Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support on our mission trip to South Africa, and thank you to our participants who gave of their own resources and vacation time to journey to South Africa. It is a land of profound paradox—incredible beauty juxtaposed with abject poverty, with pockets of great wealth in between. It was an amazing experience that included meeting with Charles Villa Vincencio, the Director of Research for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as well as numerous pastors and leaders seeking to address the host of challenges facing the new South Africa. As an unexpected blessing, our final evening we heard Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu speak at the Rondebosch United Presbyterian Church. We also had the opportunity to speak briefly with him and have our photographs taken with him. From a Nobel Peace Prize winner to dedicated rural pastors, we learned a great deal about the many challenges facing South Africa.

We were all startled by the striking parallels between South Africa and the United States, particularly Dallas. We both struggle with issues concerning large migrant labor populations. In South Africa, they come from the rural Eastern Cape to Cape Town looking for work. In Dallas, many come from Latin America. Both situations impact social services including education and health care in profound ways. Both of our societies are divided by race; though in South Africa, the white population is slightly less of a percentage of the whole than the African American population is in the United States. In South Africa, race relations are made more complex by the group they refer to as “coloured,” who were essentially the labor force for the colonial population. They are made up of Asian Indians and people of mixed race. There are striking parallels to the challenges faced by the Latino population in the United States. As we learned of the forced displacement of the residents of District 6 in Cape Town, an historically “coloured” community, our group discussed the relocation of Little Mexico in Dallas, seeing many similarities.

We also learned from the way the church is engaging those societal challenges in South Africa. FPC Dallas and J. L. Zwane Presbyterian in Guguletu share much in common. We are both engaged in addressing the challenges of poverty in our communities. They do an amazing job of engaging their community through zone leaders assigned to various neighborhoods of Guguletu who are aware of challenges facing those neighborhoods and use the resources of the church to help meet them. Last Sunday, a family impacted by a brutal murder was in church to say “thank you” to JL Zwane. Though they were not members, the church embraced that family by paying for the funeral, hosting the service, and offering legal support so they could understand the prosecution process. It was a very moving experience.

We will be sharing our stories in a formal way in the weeks to come. Thank you again for your support of this vital partnership.

Grace and peace,

Pastor’s Desk

Welcome, Confirmands!

Last Sunday, we welcomed 10 new members into our church family. Their names and partners are listed on pg. 2.

Senior Bios and Photos

See pages 4-5
CAMP
Chorister Camp
Marvelous Mission Project 1
Mo-Ranch Worship & Music Conference
Montreat Worship & Music Conference
Grace Day Camp
Mo Ranch Annual
All-Church Retreat
Marvelous Mission Project 2
Vacation Church School

DATES
June 1-3
June 11
June 17-23
June 24-30
July 9-13
July 20-22
July 24
July 30- August 3

Join us for one or more of our exciting summer camps and retreats! Visit www.firstpresdallas.org/whatsupfor more information and to register online.

Do you have fond memories of summer camp? Are you looking for a way to support the ministries of FPC? Would you like to help a child experience God through nature and sleeping in the woods for the first time? Why not join the “Adopt a Camper” program this spring and help send a Saturday School child to Camp Gilmont this summer for a week of summer camp. You are invited to make an individual, Sunday School Class, or other group contribution of any size to help scholarship a child.

Last year the students we sent returned to tell stories of new friends, new experiences, their love of the God’s world and of adventure, and were grateful for the opportunity. We plan on sending campers the week of June 24-30. The cost of camp is $515 per camper per week which includes the entire room, board, program costs (like Archery, Canoeing, swimming, crafts, and camping out), and a t-shirt. We will also send one adult staff person as a volunteer camper counselor for the week. You are able to provide sleeping bags, flashlights, disposable camera, and any other small items needed by the children for the week which families may not be able to provide.

