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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 **1 Corinthians 10:13**.

"No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."

Scripture readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9.

Congregational Concerns: Mel Ulferts had knee surgery Tuesday and is doing fine... Jane Zemel has hernia surgery today. She plans to stay with Barbara Madden... Nell Newton has cataract surgery today... Kent Shellene is still in the hospital working on rehab. Joan is moving into their house in Dallas...

Thanksgiving: All those who contribute food or money to the Caring Place on the first Sunday of the month, feeding the hungry as we are fed by Christ in Communion...

Joys: The incredible music Sunday --- from Gabriel's Angels, Gabriel's Sounds, the Praise Team, Gabriel's Winds and Sean Mann's solo.

Note: If you want church members to pray for your concerns, please send prayer requests, thanksgivings and joys to Anne Frohlich 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.

SGPC NEWS:

SG Winds rehearsals are at 7pm each Thursday and at 8am each Sunday through March 28. Contact Bill Hunt at wahunt@suddenlink.net or 868-5369 for more information.

This Sunday is Girl Scout Sunday at SGPC! We encourage all girl scouts [past and present] to wear their uniforms, sashes, etc. to church on Sunday. This March marks the 98th year for this organization, which began in 1912.

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. Please place your items in the trunk of the car parked out front. Thank you for your generosity and for helping others who are struggling financially.

Mar 4 ~ Community of Hope Chaplain training. Community of Hope is part of a long-standing ecumenical program for lay chaplains. The new training for Community of Hope will begin on Thursday, March 4, and will meet every Thursday from 9:30-11:30 until mid June at Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. This will include 2 training sessions at different sites. Currently our CofH chaplains serve at St. David's, Estrella, and the Wesleyan, as well as some visiting Grace Episcopal parishioners at home. You are welcome to take the training and use it for the parishioners at your church. The cost for the training is \$35 to cover the cost of printing (You get a lot of material!) Your commitment after the training would be a monthly Circle of Care which incorporates spiritual companionship and community, debriefing, and continued education. It usually will last for 1-1 1/2 hours. If you are interested, contact Pat Henderson right away at pathenderson3@msn.com since the training starts Thursday morning. You may also talk with Anne Frohlich about this as she plans to attend.

Mar 5-6 ~ Mission Presbytery Meeting is this Friday and Saturday in Corpus Christi. San Gabriel commissioners Chuck Baerman and JoAnn Long, as well as Kent & Kitty White and Pastor Stanley, will attend this business meeting. Pray for safety on the roads for all the attendees and that God will guide their decisions.

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

Mar 7 ~ the Vineyard Class continues with a new study based on the bestselling book: "SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME", the amazing true story 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 are leading 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!!!

Mar 7 ~ the G.W.I.P [God's Works in Progress] class, a gathering of younger adults, meets with our seminary intern Krystal Leedy. The group began a new study entitled "Called to be God's People", which is about Christian vocation. Please bring your Bible and join them in Room 146.

Mar 13 ~ Church Clean-up / Workday: Please sign-up in the Narthex up for whatever area you would like to work at our "**Church-Wide Landscape Clean-up**"! We will have tractors, bob-cats, augers, jackhammers and four experienced landscape laborers but we need EVERYONE to complete the work that needs to be done. If you have a previous commitment or cannot physically help, there are donation envelopes in the Narthex at the Gardening table; your donation will be used for the trees, plants, equipment and manpower. We also need hand-tools, wagons, wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, weed-diggers, clippers, pruners, and anything else you would normally use in landscaping. Make sure you mark your tools with your name. The more help we have the less we will all have to work! Everyone helping will earn their official SGPC baseball hat! See you on the 13th; starting at 9:30 a.m.!

Mar 15 ~ Small Group Home Bible Study meets from 7-9pm and continues with a six-session study on the book of James. If you are still interested, please call or E-mail Ann Stewart at annstewart@suddenlink.net or 864-3840.

Mar 20 ~ "Delete" Cancer Fundraiser Dinner: A Chicken Fried Steak Dinner will be served by Greg's Gang on March 20, from 4:30-6pm at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Georgetown Relay for Life in memory of Gregory Keith Machu. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Dawn Machu or Michael Pehl for \$10.00 each.

Mar 20 ~ Singles & Alone will meet on **Saturday March 20 at 5 pm** at the home of Ann Brown. Menu is "**green things**" and will be entirely potluck. Please bring appetizers, main dish, salads, veggies, desserts, beverages, fruits, Jell-o, whatever you can think of that's GREEN. We are celebrating a Presbyterian St Patrick's evening and look forward to lots of creative GREEN things. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Brown [869-5811], Elda Steury [863-3171], Norma Walston [864-3004], or Jo Anne Cochran [869-7801].

