

Prepare for Disasters Before they Strike: Build a Disaster Supplies Kit



There are 6 basics you should stock for your home in the case of an emergency: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies and special items for medical conditions. Keep the items that you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container. The American Red Cross web site, www.redcross.org/services/prepare is an excellent resource and lists the items they believe to be most important. Personally, I put many things in a backpack and a duffel bag. The list of items that I need to add, e.g. meds is kept on my refrigerator.

Additionally, important family documents should be kept in a waterproof, portable container: will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds, passports, social security cards, immunization records, bank account records, credit card account numbers and company names. Additionally, you may want to have a container of: an inventory of valuable household goods and important telephone numbers, family records of birth, marriage, and any death certificates. Store these in a convenient place known to all family members, preferably in airtight plastic bags.

We all know that while we live in an area often hit by severe storms, tornadoes and wild fires, we also know that we have an EXCELLENT warning system in nearby Norman, Oklahoma that identifies and warns us of impending disasters. We have much to be thankful for. However, we should do our share by preparing for them.

Be sure a friend or a family member who doesn't live with you is aware of your emergency plans, particularly where in your home you will seek shelter in case of an emergency. Someone should know where to find you in the event your home is damaged in a storm.

Submitted by Jo Flanders



April Anniversaries

- Don & Beverly Moody ~ April 11, 1952 ~ Celebrating 64 years*
- Chris & Vicki Zimmerman ~ April 12, 1974 ~ Celebrating 42 years*
- Bill & Rosella McQuain ~ April 20, 1957 ~ Celebrating 59 years*
- Dale & Colleen Pallock ~ April 29, 1967 ~ Celebrating 49 years*

Happy April Birthday!

Let's Pray Prayers of Joy for These People on Their Special Day!

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|  | 04/03 Bill Dewey | 04/13 Charlie Coker |  |
| | 04/08 Abby Green | 04/20 Rick Trent | |
|  | 04/08 Margo Jones | 04/21 Danial Flanders |  |
| | 04/09 LaJuan Fleming | 04/22 Madison Caldwell | |
| | | 04/30 Cort Manaugh | |

If we missed your Birthday, please let us know.

Youth Food Harvest

This month's theme is "Spring Cleaning"

You could bring any soaps or other useful cleaning products.

Please bring your donation to the church on April 17th.



A lunch honoring April Birthdays will be held at Jimmy's Egg at noon on Wednesday, April 20th. *Everyone is welcome.* Please call or email me your plans to attend and I'll contact the restaurant with our reservation each month. Thank you, Sally Telephone (580) 736-3910 or Email salsroom.g@gmail.com

CLERK'S CORNER.....

Your session met on March 9th. This was the first meeting at our new time, 10:00 am, on the second Wednesday of each month. I think this will work out well for everyone.

I am writing this on Palm Sunday. It is also the first day of spring and the trees are leafing out and/or blooming, along with tulips and other spring flowers. It has been so warm this year, my petunias came back from last year and are already in full bloom. It's a beautiful season of the year and by the time you read this, Easter will have come and gone. A time of new beginnings!

Speaking of new beginnings, Rev Mike started a class on the book of Hebrews which is held every Monday morning at 11:00 am. It's an interesting and informative class so if you haven't been attending, you might want to try it. He's a great teacher.

Your session set Sunday, April 10th, as the date for the annual congregational and corporate meeting. The annual report and the budget will be handed out on Sunday, April 3rd, so everyone will have a chance to review it prior to the meeting.

In case you haven't been to church recently, we are praying for Sue Beall. She had a bad break of the femur bone. The last we heard, she is home and doing well although she is in some pain. We miss her and hope she will be back soon.

We also received news on Saturday, March 19th, that Augusta Slagle had passed into the arms of her Lord and Savior. What a great lady! She will be missed.

Until next month,
Blessings from your Session.
Joan Drake, Clerk of Session

The current FPC 'Family and Friends' eDirectory issue number is 001 (Original Issue). You will be advised of future eDirectory updates in Faith-At-Work.

