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Associate Pastor's Column

"Get out of your heads." That was the phrase I borrowed from an adult volunteer from First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth while on the senior high mission trip to Cortez, Colorado earlier this summer. It was a challenge I laid out in front of our students who gave a week of their summer to serve the community of Cortez, Colorado—the poorest town in the state of Colorado. They embraced this challenge to get out of their heads—to set aside their own agendas, desires, and needs for a week and to fully immerse themselves in the experience—with extraordinary love and commitment.

This was our third mission trip with Youthworks, an organization based in Minnesota that specializes in empowering young people to do mission work in our world. Each year, I grow more impressed with Youthworks as an organization and the work they are doing in this country through the lives of teenagers. It was also our second time joining with one of my best friends, Josh Stewart, and his youth group from First Presbyterian, Fort Worth. Rekindling friendships from last summer and starting new ones made the trip that much greater.

Throughout the week we worked alongside FPFW and a small group from First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We were split up into small work groups, and each work group had the opportunity to work two days on various home repair projects and two days to work with very underprivileged children in a program called "Kids Club."

All week, our students had great passion and energy for their work projects and mission goals. I am so proud of our students who went on this trip because they worked so hard on the house projects, they treated the children with dignity and respect, they fed the hungry, they were compassionate and patient with the elderly in the nursing homes, they participated in communal living tasks (meal preparation, clean up crew, etc.), they obeyed the Youthworks staff, they laughed with each other, they danced with joy, they gave tons of piggyback rides to the little ones in Kids Club, and through it all, they "got out of their heads" and thus took advantage of every moment to serve God's kingdom.

You cannot underestimate the impact that mission trips have on our youth. It is huge, and I am so thankful

that we had such a Spirit-filled experience in Cortez. If you're a parent of one of our youth, please don't let them miss out on future mission trips. I wish everyone could see our youth in action in this context—it's simply a joy to behold. I think all of our students would agree with me that this was not only a great mission trip, but it was an incredibly important one. I'm confident that the seeds planted in our youth that week, as well as in the people of Cortez, will produce great fruit in the future. May we all "get out of our heads" as we serve one another in joy, trusting God to make us more of ourselves as we shift the focus from our selves.

In Christ,

Session Highlights

At its June 17 meeting the Session:

- Learned that Grace Presbytery will eliminate three permanent staff positions in 2010 because of declining income.
 - Approved a request from Grace Presbytery to meet at St. Andrew on February 27, 2010.
 - Discussed the recently completed Annual Internal Review of Financial Records.
 - Approved suspension of Sunday evening worship until Rally Day, August 30, 2009.
 - Learned that the redesign of our website is in progress and that digital photos are needed of church members at work and play.
 - Learned that a respite care program for Alzheimer's caregivers will be located at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Denton.
 - With joy, received news that the summer lunch program, Vacation Bible School, and a new Treehouse summer session are all going extremely well.
- Gail Graves, Clerk of Session

♦ IN MEMORIAM ♦

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live. JOHN 11:25

We give thanks to God for the lives of these saints and their witness to the faith.

JOHN GOSSETT

December 18, 1951 — June 7, 2009

TOM HARPOOL

May 11, 1918 — June 10, 2009

Jenny Hawkins Executive Director, Our Daily Bread



We are delighted to introduce Jenny Hawkins to the St. Andrew community. Jenny comes to the position of Executive Director of Our Daily Bread with years of experience both as a volunteer and director of multiple non-profits. Jenny has a degree in Management from Sam Houston State University and is currently pursuing her MBA at UNT. She is recently married with two children, two cats and a dog.

Jenny spends the middle part of her day with the clients in Fellowship Hall. Her office is tucked away upstairs opposite the sanctuary balcony doors. Be sure to stop by and say hello the next time you're here.

You can contact Jenny through email at jenny.hawkins@gmail.com.

Lou Korom Office Assistant



We are delighted to welcome Lou Korom, our new part-time Office Assistant, to St. Andrew. He'll be working closely with Sue Russell and his hours will be from 10:00am to 2:00pm, M-F. Lou comes to us from Illinois, where he attended Trinity Evangelical Divinity School this past year. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself.

