't follow what he was saying, but he eventually got me to understand. There is an interesting analogy here. You see, I'm in the process of changing communities. The end result of my Seminary education and ordination will be that First Pres Allen will be receiving a letter requesting that my membership and the membership of my family be moved to a new community. In much the same way, John's two disciples moved to a new community as well. However, they wouldn't have been where they were and wouldn't have been ready to join with Jesus without their first community's support and teaching. Just like me. I think about all of the years that we spent with you in Allen and how much I grew and learned from all of you. Without your support and your knowledge, I wouldn't have been ready to face this challenge.

This makes me realize the value of community. Community prepares us for various challenges up ahead, many of which we don't know about beforehand. But that is the way that God works in our lives, isn't it? We don't know what will come about in our lives in the future, but we can be sure that God is putting the right people in our community to allow us to deal with it. Of course, it's up to us to take advantage of the benefits that those people give us. Communities change over time. The opportunities that we all have in front of us may not be there for long. Take advantage of the opportunities that your community gives you while you have the chance. Communities aren't stagnate. People will enter and leave, people will change and grow. Explore what your community has to offer you, you'll be surprised how useful what you learn may be to you later in life!

Loren, Lshellab@gmail.com

# communion schedule

If you are unable to serve on the indicated day of the schedule, please contact anyone else on the list prior to that Sunday to trade with as your replacement.



- thomas dority – 02.04
- blessing obonna – 02.04
- ellyn zinsmeister – 02.05
- janet mcchesney – 02.06
- don jung – 02.11
- lynda olson – 02.11
- tammy fisher – 02.17
- frank salerno – 02.20
- ida hassler – 02.21
- keely mcchesney – 02.22
- randy mcdaniel – 02.23
- sonya obonna – 02.27

Date	Serving	Preparation
February 6	Janet McChesney Randy DeShan David Olson Brian Shafer Lynda Olson	DeWet Family
March 6	Michael Brown Tom Dunn Lisa Waldbauer Janet McChesney Will Reams	Beverly Carson
April 3	Sylvia Brown Faith Engler Ed Hassler Ida Hassler Steve Zinsmeister	Merrie Cavanaugh
April 21	Maunder Thursday	Donna Wehrmeister
May 1	Beverly Carson Mary Ann Brown Brooks McCorcle Cary Reams Priscilla Sharp	Jung Family
June 5	Merrie Cavanaugh Mike Engler Darin McIntier Alicia Osbourne Eric Smith	Janet McChesney
July 3	Bob Black Nancy Bridges Dianne Liese Mike McChesney Steve Zinsmeister	DeWet Family
August 7	Mary Ann Brown Laura Reams Ernie Pero Brian Shafer Lisa Waldbauer	McIntier Family
September 4	Tom Dunn Tammy Fisher David Olson Lynda Olson Will Reams	Beverly Carson



## youth activities

- Sunday, February 6th: JR High 5pm-6pm  
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Sunday, February 13th: JR High 5pm-6pm  
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Sunday, February 20th: JR High 5pm-6pm  
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Sunday, February 27th: JR High 5pm-6pm  
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm

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## congregational meeting

We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 20, 2011 immediately after the worship service.

# 3rd annual chili and dessert cook-off

Make plans to attend the 3rd Annual FPCA Chili and Dessert Cook-Off immediately following worship on Sunday, February 6th. Chili will be served along with hotdogs for the children. It's always great fun for the whole family.

This event will be hosted by the FPCA Youth Group with donations going to the AMA Food Pantry minus expenses.

Be sure to bring your potluck bags to save the earth and save on clean-up.

## highlights from the joyful times

*The Joyful Times is the monthly newsletter from Susie Severin, Director of Joyful Beginnings Preschool*

Registration time for the 2011-2012 school year is near! You will receive a pre-registration packet and will need to return your paperwork and registration check to the preschool office on or before February 9. Registration for church members and alumni takes place February 10 and 11. Registration then opens up to the community on February 15. You are our best advertisers!! Please tell your friends and neighbors about our school and registration times.

