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## LIFE CHANGES

In nature, we observe a thing called *Circadian Rhythm*. (It's a repeated pattern of life changes in plants and animals over a 24-hour period.) We can also see a repeated pattern of life changes in a one-year period. Right now, we are nearing the end of one significant part of our life--the school year. Already, we are making plans for *summer*, a time when life "shifts gears" and we take things easy for a few months.

There will still be plenty of things going on at the church, but they will be in a different pattern!

- Starting June 6, **worship will be at 9:00am;**
- Sunday School is on hiatus from May 30 through September 5;
- Youth will have opportunities for fellowship, service, and fun all through the week;
- Financial Peace University will offer two classes: one on Monday nights, and one on Wednesday nights;
- People will travel to places near and far (and, hopefully, find the Body of Christ wherever they go)!

Let the summer be a time of rejuvenation, reconnection, re-creation. Let the slower pace be an opportunity to absorb God's grace and beauty. Give yourself the gift of renewal. Your family and your church will be thankful!

Faithfully,  
Pastor Pat



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### *Sermon Titles and Scripture Readings for June 2010*

June 6	"God Provides"	1 Kings 17:8-24 Galatians 1:11-24
June 13	Guest Preacher	
June 20	Richard Brondyke preaching "Spiritual Depression: Is there Hope"	1 Kings 19:1-8 Psalm 42
June 27	"There Is Freedom"	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25

### Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School  
**For All Ages**

10:15 am Worship Service

### Church Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Fridays  
8:30 am to 1:00 pm

### Adult Choir Practice

9:00 am every Sunday morning

## DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Each year the Worship and Music team purchases Advent and Lenten devotional booklets of which many of you take advantage for those seasons.

For this coming year we are hoping to put together devotional material that you, the congregation, have written.

We did this quite a few years ago and it was very successful.

We are asking you to put together one or more devotionals for Advent and Lent. Each devotion should include a short scripture, story, and prayer. Something simple and inspirational for that season, about the length of the one we get in the booklets.

It will save us a few dollars, but more importantly, it will add a personal touch to our seasonal devotions.

We need 28 devotions for Advent and 46 for Lent. The Advent devotions will be needed by the end of September, so that the booklet can be ready by November 28. Then the Lenten material will be needed by the first part of January, to be ready by March 6.

So get started thinking and writing. I am sure that you will come up with some very great devotions.

There will be a box in the office to put your devotions as soon as you finish them or you can e-mail them to the church office at [fpchurch@frontiernet.net](mailto:fpchurch@frontiernet.net).

I thank you in advance for your contributions. For more information, contact Kathy Reyes at 738-6894

## TEAM PRESBYTERIAN 2010



All smiles. Your Team Presbyterian competitive volleyball team is smiling at their winning season, 8-6. It may be the first winning season they've had. Team P plays in the Elko Coed Volleyball League, B Division. They played one or two matches Monday evenings at the Indian Colony Gym during February, March, and April.

Team members (back row, l to r) are Mike Jones, Matt Jones, Steve Boyce, (front row, l to r) Jan Baum, Jody Jones, and Amanda Boyce. Mike plays because he can. Matt plays to win. Steve plays to have together time with Amanda. Jan plays to remind herself of her high school volleyball glory days. Jody plays because Grandma Jones looks after the kids. Amanda plays because she thought it would be easy to keep up with the old folks. Not shown are Dan Jones, who plays in the dream world of his San Diego beach volleyball youth, and Megan Tibbals, who plays because the court is on her way home from the gym.

# What Does It Take to Become a Stephen Minister (and What Do You Receive in Return)?

Okay, admit it. Stephen Ministry has crossed your mind a few times. You might even have picked up a brochure or talked with Pastor Pat or others about it. But now you want to take a closer look at the idea of becoming a Stephen Minister. You're wondering: Is this right for me? Following are some guidelines that might help you in your decision making.

## **Gifts**

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to and intercedes for those he or she cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give.

## **Commitment**

A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy, and resources to this ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the chance to participate in meaningful ministry, make a major difference in another person's life, and grow as a joyous child of God.

## **Training**

A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. He or she learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of caregiving. After completing the initial training, there is continuing education. Stephen Ministers find that their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church, and work and with friends.