Men of St. Andrew at Mo-Ranch

The annual Men's Conference at Mo-ranch was held May 1-3 this year and 13 men from St. Andrew attended. They were Elmer Adams, Michael Ball, Joey Brindle, Jay Carradine, Colton and Mark Glasschroeder, Rafat Haddad, Bob Heilig, Sid Lunsford, Larry Monroe, Stephen Pilcher, Carson and Curtis Wells. The Rev. Bob Crilley, pastor of First Church, Grapevine, was the keynote speaker; the theme of this year's conference was Integrity: Living a Consistent Life.

Gentlemen, now is an ideal time to register for the 2010 Men's Conference, which will be held April 30-May 2. The men of St. Andrew typically stay in the Guest Lodge, so keep that in mind as you make your reservation. For more information, visit www.moranch.com, or talk to one of the men listed above. We would love to have you join us!
- Michael Ball



From Our Facilities Manager

Jim White, our facilities manager, wants you to know that:

- The City of Denton has posted NO PARKING signs on both sides of Bolivar Street between McKinney and Oak Streets. So beware--street side parking on Bolivar is no longer permissible.
- If you've stayed at the cabin in Pagosa Springs recently, you'll agree that the queen and two double bed mattresses and spring sets need to be replaced. The replacement costs will be approximately \$2,000. Warren has established a Pagosa Lodge Bedding Fund and contributions are welcome. To make a donation, make the check out to St. Andrew, with Cabin Bedding Replacement on the memo line. Then direct your check to Jim White. Thanks for your participation!

Mission Quest '09 Update

The elementary aged children of St. Andrew are hard at work on weekly mission projects each Wednesday in July. We invite you and your children to join us if you haven't already begun to participate. The mission projects they are working on, which will touch children's lives near and far, include the following.

- The children are raising money on Sunday mornings so we can send Children's Chapel story sets to Casita Benjamin in Guatemala City. The story sets will be used with the children who attend that childcare center, helping them hear about and see God's love for them.
- Local mission projects include Snack Packs (individually packaged granola bars, fruit bars, snack crackers, etc.) for the children of Our Daily Bread and Birthday Bags (cake mix, frosting, cupcake liners, candles, party plates & napkins) for the children who attend Denton Christian Preschool.
- The national mission project has the children collecting new or gently used duffel or tote bags for CPS kids. The St. Andrew children will decorate cards to provide a cheerful note to accompany the tote's necessities (pillow cases, wash cloths, toiletries, etc.).



Did You Know?

- Joe Fritz was inducted recently into the Farmers' Insurance Topper Club in recognition of his outstanding sales achievements last year.
- Joe and Betty Alford were the recipients of the 2009 TWU Founders' Award this spring for their contributions in support of the University.
- Sue Bancroft was appointed to the TWU Board of Regents; where she will serve until February 1, 2015.
- Elmer and Jean Adams were honored for their life-long faithful participation in worship at the Annual Sacred Music Reading Sessions for church musicians presented by the Church Music Institute in June.



August Birthdays

- 1 Lamar Ball
- 3 Elaine Kennedy
Don Louis
Lori Luce
Walker Patterson
Charles Guerrero
- 4 Carrie Bethea
Jonsie Pickrell
Emily Nelsen
Trinity Ball
- 5 Celia Reid
Rhonda Thomas
Ethan VanderLugt
- 6 Lois Mohat
Paul Mathis
Laura Harrison
Ginny Candelaria
- 7 Amy Cole
Courtland Kristoferson
Blaine Smith
- 8 Donna Puyear
Glenn Tolle
Corwyn Raesz
- 9 Helen Welborn
Eddie Williams III
- 10 June McNeill
- 11 Deborah Forsyth
- 12 Bill Cornelius
- 13 Joe Wright
- 14 Arthur Wilmoth
Billy Jack Normile
Larry Womack
- 15 Jean Adams
Barbara Kindred
Tara Simpson
Hunter Lewis
- 16 Marion Allen
Brooke Jenkins
- 17 Marsha Hellum
Dede Hubbard
- 18 Dorothy Anderson
Lisa Rosenberg
Karon Brown
- 19 Nancy Griffin
Buzz Vaughn
Brenda Jordan
- 20 Gary Coday
- 21 Liz Camp
Chuck Smith
Judy Cherry
Virgil Strange
Lisa Jones
Rebecca Lawson
Robby Griffith
- 22 Ronnie Van Atta
Denise Stubblefield
Jonathan Fite
Mark Hutchison
Ethan Neumann
- 23 Sue Hays
Marie Trichka
Reca Oliver
- 24 Lynn Carrico
Shelley Klingemann
Jeanie Fite
James Fite
- 25 Pam Fitzgerald
Evangel Odei
- 26 Ruth Parnell
Tristan Ball
- 28 Bobby Fincher
Leigh Kitchens
John Cartwright
- 29 Ray George
Linda Hellig
- 30 Terry Widmer
Christina Darby
- 31 Kay Moorehead
Brett Forester
Madison Wuensche
Gracie Darby
Tanner Simpson

Thank You!

