

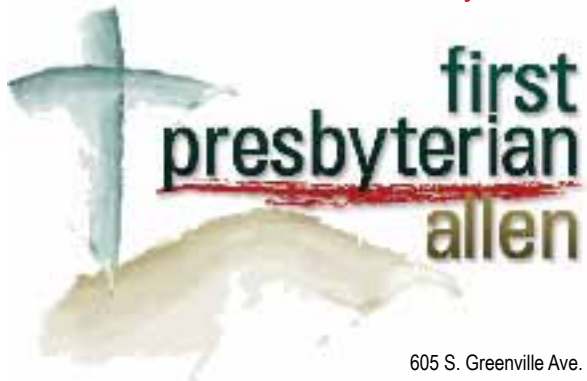
# the presbyterian epistle

may 11



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## from the pastor's desk

Wow! What a great Easter! I don't think I have ever enjoyed an Easter morning quite so much! So what's next???

Sometimes we spend so much of our energy on Advent and Christmas and the Lent and Easter, the rest of the church year seems to be a let down. Instead, we need to understand that our seasons are intentional and are meant to prepare us for the in-between times when worship may not seem so exciting or unusual. Advent is set aside to remind us of the Coming – the second Coming.

During Advent we are reminded of all the reasons God sent Jesus into the world. We are reminded that God's promises are real and reliable and that Emmanuel brings hope, joy and peace to our world if we will but accept them. These gifts are not just for us, but are for all the world - our worship reflects our need to hear God's promises again each week, as well as our need to be renewed in our calling to share the hope, joy and peace we have been given with others.

During Lent we hear the stories of Jesus' ministry and mission again. We are asked to be self-disciplined during these 40 days with the intention that we will continue the self-discipline after Easter. Lent is a time to seriously prepare for the ministry and mission Christ calls us to – as individuals and as a congregation. Lent reminds us of the sacrificial nature of God's love for us as well as the sacrificial nature of our call

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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:ihassler@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

Adam Sablich, Music Director

Gloria Purjet, Secretary

Susie Severin, Preschool Director

Dan Cavanaugh, Receiving Treasurer

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Nichelle Nguyen, Nursery

Eric Smith, Newsletter Editor

Ministers, Every Member



Joyful Beginnings Preschool

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## celebration sunday

Mark your calendars now for June 12 – Celebration Sunday – a day of fun and fellowship

Invite a friend

Worship/Pentecost

Bounce House

Youth Silent Auction for Mission Trip

Vacation Bible School signup

Potluck

Birthday Cake for Us

...Did we mention a Bounce House!!!

There will be Food and Fun for all!!!

This is an evangelism event for all to enjoy!

## your money at work

Response Update - Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

Recovery efforts continue in Japan following the March 11 tsunami and earthquake.

The humanitarian situation has been exacerbated by reports of hundreds of large aftershocks, the onset of subzero temperatures, and the fear of nuclear fallout from damaged nuclear power plants.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding in cooperation with and as a member of Church World Service (CWS). CWS is working with the Japan Platform, a consortium of 32 Japanese non-profits, to provide a coordinated response to the basic needs of those currently living at evacuation sites. A representative from the Japan Platform has joined the United National Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs team.

The initial \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing funds (that many of our churches participate during Lent) provided to CWS has gone towards an immediate response to 5,000 households, about 25,000 individuals, now living at 100 evacuation sites in the northeastern area of Japan - the prefectures of Miyagi, Fukushima, Iwate, Ibaragi and Tochigi.

The focus of the response is on evacuation sites where basic needs of food, water, sanitation, electricity and fuel are not being met.

## important notice

Pastor Kelly will be on vacation May 2nd thru May 9th!

# seminary insights

The Lord be with you! Greetings from Iowa to all of our friends in Allen. Iowa has a strange springtime. I woke up Saturday morning to watch it snowing. At least it didn't stick and melted off right away. I think it's kind of like those hotter October days in Dallas when we're just done with summer, but it seems to linger on a little longer than we'd like. Anyway, life is going well here and by the next time I write to you, I will have completed my second year of seminary!

