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**Mission Statement:** In Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, generations work together to live and share God's love and the Word with each other, our community and the world.

**Greetings from the office:** This week's message from God's Word is from Psalm 138:1-3.

"I give thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul."

**Scripture readings for this Sunday:** Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

**Congregational Concerns:** Mike Donaldson, the husband of our office manager, Janette, has diverticulitis ... Dottie Robin is concerned about an infection behind her knee ... Terry Blevins continues his recovery from brain surgery.

**Thanksgiving:** A special thank you to everyone who helped with the Annual Meeting Sunday evening! The music was toe-tapping, the food was wonderful, and the visual reminder of the high percentage of volunteerism at SGPC was awesome. Plus, several people were recognized and given awards by the Celtic Order of SGPC ... Those who work so hard to keep our church finances in good shape.

**Joys:** Jo Anne Cochran is recovering from foot surgery.

**Note:** If you want church members to pray for your concerns, please send prayer requests, thanksgivings and joys to Anne Frohlich [annefro247@yahoo.com](mailto:annefro247@yahoo.com) for inclusion on the SGPC Prayer Chain. Let Anne know if you want your requests to be on the confidential Prayer Chain only or also in the Web Angel.

**Directory Changes:** Steve & Caroline Such's address is 213 Murphy Drive, Bertram TX 78605... Sandy Althaus changed her email address to [sandyalthaus@mac.com](mailto:sandyalthaus@mac.com)

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## SGPC NEWS:

**Feb 4 ~ Positive Power of the Mature Mind**, Program at First Presbyterian Church, this Thursday, February 4, from 7-8:30 pm. This is part of a Stephen Ministry Continuing Education series, but all are welcome to attend. Presenter Tam Cummings, M.S., Gerontologist/Author will discuss the five areas in a person's life that gerontologists review to determine successful aging and how we keep them.

**Feb 4 ~ SG Winds** resumes rehearsals at 7pm on Thursdays beginning February 4. Contact Bill Hunt at [wahunt@suddenlink.net](mailto:wahunt@suddenlink.net) or 868-5369 for further information.

**This Sunday** as we come to be fed by the Lord's Supper, we remember those in need in our community by bringing non-perishable food items for The Caring Place. There is a list of suggested non-perishable items in the Narthex. This Sunday, we ask that you **bring your donations inside** as the Scouts will be handling the food drive for Souper Bowl Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and for helping others who are struggling financially.

**Feb 7 ~ Souper Bowl Sunday** - Don't forget! Please bring your non-perishable food to Church this Sunday, February 7, to support our youth's "Souper Bowl of Caring." Donations of cash and food will go 100% to "The Caring Place" supporting our local food bank. Thanks in advance to all!

**Feb 7 ~ Boy Scout Sunday:** SGPC is celebrating Scouting by recognizing our sponsorship and the activities of the scouts that meet in our church. We are especially proud to be able to have some of the representatives of our scout groups help in our worship this Sunday by ushering and participating in the Liturgy.

**Feb 7 ~ the Explorers Class**, lead by Quinton Everest and Mary Gaines, invites you to join them in the library as they continue their study of Joshua and the Bible's story of how Israel settled the Promised Land, and how it has influenced the return of the Jews to Israel and their relationship with their neighbors and the present day Middle East situation.

**Feb 7 ~ the Vineyard Class** will discuss the theology, history and practices behind the meaning of communion. Next week's class will be a panel discussion with Pastor Stanley, Ron Trapp and Larry Stewart taking questions from the class on Presbyterian beliefs.

**Feb 7 ~ the G.W.I.P [God's Works in Progress] class**, a gathering of younger adults, meets in Room 146 with our seminary intern Krystal Leedy for their study of "Enough: Discovering Joy Through Generosity and Simplicity" by Adam Hamilton. The group focuses on marriage and family issues as well as Biblical wisdom for living with the challenges that face those in these busy and sometimes chaotic times in their lives.

**Feb 7 ~ Super Bowl Watch Party this Sunday** at the Romine's at 5pm. Guests are asked to bring a drink or snack! See you there!