We will continue to offer a 2-day 2-year old class (T/T or W/F). The registration fee for the 2 day 2's is \$150.00/year. The tuition will be \$160.00/month. The 3 and 4-year old classes will be 3 days a week. The 3's will attend on T/T/F and we will offer two 4-year old classes on T/T/F or T/W/F. The registration fee for our 3's and 4's will be \$175.00/year and the tuition will be \$240.00/month.

Remember, we continue to go outside for recess. Keep an eye on the weather (it's been so erratic) as we never know day to day whether we need a jacket or not. Also, continue to send a water bottle with your child.

Love,  
Miss Susie

### Valentine's Parties

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 10th for our T/T 2's. All other classes will celebrate on the 11th. All parties are at 12:30. Please check the sign-up sheets outside your child's classroom.



### Zooniversity Visit

Zooniversity came to visit our school on January 18. It was a 30-minute classroom program that gave our children the opportunity to meet, gently touch and learn interesting facts about four cute critters. The following four animals visited us: Sid, the adorable, baby two-toed sloth from the jungles of Guyana; Sugar, an Africa Pygmy Hedgehog; Tuck, a three-banded armadillo from Paraguay, SouthAmerica.; and Diego, a Four-Eyed Opossum from the Rainforest of South America.

### Upcoming Events:

Registration: Current Children & Siblings	Feb. 8th & 9th
Registration: Church Members & Alumni	Feb. 10th & 11th
Valentine's Parties for T/Th 2's	Feb. 10th
Valentine's Parties for 3's and 4's	Feb. 11th
Registration: Open to Community	Feb. 15th
Spring Break	March 14th-18th
Open House	April 10th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 6:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Allen Café) 9:15 am Food Pantry Volunteers (St. Jude's) 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH)	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle 5:00 pm LOGOS Youth Program 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH) 7:00 pm Worship Committee (Library)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Kiwanis Division 37 Meeting (FH) 11:00 am Memorial Service – Gary Burlbaw (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton– Plano)
<b>6 Communion Sunday</b> 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am New members received 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) 6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm)	<b>7</b> 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH) 7:30 pm Pack 639 Adult Planning Meeting (Youth Rm)	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Martha Circle 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 5:00 pm LOGOS Youth Program 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 12:00 Christian Education Meeting (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) 6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm)	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	<b>15</b> 6:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Allen Café) 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH)	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>17</b> 6:00 pm Allen Quilter's Guild	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) 6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm)	<b>21</b> 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH)	<b>23</b> 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle 4:30 pm Girl Scout Troop (FH) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH) 7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library) 7:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Meeting (Narthex)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>						
<b>27</b> 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm) 6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group (Youth Rm)	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)					

MINISTRY	FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 27
Greeting Announcer	Pastor Kelly	Laura Reams	Steve Zinsmeister	Darin McIntier
Acolytes	Erin McIntier	Grant Owen-McNair	Toni Salerno	Jeremy McNair
Liturgists	Randy DeShan		Laura Reams	Lisa Waldbauer
Communion (Elders to Serve)	Janet McChesney Randy DeShan David Olson Brian Shafer Lynda Olson			
Communion (Prepare Elements)	Dennis & Patti de Wet			
Offering Counters				
Ushers	Tristan MacDonald Tom Dunn Craig Brown Michael Brown	Dan Cole Randy DeShan	Connor Cavanaugh Dan Cavanaugh Meridan Cavanaugh Merrie Cavanaugh	Don Jung Robert Jung Anna Jung Joy Valderas
Time with Young Disciples	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly
Building Steward				



## meet the session

2011

Ed Hassler  
Property

Randy McDaniel  
Property

Tom Dunn  
Outreach

Brian Shafer  
Stewardship

Beverly Carson  
Clerk of Session

Will Reams  
Youth Elder

2012

Nancy Bridges  
Evangelism

Sylvia Brown  
Personnel

Lisa Waldbauer  
Youth

Donna Wehrmeister  
Worship

2013

Merrie Cavanaugh  
Congregational Care

Alicia Osborne  
Christian Education

Brooks McCorcle  
Finance

Janet McChesney  
Fellowship

*If you would like to be more involved in the life of the church, feel free to speak with one of these people and join a committee.*