Something that has come up in a lot of conversations here lately has been prayer. Given that I'm at seminary, that shouldn't be too surprising but, still, I've seemed to notice quite a few conversations about prayer lately. As a result, I've been considering what prayer is all about. For example, if God is all knowing, then God already knows what I need. So, why do I have to ask? Also, what is with this "Sometimes God's answer is no" stuff. If he's going to say 'no', why do I bother asking?

I believe that these questions go to the root of the challenge that we face when we try to comprehend what prayer is all about. You see, those questions are centered on me...not on God. As I listen to prayers and consider my own prayers, I'm surprised by how much of the typical prayer is spent asking for things for myself or for those around me. Is prayer supposed to be just a line from me to God requesting things? Is God up there with a notebook writing down a to-do list for me? When viewed in that manner, it seems that my typical prayer becomes rather self-centered and selfish.

Instead, perhaps we should turn the focus of our prayers toward God and away from ourselves. I've heard it said that prayers should start with the 'adoration' of God. That's why our prayers often start with "Almighty God", or "Loving God", or other adjective describing the power of God. However, it seems that once we've addressed God in some sort of adoring manner, we promptly forget about the adoration and get on to our list. (And don't get me wrong, there are many things in our lives that need God's attention.) My suggestion to you (and to me!) is that our entire prayer be said in an attitude of adoration. Make your prayer about God, not about your needs. Praise God! Don't just thank God for things God has accomplished, but praise God's name. Recognize God for what God is...the loving, powerful, merciful, graceful, wonderful Lord and ruler of all. Take some time to let God know how you feel about God's presence in your life. Commune with God. Be with God.

If your prayer is filled with adoration, then your 'list' becomes much less about you and much more about the presence of God in your life. Yes, I do believe that we should go to God

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## happy anniversary

gloria and kirby purjet – 05.14  
jean and bill brown – 05.27  
lynette and tim macdonald – 05.31



jean brown – 05.01  
faith engler – 05.02  
emily lutrick – 05.02  
jennifer mcintier – 05.04  
nancy bridges – 05.05  
kellie smith – 05.05  
shawn wade – 05.14  
mike engler – 05.17  
bailey ardoin – 05.18  
kevin boye – 05.18  
madison lutrick – 05.18  
nellie mccloskey – 05.21  
ryan engler – 05.23  
tom dunn – 05.25  
stephen liese – 05.25  
stephanie mclaughlin – 05.25  
jill shafer – 05.28  
mary ann brown – 05.30

## 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: May 3rd and 17th at 6:30am  
Where: Allen Café, 302 E. Main Street

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

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to serve. Being a Christian in our world is not easy – it takes courage, discipline, and perseverance. These are all qualities we are to redevelop during Lent.

So what's next? – worship, service, prayer and study. Each Sunday is another Easter where we gather to celebrate the risen Christ and to be reenergized as His disciples. The pageantry may not be there-but the Master is and that is why we gather.

During the first week of my Internship at a large church in Austin, I was tasked with going through the roles and identifying AWOL youth in our church. I had a two page list of young people who showed up one Sunday at the beginning of April and did not the rest of the year. Perplexed I mentioned this to the Church Secretary..."Oh, those are our Easter members." was her reply. "They only come for Christmas and Easter." Advent-Christmas-Lent-Easter are meant to strengthen our commitment to Christ and to His church so that we will continue to gather and to serve during the ordinary times of our church year. I hope you have been reenergized and renewed in your commitment. I hope you will embrace the months to come as opportunities instead of obligations. I hope the celebration of Easter will stay with you for many months to come.

Grace and Peace!  
Kelly

## seminary insights

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with requests for help and healing. Yes, I do believe that we should go to God for help in discerning answers to questions in our lives. However, our prayers should go to God with the subject being God, not us. God knows our needs, God knows our desires. Like any good parent, God wants to hear our needs and desires. However, we should approach God in prayer on God's terms, putting God first. The Lord's Prayer is a wonderful example to follow in this regard. Say the Lord's Prayer to yourself and see how the focus remains on God, even when requests are made for the person praying!