Responding to the earthquake in Chile: A devastating magnitude 8.8 earthquake struck Chile on Saturday, February 27, shattering buildings and bridges and causing the issuance of tsunami warnings for much of Pacific rim. Damage was particularly heavy in Concepción. That city, Chile's second-largest metropolitan area, is located only 70 miles from the earthquake's epicenter. Reports as of Monday morning, March 1, listed the death toll at over 700, with a potential of more deaths as tsunamis hit coastal areas. Approximately 1.5 million homes have been destroyed. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with our ecumenical partner Church World Service (CWS) in Chile to provide basic humanitarian assistance and to help local partners in assessing the needs. [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) [OGHS] funds collected will be used for an initial response. Gifts for responding in Chile may be designated for DR000185. CWS emergency response staff have been in contact with colleagues on the ground in Chile and is coordinating their response with two Chilean agencies: FASIC (Fundacion de Ayuda Social de las Iglesia Cristianas) and the Humanitarian Team of the Methodist Church of Chile, IMECH. IMECH is part of the National Emergency Office (ONEMI), the national coordinating body headed by the President. ONEMI has local chapters in all regions, where coordination takes place with local counterparts. PDA will also coordinate with PC(USA) World Mission and their work with CLAI (Latin American Council of Churches) and with ACT Alliance member Lutheran World Federation. Carlos Cardenas, PC(USA) mission co-worker in Nicaragua, is assisting in communication of assessments. John Robinson, PDA associate for national response, was in contact with presbytery staff in the Pacific rim areas over the weekend, in case there were needs arising from tsunamis in the aftermath of the quake. However, the effects of the tsunami did not reach the United States. Reports will be posted on the PDA Web site as assessments continue and information becomes available.

PC(USA): To find out more about PC(USA) mission efforts, we encourage you to subscribe to the Mission News through <http://www.pcusa.org/subscriptions/> and use it daily during your personal devotions.

Mar 28 ~ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: This year's offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 28. Funds are used for the self-development of people around the world, Presbyterian Hunger Program, as well as for the Presbyterian Disaster Fund. Fish banks are available in the narthex for those who want to save their coins for the offering.

Hockey Anyone? We need 15 people for special pricing and mention for a church group event at a **Texas Stars hockey game in Cedar Park**. A fabulous venue - close to home in Cedar Park at their wonderful, new ice arena. The season ends April 8 and there are only a few home games left. If you are interested in this fun, fast-moving sport, the price is right, the location is close, and the sport is very fast moving and just lots of fun. Contact Virginia Lazenby [868-3710] or Jo Anne Cochran [869-7801] for more information and to work out a date that works for our group.

Apr 4 ~ Audio Visual Team: If you would be willing to create and/or run the power point for the Easter service, please contact the church office at sgpc@verizon.net. Thanks Janette

Apr 4 ~ Flowering of the Cross: Last Easter this new tradition was added to our list of “making church family memories”. This Easter Sunday everyone in the congregation can be a part of giving our outside cross a new life. On Easter morning, bring a flower or flowers to place on the cross near our main entrance. Last year many of us took family photos with the beautiful “in full bloom” cross – so don’t forget to bring your cameras!

Emmaus Walks ~ Don’t forget to 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!

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 17 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. Contact Ann Stewart annstewart@suddenlink.net / 864-3840], or Joyce Gill [Joycerhea@hotmail.com / 686-0419] or Sandy Althaus [sandyalthaus@mac.com / 868-1077] to register or for more information.

Mar 9 ~ Ladies Luncheon: Our next monthly luncheon is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 9, at 11:30am at Carmine’s Pizza and Pasta, which is located In the Goodwill shopping center at the corner of Booty and Williams Drive. If you plan to attend said luncheon, please contact Kathryn Brown at 868-9203 or kat203b@peoplepc.com to let her know that you are planning to attend. Thanks!

Mar 10 ~ Women of Faith Brunch ~ All women of the church are invited to join the Women of Faith at 9:15am on Wednesday, March 10, for brunch, special music and a meditation in preparation for the Lenten season. If you are a regular, if you have come but are not coming now, or if you have never visited this vibrant, Spirit filled fellowship of ladies, you are most welcome! Please contact Ann Stewart at annstewart@suddenlink.net or 864-3840 or Sandy Althaus, sandyalthaus@mac.com or 868-1077, to let us know you are coming. Bring a friend!

