

The Anchor Links



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Sunday School: 9:45 - 10:30 AM
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Living Waters For The World- We've been hearing about this program in our church for over two years now. Clean water, losing a human life every 10 seconds because of dirty water, children whose growth is stunted because of the malnutrition brought on by dysentery transferred through water, and more. All of these are horrible things that most of us can't really relate to, because all of these can be prevented by using clean water to cook, brush teeth, drink, and take care of the babies. A simple concept to us all. But now- to Stephen Caine, Doug Treadway, and Richard Smith- these circumstances have faces, names, and common relationships. We three ventured to Guatemala this July 17-23. Initially landing in Guatemala City, a city/region of about 5 million people, we ventured via van eastward, to the lowlands region of Zacapa eventually settling in the town of Usulutin, a farming village of about 11,000 people. There we met with a group of folks from Templo Evangelico Presbyteriano Monte Los Olivos, or better known to us as Mount of Olives Presbyterian Church. Instrumental in this church are Miriam Lisbeth & Ludin Leon, a husband & wife team who are long time members of the church and served as our hosts while we were in-country. During the next few days we were introduced to the area and the situations that are encountered as this poverty ridden, yet proud and developing country grow into the 21st century.

A 5 gallon jug of purified water costs only 13 Quetzales (about \$1.80). But a typical worker makes only 50 Q (\$6.85) per day- so you can see the predicament a typical family is in. Clean water is important and no one disputes this- but many families simply have to choose to take their chances with the available water in order to have food and shelter. A choice that they shouldn't be forced to make. A Living Water System can produce a bottle for pennies. This allows sale at a reduced price, or can be given away when desired as a church mission.

Our trip was designed to allow us to meet, eat, visit, and worship with the 27 members of Mount of Olives. We were able to accomplish all of these goals and had a tremendous experience getting to know and being welcomed into the church and lives of these folks. Their pride in their country is strong, and at many opportunities we were shown great artifacts of history and heritage. This trip, was technically known as a "Survey and Covenant Trip". We were able to survey the people and lay of the land. Doug graphed the location and beginning designs of the Clean Water System. Richard and Stephen were able to arrange the details as to installation and materials requirements and training arrangements. Finally, everything was detailed in a written covenant between First Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville, TN. and Templo Evangelico Presbyteriano Monte Los Olivos, Usulutin, Guatemala.

This trip should be considered an overwhelming success. Our goal of finding a suitable Operating Partner has been met. We are delighted with our new church family and believe that their steps of operating a Clean Water System will benefit their church members, possibly allow them to grow their church, and allow them to minister to their neighbors to help promote healthier people. A Win-Win for everyone! (Continued)

The next stage of this project is the "Installation Trip". This stage will involve a trip Jan. 14-22, '09 to teach Ludin and his folks how to build their new system, and to teach Miriam Lisbeth and her folks the proper health and hygiene of clean water. At this same time, we should be covenanting with another site, so that an installation trip can be scheduled for later in '09. What can you do to help the Clean Water flow?

- A. Pray for our Mission. FPC Shelbyville has invested a lot of time, talent, and funds to date. All of these resources work better with Prayer.
- B) Donate your time. A new Clean Water U training class is in Oct. See Lindsey so that you can be an instrumental part of future trips!
- C) Donate your money. We need approximately \$15,000-\$17,500 for our trip for

"How Does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need yet refuses help?"

"Little children, let us love, not in words or speech, but in truth and action" 1 John 3:17-18

We respectfully appreciate the opportunity to have made this trip representing FPC Shelbyville. We are excited and look forward to our next trip- to be able to see Ludin bottling water and Miriam Lisbeth teaching hand washing!

Respectfully,
Stephen Caine, Doug Treadway, Richard Smith





Operation Stand Down Nashville (OSDN), Inc operates programs that train and support homeless veterans as they work themselves off the streets and back into the community as responsible and contributing citizens. Their 16 full-time staff and 12 part-time staff members work miracles daily.

