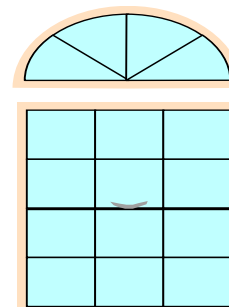


WINDOWS

ON
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 22, 2010

This Week in Worship

Aug. 22: Twenty-First
Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Scriptures:

Luke 13:10–17
Jeremiah 1:4–10

Sermon:

What's in a Call?
Dave Welch

Hymns:

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er
the Sun*

*Lord, Speak to Me, That I
May Speak*

*Lord, When I Came Into
This Life*

Anthem:

*In the Shadow of Your
Wings*

8:30 a.m. Worship

Led by the Praise Team
Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship

Sanctuary



Joel Newton leads the children in song.

Brazil Mission Team Returns from "Best Week Ever"

Our church's team of thirteen volunteers returned from Natal in northeast Brazil Aug. 1 with a wealth of good news and great stories about our partner church in the neighborhood of Felipe Camarao.

The trip this year was very special in that it not only reinforced our strong ties with the people and the work that is going on at the church and school, but it also demonstrated to us the level of maturity and depth of commitment they have attained and are continuing to strive for. Under the leadership of Pastor Fernando, the mission of the church and school is clear: to serve in the name of Christ as a *relevant* resource to meet the spiritual, physical, and educational needs in the community. We were able to witness the difference the school is making in the lives of 133 students and their families every day.

*(See **Brazil team returns** on page 7)*

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Dennis Allen Hoback

*Please pick up a
"Pray for One Another" list at church*

Birthday Prayer Fellowship

Sept. 1	Sue Barr Chuck Bolick Charlotte McElroy
Sept. 2	Karen Landore Jillian Madison
Sept. 3	Randy Van Horn Nancy Carter Kinser Crutchfield
Sept. 4	Judy Slaughter
Sept. 5	Morris Hoover Randy Cook Sammy Jordan
Sept. 6	Margaret Wade Jon Paul Harr
Sept. 7	Patsy Ward Holly Ratcliff Laura Hoffer

Congratulations!

Charles Penn Story was born Aug. 12 at Bristol Regional Medical Center. Brandon and Mariel Story are his proud parents.

Ron and Sandra Grubbs celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Aug. 16. They were married in First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, by Dr. McCorkle.

Our Safe Church

We are adopting a new practice to help keep our children safe and secure while they are in our buildings. Beginning Sept. 5, parents will sign their children in upon arrival each Sunday morning. This registration applies to all children in nursery through fifth grade and will take place in the Fellowship Hallway. Parents, please look for a letter coming soon with more information.

Upcoming Choir Rehearsals

Sunday, Aug. 22

9:00 a.m. Cherub Choir

Wednesday, Aug. 25

4:15 p.m. Children's Handbells
4:45 p.m. Youth Handbells
4:45 p.m. Savior's Singers
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursdays

8:00 p.m. Praise Team

Sunday, Aug. 29

9:00 a.m. Cherub Choir
5:45 p.m. Jubilate Youth Choir

Wednesday, Sept. 1

4:15 p.m. Children's Handbells
4:45 p.m. Youth Handbells
4:45 p.m. Savior's Singers
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

By the Numbers

Aug. 15, 2010

Worship at 8:30 a.m.:	192
Worship at 11:00 a.m.:	135

FPC Youth Worker Dances for Justice

International Justice Mission is a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation, and other forms of violent oppression worldwide. Last month, the city of Nashville played host to the IJM event "5 Weeks for Freedom," in which fifteen people biked all 1,800 miles of the underground railroad in five weeks to raise awareness of modern-day slavery. Our own **Pua Coffman**, pictured here, choreographed and performed a dance at the event.

The dance told a story of abuse and brokenness conquered by Hope and Rescue. To find out more about IJM, please visit www.ijm.org.



Tuesday Heart to Hearts

At 10 a.m. on Aug. 24, the Tuesday morning Heart to Heart Bible study group will continue Beth Moore's *A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place*. **Lorri Looney** facilitates the discussion, which began Aug. 10, at weekly meetings in **Mary McElroy's** home at 60 Kingsbridge. Come and join them! For more information about this exciting study, email Lorri at jeffandlorri@msn.com.

The Tuesday evening group meets in room 123 at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. They are working their way through an inductive Bible study of the Acts of the Apostles. New folks are always welcome—just drop by the church and bring a Bible! Email **Betsy Turnbull** (gturnbull@btes.tv) if you would like to know where the group is in its study of Acts.

Wednesday Bible Study Returns Soon

The Women's Wednesday Bible study will resume Sept. 8 at 1:00 p.m. in room 117 at the church. New members are welcome!

Changes

If you change your street address, phone number, or email address, please email dbuck@fpcbristol.org or call the church office. Thank you!

Library News from Bill Wade

Who Is Krista Tippett?

