



# First Presbyterian Church

## Elko, Nevada

Pastor Pat Mecham

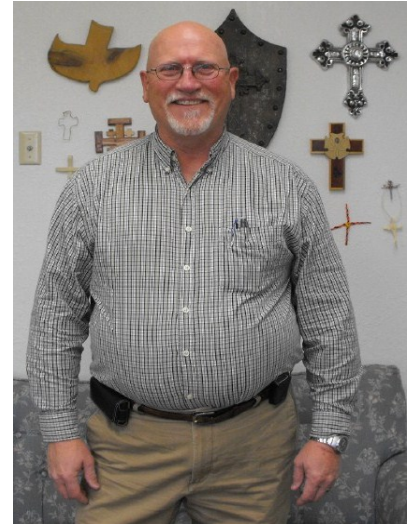
### All the Money we Need

Imagine that our budget is fully-funded and there is even something left over. We even have money for extra mission giving. Great! It would still NOT eliminate our need for good *stewardship*. Jesus showed us there is a connection between money and our relationship with God! He said, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:34) Keeping our focus on God helps us to escape **the trap of selfishness**. We have to choose between being emotionally attached to our money or emotionally attached to God—we cannot do both! First Commandment (“You shall have NO other Gods before me.”)

It pays to remember that our Abundant Life is a gift from our generous God. “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.” (James 1:17) So, even if we had all the money we need, it would still be important for you and for me to be faithful stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Our true health depends on it!

Faithfully;

*Pastor Pat*



- Director of Family Ministry .....Charlyn Van Slyke
- Office Manager.....Bertha Lister
- Co-Choir Directors.....Patty Fisk & .....Erin Mecham
- Pianist/Organist.....Lucille Pryor
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### Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles

August 7	“Sent to Foreigners: Joseph”	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
August 14	“Sent to Foreigners: Joseph’s Brothers”	Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 15:21-28
August 21	“Sent to Foreigners: A Slave/Prince”	Exodus 1:8 through 2:10
August 28	“Sent to Foreigners: Moses”	Exodus 3:1-15

### Sunday Summer Schedule

Worship Services Starts at 9:30 am

No Sunday School

And No Choir

during Summer Months

# Message from the Director of Family Ministry

August means SONSURF BEACH BASH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

**August 1-August 5, 8:45am-12:15pm Ages 3 yrs. through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Join us in celebrating Christ's love for us! There will be fun skits, crafts, Bible stories, music and recreation. Kids need to bring a plain white or plain colored t-shirt for the decal. See Registration form insert. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. **Friday, August 5 at 6:30pm we will have closing ceremonies and an Ice Cream Social.**

The youth have been busy this summer cleaning out the youth room and painting. It will sure look nice when we are finished. They have also worked hard on preparing for VBS. They are working on scenery, skits and room decorations.

Thanks to Troy Gunter and Cassi Van Slyke for helping to clean out the ditch behind the church. Charlie Cress truly appreciates it.

**ATTENTION:** I am in need of Sunday school teachers for the Fall. Erin Munson and Renee Crouch will continue to teach the Kindergarten -2<sup>nd</sup> grades. I need a teacher for 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Sunday school materials are provided and are easy to follow.

I will be gone August 6<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> to North Dakota to see our newest grandson, Max and his brothers Konner and Layton. There will be NO youth night Thursday August 11. We will also be gone August 25-29 taking Cassi to college in Salem, OR. Again there will be NO youth night on Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Public school starts on Monday, August 22.

Enjoy the rest of your summer break,

Blessings.

Charlyn Van Slyke- Director of Family Ministries

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# MISSION

The Mission Committee has chosen this project to support during the Heifer Brunch in September. We chose this one because it is in the area damaged by this spring's tornados.

The Delta Sprouts is a southeast Arkansas cooperative established to serve the people of Chicot, Desha and Drew counties. These counties struggle with poverty, poor nutrition, unemployment, decreased population from economic flight and limited jobs due to lack of education. To create the maximum benefit for participants, the project will provide 17 families with heifers, goats and sheep; assist 116 families in producing food and income for their families; and establish two learning centers for livestock and horticulture education. The original 17 families who receive livestock will pass on the gift to an additional 17 families, while the learning centers will impact 50 families per year. The project will also establish three farmers markets and one community kitchen that will benefit 45 families.

## The Need:

The southeast Arkansas counties of Chicot, Desha and Drew are in a state of economic disaster. Only 10% of the population has some college or a college degree. The average yearly income for a high school graduate is \$18,571, and \$10,830 for a non-graduate; 90% of the population lives on an income of \$18,571 or less. The unemployment rate is 12%.

