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Dear Friends,



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Give thanks in all circumstances. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. What a wonderful holiday! Our busy, throbbing, frantic, scurrying society actually takes a day or two in late November to slow down and give thanks. When you really stop and think, most of us here in Midland, Texas have much for which we should give thanks. We are thankful for our food and shelter, water in the midst of drought, our peaceful nation, our freedom to gather as Christians, etc. We truly could go on for days listing all the things for which we are thankful. It is very healthy and good that we put our busy lives on pause for a day and thank God for all these things.

Something I would like to challenge us with this time around, though, is what Paul tells to the Thessalonians. For followers of Jesus, Thanksgiving is not limited to the fourth Thursday in November. We are supposed to be giving thanks in ALL circumstances. That means that each and every day we must make it a point to look at the places God has put us, the people we have encountered and the situations we have faced—and give God thanks!

This means we give God thanks no matter whether we have a good day or a bad day. Sure, it's harder to be thankful when we've been deflecting attacks all day long. It's difficult to be thankful when we receive heavy news. Something I have found helpful in giving thanks at the end of a difficult day is to search for where God is active in those tough circumstances.

For example:

We thank God for His abiding presence with us that sustains us when we cannot make it on our own.

We thank God for who He is in spite of the injustice and misuse of freedom found in our world.

We thank God because we know that our predicament is not the last statement of what shall be.

We thank God because we have something better to look forward to.

My hope and prayer is that God's encouraging words to the Thessalonians would lead us to make every day the Day of Thanksgiving.

Walter

Peace in Christ,
Walter

2011 Confirmation Class Luncheon



Please join us for a luncheon in honor of the 2011 Confirmation Class, Confirmation Sunday, December 4, immediately following the 11:00 service in Lynn Hall.

If you've witnessed the baptism, prayed for, taught Sunday school or been involved in the lives of our ninth graders in any way, please come welcome them to membership and celebrate the commitment to Christ they make this day.



Prayers for...

Prayers of Intercession are requested for Jered Groner, Bob Boone, Cris Kelly, Bob Bailey, Dick Prentice, Treva Beckmann, Rita Nell Diffie, Jim Devenport, Marcus Huffer, Becky Middleton, Mark Warren, Sue Marshall, Gail Miller, Joyce Dellinger.

Please pray for military personnel deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq) and Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan): Michael, Casey, Daniel, Carlos, Megan, Drew McKelwaith, Chris Miles, Aaron French, David Thornhill, Hank Hortenstine, Adam Graham, Tom Wolters, Mike Neu, Jake Hall, Hunter D. Martin, Clayton Slover, Damon Darnell, Danny Wakefield, Joe Banner, Stephen Clayman, Justin Galan, Stanley Najjar, Steven Castellon, Dr. David Shepherd, Mason Jennings, Kyle Humphries, Justin Robinson, Josh.

Congratulations to...

Stephanie and Cooper Askins upon the birth of their son, Elliot Cooper Askins, born October 29, 2011, in Austin, Texas; great grandson of Beth and Charles Priddy; grandson of Adelle and Paul Dowling and Susan Askins; nephew of Mason Askins and Kendall and Rusty Smith; cousin of Elizabeth and Collins Smith.

Condolences to...

Charlotte Ellis and her family upon the death of her husband, Newnie Ellis, on October 20, 2011.

Idalia Maldonado (FPC Maintenance Staff) upon the death of her uncle.

Mary Tarango and her family upon the death of her husband, Alfred Tarango (former FPC Maintenance Staff member), on October 25, 2011.

The family of Liz Russell upon her death on October 26, 2011.

Karen Gray (FPC Maintenance Staff) upon the death of her cousin, Gary Hale, on October 29, 2011, in Colorado City.

Roz Reynolds upon the death of her son, Ronnie Reynolds, on November 6, 2011 in Austin; nephew of Jim Lucas; cousin of Paul Lucas, Jamey Lucas), and Eddy Ohlenburg.

Thank you for your nice letters...

Please stop by the information center at the Texas Street reception area to read the notes we received from Virginia Manusos, Dick and Betty Ann Prentice, and Safe Place of the Permian Basin, the Family of Alfred Tarango, and Rita Nell Diffie.