It's time for those of us at First Presbyterian Church to become familiar with the name Krista Tippett. And who is Krista Tippett?

She is the host of the public radio program "Speaking of Faith," broadcast on more than two hundred public radio stations in the United States and around the world. She is also an author, and her first book, *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters and How to Talk About It*, is this issue's featured review.

Tippett grew up in Oklahoma, where her grandfather was an old-fashioned Baptist preacher of stern morals who saw all issues in black and white. By the time she attended Brown University, she had left behind his views and the Christian faith as well. She did postgraduate studies in Germany as a Fulbright scholar, worked as a freelance foreign correspondent, and then became chief aide to the American ambassador in Germany. But Tippett was finding political solutions to world problems increasingly shallow, and she began to return to religion as a necessary component of life. Coming back to the United States, she earned a master's degree in divinity at Yale University and studied briefly at a Benedictine abbey in Wisconsin. While there, she envisioned a radio program where participants could speak freely about the intellectual content of religion and its essential place in our personal well-being. Since 2001, when "Speaking of Faith" was launched, she has interviewed hundreds of individuals about their spiritual and religious values.

In her own words Tippett describes this as "an adventure of conversation across the world's traditions that has opened my imagination—spiritual, political, intellectual, and personal. I believe that what most Americans want, whether they are religious or not, is for the religious voice in our public life to be more constructive—to reflect the capacity religion has to nurture lives and communities. ... I explore light shed by my conversation partners on the great issues of our time, from the depths of their knowledge and experience in the world. They are theologians and scientists, educators and physicians, social activists and poets. We trace a powerful and creative and humbling line between theology and human experience—between religious ideas and real life. This is religion as it works in the lives of the many, not in the debates and headlines of a few."

Her book, *Speaking of Faith*, is framed about the experiences of her own life and her turn to serious religious commitment. It includes generous selections from the conversations aired on her radio program in recent years. It is a marvelous tour de force, rich in its coverage, highly satisfying in the depth of its intellectual spirituality and conviction. I found myself wanting to know more about the lives of many of those interviewed, and I collected titles of articles and books for future reading. Indeed, this is one of the most spiritually satisfying books I have read recently. I recommend it to anyone seeking a rich and rewarding experience. It's in our church library! Sadly, Ms. Tippett's "Speaking of Faith" program is not carried on our local public radio station, and you must turn to Knoxville or Asheville to get it.

There Are No Items in Your Shopping Cart

While we were away for the summer, pushing carts down the aisles of unfamiliar grocery stores to stock our vacation kitchens, most of us forgot about the Food Pantry's grocery cart in the back of our church. It was practically empty when we checked it in early August. The Food Pantry has no reserves and always needs provisions, especially now that its shelves are nearly empty.



Our grocery cart is in the Mission Plaza area of the church. Please consider filling it with these nonperishable items: dry cereal, tuna, canned soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and jelly. Foods that don't require refrigeration or cooking are best. We all enjoy urging our guests to take second and third helpings. Together, let's offer at least a first helping to other hungry Bristolians. Thank you!

Calling All Knitters and Crocheters

Our church has received a donation of yarn suitable for making into prayer shawls, also known as comfort or friendship shawls. Knitting or crocheting a shawl and giving it to someone who is ill, bereaved, homebound, in a nursing home, or in any other state of need as a tangible reminder that the recipient is cared for has become a widespread ministry. Praying for the recipient, by the maker and others, is "worked in" with the shawls. A few members of our church have been making these shawls for some time. If you would like to make one (it requires only very basic skill in knitting or crocheting) or want to name someone who might like one, or have other questions, call **Candy Phelps** at 423-538-8801, or **Selma Jennings** at 423-878-9853 or 423-383-0030.

Mowing Teams

This Week: Aug. 23–27: Con Sauls. Dave Welch

Next Week: Aug. 30–Sept. 3: Brian Miller, Roger Sikorski

Anyone wishing to participate can call the church office or contact **Con Sauls**. Thanks!



New Church Directory Sign-Up

Olan Mills is holding off on its online appointment service for photographs for the new church directory until after Aug. 31. For now, you can sign up for an appointment in the narthex (11 a.m. service) or Fellowship Hallway (8:30 a.m. service). Please stop by one of the tables after worship and sign up on the schedule form. Thanks!

Ice Cream Ministry

Now **you** can drive an ice cream truck through the neighborhood! To spend a Saturday afternoon (4:30–7:00) delivering a very cool ministry, call **Kevin Buck** at 423-968-4149 or **Ed Richards** at 423-652-1237.

Music Program News

Music Participants: Aug. 22 and 29, Sanctuary Choir. Regular Wednesday rehearsals will be 7:30–9:00 p.m. on Aug. 18 and 25, then the start time will change to 7:15 p.m. on Sept. 1, as our regular Wednesday evening programs begin.