If you would like to make a contribution, please write checks to The Stewpot and mark them attn: Adopt a Camper 2012. Please place them in “The Stewpot” box at the church with Adopt a Camper on the envelope or mail them to The Stewpot, Attn: Suzanne Dwight, 1835 Young St, Dallas, TX 75201. Contributions of all sizes are welcome and appreciated. If you have questions please contact Suzanne Dwight at suzanned@thestewpot.org. Thank you again for your generosity.

2012 CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR PARTNERS:
Chloe Amelia Bidne—Barbara Gervais
Ryan Atkins Brockett—Doug Fenn
Drake Nahlen Deuel—Kelly Ingrum
Alexander James Echols—Thom Stewart
Andrew Charles Echols—Brent Bailey
Kyleigh Lucinda Hall—Kathryn Graham
Kathryn Elizabeth Martini—Mary Kimbrough
Meghan Elise O’Brien—Sheryl Nelson
Genevieve Golden Soucek—Susan Stephens
Juliana Noelle Wait—Margaret Ouzts

GREAT NEWS for Mother's Day: pianist Paul Bisaccia and lyric baritone David Giardina, a star of New York's Rainbow Room will perform at FPC on Sunday, May 13th at 4:00 PM in Byrd Hall. Their program offering is "Tin Pan Alley Alive," a pure Americana review of favorite songs from the first part of the 20th century.

David Giardina is a dynamic lyric baritone crooner who specializes in the great American Songbook from the 1920's and 1930's – an era often referred to as “Tin Pan Alley”. Since 1994 David has crooned with top swing orchestras and pianists at such venues as the world famous Rainbow Room, command performances at the United Nations, Swing 46, Grand Central Partnership, the Central Park Band shell and many others. David, by the way, actually lives on the legendary Tin Pan Alley in New York and is a specialist in this genre.

"Alive in Tin Pan Alley!" refers not only to the bygone era of great American songwriting but also to the section of New York City where these treasures were created by the likes of George & Ira Gershwin, Victor Herbert, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter and countless others – namely on 28th St between 5th and 6th Ave.

Pianist Paul Bisaccia has performed around the world. He has made a particular specialty of the music of George Gershwin, although his repertoire and musical interests cover a wide range. He was the first artist to record the complete solo piano music of Gershwin, and his PBS television special “Gershwin by Bisaccia” has been broadcast throughout the U.S. and seen by millions. The program was also dubbed into Mandarin Chinese for broadcast in Asia. The American Record Guide says, "For Gershwin interpretations Bisaccia wins hands down." Popular recording and cabaret star Michael Feinstein reacted to Bisaccia’s Gershwin television program by saying “How wonderful! It just proves that talent always prevails in these times of mediocrity.”

Bisaccia’s music is also featured in the acclaimed Ric Burns television documentary “New York”. He has become the most frequently requested pianist by listeners of beethoven.com and his most recent special for Public Television, “Paul Bisaccia and the Great American Piano” has been hailed by the critics as “another sure-fire winner.”

The concert program will include the complete solo version of George Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue. Join us for this unique event designed for all ages! As always, events in the First Concert Series are offered free of charge. For more information contact Josh Taylor, Director of Worship & Music at (214)748-8051. Reservations are not required but are greatly appreciated and may be made by calling the church or visiting www.firstpresdallas.org/tinpanalley.
Sunday, May 6
8:50 a.m. Worship Service – Chapel, Communion
9:00 a.m. Visitor Coffee Hour - Parlor
9:30 a.m. Church School Classes for All Ages
9:30 a.m. Bible From Scratch – Courson Two
10:00 a.m. Transportation from Grace Presbyterian Village
10:50 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary, Communion
12:00 p.m. Senior Sunday Celebration – Byrd Hall
4:00 - 6:45 p.m. Congregational Care Training- Courson Two
5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study - Conference Room 318
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room

Monday, May 7
9:45 a.m. Pastor’s Aides – Parlor
10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women Circles 1 & 2