## **Dedicated Service**

A Stephen Minister serves wholeheartedly. This isn't a casual ministry. It involves prayer, thought, consideration, study, and commitment. In return, the Stephen Minister receives grateful thanks from his or her care receiver, our Stephen Leaders, the congregation, and our Lord.

## **Accountability**

A Stephen Minister is accountable to God, the congregation, the Stephen Leaders, the other Stephen Ministers, and the care receiver. In return, he or she receives support, encouragement, and guidance in Small Group Peer Supervision sessions.

## **Continuous Learning**

A Stephen Minister is open to adjusting and adapting his or her caregiving to fit the needs of the care receiver. He or she learns more about caregiving at each meeting with a care receiver and at each supervision session. Stephen Ministry is an experience of continuous learning, growth, and joy.

A series of training classes for Stephen Ministers is starting in September. The Holy Spirit may be calling you to the joy, commitment, growth, meaning, training, service, and care of being a Stephen Minister. Pray for God's guidance as you consider this opportunity. For information and an application form, see the Stephen Ministry bulletin board or contact Pastor Pat at 738-3430 or Cleo Hansen at 397-3447.

## DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

Sunday school: Last day of Sunday school and Sunday youth activities was May 23. On Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated Promotion Sunday. It has been tradition in our congregation to hand out Bibles to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and High School graduates. We also had a slide presentation honoring our High School graduates. The many volunteers who taught Sunday school, kids club, and worked with our youth of all ages were recognized also. I am so lucky to have so many great volunteers. Without them our programs would not be possible.

To end the Sunday youth activities, all youth from K-12<sup>th</sup> (and families) were invited to Angel Park for a BBQ. Hamburgers, hot dogs and buns were supplied by the CE and everyone brought something to share.

The last college lunch was on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. This has been a wonderful outreach. Many thanks to Pastor Pat, Dan Jones, John Daniel, and Mike Jones, who took time to meet with our college students, buy lunch and enjoy pleasant conversation.

Thursday youth night is continuing throughout the summer months. We have had anywhere from 12-27 youth on these nights. We rotate between game night and movie night. The first Thursday of the month we celebrate all the birthdays of the month with pizza and cupcakes. Starting June 10, Thursday night youth will be from 6pm- 9pm.

Throughout the summer, starting June 14, the Jr/Sr high youth (6-12grades) will meet Mondays from 10am-noon at the church for Dave Ramsey Financial Peace, Weds from 10am-noon at the church to work on VBS sets, skits, props and more, Fridays from 10am -11am at Sierra Java for coffee and conversation.

VBS will be Aug 2-6, so mark your calendars. I am looking for volunteers to teach, to assist in classrooms, with recreation, with crafts, in the kitchen, to iron decals on t-shirts, and with registration. So prayerfully consider joining our team. We need many hands and hearts to make our VBS a success.

Charlyn Van Slyke

### Rev. Ralph C. Bolin Memorial Scholarship

Although there were 11 amazing applications received this year, the Committee had to limit the number of scholarships that were given. It was decided that up to five would be awarded. The depth of faith and service of all the applicants was truly humbling. They exemplified a bright future for themselves and us. These five students were only chosen after prayerful and conscientious consideration.

The Rev. Ralph C. Bolin Memorial Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the five Scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year were awarded to; Amanda Boyce, Meleigh Groff, Patrick Harris, Mallary Paoli, and Ben Pearson. Each of these outstanding Christians will receive \$1,000 toward their college tuition or books. Our prayers also go with them.

Submitted by the Scholarship Committee

### Fundraiser For

### The Rev. Ralph C. Bolin Memorial Scholarship

In the fall a fund raiser will be held to continue Ralph's Memorial Scholarship. The Session voted to give the Scholarship Committee the collectable classroom chairs that have been stored in the attic gathering dust. Some of you or your children surely used them in Sunday School. We will probably have a silent action that will continue for several Sundays to sell these chairs. Look for information in September.

Submitted by the Scholarship Committee

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY WITH DAVE RAMSEY

We will be holding two classes, one on Monday nights and one on Wednesday nights. Classes will start at 6:30 pm. There is a \$95.00 per-registration fee required and due on June 4, 2010. For more information you can e-mail Charlyn Van Slyke at [vanslyke@frontiernet.net](mailto:vanslyke@frontiernet.net) or call the church office at 738-3430.