OSDN not only works with the homeless veteran population but is a service center for **ALL honorably** discharged veterans. OSDN is Middle Tennessee's best advocate for homeless veterans. OSDN is asking all the churches of our Presbytery to donate winter coats so they can make sure that the growing number of Homeless Veterans will have a warm coat this winter. So, please donate you old winter coat(s) to the church and we will get them to OSDN. The deadline is **October 5th**. We will accept coats for men, women, and children; please bring them to the church office. Thank you.

If you are a computer person, as opposed to those of us who prefer life before electronics, you may be interested in an online community called MicahsCall www.micahscall.org, which is dedicated to social action, discussion and prayer. As you can guess from its title, this is an effort to answer the prophet Micah's call to Do Justice, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with your God. MicahsCall.org was started at First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, CA and has since been incorporated as a religious non-profit led by an advisory board of Catholic, Jewish, Muslim and Protestant community leaders.

Four Cents a Meal Hunger Offering



Don't forget that it is time to take our quarterly collection for Four Cents a Meal on **September 14**. This offering is used to fight hunger locally through the Good Samaritan program, and in the wider community of need through the Presbytery. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with a note that it goes for Four Cents a Meal.

Don't forget that on the second and fourth Sundays of each month Equal Exchange coffee is available in the fellowship hall



Clean Water U Class Offered

We will be taking another group to Clean Water U in Mississippi October 1st-5th. If you are interested in attending a Clean Water U class so that you can be a part of one of our Guatemala Living Waters for the World mission teams, please speak with Lindsey or call the church office by September 7th.

Check out the Youth's End of Summer Lake Trip

Thanks to the Townes' for great hospitality, good burgers,
and some spectacular
boat driving!



Youth News

September 7-Promotion Sunday

6th graders will be recognized at 11:00 Worship

September 14-Youth Fellowship Kickoff 5:00-6:30 Pm

September 28-youth fellowship 5:00-6:30

Mark yo' calendars

Promotion Sunday: September 7

*9:45 Come to the Fellowship Hall instead of your regular Sunday school classes for breakfast, fellowship, honoring our Sunday school teachers and a celebration of the new Christian Education year. If you would like to help provide food for the breakfast, please call the church office. The following items are needed for breakfast: Breakfast casserole, sausage and biscuit, ham and biscuit, fruit, muffins, cinnamon rolls or other breakfast pastries.

*11:00 Our worship service will recognize our rising second and sixth graders and honor the many ways that we learn about God.



You're invited to children's activities at First Christian Church

Friday, September 12, 6:00-8:00 PM

Who's Cooking (1st thru 5th graders)

Parents are invited to attend for dinner & a meeting

Preschool Activity (4 yr olds thru Kindergarten)

Both events are held at First Christian Church

Call Mary Jane Hoyer (415) 542-4004 for more information

Children's Ministry Pics

Ready for a 3D Movie about Mars



Enjoying cupcakes
at the
Back to School Bash



The games got exciting
at the
Back to School Bash



On August 10, we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism of William Hudson Cobb, the son of Curt and Margaret Anne Cobb. Hudson's elder sponsor is Lee Russell. His proud sisters are Nina Bryce and Ella Cobb, and his grandparents are Pat Anderson and Myrna Cobb



What's Going On in Christian Education?

- ★ We have a NEW 3 year old class...if you have a 3 year old, bring them to the classroom near the kitchen for some playing, learning, praying, singing, getting ready for "big kids' Sunday school" and discovering God's love for the littlest ones.
- ★ Our 4 year olds through 5th graders will be learning about worship this year by making bread, playing games, creating t-shirts, dancing, designing puppets, eating pretzels.....and much much much more.
- ★ Kyle Thomas and the youth are having some wonderful discussions about faith and culture in the youth class downstairs next to the choir room.
- ★ Keep your eyes open for some new Wednesday night programs and Bible studies for adults.

If you aren't already a part of Christian Education at First Pres, join us!