Tuesday, May 8
9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Circle 3 – Parlor
10:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women Circle 4 – Courson Two
Presbyterian Women Circles 6-9

Wednesday, May 9
7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study – Courson One
12:00 p.m. Pastor’s Bible Study – Blakley
6:00 p.m. Community Ministries Junior and Venturing Crews
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir – Choir Room

Thursday, May 10
10:00 a.m. Keenagers Visit The Bridge
8:15 a.m. Presbyterian Women Circle 11
6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women Circle 5- home of Evelyn Osborn
6:30 pm. Stephen Ministry – Conference Room 318

Saturday, May 12
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Community Ministries Saturday Programs

Sunday, May 13
8:50 a.m. Worship Service – Chapel
9:30 a.m. Church School Classes for All Ages
9:30 a.m. Bible From Scratch – Courson Two
10:00 a.m. Transportation from Grace Presbyterian Village
10:50 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
No Congregational Lunch
4:00 p.m. First Concert Series – Byrd Hall
5:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study - Conference Room 318
6:30 p.m. Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal – Bell Room

Children’s Corner
UPCOMING EVENTS
May 5th 9:30 a.m. – My Family and Me Play Date at FPC Playground.
May 13th – 3rd Graders Bible Presentation in 10:50am Worship.
A complete list of Summer Children’s dates is available at www.firstpresdallas.org.
Questions or to register for activities please email children@firstpresdallas.org.

Scholarship
FOSTER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FPC COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
Thanks to the generosity of the family of Robyn Conlon and many FPC members, there are scholarships in honor of Dr. Dan Foster available for qualified students of 2- and 4-year colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning. Visit www.firstpresdallas.org/fosterscholarship for guidelines and application. The deadline to apply is June 7.

Keenagers
TOUR THE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE CENTER & HELP PLAN SOME FUN
BY DEBBIE REINHARDT-YOUNG, LCSW
We have talked about it, driven past it, read about it in the paper and some of you volunteer there, but on Thursday, May 10, we are going to officially tour and learn about Dallas’s Homeless Assistance Center, THE BRIDGE. Would you like to know about all the services provided at this facility, such as outreach/intake services, emergency/transitional shelter services, employment assistance & affordable supportive housing services? Each day The Bridge sees about 1,200 adults experiencing homelessness each day. The Bridge’s purpose is to help end adult long-term homelessness. Judy Noble will be our Program Guest but we will go to her for the program. Meet in Byrd Hall at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and fellowship. At 10:20 we will depart from the Welcome Center by Church Vans and go to The Bridge for our program and tour. We will return to Byrd Hall for lunch. Reservations are needed by Friday, May 4 to Kathy Price either at 214-748-8051 ext.230 or kathyp@firstpresdallas.org. Also, it’s not often I ask for assistance, but on Wednesday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. I would love it if you would join me in the Parlor to help plan our programs and trips for 2012-2013 year. There will be coffee and cookies. No reservations needed, just come join us if your calendar allows. Also, if you have ideas, but can’t make it, submit them via email to (Debbier-y@firstpresdallas.org), voicemail at 214-748-8051 ext.224, or leave notes in the All Staff mailbox on the first floor.
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WILLIAM BRAININ COBB

Will is the son of Bill and Stacy Cobb and will graduate from Highland Park High School. Over the past four years, he has been the Editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, an Eagle Scout, and a member of the National Honor and English National Honor Societies. He participated on the Ultimate Frisbee, Cross Country, and Track & Field teams. About his time at FPC, Will recounts, “Some of my best friends are at church.” He will always remember rooming with Sam Fernandez and James Cotter for six years in a row at the Mo Ranch youth conference. He plans to study Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin.

MARGARET CRANDALL COLEMAN

Maggie is the daughter of Russ and Marty Coleman. She will graduate from Highland Park High School where she participated in American Field Service, Genesis Women’s Outreach Club, the National Honor, Spanish, English and Science Honor Societies, and the University Park Youth Advisory Commission. Maggie became very good friends with Marilyn Hammet on the South Padre youth trip. “Getting to know her and her husband Bill was amazing and as a result, I have gained two wonderful friends.” Maggie plans to attend college in the fall.