Thank you to the members of First Presbyterian Staff for their dedication and commitment. Congratulations to the following staff members upon their November / December anniversaries with FPC...

Donna Cannon	Financial Assistant	November 2, 1992
Arturo Rodriquez	Maintenance Staff	December 9, 2005
Scott Kain	Director of Recreational Ministry	November 5, 2007
Rhondy Barker	Receptionist	November 7, 2007

Traditional Worship Music Schedule for December

Dec 4

The Agape Ringers will share "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" at both services, and the Sanctuary Choir will sing "Keep Your Lamps" at 11:00 am worship.

Confirmation Sunday with combined service with the BRIDGE at 11:00 am

Dec 11

The Sanctuary Choir will present the annual service of *Lessons and Carols* at both services.

Dec 18

The Sanctuary Choir will sing seasonal anthems by Wilberg and Chilcott at both services.

Dec 25

The Anderson family will offer carols at our "only" 11:00 worship service.



ADVENT: Come To Worship

Sunday, November 27
First Sunday in Advent

8:15 am and 11:00 am Regular Sanctuary Worship Services
11:00 am Bridge Service – Chapel

Wednesdays, November 30
December 7, 14, 21

6:30 pm - Chapel – *“Come to the Quiet”* Advent Worship Service

Sunday, December 4
Second Sunday in Advent

8:15 am Sanctuary Worship Services
11:00 am Confirmation Sunday - Combined Worship in Sanctuary (Bridge and Sanctuary)
5:30 pm – Sanctuary – Children’s Musical – *“Something’s Up–Down in Bethlehem”*

Sunday, December 11
Third Sunday in Advent

8:15 am and 11:00 am Sanctuary Worship - Service of Lessons and Carols
11:00 am Bridge Service

Sunday, December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15 am and 11:00 am Regular Sanctuary Worship Services
5:30 pm – *“Round the Table Carol Sing”*

Christmas Eve, December 24

5:30 pm - Worship in the Sanctuary
7:30 pm - Worship in the Chapel with Communion
9:00 pm - Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Christmas Day, December 25

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship Service

New Year’s Day, January 1

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship Service

Epiphany Worship, January 4

6:30 pm - Sanctuary – (5:30 pm - Dinner and Children’s Choirs begin)

Faces of Children...
a ministry of prayer for
children at risk
www.facesofchildren.net

Faces of Children prayer
group meets at 11:30 am
Wednesdays in the Bride’s
room at FPC Midland.



the Light that drives out fear

Each week, I send the Faces of Children prayer list to hundreds of people in the United States and around the world who have committed to pray for children on a regular basis. In addition to the weekly prayer list, I include a short devotion that is often inspired by the work of favorite authors like Henri Nouwen, Richard Foster, or Marianne Williamson.

The following passage from Williamson’s book *Illuminata* really struck a chord with me and inspired the devotion below.

“Each morning, or any time you are about to go anywhere or do anything, go over the scenario in your mind. Pray, consciously, that the circumstance in question be used for the purposes of love, that God’s rays of light might shine upon it.

Part of our mind is bent on love, and part of it is bent on fear. That is how consciousness operates. The loving mind is called the spirit of God, the Holy Spirit... It is the holy Self that lies potential within all of us, the mystical drive to return home. We always have the choice to align ourselves with its presence and act accordingly in the world, or give in to fear and, on some level, die.

The problem is that the voice of the spirit is not the dominant voice of the world. Fear is louder than love here. It takes conscious effort, therefore, to go against the voices of the world and to actualize our spiritual nature.

The fearful mind, or the negative ego, is alive and well within us and around us, but darkness disappears in the presence of light. Fear has no ultimate power in a situation dedicated through prayer to God.

The purpose of daily prayer is the cultivation of a sense of the sacred. Sacred energy renews us. Lives with no more sense of spiritual meaning than that provided by shopping malls, ordinary television, and stagnant workplaces are barren lives indeed. Spirituality enriches culture. Prayer enables us to transform the world, because it transforms us. From the moment we awaken each morning, our minds are at work in one direction or the other. Either we are slaves to the fearful mental habit patterns that dominate our world, or we are consciously taking part in the counterforce to the world's despair.”*

There are times I want to give in to fear (and other destructive emotions) when I read of another atrocity inflicted on a child by an adult, or when I begin to worry about the Mexican drug trafficking violence that seems to be moving north into parts of our state, closer to home. Fear is a self-preservation tool that serves me well when used as God intended. However, when it dominates my thoughts and emotions, I believe I'm grieving God's Holy Spirit and misusing this instrument.