I'll be practicing this in my prayers and I encourage you to as well. Becky and I are looking forward to being in Dallas at the end of June and catching up with you all then. Peace and grace to you all!

Loren, Lshellab@gmail.com

# lil' lambs spring sale 2011 update

## update on the financial status of the church

For the first quarter of 2011 (through March), the church's financial status is good. We are 25% of the way through the year, and we have taken in 40% of our expected income and are right on track with expenses, having spent 25% of our expense budget. As such, we are currently running a surplus of \$29,097 for the year to date.

A couple items to note: First, income is running ahead of budget due to several families paying a substantial amount or all of their pledge early in the year. At this point, we are expecting to be running about on budget for the year for income.

Second, the session is being a good steward of our funds, with all committees and expense line items running on or close to budget. The repairs for the church are being handled prudently, and we are mindful of the possibility that we might run over budget in Building Maintenance and Repairs; however, we are looking for ways to minimize that outcome. At this point, there are no concerns of significant overruns. We are in good shape. If you have any questions, feel free to seek me out at church.

Faithfully submitted,  
Brooks McCorcle  
Chair, Finance Committee

## new adult class starting in may

Tom Dunn will be teaching Rick Warren's method of Bible Study using I John as his subject. This is a great class that you will not want to miss!!

Lil' Lambs is a biannual, seasonal consignment sale of infant and children's clothing and accessories, maternity clothing and accessories, toys, nursery items and nursery and children's furniture with proceeds benefitting women's, children's and family charities throughout Collin County. Our church is one of the sponsoring churches along with Greenville Oaks Church of Christ.

**Since Spring 2002, Lil' Lambs has raised over \$100,000 for distribution to local charities.** We just completed the Spring Sale and will be contributing student scholarships to Joyful Beginnings preschool and Greenville Oaks preschool and \$700 to each of the following organizations:

- Allen Community Outreach*
- Family Promise*
- Collin County Children's Advocacy Center*
- City House*
- Children and Community Medical Center of McKinney*
- Hope's Door*

Since Spring of 2005, Lil' Lambs has also provided a Voucher Program for low income families. This past sale we were able to provide nine families with \$100 shopping vouchers. The Voucher Program is funded by donations from individuals, families, and our sponsoring church families.



## communion schedule

Date	Serving	Preparation
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

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### youthquake

According to the chaperones, Youthquake was a great success! Tom Dunn and Alicia Osborne were chaperones for Sean McIntier, Kevin Oldfield, Maggie Osborne and Meghan Dunn. It was reported that the event was well organized and had great activities scheduled from 8:00 a.m. each morning till midnight on Saturday and till it was time to leave on Sunday. Many thanks to Tom and Alicia for volunteering to take our Jr. High Youth!

### easter pancake breakfast

The Easter Pancake Breakfast was a great success! The youth worked well together to set-up, cook, serve and clean-up. \$430 was generously donated and will go toward the cost of the New Orleans Mission Trip.

### vacation bible school

## July 18-July 22



Mark your calendar!

### spring cleaning

Are you a packrat? Would you rather donate something rather than throw it away? Do you have this and that thrown into corners of your house, garage or attic? Well, if it something like an end table, shelf, bookcase, nook, tree stand or similar, consider donating it to the youth to transform for the Silent Auction. We can paint, maybe stencil it and possibly make a few bucks to help send the youth to New Orleans. Call Lisa (972-727-6990) to see if we can use your "treasures".