Choir Members Honored: At the Sanctuary Choir's annual picnic, three retired or retiring choir members were honored for their years of service to the Sanctuary Choir of this church. **Margaret Wade** sang on and off for Dr. C. C. Loomis, becoming a regular choir member around 1976, when John and Laura Ann Warner were the choir director and organist, and retiring last fall. **Betty Millard** says she was a member of the choir for 55 years! **Alice Moore** joined the choir in 1943, retiring a few years ago. If you haven't done the math yet, these ladies served this church in the Sanctuary Choir for a combined total of approximately 145 years (give or take a couple)! Thank you, ladies!

Choir Anthems: On Sunday, Aug. 22, the Sanctuary Choir will sing the anthem "In the Shadow of Your Wings." Phil Speary adapted the text from Psalm 57, and John Leavitt wrote the music. Leavitt received all of his music education, including a doctorate, at Kansas schools, and now works as a composer and Lutheran church musician in Andover, Kansas. As is true of much of his music, the words are expressively set to a lyrical melody accompanied by rich harmonies. Also on Aug. 22 (and 29), the choir introit will be the last of the first set of sample hymns. "Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded" is a joyous resurrection text by Delores Dufner, OSB. A Benedictine nun, Dufner says, "[T]he task I have set myself is to create hymn texts with engaging, humanly attractive images of God and the human race." The tune, although associated most frequently with a German text, was written in the early 17th century by an Italian priest and musician, Giovanni Gastoldi. Much of his music is noted for its joyous nature, as is evident in this melody. On Aug. 29, the choir anthem will be an arrangement of a Shaker song, "Lay Me Low," by Kevin Siegfried. "Lay Me Low" calls us to humble ourselves that we may find connection with Christ.

Children's Choirs: Rehearsals began Aug. 18 for the Children's Handbells and Savior's Singers Children's Choir (both grades 2–5), but it's not too late to get involved! We have kids in different school systems with different start dates, and they are welcome to come whenever they get back into a regular school schedule. Remember that until Wednesday night suppers begin on Sept. 1, you will need to pick your children up at **5:30 p.m.** The **Cherub Choir** (age 4–grade 1) will begin rehearsals this **Sunday, Aug. 22, at 9:00 a.m.**, in the children's choir room. After rehearsal, they will be taken to the Sunday School wing and their classes. **Parents:** It is imperative that a choir mom or dad be in each rehearsal for this age group. We will have a sign-up sheet, or you can email us at the church to choose a Sunday. If each parent can take one Sunday, then no one has to be too inconvenienced.

Youth Choirs: Youth Handbells began rehearsals Aug. 18, but it's not too late to be part of this music ensemble. They rehearse **4:45–5:30 p.m.** on Wednesdays in the bell room. **Jubilate Youth Choir** begins the new program year on **Sunday, Aug. 29, 5:45–6:30 p.m.**, followed by junior high fellowship activities.—*Vicki & Steve Fey*

Brazil team returns*(Continued from page 1)*

Their hopelessness has turned to the assurance that they are loved by God, by their brothers and sisters in the congregation there, and by First Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Tennessee.

In a song composed after his return from the trip, **Joel Newton** wrote “words are not required” to express the love and connection that is felt between our congregation and all the people we met this year and in years past. In fact, we learned that words aren’t capable of expressing how beautifully God has fashioned this partnership, which continues to deepen in faith, hope, humility, trust, and awe for God, who is responsible for this very special opportunity we each have at First Presbyterian to “Love one another” as such a partnership allows.



Kim Allerton and friends.

The team looks forward to sharing more good news and lots of stories about our church’s connection in Brazil at a Wednesday night fellowship event in the coming weeks (or anytime you happen to make eye contact with one of us—we love to talk about it!).—*The Brazil Mission Team 2010 (Anne Abel; Kim Allerton; Jackie, Camille, and Savannah Burt; John Graham; Joel Newton; Michael Long; Darlene Pollard; Doris Sargent; John Turnbull; and John and Curtis Vann)*

Lost and Found

An abundance of lost and found items have found their way into drawers and cabinets in the church office. We are going to put it all on a table outside the Fellowship Hall, and on Wednesday, Sept. 1, you will have an opportunity to claim your stuff!

Fellowship Dinner Menu for Sept. 1

Pulled Pork Barbecue

Cole Slaw

Potato Salad

Texas Toast

Dessert

A kids’ buffet will be available.

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Sunday, Aug. 22

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday, Aug. 24

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Heart to Heart Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Troop 3 Scouts

Wednesday, Aug. 25

7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Thursday, Aug. 26

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Sunday, Aug. 29

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School with
 Special Kickoff for Children

11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
5:45 p.m. Jubilate Youth Choir
6:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Kickoff

Tuesday, Aug. 31

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 a.m. Heart to Heart Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept. 1

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
6:15 p.m. Adult Program with
 Dr. Jim McClanahan
6:15 p.m. Kid Connection
6:15 p.m. Junior High Bible Study
7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Senior High Bible Study

Thursday, Sept. 2

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Mtg.