I guess that's why I found Williamson's image of darkness and fear being dispelled by God's rays of light so comforting. I'm reminded of those times when the power has gone out in our neighborhood and we've lit candles throughout the house. In the stillness and quiet of powerlessness—no electric motors or fans running anywhere—the warmth of this light brought comfort and reassurance to our family, especially to those of us so afraid of the dark. Light drove out fear.

Choosing to pray and take part in the “counterforce to the world's despair” isn't easy. We consciously choose to go against the dominant voices of the world by trusting in God's love and light, by consciously choosing to let love and light drive out fear and darkness. When you pray for children, you make a conscious decision to bring them into the light of God's love through prayer, rejecting the fearful voices of the world.

Thank you for making this choice by praying for children. I rejoice that there are children in our world whose lives are less fearful because of your prayers. Thanks be to our gracious and most generous God!

Please join us as we pray that God's light might drive out the darkness in the lives of hurting children everywhere. The Faces of Children prayer group meets every Wednesday at 11:30 am in the Bride's room at First Presbyterian Church, Midland. Following our time of prayer, we enjoy lunch (\$5) and fellowship. If you are unable to join us on Wednesdays, the weekly Faces of Children prayer list is available via email or U.S. mail for you to use in your private prayer time or with a group. Please contact me if you would like the list sent to you. claufer@facesofchildren.net 432.684.7821. ext. 162

Celebrating God's love and light in our lives,

Chris Laufer
Director, Faces of Children

**Illuminata, a Return to Prayer* by Marianne Williamson, Riverhead Books, New York, 1994

Worship



The Bridge “sermon only” CDs are available

Order forms are available at the church reception area or call Rhondy at 684-7821 to place an order.

DVDs now available upon request

of 11:00 am worship in the Sanctuary.

Cost of each DVD is \$5.

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly”. Matthew 6:6
(King James version)



The Prayer Closet is there for YOU. PLEASE feel free to step in and close the door and PRAY.



Equip

Artwork by:

Top Lft-Rt:
Reagan Wheeler
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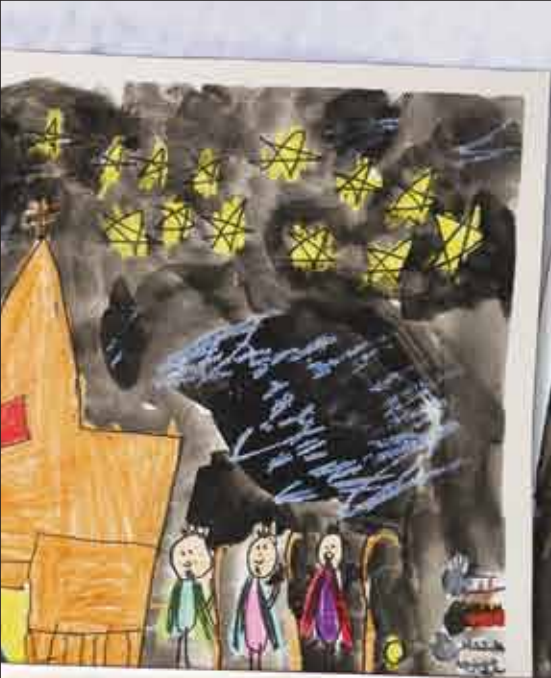
Middle Lft-Rt:
Leighton Petty
Porter Hankins

Bottom Lft-Rt:
Nathan Swallow
John Mee
Grace Davis

Advent Art Day

Picturing Jesus' Birth





Advent came early for 27 children who gathered on Sunday, November 6 for an Advent Art Day. Children in kindergarten through 6th grade recalled the characters and events of Jesus' birth and put their imaginings on paper in the form of watercolors, pastels, and drawings. A nativity who's-who story time, scavenger hunt, ornament-making project, and pizza, topped off an afternoon of creativity and fun led by Mary Beth Anton, Chrissie Mee, Kathy Schorr and Margy Tettleton.