## youth mission trip

The Jr. and Sr. High Youth will be going to New Orleans in July for a Team Effort Mission Trip. Our chaperones are: Randy McDaniel, Don Jung, Stephanie McLaughlin, and Pastor Kelly. Our Young Adult Mentors are: Michael Brown and Lauren McDaniel. The youth are: Josh Engler, Sean McIntier, Dan Cole, Adam McDaniel, Steve Zinsmeister, Erik Waldbauer, Connor Cavanaugh, Will Reams, Sam McCorcle, Tristan MacDonald, Anna Jung, Allyson Zinsmeister, Margaret Reams, Sarah Shafer, Meridan Cavanaugh, Maddie Etherington, and Meghan Dunn. They will be doing work such as home repair, roofing, and painting. There is still much to be rebuilt and repaired from the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

## silent auction

The Jr. and Sr. High Youth are sponsoring a Silent Auction in conjunction with Celebration Sunday on June 12th. All funds collected will be used to offset the per person cost for each youth to attend the New Orleans Mission Trip in July. We have already been promised several items such as artwork, stemware, baby blankets, art lessons and more. If you would like to donate a service or item(s) from a personal business or such, we would be glad to display your information/business cards. We will also supply a tax letter for your donation. Please contact Lisa Waldbauer (972-727-6990) or Dena Morrison (972-727-2551 church) for questions. Thank-you!

## youth activities

### May 1st

5pm to 7pm

All youth - gather to plan Youth Sunday Service

### May 15th

3pm

All youth - CROP Walk for Hunger - details coming later

### May 22nd

10am

All youth - Set up for Youth Sunday

Regular Wednesday and Sunday meetings are suspended in order to accommodate the above schedule.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 am Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Communion Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am New Members Received 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (Lg FH) 11:30 am Presbyterian Women's Luncheon (Sm FH) 5:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Meeting (Youth Rm)	<b>2</b> 6:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting (FH) 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	<b>3</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>4</b> 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter's Dance Rehearsal (FH) 7:00 pm Fellowship Committee (Library)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Kiwanis Division 37 Meeting (FH)
<b>8 Mother's Day</b> 9:30 am Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH)	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH) 7:00 pm Joyful Beginnings Board Mtg (FH) 7:30 pm Pack 359 Adult Planning Mtg (Youth Rm)	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter's Dance Rehearsal (FH)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Personnel Committee (Library)
<b>15 Heifer Eggs</b> 9:30 am Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 3:00 pm CROP Walk for Hunger <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	<b>17</b> 6:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Allen Café) 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH)	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm Allen Quilter's Guild (FH)	<b>20</b> Joyful Beginnings – Last day of classes	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Youth Sunday</b> 9:30 am Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH)	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH)	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 7:00 pm Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team Mtg (Narthex) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	<b>26</b> 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter's Dance Rehearsal (FH) 7:00 pm Session (Library)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 am Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH)	<b>30 Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b> 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH)				

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MINISTRY	MAY 1	MAY 8	MAY 15	MAY 22	MAY 29
<b>Greeting</b>	Pastor Kelly	Brian Shafer	Merrie Cavanaugh	Erik Waldbauer	Randy McDaniel
<b>Acolytes</b>	Toni Salerno	Grant Owen-McNair		Ryan Pero	Thomas Dority
<b>Liturgists</b>	Brian Shafer	Darin McIntier	Lynette MacDonald	Brooks McCorcle	Allyson Zinsmeister
<b>Communion (Elders to Serve)</b>	Beverly Carson Mary Ann Brown Brooks McCorcle Cary Reams Donna Wehrmeister				
<b>Communion (Prepare Elements)</b>	Donna Wehrmeister				
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Bill Brown Will Reams	Donna Wehrmeister Dianne Liese	Brian Shafer Dan Cole	Alicia Osborne Randy DeShan	Randy McDaniel Maggie Osborne
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Zinsmeister Allyson Zinsmeister Erik Waldbauer Frank Salerno	Eric Smith Bob Silco Dorothy Silco Frank Salerno	Sarah Shafer Brian Shafer Will Reams Cary Reams	Ernie Pero Courtney Pero Maggie Osborne Adam McDaniel	Mick McCorcle Sam McCorcle Bill Liese Dennis de Wet
<b>Time with Young Disciples</b>	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly
<b>Building Steward</b>	Will Reams	Lisa Waldbauer	Brian Shafer	Alicia Osborne	Randy McDaniel



## 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.*