Ladies Support Group meets on Thursdays in Room 147 from noon to 1:30pm. For more information, contact either Nell Newton at nellnewton@suddenlink.net or Coleta Stephenson at coleta_1999@yahoo.com

Women’s Emmaus Meetings: If you have been on an Emmaus walk and are interested in attending an Emmaus 4th Day Reunion group meeting, please contact Tammy Baerman at 864-0408 or TbaermanTX@aol.com.

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.

Mar 13 ~ The next men's fellowship breakfast will be on Saturday, March 13, at 8am at Don Pedro's on Williams Drive next to HEB. Plan now to attend and bring a friend, new member or a visitor to attend.

CHILDREN / YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Mar 3 ~ WOW! Meets tonight, March 3, at 5:30pm. For additional information or to help in any way, please contact Phyllis Perkins at phyllisannperkins@msn.com.

Summer Youth Program ~ The Leedys, Children's Ministry, and Mission Ministry are planning a great summer program primarily for youth 10 years and up, 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. Please, spread the word about this program and feel free to discuss your ideas with Krystal [misto621@gmail.com] and John [dearjohn84@gmail.com].

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mentors Needed! Donna Covey, Program Specialist of Partners in Education, has a special need and request for more adult mentors for students in our community schools. Some 900 children have asked for mentors and we cannot meet their need at this time. PIE is especially in need of mentors for high school students. GISD students need positive community volunteers as role models to help our students become successful in life.

Specific needs are:

- GHS needs 4 male mentors, and 1 female mentor
- Tippit Middle School needs 1 male mentor
- Forbes Middle School needs 1 male mentor
- Benold Middle School needs 2 female mentors

As a mentor you spend approximately 30 minutes a week reading, playing games, tutoring and talking to children who otherwise do not receive these important interactions. Please contact Donna Covey at (512) 943-5175 or coveyd@georgetownisd.org if you are interested in this program. Thanks ... Ellis Gill

Mar 8 ~ For the Love of Christ! 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.

Mar 16 ~ Annual Soup Supper: The Caring Place, will hold its 20th Annual Soup Supper from 5-7:30pm on Tuesday, March 16, in Frizelle Hall at St. Helen Catholic Church on Highway 29. Please come join us for a wonderful evening of soup provided by 13 area restaurants, corn bread, dessert, large live auction and a fashion show. Tickets are \$10 adult/\$3 children and are

available at The Caring Place, Sun City Social Center/CA office and at the door the night of the event. **We are still in need of volunteers to make desserts and/or cornbread.** For more information or to volunteer, contact Rita Turner at (512) 869-4735 x 231 or turner@caringplacetx.org.

Apr 13 ~ You are Invited! First Presbyterian Church, Active Christian Treasures, is going to see **The Painted Churches at Shulenberg on April 13** and they have invited SPGC to join them. Edwin & Pat Gerick, Nell Newton and Janette Donaldson have signed up and they encourage you to join them on this adventure! With all the rain we've had, there should be plenty of blue bonnets and other wild flowers for us to view. The bus will load at the First Presbyterian Church, 703 Church Street, Georgetown, at 7:45 a.m. on April 13. We need to do it this early so that we can be in Schluenberg by 10 a.m. We will tour two churches in the morning, stop for lunch and then tour two more churches. We will have a docent from Schluenberg with us. Your cost, including bus fare, is \$30.00 per person. Please make your check payable to "ACTS." This does NOT include lunch. The docent's tip is covered as well as the cost to enter the churches. Please send your check to ACTS, First Presbyterian Church, 703 Church Street, Georgetown, TX 78628 as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the bus. **The deadline is April 5.** Please include your telephone number in case Geneva needs to get in touch with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Geneva Berg at 863-0117.

Georgetown Job Café ~ The Georgetown Job Cafe meets every week on Wednesdays from 8:30-11:30am. We are currently meeting at Celebration Church ~ January through March ~ and then we will need another local church to host us! Our mission is to "Provide Faith-based resources for employment and personal enrichment". Our goals are to help individuals who are out of work and/or looking for a job. We work to provide job/career tools and networking support to help them in their employment search. Check our website at www.georgetownjobcafe.org. We meet and network from 8:30am until a little before 9am. Then at 9am we have an opening and welcome followed by a speaker on career and employment issues. In the past our career speakers have provided insight on all aspects of employment. After the career speaker, around 10:00am we have a devotional speaker (clergy or lay person) from the Ministerial Alliance who speaks for about 15 minutes. The devotional subject matter is encouraged to be motivational with personal stories about employment events, perhaps from the clergy's own life, that could be a spiritual uplift for our attendees. We do encourage Bible quotes and prayers. So, we are looking for devotional speakers! Please know that your church members and attendees are always welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Randy Mongold at 203-8945 or Mary Jane Berry at 240-4167.