**Feb 8 ~ Dining to Donate** – enjoy a meal on the second Monday of the month at Applebee's in Georgetown and 15% of your bill will be donated to Crew 911 and Ship 911. Flyers are available in the Narthex.

**Feb 15 ~ Small Group Home Bible Study** began on Monday, with a six-session study on the book of James. Next meeting is February 15 from 7-9pm. If you are still interested, please call or E-mail Ann Stewart at [annr Stewart@suddenlink.net](mailto:annr Stewart@suddenlink.net) or 864-3840.

**Feb 17 ~** We will begin this year's Lenten season with a pancake supper at 5pm on Wednesday, February 17. We invite all kids and parents of WOW to come, as there will be special activities for the kids. Following the supper there will be a brief Ash Wednesday Service, at which time those who wish may come forward to receive the mark of ashes as a sign of repentance and commitment. All ages welcome!

**Feb 21 ~ Come and study together** the New York Times Bestseller: "SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME". This amazing true story is about a modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who brought them together. You will be inspired by their faith, fortitude and friendship, and by God's display of healing, the power of forgiveness, and life changing unconditional love! Sandy and Sean Althaus will facilitate this 5-6 week documentary-style DVD presentation which includes a participant's guide. There will be plenty of time for discussion too. If you want to be inspired in your faith and transformed with a compassionate heart, then this study is for you!!!

WHEN: Starts Sunday, February 21 at 11 AM.

Where: Music Room

**Vehicle Fob found:** If you lost the remote key fob that locks and unlocks your car, please check with the church office.

**Emmaus Walks** ~ Check out the new web site for our Emmaus group developed by Bob Martin, Eagles Wings Cluster Web Site Coordinator - <http://diakonia-eagleswings.org>. This web site gives everyone the information on Emmaus, the dates of Walks, dates of Gatherings, and dates and times of 4th Day group meetings. Information will be ever evolving, so please check the web site often. This web site is also for anyone who wants information about Emmaus or is considering going on a Walk.

**Prayer Shawls:** To help the congregational nurture Elder, when you pick up a prayer shawl please sign the clipboard so we have an accurate accounting of the shawls that were distributed in a given month. Thanks!

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## WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES:

**The "Women of Faith"** ~ Come and join the Women of Faith on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 as they begin the last two offerings of the year. The first, beginning on March 10 will be a four week study of the book, The Six Miracles of Calvary and the final study, culminating in an all day retreat on May 26, will focus on the 23rd Psalm. Cost for both studies is \$20. **Registration has begun and will continue through February 15.** Contact Ann Stewart at [annstewart@suddenlink.net](mailto:annstewart@suddenlink.net) or 864-3840 or Joyce Gill at [Joycerhea@hotmail.com](mailto:Joycerhea@hotmail.com) or 686-0419 to register or for more information.

**Ladies Support Group** will not be meeting this week. They will resume on Thursday, February 11, in Room 147 from noon to 1:30pm. For more information, contact either Nell Newton at [nellnewton@suddenlink.net](mailto:nellnewton@suddenlink.net) or Coleta Stephenson at [coleta\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:coleta_1999@yahoo.com)

**Women's Emmaus Meetings:** If you have been on an Emmaus walk and are interested in attending an Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Reunion group meeting, please join the ladies on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 8am at the City Market in Sun City. For more information, please contact Tammy Baerman at 864-0408 or [TbaermanTX@aol.com](mailto:TbaermanTX@aol.com).

**Feb 9 ~ Our next Ladies luncheon** will be held on Tuesday, February 9, at 11:30am at Plaka Greek Café, which is located at 115 N Interstate 35, in Georgetown. If you plan to attend, please notify Anne Frohlich at [annefro247@yahoo.com](mailto:annefro247@yahoo.com)

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## MEN'S ACTIVITIES:

**The men's small group study** meets on Saturday mornings at 8am in the Library. Dick Miller is leading the group in a look at the great hymns of the church.