Dear St. Andrew:

At the passing of our father, we pause to reflect. We are truly blessed to be members of this extraordinary congregation. For all the cards and words of condolence, for the lovely flowers and memorial contributions to charity in remembrance, for the food prepared so lovingly, for the arms that enveloped us and the celebration services so magnificently conducted we are forever indebted. We give thanks and wish for peace and grace for each and all.

- BL and Ray Jordan
- Bette and Bob Sherman

From Karen Gossett:

I would like to thank everyone at St. Andrew for the cards, the transportation, the calls, Clarice Luce and the Bereavement Committee, and of course, your unconditional love and support during John's illness. I hope you will understand and forgive John for not accepting visitors, but in my heart I know he appreciated all of you. The church was very special to him and it was evident at the memorial service that it was reciprocal. I am very happy to be a part of this great Family.

Thank you for caring.

Stephen Ministry News

- The Stephen Ministry team will hold an Open House during our regular meeting Monday, August 17, and we invite you to visit. If you're interested in finding out what Stephen Ministry is all about, please join us that evening. We bring a brown bag supper at 5:30 pm, eating together before we begin our meetings at 6:00 pm. Our presentation will be on Elder Care from a local representative of the Council on Aging.
- Stephen Ministers Randy Whipple and Lynn Carrico have just completed their week long Leadership training in Dallas and will be commissioned in the near future. Elizabeth (Watson) Monroe was hospitalized and unable to join them as originally planned. We welcome Lynn and Randy to St. Andrew's Stephen Leader team.

The Reformation Corner

Question: Who is part of the Church?

Response: The church embraces all persons who desire to be followers of Jesus Christ, yet also recognizes that no one can be a perfect disciple.



Prayer Concerns

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| Beth Goocher | Elizabeth Monroe |
| Mary Ellen Hogarth | Theresa Tweedy |
| Gordon Braly | Brianna Vaughn, |
| Sophia Lilley, | graddaughter of |
| mother of Lisa | Carolyn Vaughn |
| Haddad | Kristi Harrison, |
| Barry Lichfield, | friend of Ralph & |
| father of Lisa Jones | Betty Culp |
| Family of Ruth | |
| Schwoyer, aunt of | |
| Karen Raabe | |

Presbyterian Women

We recently sent 51 baby gowns, three baby blankets and six baby caps to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Service Center, for distribution to hospitals overseas. We work on the fourth Tuesday morning of the month on the Rec Center mezzanine. We are taking July and August off, but will begin meeting again in September. If you have questions, please contact Irma Waring, 940.387.5734 or ilwaring@verizon.net.

Giving Update

The congregation of St. Andrew gave generously to the following in May and June. Thank You!

- Six Homebound Communion Kits, donated in May, \$420.00
- Pentecost Offering, received May 31, 2009, \$647.00
- Menaul School fundraiser, ending June 30, \$600.00

Apple Tree Project

There's still time to make a donation. Be sure to write Apple Tree Project on the check memo line. The deadline for clothing is this Sunday, July 26, and for donations, August 2, 2009.

*The Sunday Evening Worship Service
will resume August 30, 2009, at 6:15 pm.*

COLOPHON

August Deadline: *Wednesday, August 12, 2009*

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Apologies to Tate Servis—the editor apologizes to Tate and his family for incorrectly identifying him in the June article on the high school graduates of 2009.

Our Daily Bread - June 2009

Patrons Served: 3,449

Meals Served: 4,368

Food Cost per Patron Served: \$0.22

Senior High Back Packing Trip

Brandon Lewis, Joel Hays, Katie Tolle and a group of high school students are on a backpacking trip in Colorado. They will return this Friday, July 24, 2009. Please keep them in your prayers.

Habitat Women Build

The house is located at 612 Wilson, in southeast Denton; work begins at 8:30 am Saturdays, concluding at 4:30 pm. Contact Susan Pierce, susan.pierce@unt.edu, for more information.

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