



Congratulations!



High School Graduates!

Andy Bentley & Shyla Davilla

College Graduates!

Connor Kennedy & Benjamin Turbeville

Melinda's Musings

Last week was quite a week for me! I attended a 5-day course regarding transitional ministry. Notice I didn't say transitional MINISTER. No, it didn't just concern me, as your pastor, but rather how I might lead you into these months ahead as you transition into the next phase of FPC's life.

There are so many things I want to share with you, but that will take time. Just know that we have much work to do to discern what God is calling FPC to do and be in the future. I know that together we will see a vision of that and live into the new opportunities God has in store.

Over the next several months we will seek to answer the questions: "What's going on?" "What does God have to do with it?" and, "What shall we do?"

Please begin praying for God's leading in this transition time, that together, we will discern the will of God that FPC may be the beacon of light it is called to be.

With love for you all,
melinda



Please come and help welcome our Interim Pastor, Melinda Hunt, on Sunday, June 2nd, following morning worship.

Melinda will be providing pastoral care and congregational needs while the church is seeking a permanent pastor.

Dear Church Family,

Earl and I would like to tell everyone a very grateful thanks for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits during Earl's time of need. He is residing at Renaissance and doing therapy. He is cheerful and appreciates visitors even if he may be sleeping or eating. I appreciate the support that has been offered and the prayers offered on Earl's behalf.

Prayers work. —Sylvia & Earl Deaver



Why wear a Name Tag in Church?



“A person’s name is the sweetest sound they will hear in any language. When you use their names, you will make them feel appreciated, welcome and important. People wear name tags more often than you think. The majority of retail establishments, stores and other social gatherings require name tags for several purposes. Sometimes it’s for security. Other name tags are solely for identification. But simply stated, people wear name tags for one reason: so other people can use their names for friendlier, more personable service and conversation.” -*Scott Ginsberg*

Here are some reasons for you to wear a nametag at church:

- ☐ A nametag is a permission slip that makes it okay to talk to someone you don’t yet know.
- ☐ A nametag is an invitation for friendliness.
- ☐ Nametags help us get to know one another; the minute you know someone’s name, you immediately feel closer and more connected to that person. Simply stated, names re-duce the distance between people.
- ☐ Nametags help the newest folks on staff remember your name.

There are nametags at both entrances. Let’s ALL start wearing a nametag!

****Below is a recipe of the amazing green beans that were brought by a teacher from Edison Elementary on April 28th for our Fellowship Luncheon. So many of you requested the recipe, so we thought we would share it with everyone! Enjoy!****

Recipe:

Old Fashioned Green Beans with Bacon & Brown Sugar

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Yield: 10

Cook Time: 1 hour

5 (15 oz.) cans green beans; 10-12 slices of bacon; $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar; $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter, melted; $\frac{1}{4}$ cup soy sauce; 2 tsp minced garlic

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with foil, then spread out the bacon and bake it for 20 minutes or until crispy.

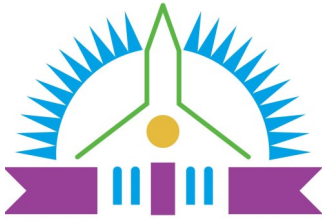
While the bacon is cooking, open and drain the green beans, then spread them out in a 9”x13” baking dish.

In a small bowl, whisk together the brown sugar, melted butter, soy sauce and minced garlic. Pour it over the green beans.

After the bacon is crispy, remove it from the oven, drain, and chop it. Spread it over the green beans. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F, then bake the beans for 40 minutes.

Enjoy!





140 Years and Still Counting

In 1879, Gainesville boasted a population of a little over 2600. Despite that low figure, excitement was growing amongst the business leaders. They knew something momentous was about to happen, an event destined to dramatically change Gainesville's future. That event was the arrival of the railroad, with the MK & T scheduled to chug into town later in the year and the Santa Fe posed to follow in the next few years. Railroads usually brought prosperity and a population surge to a community. Within a decade, Gainesville's population would soar to over 6500 people.

Just as business leaders were excited about the future so were church leaders.

Gainesville held out the promise of being a good place to launch a new church. Late in May or possibly early in June 1879 the Rev. H.L. Little, Synod missionary in Texas, rode into Gainesville to meet with a Rev. W.L. Miller. Together, they hoped to establish a new Presbyterian congregation in town.

On Friday, June 6, 1879 "in a room of the old Methodist church on Main Street, First Presbyterian Church was officially organized with nine charter members." Those nine members signed a charter and to function "as a Presbyterian congregation it was necessary for the church to elect one of the nine (Mr. Cunningham, presumably the only male of the nine) as the first elder and the Rev. Miller as the first pastor, serving for one year."

Thus, the First Presbyterian Church was launched with the prayers of nine people and the minister. Those prayers were fulfilled as the church grew and prospered. This year marks the 140th anniversary of the founding of the congregation in Gainesville. On June 9 as we celebrate Pentecost, we will also be celebrating 140 years of the church with a special meal. Please come and join in as we look back on our past and prepare for the future. If you have any historic photos of the church or congregation members, please contact Shana Powell.



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!!

On Sunday, June 9th, we will be joining with churches around the world to celebrate Pentecost Sunday – the traditional birthday of the Church! **Red and white** will be the colors of the day - we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper – and we will be gathering after worship for a special "birthday party". Bring your favorite and ample dish for the covered-dish lunch in Tyler Hall. Come and join us as we gather to celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the community of faith. We will be also be celebrating our 140th anniversary (June 6, 1879) of the organization of First Presbyterian Church, Gainesville!



Hello!

I can be found on the end of your pew in the Sanctuary. On Sundays, please sign in and pass to the others on your pew, then pass back to the beginning.

This will help us know who is in worship with us on Sundays!

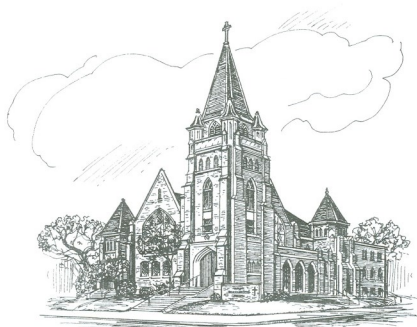


From the August 25, 1954 Session meeting:

"The report of the theft of two large cooling fans and a typewriter from the church was made and the police were notified."



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Angel Box Ministry UPDATES!

Members of the angel box creations have been busy this year. We sent five boxes to Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington, IL & six to Aspirus Wausau Hospital in Wausau, WI.

Ten boxes were sent earlier to Inspriva Health Network in Newfield, NJ.

Our thank you notes from these hospitals are always posted on the bulletin board. They are defiantly appreciated.

Members who participated this time were Lydia Ansley, Retha Bond, Pam Cooper & Carol McBride.

Anyone interested in joining our group can find us down in Tyler Hall the fourth Monday of each month at 2:00p.m. We will be on vacation in July.