The children's artwork pictured here, along with much more, will be exhibited during advent in the Garden Gallery, and will be featured on the announcement monitors, in the Bridge worship services, and on church bulletins throughout this holiday season. Experience Jesus birth anew through the eyes of the children in our church family.



The Early Childhood Ministry Committee is once again selling poinsettias for our annual fundraiser. Brighten your home or give a gift of this holiday favorite! There will be white or red six inch plants for \$12.00 and red ten inch bushes for \$40.00. The order forms are available at the Child Development Center desk. Payments must be made with your order. The poinsettias will be available for pickup beginning the week of November 29th. Over the years this has been a great fund raiser for the CDC which uses the money to purchase supplies and equipment for the children. We look forward to providing you some Christmas cheer as you support our children.

From Mee to You

Children's Ministry Newsbrief

Here we are quickly approaching the Advent season. The anticipation is already in the air. *(Some stores have had Christmas items out since July, our society does push commercialism).* Yet, Advent should be a time that we can be silent, introspective, listen and acknowledge the Lord.

A.W. Tonzer says in *The Pursuit of God*, "Lord teach me to listen. The times are noisy and my ears are weary with the raucous sounds which continually assault them. Give me the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said to Thee, "Speak, for thy servant heareth." Let me hear Thee speaking in my heart. Let me get used to the sound of Thy voice, that its tones may be familiar when the sounds of earth die away and the only sound will be music of Thy speaking voice. Amen.

Help your family not fall into the busyness of what culture thinks we should do and be. Use this Advent season to allow your family and yourself to focus of your relationship with God. Take time to listen, REALLY listen. Be intentional in your time together as a family. Give yourselves back the gift of time, without so many distractions. Have a wonderful Advent season!

His,
Chrissie Mee
Director of Children's Ministry

Music Ministry Notes

What is Christmas without.....MUSIC!

Come and be a part of the Sanctuary Choir for the Christmas Season!!!

As Advent and Christmas are almost upon us, we would invite your prayerful consideration to join the Sanctuary Choir for the Advent/Christmas season. Music is such an essential part of this wonderful time of the year, and the Choir would love to have you join us! For more information, please contact Greg at 684-7821, ext. 139, or gpys@fpcmid.org.

Round the Table Carol Sing Band

If you would like to join in the rollicking "Round the Table Carol Sing" band on December 19, please contact the music ministry office. Even if you haven't taken your clarinet out of its case in a year or two (or three), we want you to join us! For more information, please call Greg at 684-7821, ext. 139, or e-mail gpys@fpcmid.org.

Angel Tree

For the past 11 years FPC, on behalf of Angel Tree, has hosted a party every December for over 100 children with their families. These children, by no fault of their own, have one or both parents in prison. This year we were informed by Prison Fellowship, the ministry that administers Angel Tree, that there were over 190 children in the Midland area that they were unable to place with sponsor churches. We have decided to take the 190 children along with the 130 children that we previously agreed to take. Due to the fact that we will be providing Christmas to over 300 children this year, we have elected to change the program to better serve these children.

This year, in lieu of the traditional Christmas Party, we will invite these children with their caregivers to a Christmas shopping spree to be held at Target on the morning of December 3rd from 7 am - 10 am. Target has graciously agreed to open their doors early and provide additional staff to ease the process. We will need volunteers to be at Target that morning to greet these children and their families. We will provide them with a Bible and a note from their incarcerated parent. We will also need to help some through the shopping as they will have multiple children. We will be providing each child with a \$60 gift card to be used for clothing and a toy. Therefore, please also consider giving financially to the FPC - Angel Tree fund. Should you have any questions or wish to participate in this incredible event, please contact Stuart Beal at 682-3753.



Africa 2012

It's already time to start thinking about our annual church-planting trip to East Africa. Next summer, we're heading back to Uganda. If you're interested in going, or just want to find out more information, please download an application from our website or pick one up at the Texas Street reception desk. Call Pastor Walter Thompson, 432-684-7821 or e-mail at walter@fpcmid.org for more details.

The Christmas Holidays Can Be Painful

The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Mary Margaret Davis, Suzy Boldrick, Andye Conly, Nancy Baker or Rev. Walter Thompson.

Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Get Ready for the Goodies!