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**SAMUEL DAVID FERNANDEZ**
Samuel, son of Salvador and Eunice Fernandez, will graduate from The School for the Talented and Gifted. Aside from being a 2012 National Merit Finalist, Samuel kept busy as a Member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Vice President of the Computer Science Club. He won the 1st place individual and 1st place team at the UIL District Computer Science competition this year. Samuel calls his first time participating in Community Ministries Week “intense and eye-opening.” He remembers, “Afterward, I was so exhausted that I slept for a full fourteen hours!” The exhaustion won’t keep him away- he will participate again this summer before moving to Austin to pursue a computer science degree at UT.

**CARLOS RAMON GARCIA**
Charlie is the son of Leslie and Juan Garcia and will graduate from St. Mark’s School of Texas this spring. For four years, he played High Intensity Volleyball, making the All SPC team his junior and senior years. The recipient of the 2010-11 AVCA Team Academic Award, Charlie is also a member of the National German Honor Society and the Lion and Sword Society. Charlie almost didn’t go to Montreat last summer because his parents were moving that week. He calls his decision to attend, “the best thing I could have done before school started,” and recalls that “letting the cool, mountain air fill my nostrils calmed my tense nerves and left me in a state of peacefulness that assured me that I would love living in a new house. Charlie will begin studies in Sports Nutrition at Germania College in the fall.

**AUDREY LOUISE HECKMAN**
Betty and Jeff Heckman’s daughter Audrey will graduate from Rowlett High School. She was the National Honor Society President, Student Council and Class of 2012 Secretary, and served on both the Prom and Homecoming Committees. After participating in JV Cheerleading, Audrey performed in Hairspray! And went on to win All-School Art and Chorus awards. Audrey, in fact, has a long list of awards for academic excellence, Pre-AP Chemistry, AP Scholars, and being the most spirited. Participating in service opportunities such as Community Ministries Week and helping with Saturday School and Summer Day Camp are among her most important memories at FPC. Audrey was one of two students to participate in the Haiti Mission Trip in January of this year. She will continue her academic pursuits at the University of Texas at Austin.

**CICELY KAY QUADE**
Cicely is the daughter of Kim and Charlie Quade and will graduate from Bishop Lynch High School. She play women’s soccer, was a Bishop Lynch Ambassador and member of the National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Multicultural Club. Cicely says her baptism and confirmation were two very important events at FPC, but her favorite memory is helping others during the annual Community Ministries Week. She will continue her studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

**WILLIAM RANDOLPH RUPPERT**
William is the son of Bill Ruppert and Susan and Bill McCoy. He will graduate from the Episcopal School of Dallas where he was the MVP in Football and served as the Varsity Captain for football, basketball and track. A member of the National Honor Society, William also won a four-year Presidential Service Award and was the Secretary of Student Council. His favorite church memory was sneaking out of Sunday school to ride the elevator to the top floor and seeing who could race down the parking lot the fastest. William will attend Rhodes College in Memphis, TN.

**JAMIE MEI-LIN GODWIN SAUNDERS**
Mei-Lin is the daughter of Susan Godwin Saunders and will graduate from Hebron High School in Carrollton. During her high school career, Mei-Lin was the Managing Editor of the school yearbook, a member of Student Council, Key Club and the National Spanish Honor Society, and a recipient of the Girl Scout Gold Award in 2011. Mei-Lin also won the 2011 Best Photo category in the Texas Association of Journalism Education competition. Confirmation helped enhance her faith journey after being the first FPC member to be baptized by then-new Rev. Joe Clifford. Mei-Lin aims to work in developing countries and will pursue this goal by attending Texas Women’s University and double-majoring in business and advertising.