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, or email them at program@moranch.com.

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.

April 2-4 ~ Easter at Mo-Ranch – Join us at Mo-Ranch to celebrate Easter starting with a family night at the movies on Friday in the Wagon Wheel Café, optional ropes course or trail rides on Saturday (additional fee required), critter class for our younger guests and fun for all. Easter sunrise service is at 7:30am at Chapel on the Hill, followed by a continental breakfast.

April 18-20 ~ Mo-Ranch invites you to join Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes on April 18-20, 2010 for a Reflective Retreat “The Pastor as a Minor Poet” focusing on the poetic calling of the pastor both to discern and reveal the truth that is always beneath the Veneer. Open to pastors, CLPs, seminary students and all those interested in preaching or pastoral leadership. The retreat will feature teaching by Rev. Barnes focused around his book “Pastor as Minor Poet”. For more information or to register on-line, contact Mo-Ranch at www.moranch.com.

April 23-25 ~ Mo-Ranch invites you to “Mapping Our Journeys”, a look at healthy relationships with God, ourselves and others. Join Lindsey Irons and Leah Wilson McDill, Ph.D. as they lead an exploration of how we can grow into relationships around us while God nurtures our souls en route. **To register or for more information, download the [brochure](#).**

June 13-18 ~ Wanted: Youth Leaders! Looking for ways to grow closer to God and be the light of Christ to others? Experience Mo-TLC to seek and hone your leadership gifts. Mo-Teen Leadership Conference, June 13-18, 2010, is a fantastic opportunity for youth who have completed grades 9 through 12 to impact the world. Be creative planning and carrying out all areas of worship, learn skills for leading small groups, recreation, drama and music. Guided by caring adult mentors, youth leaders perform all aspects of this great conference. Registration is limited to five youth plus adult sponsors from each church so this conference offers an opportunity to interact closely with youth and adults from different congregations. Download registration forms at www.moranch.com. For more information contact the Mo-Ranch Program Office at program@moranch.com or Conference Director Nicci Kennedy, Nicci@ridgleapres.org, at Ridglea Presbyterian Church, Ft. Worth, TX. Cost is \$392 per person. After March 1, add \$25 per person. Partial scholarships are available based on financial need.

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!

Those Serving This Sunday:

Adult Liturgist: Bev Holland

Communion Servers: Bev Holland, Patricia Wadsack, Pat Rehm, Katie Janssen,
Ed Coplen, Kent White, Gerry Rymes, Leonard Kropp

Youth Liturgists: Kylee Hall, Addie Loper

Power Point: Cordelia Razek, J.C. Long

Registration Books: Bob and Norma Paschal

Sound Board: J. C. Long

Ushers: George Coffey, Captain, Aubrey Ford [Girl Scout], Chad & Jennifer Ford & Remi Ford

Building Security: Feb 28-Mar 6 – Jim McCullough... Mar 7-13 – Ron Bobinsky

Set-Up & Take-Down: Feb 28-Mar 6 – Don Imig...Mar 7-13 – Dwight Henn

Lawn Maintenance: Rod Hall, Bill Dixon

"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.

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

Here's what's happening this week:

Wednesday, March 3

"Women of Faith" Bible Study...9:15am – Sanctuary
Bulletin Deadline...Noon – sgpc@verizon.net
Library Team Meeting...3pm – Library
WOW!...5:30pm - Narthex
Choir Rehearsal ...7:00pm – Music Room/Sanctuary

Thursday, March 4

Women's Support Group...12pm – Room 147
Board of Deacons Meeting...2pm - Library
Disciple Bible Study II ... 6pm – Library
Webelos Den 2338 ... 6:30pm – Youth Room
Ship 911...7pm – Music Room
SG Winds Rehearsal ...7pm - Sanctuary

Friday, March 5

Mission Presbyterian Meeting – Corpus Christi

Saturday, March 6

Mission Presbyterian Meeting – Corpus Christi
Men's Small Group Meeting... 8am – Library

Sunday, March 7

SG Winds Rehearsal ... 8am - Sanctuary
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, March 8

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, March 9

Women's 4th Day Emmaus Meeting...8am – City Market, Sun City
Adult Ministry Meeting...10am - Library
Ladies Luncheon...11:30am – Carmine's Pizza & Pasta Hostess: Kathryn Brown
Disciple Bible Study I ... 6pm – Narthex
Gabriel's Bells Rehearsal... 6pm – Music Room

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