On Sunday, December 4, from 9 am to 12 pm, the Child Development Center will be holding its annual bake sale in front of Lynn Hall. Parents and friends of the CDC will provide homemade delicacies just in time for you to stock up for holiday entertaining and giving. In the past, there have been cookies, cakes, pies, salsa, bread, jams, cocoa mixes, and brownies to name a few. Stop by and see all the yummy goodies we have this year!

All donations are used by the Child Development Center to purchase equipment and supplies for the children, so you can grab some delicious goodies while supporting this wonderful program. Your continued support of our children is always greatly appreciated.

Body Recall



Body Recall is a low impact exercise program for senior adults that is designed to offer all people a better quality of life through responsible movement that is pain-free and possible.

Classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
9:00 am – 10:00 am and
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Feel free to join us in the Family Life Center, Room 228.

Serve



MAAS Client Gifts

PLEASE HELP...

...WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OUR CLIENTS WITH HIV/AIDS. FOR MOST OF OUR CLIENTS, THIS IS THE ONLY CHRISTMAS THEY EVER HAVE.

The party is on December 9.

We would need items delivered to the MAAS office as soon as possible, so we can have time to package them.

Please put your name with it so we will know whom to thank.

If you have any questions, call Judy Warren at 664-2888 or 694-2852. God bless you.

IDEAS:

socks - womens and mens, (*more mens than womens*), sweaters of any kind, candles, calendars for 2012, sugar free candy, movie passes, bowling passes, crosses, journals, pens, notebooks, toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, soaps, bubble bath, fruit, throws, bibles (*study or small ones*), devotional books, gloves, hand towels for the kitchen. **HOMEMADE GOODIES OF ANY KIND!!!!!!**



Invite



Sunday School

Join us every Sunday at 9:30 am SHARP for Sunday School in room 228! This is a great place to dig into Scripture and life and how they intersect. Bring a friend...bring 10 friends...and join some awesome, loving adults who are crazy about Jesus and you!

JOLT

All youth meet together with guys or girls your own age in a small group environment where it is safe to share, ask questions, and simply "do life" as a family together. This is a great place to grow in your faith while growing in relationships with others.

Most groups will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm - for specific details contact Becky Holmes, 684-7821.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes meet Sundays at 6:00 pm in the Koinonia room. For more information, contact Shannon Weisenfels, 684-7821



Ski Escape 2012

We are going to bring in 2012 in Winter Park, Colorado! The youth Ski Escape 2012 is December 29, 2011-January 1, 2012 where we will have a great time of fun, fellowship, and SNOW!!!

Christmas Boxes For Our Troops

Wednesday, November 30, 2011
6:30-8:00 pm



Our youth will join with youth from the other Midland Presbyterian churches as well as the church from Big Spring to put together boxes for the troops. These will be filled the following week with goodies so they can be sent to the troops in time for Christmas.

We will have pizza too!!!

Parent's Night Out

Dec. 2nd and 9th - 5:00 pm-10:00 pm

Sign up in the nursery hallway starting Sunday morning before the event.

Saturday, Dec 3 Noon - 3 pm

A movie and activity day for children birth through Grade 2. *Lunch will be provided.* Drop off children ages birth to 4 in Nursery and age 5 through 2nd grade in Lynn Hall.



Ages 0-4 can participate in Santa's Helpers Day 10:00 am-3:00 pm in room 137.

Space is limited; sign up for both will be in the nursery hallway beginning November 20th.

Registration in the Nursery hallway begins November 20.

Contact Taresa Kellogg or Chrissie Mee at 684-7821 for more information.

Wrap It Up

Monday, December 19
9:00 am - 2:00 pm in Lynn Hall

Finish wrapping those gifts, Christmas cards or last minute crafts. While you tie up loose ends, enjoy Christmas music along with snacks and drinks.

Limited childcare by reservation-Sign up in the Nursey hallway beginning December 1.



Primetimers Events

Come help with Operation Bless the Children!

We will be wrapping shoe boxes to help get ready for the Mission Project Operation Bless the Children. Come to the Koinonia Room at 9:00 am until 3:00 pm with your scissors in hand on Tuesday, November 29. Come enjoy a lot of fellowship and a little hands-on mission work.