**The Men's Emmaus 4th Day Reunion Group** meets in the library on Monday evenings at 7:00pm.

**Feb 13 ~ The next men's fellowship breakfast** will be on Saturday, February 13, at 8am at Dukes' Smokehouse BBQ located in 408 W. Morrow Street in Georgetown. Plan now to attend and invite a friend, new member or a visitor to attend.

**Feb 18 ~ The Eagle's Wing Men's Walk #1-6** will be held February 18-21 at Summer's Mill in Salado. Application forms are available in the Narthex. Please contact Pastor Stanley, Chuck [CBaermanTX@aol.com](mailto:CBaermanTX@aol.com) or Tammy Baerman [TBaermanTX@aol.com](mailto:TBaermanTX@aol.com) for further information.

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## CHILDREN / YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

**Feb 3 ~ WOW** meets tonight, February 3 at 5:30pm. For additional information or to help in any way, contact Phyllis Perkins at [phyllisannperkins@msn.com](mailto:phyllisannperkins@msn.com).

**Feb 21 ~ Summer Youth Program!** Guess What! The Leedys have agreed to continue their relationship with San Gabriel beyond Krystal's Internship. John and Krystal will work as a team to help us develop a Summer Youth program this year for our youth. The program will be targeting primarily those youth that will be entering the 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> grades with older senior high teens welcome. The Leedys hope to make it a "come as you can" summer long program for church members and their friends. The program will probably run from early June through mid August as participant interest permits. The focus will be on fun, local mission activities, food, music and devotionals. John and Krystal have several great ideas already in mind but want to meet with interested youth and their parents soon in order to see what activities and time blocks will meet the needs of the participants and parents. The Session, Pastor Jeanie, and all of us, hope that this program can be an exciting addition to the youth programs already in place. Please mark your calendars and join us in the sanctuary for a planning session on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Ellis Gill

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Feb 8 ~ For the Love of Christi** has been providing free bereavement support services to our community for the past 23 years. Their newest grief and loss group meets the second Monday of each month from 7-9pm at The Wesleyan at Estrella in Georgetown. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Erin Spalding at 467-2600 or [erin@christicenter.com](mailto:erin@christicenter.com).

**Feb 28 ~ Candlelight Wholeness Service:** You are invited to attend the 7:30pm Sunday evening candlelight wholeness service at First Presbyterian Church on February 28. The service theme that evening will be "Action Aspects of Prayer". For more information, contact Mary Gaines at 868-5587 or [megaines@verizon.net](mailto:megaines@verizon.net).

**Mar 16 ~ Annual Soup Supper:** The Caring Place, will hold its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup Supper from 5-7:30pm on Tuesday, March 16, in Frizelle Hall at St. Helen Catholic Church on Highway 29. Tickets are available at The Caring Place. Volunteers are needed to bake desserts, cornbread

and to donate items to the Silent Auction. If you are able to help, please contact Rita Turner at 512-869-4735 x231 or [rturner@caringplacetx.org](mailto:rturner@caringplacetx.org).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MO-RANCH!

For more information on these and other Mo-Ranch events, please contact them at 1-800-460-4401 ext. 239, or visit them on the web at [www.moranch.com](http://www.moranch.com), or email them at [program@moranch.com](mailto:program@moranch.com).

**Feb 7-9 ~ Deep & Wide Mission Presbytery Winter Retreat.** Rev. Eric Hoey will talk about the fact that we are here to be a light growing by faith and numbers. This retreat is offered to help congregations grow through evangelism, discipleship, servant hood and diversity. The SGPC Session members and their spouses are planning to attend this retreat – others are welcome to join them. This is an optional two or three day retreat, beginning Sunday or Monday.

**Mar 19-21 ~ Family Fun Retreat** “Generation to Generation” a time of sharing the faith through song, story and celebration. Perhaps the greatest gifts are those we already have and know so well. Families are a gift from God and the Family Fun Weekend is a special time for you and your family to renew, strengthen and nurture your unique relationships with one another and with God. Through story and song, we will explore God’s Word and how it interweaves with our own stories. Together you and your family will discover the sacred in the ordinary, exploring ways to share the faith and celebrate how and where God is at work in your lives. From God Sightings with candle light to prayer wreaths, we will practice family faith rituals and traditions that celebrate and invite God’s grace and love. Join us for a weekend of faith-filled worship, communion, recreation, and fellowship.