# In the News

- **Athena Girard** helped during the Elko Friends of the Library's 22nd Annual Just Desserts Fundraiser.
- **Jared Fisk** and **Elena Howe** participated in the Elko Swim Team completion in Nampa Idaho.
- **Pam Cartier** and her partner placed second in the Elko Bridge Club. **Donna Bellinger** and her partner placed fourth.
- **Renee Crouch** was featured in the Elko County Library's Just Desserts fundraiser.
- **Ben Pearson** participated in the Elko baseball season finale in Reno.
- **Pastor Pat** was thanked by the Lamoille Presbyterian Church for his help in the search for their new Pastor, Mary Brondyke.

## T G I S

(Take Groceries In Sunday)

### And Baby Makes Three



Through the end of May, the Mission Committee is collecting baby items that will be distributed to parents through local non-profit organizations. Please consider donating items from this list.

Baby Wipes

Baby Food

Baby Formula

Diapers

Please put your donations in the baby bed located outside of the church office.

Thank you!

### Post Office Box

After June 30th we will no longer receive mail at P.O. Box 609. We will receive all mail at: 1559 Sewell Drive, Elko.

Please take note of this change.

## Choir Director Needed

The First Presbyterian Church of Elko is seeking an individual with a vital Christian Faith and excellent musical skills to serve as Choir Director. Please call 738-3430 for more information.



Wednesday Morning

Bible Study

The Wednesday morning bible study group is finishing their study of Daniel on May 19th. They will start a new study by Dave Peterson on May 26th. This will be a six week study about generosity. We meet every Wednesday at 9:30 in the room across from the Charlyn's office.

Everyone is welcome.

## Joy Circle

Thank you, JOY Circle members for all your help with programs, refreshments, and devotions. Your participation in our PW activities made them fun and interesting. We discussed the September meeting at the May get-together. We will meet earlier in the evening on that Monday and have a pot-luck dinner before our regular business meeting and program. You will be sent reminders as the date gets closer. Have a wonderful summer.

Ann Haglund

## HANDBELL CAMP

**For: 4th grade to Adults**

Starting June 14th thru June 25th

Monday thru Friday

**Must have completed the 3rd grade  
and have some musical experience**

**Must be able to read music**

**contact Ann Nisbet at 738-5475 for  
more information on schedules**

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Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

## Birthdays for June

06/01	Shirley Beck	06/15	Debbie Thiel
06/02	Sheila Halton	06/15	Nichaela Stevens
06/02	Dee Pruitt	06/16	Scott Halton
06/03	Breanna Byars	06/17	Donna Bellinger
06/04	Athena Girard	06/18	Melissa Mecham
06/04	Mallary Paoli	06/21	Jenny Byars
06/05	Bob Hays	06/23	Ralph Gamboa
06/05	Matthew Schorsch	06/23	Reed Moseley
06/06	Lee Reiersen	06/23	Ezra Jones
06/07	Joan Zunino	06/24	Macy Reed
06/07	Cheryl Randall	06/25	Konner Heath
06/08	Carter Kidwell	06/26	Pamela Passmore
06/09	Jeanette Tognini	06/27	Shai Gray
06/10	Roberta Gallego	06/29	Anne Schain
06/10	Jim Byars	06/30	Helen Gurr
06/10	Nicolas Fagoaga		
06/11	Amy Brownlee		
06/11	Billie Crapo		
06/13	Christopher Mecham		



## Fellowship Hour

- June 6** Matt & Jody Jones, Mike & Susie Jones, Loralee Justus, Mike & Becky Kerna, Sally Jimenez, Craig & Jennifer Kidwell.
- June 13** Shirley Knapp, Chuck & Elaine Knight, Jake & Karen Kump, Eric & Carlene Lancaster, Aida Matthews, Nick & Christine Thompson
- June 20** Joseph & Kathy McLeod, Pat & Melissa Mecham, Tom & Susan Merschel, George & Marvis Morley, George & Donna Gary
- June 27** Reed & Linda Moseley, Justin & Erin Munson, Dave Murray, Sharon Murray, Toni Mendive, Ed & Robbie Nickel, Roy Niebling

**(If you change coffee hours,  
 please call the church office.)**

Coffee and Cookies are served in the Fellowship Hall  
 after Worship Service.

Everyone Welcome!!