**Celebrate!**
You are invited to congratulate the graduates and celebrate the accomplishments of this amazing group of FPC youth this Sunday, May 6 at 12:00 p.m. in Byrd Hall.
Tuesday, May 15 marks the final General Meeting of Presbyterian Women for the 2011-2012 year. The meeting will begin with lunch at 12:00 p.m. in Byrd Hall, followed by a program at 12:30. As part of the day’s events, officers for the 2012-2013 year will be installed and the annual Birthday Offering will be collected. The Birthday Offering is a special offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five specific projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support.

The program will be lead by FPC’s very own Lilly resident, Catherine Foster. Catherine has been part of the FPC family for the past two years and her resume is quite impressive. Catherine received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Davidson College, in Davidson, NC, in May 2005, graduating Magna Cum Laude. She attained a Masters in International Relations from the University of Bristol in England in 2008 and received her Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA in May 2010. While at FPC, Catherine has been a regular leader in worship both as liturgist and preacher. She has taught church school for all ages, fully engaged in the fellowship and life of this congregation, and designed a church and city-wide Presbyterian young adult ministry to unite over 100 young people in Bible study and fellowship.

The Lilly Residency program is designed to give qualifying first-call ordained ministers the support for learning the art of ministry in large congregations. It is an interdenominational program funded by the Eli Lilly Foundation. Currently there are five churches in Dallas involved in this program representing the Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian denominations.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for FPC’s Presbyterian Women to become more acquainted with Catherine in the time she has left with us. There is no charge to attend the program, but the cost for lunch is $7.00, and reservations must be made no later than noon on Thursday, May 10, by calling 214/560-2517, ext. 777.
A heart for the city.

Cares and Concerns

Sunday School Class Notes

JOHN 4: 7-15, 23-26, 28-30

Our lesson for today (4/22) was the story of the Woman of Samaria. Bonnie Edwards opened by telling us the difference between John’s Gospel and the three other Gospels. John focused on two points: 1-that Jesus is the Christ and that everyone should believe in him. 2-John also focused on disciplining those in authority at the time. To illustrate point number one, he mentioned Jesus in many ways, as the Incarnate Word, as the Messiah, as the Only Begotten Son, and as the King of Israel.

Then we went on to the text of a story we all know. Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink of water and then offers her “living water”. She doesn’t understand but then Jesus tells her what he knows about her and her life. She tries to change the subject but finally calls Jesus a Prophet and is excited about her encounter with Him. She leaves her water jug and goes back to her town. She finally understood that the “living water” was standing in front of her. Her encounter was a life changing experience.

Thank you Bonnie for a new look at an old story and an inspiring encounter for us.

KAIROS CLASS NEWS

BY JIM CARVELL

This is a good chance to catch up on happenings in the Kairois Class. Congratulations to April and Tate on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Greta, born April 20, and also to David and Mary Jane on the birth of John Thomas in March. (He’s already visited class several times.) Congratulations to former members Devyn and Ben on the birth of Jane in March. Did I miss anyone? Congratulations to Paige Prior who received her DDS from Baylor College of Dentistry. Way to go, Dr. Prior. Kairois is proud of our members Leah and Catherine C. who were part of the FPC mission trip to South Africa and Chris and Kristin who went to Haiti with the FPC mission trip. We have gotten some good feedback on the chicken recipes that Nell furnished at our “Kairois Cooks” event. Chicken and Dumplings has been cited as tasty AND easy. We have had many visitors over the last few months including Nora, granddaughter of John and Nancy Anderson. We hope to see them all back! It’s about time for a spring event—any ideas? Many thanks to Gage Waggoner for leading us in a very interesting study of the Psalms last month. We have begun a study of Rob Bell’s book, Love Wins. We have previously used Rob’s thought provoking videos in class. The Kairois Class meets in room 320 at 9:45 every Sunday. Visitors are always welcome.