Primetimers Christmas will be on Friday, December 2, at 5:30 pm in Lynn Hall at First Presbyterian Church. We will have beef tips and all the fixins' prepared by our own Angelo. The cost will be \$12 and your reservations will be made with prepayment of the \$12 before Wednesday, November 30. We will also have our traditional White Elephant gift exchange so bring an item that you can share with someone else or a gift not valued over \$5. These gifts need to be wrapped so they can be easily unwrapped. The bus will pick up at Manor Park to help individuals who would like a ride. Call the church office to reserve your seat on the bus - seats will be limited. This is always a fun event and we will have lots of surprises.

Bethlehem Production at Ragtown Gospel Theater

We will see the matinee performance at the Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post, Texas on Saturday, December 3, 2011. In a story that takes us from Heaven, before the throne of the Father, to a humble stable in Judea, the musical drama "Bethlehem" will forever change the way you look at the birth of the Savior. Enjoy a full hour of vibrant and uplifting southern gospel music featuring Chip Polk. This trip will be filled with lots of surprises. We will visit the OS Ranch Museum and you will be given the opportunity to check out a few Christmas gifts at the Post Trade Days activities. The cost will be \$20 paid in advance for the theater ticket, reserving your seat on the mini bus. You will need to bring money for your meals and any other purchases. We will leave from the church parking lot at 7:30 am.

Scrapbooking and Jewelry making and repair- Thursday, December 8 - 10:00 am - Koinonia Room - Bring your photographs to organize, crop or just visit about them. Come and work until 2:00 p.m. and we will pick up something for lunch. Joyce Watts will help with jewelry ideas and repair. Sharla Somers will show you fast and easy shortcuts to get your pictures in albums ready to enjoy. All ages are welcome.

Men's Lunch Out on Tuesday, December 13 - 11:30 am. We will meet at Sam's Bar B Q at 1113 E. Scharbauer Dr. Come for the good food, fun and fellowship with good friends.

Come help with the Primetimers Mission project. We gather on Wednesday, December 14, at 2:00 pm in the Koinonia Room. The Primetimers have an ongoing mission project. The items we would like to include are: toothpaste, toothbrush, bar of soap, hair combs, small bottles of shampoo, conditioner and hand lotion. If you would like to contribute any of these items for this project, please drop by the reception desk. Come help and plan to stay and watch the movie at 3:00 pm.

Come get out of the cold, relax and enjoy the Movie Matinee scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, at 3:00 pm in the church parlor. The movie this month is Seven Days in Utopia. This movie is based on the best-selling inspirational book *Golf's Sacred Journey*. The story shows how a person's personal journey can be given a jolt in the most unlikely of places. Utopia is a small Texas town - population 375. This is an awesome film and makes you think about life competitions, and moral lessons of faith! Come get see a great movie and enjoy the fellowship.

The purpose of the Angels in Apron ministry is to provide ready to eat food for a small fee in individual frozen servings. The January menu will be King Ranch chicken casserole, chicken pot pie, 7 bean soup, broccoli almond casserole, and banana split salad. This is an outstanding menu and you can place your order by calling Rhondy at the church office. **Your order must be placed by Thursday, December 22.** The small individual portions can be picked up and paid for on Thursday, January 5, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the Family Life Center area foyer.

Date Change

FPC Men's Retreat is back!

Jim Houston-Hencken and Steve Wilkins will be our featured speakers February 17-19, 2012 at the Warren Ranch.

Cost will be \$125 per person; scholarships are available. Registration will begin later in the Fall.

If you would like to be a part of the planning team, please contact Jamey Lucas.



Operation Bless the Children

United with friends, families, churches, schools, and organizations the *Hope Box Project* has been able to touch the lives of thousands of children during the Christmas season. Children of different ages, backgrounds, and a diversity of needs have been helped through this life-impacting outreach. By giving a small portion of the many blessings we have received, we are able to see smiling faces and happy hearts in the lives of needy children. You are invited to join the *Hope Box Project* by picking up an empty, pre-wrapped shoe box located outside the Chapel or wrap your own shoe box or plastic tub and fill with gifts for a child. Instruction sheets are in the pre-wrapped shoe boxes or you may find one at the reception desk. Together we will proclaim the true meaning of the birth of Jesus Christ and His love for the world.

For additional information, call Terry Miller at 556-6492.

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