Dear First Presbyterian Women Church,

Christians Concerned sincerely thanks you for your generous donation for the year of 2015.

Christians Concerned, a United Way Agency, is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping those in need in the Duncan area.

Jesus said, "I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was naked, and you gave me clothing; I was sick, and you took care of me... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."
Matt 25:35-40



Christians Concerned helps others because we believe God calls us to care. May He bless you richly for assisting us in helping others in our community.

Sincerely,
Christians Concerned

Dear Women of the First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for generously donating to the Gabriel's House After School Program! We appreciate your attentiveness to our ongoing needs and your continued financial support of our program. We will use the money you gave to purchase snacks and supplies for the children enrolled in our program.

Sincerely,

Gabriel's House Inc.



PRAYER CORNER

Let us keep our family and friends in our prayers
Beverly Chalkboyer, Emily Ritter, Charlotte Utley, Judy Holtmyer, Terry Evans, Debe Roger's family, and Iris Cope's Family.

Let us remember those unable to attend worship service
Colleen Winn, Jack Munn, Beverly Moody and Augusta Slagle

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Robin Caldwell
Sue Beall

Class of 2017
Joan Drake
Mike Grantham

Class of 2018
Joanne Flanders
Bennie Drake

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Chip Woods

Class of 2017
Nancy Grantham
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Class of 2018
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We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on **April 3, 2015** during the worship service.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS

April 22, 2015



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If you have anything that you would like to share in F-A-W I would be happy to see it. Please call, email, or drop a note by the church office.

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(A version of the following article, "Baseball and Religion" will appear in an issue of next month's Duncan Banner)

Dear Friends,

Let me start by confessing that I am a card-carrying baseball fanatic. Like so many young boys, I idolized the big leaguers and grew up with ambitious dreams of becoming the next Hall of Fame third baseman. Alas, my ball playing days were short-lived as I soon realized that I was a better dreamer than hitter, but my love for the game has only grown stronger with time. And as I have come to understand more fully the ins and outs of the Christian faith, I am often struck by the congruences between baseball and religion. And the connections are many. As a former teacher of mine - a baseball fan himself - has said: "Baseball is a gospel game."

For example, consider how the humble sacrifice bunt, which moves a runner up to the next base is not only a reflection of the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, but also of the sort of life to which He calls His followers. It is a completely selfless act in which a batter gives up any shot at personal glory for the sake of the team's success. In the Christian gospel we hear the same resounding message: that the way to glory is not through personal achievement, but through sacrifice; more specifically, the sacrifice of Another. In that sense, baseball is a Cross-shaped game, in which victory is hard-earned and is never achieved alone.

But baseball is also a game of hope. With the dawn of a new season nearly upon us, "hope springs eternal" for one and all. Predictions have been made as to who will be this year's team to beat, but before the first pitch is thrown, my Minnesota Twins, who regularly carry one of the smallest payrolls in baseball, are as close to winning a pennant as anyone else. And it is this hope of future glory that presses teams and players forward through the ups and downs of a long season. Even great hitters will go through slumps and great teams will endure losing streaks, superstars will be injured and managers will be fired, just as we experience setbacks in our life of faith. Temptations arise, crises of pain or loss come our way, and we can become easily distracted by other demands. Yet just as struggling hitters keep stepping up to the plate and struggling teams keep showing up to play in hopes that things will turn around for the better, we are commanded to continue striving in our faith, to keep persevering toward the finish line driven forward by the hope that something better awaits.

Finally, baseball is a slow and methodical game, where players are coached not so much to win games as to win individual pitches. In our faith too, growth occurs over time and is more often than not slow in nature. We may recognize crucial events along the way, but, most times, growth happens in a very ordinary and unspectacular way. We go to church, we read our Bibles, we pray and gather with other believers, and slowly we begin to become more faithful, more loving, more compassionate people. In our world of hype and show, it's hardly an exciting process, but this is how God forms and shapes a people to send forth in love and compassion and to be His witnesses on the playing fields of life.

On the journey with you,

Mike