There are fewer people living in this region between the ages of 20 to 34 than in both younger and older age categories, yet over 33% of the population is made up of people under the age of 20. This is not a case where the population is waiting until they are older before choosing to reproduce; rather, they are leaving their children with older relatives in search of work in other areas. Seventy to 80% of all children in the public school system are receiving free or reduced price lunches. Fifteen to 20% of the population is over 65 and are not only on limited fixed incomes, but many are also struggling to feed and care for grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cultural changes, as well as a lack of knowledge and understanding, have led to a collapse in the community food system. The Delta Sprouts, while partnering with Heifer International, is attempting to rebuild southeast Arkansas' community food system and create real sustainable food security.

## The Solution:

The Delta Sprouts believes there needs to be diversity in food raised/grown locally. The Delta land has traditionally been used for row crops of cotton, rice, soybeans and corn, with recent attempts into pond-raised catfish. All of these activities are done by large farms selling to commodity markets or factories. There is little in the way of local produce or meat for local consumption. The Delta Sprouts are promoting five avenues by which to establish and expand locally produced foods.

The first is to help farmers/ranchers establish themselves so they can provide a consistent and reliable supply of locally grown foods to the community.

Secondly, experiential learning and education through the creation of community gardens, a living learning center, livestock educational center, educational booths and cooking demonstrations will enable The Delta Sprouts to target people from all socio-economical backgrounds and physical conditions.

Third is through expanding or establishing farmers markets. The Delta Sprouts will inhabit a transformed railroad car that will be staffed to support the many families that are not in a position to commit to mid-size or large-scale farms/ranches, but want to have a way to sell extra produce from family gardens, orchard trees or berry bushes.

Fourth is to create a greenhouse for the Master Gardeners. They will use the greenhouse to create seedlings, locally reducing the initial cost of plants. Funds generated will go back into the community.

And finally, community kitchens will be created to produce value-added foods. This will allow opportunities for small businesses to start up with low cost entry into the market place. There will already be markets established with a built-in customer base, making it easier for new businesses to focus on product quality.

The end result is to aid in the creation of farms, education of future farmers and consumers establish permanent markets that assist in the sale of agricultural products, set an example of community money going back to the community and encourage value-added small businesses.

Submitted by Susie Jones

Thank You !!!  
Hobby Group  
for all your hard  
work!!



**HURRAH** for the ladies in the Hobby Group at our church.

These ladies do many wonderful things, but I want to talk about the tray favors they make monthly.

Pat Tempel was the person who came up with the idea of the tray favors. Now Clarice Gamboa delivers the tray favors to the local hospital, the two Beehives homes, and the Highland Manor. The Hobby Group ladies make about 125 favors monthly.

Each location really appreciates the favors as do the patients. It brightens up their day.

**Thank you hobby group for all your work!!**

## T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)

### Horizon Center for Grieving Families



The Mission Committee is collecting items for the Horizon Center for Grieving Children, Teens and Families. Suggested items are

Copy Paper	Lego's	Envelopes
Paper	Trucks	Pens
Acrylic Paint	Cars	Post-It Notes
Paint Brushes	Dolls (boy or girl)	
Canvases	Doll Houses	
Picture Frames		
Any Art and Craft Supplies		

We ask that your donations be new or gently used and placed in the box in front of the office. Thank you for contributing to this service.

*Thank You for your Support*

## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

*Elko County Nevada Rural Counties*

*RSVP Program*

*Home Companion/Transportation/Telephone*

*Tree Program*

**You Don't Have to be Retired to be a volunteer or to do Community Services!!**

Are you looking for ways to become a more active part of the community? If you can give a few hours of your time we have a program for you! RSVP works to help keep older Nevadan's from being prematurely institutionalized and in their own homes. The Nevada Rural Counties RSVP Program offers volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. You don't have to wait until you are retired to be a volunteer. If you have a few hours per month, as little as an hour every 60 days, we will work to match your talents with a person in need.

To keep active, productive and interact with others, sign-up today!

To receive a Volunteer Registration/Application or Client Registration form for service please contact:

**Darla Moore (775)340-1014**

**[www.nevadaruralrsvp.com](http://www.nevadaruralrsvp.com)**

## For Your Information

- August 1—5 Vacation Bible School.
- August 7, 2011 Communion Sunday.
- August 14, 2011 Mission meeting after worship service.
- August 16, 2011 Deadline for Desert Pulpit Articles.
- **Session** will resume meeting on **August 17, 2011** at 7:00 pm. Elders you will need to check for agenda and other information in your box.
- August 22 Public School begins.
- August 28, 2011—Deacons meeting after worship service.