MIZELL CLASS NEWS

BY CHRISTINE BOBADILLA

During Lent some members of the Marguerite Mizell class attended the Bonhoeffer lecture series and others attended the Allman Class for the uniform lesson. The class welcomed Chuck Hudson as our teacher for April. The Allman Class joined the Mizell lesson on April 15. Class members Bob Holmes and Billie Adrian have been hospitalized. Billie, briefly, and Bob for surgery. Bob is currently at the Continuum Rehabilitation Hospital of North Texas in Flower Mound. The class mourns the death of our member Patsy Holloway. Sympathy is extended to Graciela Flores family and friends on the death of Graciela’s brother and Eunice Fernandez’s uncle, Ruben Rojas. New FPC members Janet and Lee Hohwang were pleased to learn about Marguerite Mizell’s missionary work in China and Taiwan. Copies of the Marguerite Mizell biography were given to the Hohwangs who are sharing these books with the Chinese/Taiwanese churches in the Dallas area. Anyone interested in having a copy of this biography, please contact a member of the Mizell Class.

Sunday School Class Notes are published the first Friday every month and should be a 4-week summary of what your class has been learning. They are due by noon the final Friday of each month to Rebecca Gingles.

You may notice a new format on our Cares, Concerns, and Joys list, both on the printed blue-sheets and in the email format. The Congregational Care committee noticed a lack of use of this document, and many commented that it needed updates. Therefore, we formed a phone tree to contact as many on the list as possible. Additionally, we discovered the need for a new look—a way to keep many on an ‘on-going’ prayer list, but also to provide a brief and up-to-date current list for daily prayer which is constantly refreshed.

Please let us know if you have a need for prayer—be it private or public—by contacting us at prayers@firstpresdallas.org. Private requests will go only to the prayer chain and public ones can be included on the Cares, Concerns, and Joys list. Questions or concerns can be directed to Rev. Wendy Fenn at 214-748-8051 x 228.

Thanks,
Rev. Wendy Fenn and the Congregational Care Committee

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A heart for the city.
The 2012 Confirmation Class is hosting a Bike-A-Thon for all ages on Sunday, May 20, starting at 3 p.m. at White Rock Lake. This is not a race. Ride at your own pace.

Adults: $7.00, 12 and under: $5.00. All proceeds will benefit pedal power, a charity that improves access to transportation for the poor. You may also bring bicycles to donate that afternoon.

To register, email Bethany Taylor bethanyt@firstpresdallas.org. Payment will be collected on-site the day of the Bike-A-Thon.

On Wednesday, April 25th, the Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Buchanan was appointed as the 2012 Robert O. Cooper Peace and Justice Fellow at Southern Methodist University. Previous Peace and Justice Fellows include the Reverend William Sloane Coffin, Jr., Sister Hellen Prejean, Father Daniel Berrigan, Dolores Huerta, and the Honorable Craig Watkins. The award cites Buchanan’s “untiring efforts to bring justice and compassionate service through community organizing and inter-church programming.” As a part of the presentation, Rev. Buchanan was invited to give the Robert O. Cooper Peace and Justice Fellowship Lecture. His topic was “The Art of Turning Corners.” He discussed the turns in his own life that led him into ministry, and the necessity for there to be safe spaces like The Stewpot to enable others to make turns in their lives. He concluded by saying that, as many Stewpot volunteers have discovered, one receives much more than one gives when working in community ministries. Congratulations, Bruce!

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Bike-a-Thon

Pedal Power

508 Park Demo Day

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Demo Day was a great success. Thanks to Josh Taylor for working with the Dallas Wind Symphony for getting the tuba band; Brenda Roberts for providing a lunch for church members from noon to 1 p.m; and Sara Ponton, John Maxwell, and all the facilities staff for helping everything move flawlessly. Congregational members who crowded along Young Street enjoyed the event, and the children were mesmerized. Bruce Buchanan helped everyone pause and be thankful for the “work and wonder” represented by the building being torn down and the plans for what will replace it.

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