

## New Year's Thoughts

Now's your chance to start the New Year in a new way: not by making a big sweeping change but by doing a few small things!

- 1) Listen to classical music—it reduces your blood pressure;
- 2) Clean your counters—you may take off a few pounds;
- 3) Order an Americano—it contains more copper than brewed coffee, helps to burn fat and is full of antioxidants which fight disease;
- 4) Eat a salad—the more fruits and vegetables you eat, the higher you score on happiness tests;
- 5) Draw a picture—this decreases stress ;
- 6) Clean your desk—dirty or noisy places create more long-term cognitive decline.

Best wishes for a most happy and blessed New Year to one and all—

*Submitted by- Jo Flanders*

## Youth Food Harvest "Pancakes and Syrup" January 21, 2018

## Happy January Birthday!

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



**1/06 Jenna Bentley**

**1/10 Shannon Archer**

*If we missed your Birthday, please let us know.*

A lunch honoring January Birthdays will be held at Jimmy's Egg at noon on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup>. *Everyone is welcome.*

Please call or email your plans to attend to:  
Eloise Hofman [elbohof@cableone.net](mailto:elbohof@cableone.net) or 580-252-2476.

### Follow us on Twitter

Did you know the church recently opened a Twitter account? You can follow us there, just like we are on Facebook. If you are on Twitter, add us!

@FPCDuncan

Did you know that even if you are not on Twitter, you can get text message alerts from First Pres Duncan?

Simply text:

**Follow fpcduncan**

to: **40404**

on any US-based phone and you will begin getting SMS updated whenever we post to our account.

Talk with Venessa or Pastor Matt if you need assistance.



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The remaining money is used at the local level to support the congregations and presbytery's committees, which work for leadership development, presbytery-wide youth events like YouthQuake and sending our youth to national events like Triennium. Our pledge goes to scholarships and assistance for inquirers, candidates, lay pastors, retired church professionals, in addition to supporting retreats and opportunity for spiritual renewal. Our money also helps "keep the lights on" for the presbytery too, helping to pay for a Stated Clerk and administrative assistance for our churches.

In short, our money is used as God's instrument in keeping ministry vibrant and healthy in Oklahoma. The more we give, the more our churches can blossom and flourish as we look into God's bright new future for us.

-Pastor Matt



### Prayer Corner



Let us keep our family and friends in our prayers:

Pat Hale, Lindy McGlothin  
(Bennie and Joan Drake's Daughter)  
Dennis Radford of Kansas City and his  
Taliaferro Family, Cliffa Jean Belinski,  
Rita Martin, Juanell Hunter & Don Baird

Let us remember those unable to attend  
worship service:

Gladys Taylor, Janis Hruby, Colleen Winn, Jack Munn and Beverly Moody

We are Also in Prayer for:

The Family of Charlotte Utley

## Happy Anniversary

*Mike & Jennifer Steil*

*January 3, 1981*

*Celebrating 37 years*

*Jim & Sally Barthell*

*January 6, 1957*

*Celebrating 61 years*

*Mike & Nancy Grantham*

*January 16, 1981*

*Celebrating 37 Years*

*Larry & Lois Harris*

*January 29, 1966*

*Celebrating 52 years*



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Tim Burns

Class of 2020  
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We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on **January 7, 2018** during the worship service.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT FAW ENTRY IS**  
**January 19, 2018**



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**Wednesday Noon Bible Studies Resume**

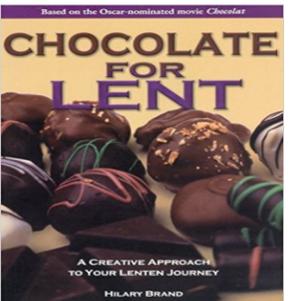
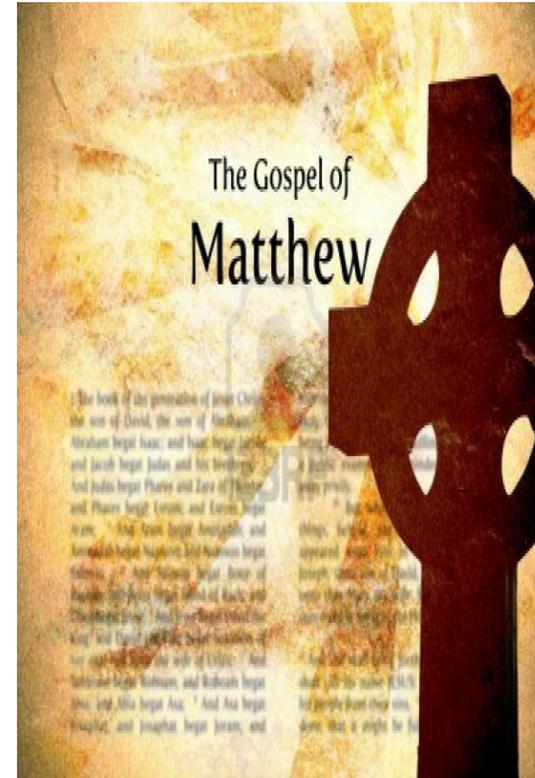
**Beginning January 10, 2018, Wednesday Noon Bible study will resume with a 4-week study of the Gospel of Matthew. Newcomers are welcome! Come at 11:45am or right at noon, bring a sack lunch and a spirit hungry for God's Word. It is a great time of fellowship and learning, with Pastor Matt leading the Bible study.**

Sometimes the weather this month can end up leading to a time of doldrums for many. Don't let January be a cold and isolating time for you. Give yourself the gift of togetherness, study, and the brightness of God's Word. Join us!

**Class on January 10, 24, 31, and February 7.**

During Lent and Holy Week, we will pivot with a fun and exciting study, "Chocolate

for Lent" which will use the Academy Award nominated film *Chocolat*, and explore the themes of Lent as well as related verses from the Bible.



*Please join us for these invigorating studies and deepen your spiritual journey.*

**When We Give to Indian Nations Presbytery, What Do Our Dollars Do?**

With a new year comes new hopes and dreams for the future. I thought I would spend a few moments talking about what one line item in our budget does - our pledge to presbytery. So what do our dollars do?

First and foremost, our money is invested in spreading the gospel. It goes to mission. It supports our new church initiatives within the presbytery like the New Hope Hispanic Ministry in NWOKC. Almost \$30,000 is passed on to our mission workers around the globe, like Les and Cindy Morgan in Bangladesh, and Pastor Matt's good friend Dennis Smith in Argentina. Tens of thousands of dollars go to support Presbyterian Urban Mission in Oklahoma City, Dwight Mission Camp and Conference Center, Goodland Academy, and Synod mission initiatives like Solar Under the Sun, who has recently hired Melinda Hunt as their Executive Director, and who grew up at FPC-Duncan.

Our pledge is then tithed (1/10th) to the Synod and General Assembly for administrative support. These monies are per capita apportionments (around about \$11 per member) to General Assembly as well as money that goes to Synod to "keep the lights on" and help pay salaries like Melinda Hunt's.

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