*Church Office will be Closed  
Sept. 5 to observe Labor Day*

# IN THE NEWS

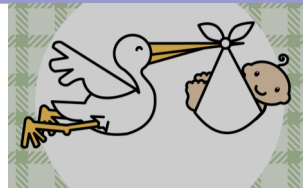
- **Shirley Knapp** and **Ralph Gamboa** came in fourth place in the Elko Bridge event.
- **Clarice** and **Ralph Gamboa** were present as Nevada Republican candidate Mark Amodel spoke at the Senior Center.
- **Patty Fisk** participated in water aerobic exercises at the local swimming pool.
- **Alica Lynn Culp** was awarded the 2011 F & Am Masonic Scholarship.
- **Shirley Knapp & Ralph Gamboa** came in second place during the Elko Bridge event.
- **Jared Fisk** participated in the High Altitude swim meet hosted by the Elko Swim Team.
- **Amy Brownlee** earned a place on the president's list at Gonzaga University for the Spring 2011 semester.
- **Mallary Paoli** was named to Oregon State University's scholastic honor roll.
- **Alyson Frietag** was a participant in the Elko Edge 16U softball team when they captured the championship at the ASA Reno Fast-pitch Softball Tournament.
- **Billie Crapo** was present at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Younger Agency who became members of the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce.
- The **Reed Family** owners of Ruby Mountain Natural Spring Water recently joined the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce.
- **Bob Kerth** received a Lions Club banner from Juliana of Switzerland, a summer exchange student.

## In Faith

There is no problem too big and no question too small, just ask God in faith and He will answer them all.

Proverbs 16:3

*Rejoice in the knowledge that God listens to each and every prayer, irrespective of the magnitude of the request.*



## New Arrivals

*Megan (Blessing) & James Stout are the parents of a daughter, Mackenzie Brooke, born on June 26. She weighed 1 lb. 15 oz. Megan is the daughter of Vern & Julie Blessing.*

*Max Leilan Heath weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. 21 1/2 long born on June 23 to Chelsey and Marshall Heatth. Chelsey is the daughter of Mark & Charlyn Van Slyke.*

*Kennedy Jane Litton weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. , 20 inches long, born on April 25, 2011 to Lindsey and Reuben Litton. Lindsey is the daughter of Bertha & Mike Lister.*

*Klolo Rose Kentopp weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. 19 inches long born on July 11, 2011 to Stephanie (Olson) & Christopher Kentopp. Stephanie is the daughter of Galen and Debbie Schorsch.*

**“And He took the children in his arms, put His hands on them and blessed them.” Mark 10:16**

*A Contribution to the Rev. Ralph Bolin  
Scholarship in Appreciation and Thanks  
To:*

*My Church Family*

*Has been received by:*

*The First Presbyterian Church of*

*Elko, Nevada*

*This gift was given by:*

*Kim Bolin*

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Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3

### BIRTHDAY'S

08/02 Fred Garcia	08/17 B.J. Hurley
08/02 William Strickland	08/18 Lorelee Justus
08/04 Buck Boyce	08/18 Chuck Knight
08/05 Alice Daniel	08/19 Marcus Vavak
08/05 Karen Kump	08/19 Emily Winsley
08/07 Rachael Fisk	08/20 Margaret Paoli
08/08 Della Marteney	08/20 Tom Norris
08/08 Faye Carrillo	08/25 Marv Churchfield
08/09 Eugene Schain	08/25 Alex Byars
08/09 Jessica Gilberston	08/25 Jaxon Tomers
08/12 Iolanda Gillins	08/27 Peggy Urriola
08/12 Susan Freitag	08/27 John Hobbs
08/13 Patrick Mecham	08/28 Mary Lou Armuth
08/14 Barbara Pearson	08/28 Rob Brownlee
08/14 Kevin Jones	08/30 Sky Girard
08/14 Adelynn Vavak	
08/15 Kathy McLeod	
08/15 Bob Pearce	



**Happy Birthday**

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Aug. 7 Dana & Rocky Pray, Joyce Roberts, Doris Toothman, Brett & Barbara Pearson, Betsy Basso, Roy Niebling.

Aug. 14 Robert & Heather Whitehead, Mike & Becky Nahnacassia, Renee Sawyer, Larry & Evelyn Plumb, Jan Peterson, Lori Passmore.

Aug 21 Mary Lou Armuth, Marilyn Pennington, Jeanette Tognini, Alan & Mary Ciszewski, Lynn & Judy Bondo, Travis & Kerstin Anderson.

Aug. 28 Roger Johnson, Loretta Reed, Jan Webb, Tyler & Julie Vincent, Frances Schain, KathyReyes.

Remember, if you change coffee hours,

Please contact the church office at 738-3430

**Coffee and cookies are served in the Fellowship Hall**

**after Worship Service**

*Everyone Welcome!*