SCOTT McDONALD
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Marsh

Greg Garner Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gore

WILLIAM PAYNE
Greg Garner Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gore

BERTHA RICHMOND
Music Department
Ms. Melanie Hamilton

Greg Garner Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Will Melson
Dr. Melita Melson Bradley

GRACE HUFFMAN
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crawford

JOANN WARREN
Greg Garner Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Will Melson
Mr. and Mrs. Kris Williams
Dr. Melita Melson Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. Dax Melson

CHARLES SHRIVER
Greg Garner Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Will Melson
Dr. Melita Melson Bradley

NORMAN F. DASHIELL, SR.
Greg Garner Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Will Melson
Dr. Melita Melson Bradley
Mr. and Mrs. Dax Melson

BLANCHE SELLS
Greg Garner Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. Will Melson
Dr. Melita Melson Bradley



Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, and rides that I have received since I was in the hospital. They are very much appreciated. My recovery will be slow but there is improvement. God bless each of you, Dixie Sullivan

Dear Church Family,

Words of thanks do not seem enough to express how I feel about the outpouring of love and support during my recovery from eye surgery in July. Since that is all I have to work with, please accept my sincere appreciation for the prayers, phone calls inquiring about my progress, food, cards, transporting me to the doctor when I was unable to drive, did I mention food, visits and helping out at the house when I was told not to bend at the waist or pick up more than 10 pounds. I was reminded that in addition to my wonderful family by birth, I have also been blessed with an awesome church family. Thank you.

In Christ's Love,
Melanie Hamilton



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BIRTHDAYS

- 3 David Lemmon
- 6 Annie Grace Jensen
- 8 Fred Hunt
Aksel Jensen, IV
- 9 Lana Craig
- 10 Carol Smith
- 14 Ron Obenchain
- 16 Katie Womble
- 18 Allison Smith
Linda Garrard
- 20 Jackson Smith
Andy Townes
- 21 Doris Seals
- 24 Linda Anderton
Sarah Hunt
Kristin Conley
Brian Price
- 25 Ophelia Isom Brantley
- 27 Bud Melson
- 28 Monnie Caine

ANNIVERSAIRES

- 5 Bob and Alice Durio
- 7 Ron and Deborah Obenchain
- 10 Charlotte and Wayne Williams
- 16 Gail and Naomi Luna
- 18 Ed and Lisa Neese
- 26 Bob and Helen Garner
- 29 Roy and Lisa Turner
- 30 Dwayne and Barbara Frisby

LAY LITURGIST

- 9/7 Kyle Thomas
- 9/14 Brenda Skelton
- 9/21 Janice Womble
- 9/28 Leo Skelton

USHERS 11:00 AM

- 9/7 Becky Woodruff
Doug Treadway
Bob Garner
Helen Garner
David Crawford

- 9/14 Kyle Segroves
John Seals
Barbara Frisby
Phillip Frisby
Barbara Ruffin

- 9/21 Suzanne Cunningham
Bob Durio
David Craig
Geneva Melson
Margaret Smith

- 9/28 David Idso
DeAnn Idso
Pat Thomas
Susan Spears
Zack Spears

WORSHIP GUILD

- Gail Parsons and Trena Little

COMMUNION

- Chris Shofner
Jeff Anderson

GREETER/USHER 8:45 AM

- 9/7 Fayne Parsons
- 9/14 Fred Hunt
- 9/21 Pat Gore
- 9/28 Frank Robinson

HALL MONITOR 8:45 AM

- 9/7 Polly Dodson
- 9/14 David Kee
- 9/21 Richard Smith
- 9/28 Aaron Crafton

HALL MONITOR 11:00 AM

- 9/7 Ben Craig
- 9/14 Margaret Smith/Linda Griffin
- 9/21 Tommy Anderton
- 9/28 Roy Turner

EXTENDED SESSION

- 9/7 Monnie Caine
- 9/14 Geneva Melson
- 9/21 Kyle and Ashley Segroves
- 9/28 Theresa Blanton

NURSERY

- 9/7 Carol Smith
- 9/14 Pat Thomas
- 9/21 Ellen Treadway
- 9/28 Lisa Turner

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- 9/14 Deborah Obenchain
- 9/28 Kyle Thomas