**Summer Employment Opportunities** ~ Mo-Ranch is now receiving applications for summer staff for a variety of jobs. For applications, go to [www.moranch.com](http://www.moranch.com) and click on Jobs at Mo. If you have any questions, please contact [vanessap@moranch.com](mailto:vanessap@moranch.com) or call 1-800-460-4401 ext. 273.

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**Flowers on Sunday:** If anyone would like to donate flowers for a Sunday worship service in honor of someone or in celebration of an event, please call the church office with the particulars. Thanks!

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### Those Serving This Sunday:

Building Security: Jan 31-Feb 6 - Sean Althaus...Feb 7-Feb 13 – Dwight Henn  
Lawn Maintenance: Kent Didriksen, Ben Pierce  
Liturgist: Adult – Chris Bain ... Youth – Jakob Romine  
Power Point: Chris Robinson  
Registration Books: Bob and Norma Paschal  
Set-Up & Take-Down: Jan 31 – Feb 6 – Don Imig ... Feb 7-Feb 13 – Dwight Henn  
Sound Board: J.C. Long  
Ushers: Captain Oliver Gee, Boy Scouts  
Welcome Desk: Anne Frohlich

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**"Helping Hands"**, a function of SGPC Men's Ministries, is available to help you with basic "handyman" tasks such as changing air filters, hard-to-reach light bulbs, simple home repairs, in-

house furniture moving, etc. To schedule a job, call the church office with your request and one of the job coordinators will contact you to arrange a time to have the work done.

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If you are scheduling or changing the schedule for church related activities,  
Please notify Janette at 868-0902 or [sgpc@verizon.net](mailto:sgpc@verizon.net).  
Thanks for your help!

**Here's what's happening this week:**

**Wednesday, February 3**

"Women of Faith" Bible Study...9:15am – Sanctuary  
Bulletin Deadline...Noon – [sgpc@verizon.net](mailto:sgpc@verizon.net)  
Library Team Meeting...3pm – Library  
WOW...5:30pm - Narthex  
Choir Rehearsal...7pm – Music Room/Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 4**

Women's Support Group **will not meet this week.**  
Worship Team Meeting...1pm – Music Room  
Board of Deacons Meeting...2pm – Room 147  
Disciple Bible Study II ... 6pm – Library  
Webelos Den 2338 ... 6:30pm – Youth Room  
Ship 911...7:00pm – Music Room  
Winds Ensemble Rehearsal ...7pm – Sanctuary  
Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed. Seminar ... 7pm – First Presbyterian Church Georgetown

**Friday, February 5**

PW Project Day ... 9:30am – at Kitty White's house

**Saturday, February 6**

Men's Small Group Meeting... 8am – Library

**Sunday, February 7**

Session Retreat - Mo-Ranch Sunday afternoon through Tuesday  
Praise Team Rehearsal ... 8am – Music Room  
Choir Rehearsal...8:30am – Music Room  
Communion Service ... 9:15am – Sanctuary  
Fellowship Time ...10:30am – Narthex  
Gabriel's Angels Rehearsal ...10:55am – Under the Cross  
Discipleship Hour Classes ...11am – See Bulletin

**Monday, February 8**

Session Retreat – at Mo-Ranch  
Weight Watcher's Meeting ... 8am - Sanctuary West Wing  
Group Piano Lessons...12pm - Sanctuary  
Cub Scouts Pack 2338 ... 6pm – Youth Room  
Men's Emmaus Reunion Group Meeting ... 7pm – Library

**Tuesday, February 9**

Session Retreat – at Mo-Ranch  
Women's 4<sup>th</sup> Day Emmaus Meeting...8am – City Market, Sun City  
Ladies Luncheon...11:30am - Plaka Greek Café Hostess: Anne Frohlich  
Newcomer Ministry Meeting...3pm – Conference Room  
Disciple Bible Study I ... 6pm – Narthex  
Gabriel's Bells Rehearsal... 6pm –Music Room

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