



vision

**We are passionate followers of Jesus Christ.
Inwardly strong. Outwardly focused.**

2011 Annual Report

First Presbyterian Church of Edmond, Oklahoma

1 mission

"We are a community of joyful Christians being equipped as disciples and making disciples for Jesus Christ."

1 vision

We are passionately devoted followers of Jesus – inwardly strong and outwardly focused.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to: prayer, the worship of God and being centered in His Living Word; encouraging those we meet to discover new life in Jesus Christ; the teaching and nurturing of His people; expressing and demonstrating His grace and love to the world; living as His stewards, acknowledging that all we have belongs to God.

**To live out this vision, we will be externally focused
With the following emphases for the next decade:**

4 challenges

Proclaim the Gospel for the salvation of the world. Schedule worship events in multiple locations and on multiple days Stream the gospel proclamation and discipleship training on the Internet. Train evangelists, preachers and teachers and underwrite their work.

Serve the widow, the fatherless and single moms
Third world orphans and local latch-key kids.

Live as stewards of God's earth.
Promote debt free living- as a congregation and as families.
Teach simplicity. Focus resources to meet our challenges.

Plant new Christian communities. Plan and execute church planting.
Local: Community plants in partnership with other congregations
Foreign: As partners with Presbytery in Eastern Uganda



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF EDMOND**

being disciples...making disciples!

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Above Photo: The refurbished doors of the old sanctuary- now part of the Library at First Pres.
Photo Credits: Bill Crouch, for the photography of the FPCE art and architecture

the senior pastor's message

"Transforming our present into God's future!"

To have a vision for the future does not mean accurately forecasting what will happen; it means painting a picture of the future we would like to see and then planning as best we can how we are going to get there. For Christians, vision is the result of exercising faith in the promises of God in light of our present circumstances and the needs we encounter.

As a church this past year, we have been engaging in shaping our vision with a view to effectively applying our resources to a more strongly focused purpose: *to be passionately devoted followers of Jesus Christ, inwardly strong and outwardly focused*. We want to exist not simply for ourselves (becoming inwardly strong) but for those who haven't yet discovered the love of God in Jesus Christ (becoming outwardly focused).

This last year has seen significant changes in our staffing which position us well to accomplish this vision for our future. Steve Marsh and Matt Jones with their gifts in organization and outreach have already strengthened our staff and brought fresh enthusiasm to our ministries. Our elders have spent extra time studying and planning for all the issues facing our church locally and nationally. We see so many opportunities to expand our impact on Edmond for the sake of God's Kingdom, but know we must be wise in how we prioritize our efforts.

Let me offer you a challenge as you read through this 2011 report to see what God has done in and through the people of First Pres Edmond. Where is the springboard in our efforts during 2011 which will serve to propel you forward in ministry for 2012? Where do you need to be strengthened inwardly? Where are you feeling called to demonstrate an outward focus for the gospel?

As God stimulates us all to answer these questions, imagine the impact that will have on our congregation and on Edmond. What you imagine, by God's grace, will be our vision fleshed out in the lives of real people, as we place our trust in God's promises and live for the glory of Jesus Christ in our day to day lives.

Looking forward with you to an adventurous 2012!



Mateen A. Ellass
Mateen Ellass
Senior Pastor

Members of the Session

Class of 2012

Bill Bergner
Stephen Earnest
Sarah Montgomery
Jayne Roberts
Amy Schulke
Jayne Spies
David Timberlake

Class of 2013

Kristin Emerson
Nancy Foringer
Andy Fugitt
Bob Laundhardt
Kathy Martin
Don Schiesz

Class of 2014

Jeannie Bath
Jim Cahalan
Georgia Fiering
Laura Ganz
Brian Horner
Robert Menja Karaya
Ann Ozan Willis

Ministers

Rev. Mateen Ellass
Rev. Steve Marsh
Rev. Matt Jones

Congregational Care

Martha Turner, CLP

Clerk of Session

Libby Cahalan

the executive pastor's message

What an exciting congregation to serve. I am so thankful for my call to be a member of the First Presbyterian Church staff team.

As I reflect on our ministry through my office as Executive Pastor in 2011, significant changes were made, which I believe have strengthened our ability to fulfill our mission of being "a community of joyful Christians being equipped as disciples and making disciples for Jesus Christ."

From our reception desk, to facilities management, Internet and Technology service, middle school ministries, an associate pastor, video and audio production and administrative support, First Presbyterian Church is poised for growth and difference making in Edmond and the greater Oklahoma City metroplex.

As I consider the staff changes, my opportunities to teach in our adult education modules on Sunday mornings and at the Gathering on Wednesday nights and regular participation in worship leadership, I am grateful to God for the opportunity to shepherd our staff, give input to the hearts and minds of those who have committed to spiritual formation through the study of God's Word and lead in worship.

God is good and he is good all the time. I anticipate great things happening in 2012 as we continue to make simple our ministry structure and its focus outside the walls of 1001 S. Rankin St.

Jeremiah 29:7 is my theme verse and it has guided my ministry for years: "...seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

Together, let us as elders, deacons, congregation members and staff more fully realize that this world is not our true home and love God and others more extravagantly in order to fulfill God's vision for the redemption of the citizens of Edmond and the greater Oklahoma City metroplex. Our church is in the city for good.

On the journey together, I remain faithfully yours,



Steve Marsh
Executive Pastor

Members of the Staff

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Mateen Ellass	Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Steve Marsh	Executive Pastor
Rev. Matt Jones	Associate Pastor
Martha Turner, CLP	Congregational Care Coordinator
Alice Tritthart	Administrative Asst. to Senior Pastor
Lori Jirousek	Administrative Asst. to Executive Pastor
Debbie Spencer	Receptionist & Admin. Asst. to Associate Pastor

Business

Jim Booher	Director of Finance & Human Resources
Tracey Rice	Financial Assistant

Music & Worship Staff

Jim VanHemert	Minister of Music
Ben Meek	Director of Contemporary Worship & Music
Terry Attebery	Director of Contemporary Choir
Margaret Eaton	Organist
Denise Bergner	Wedding Coordinator

Communications

Zena Nipper	Print Media Coordinator
Bill Crouch	Audio/Visual Coordinator
Melissa Tisdell	IT Support & Scheduling Coordinator
Tom Boles	Sound Engineer

Kids' Ministries

Linda Birsner	Director of Kids' Ministries
Shelly Fryer	Associate Director for Childcare & Preschool
Mary Singleton	Program Coordinator
Terrie Jones	Childcare Program Coordinator

Early Childhood Program

Lynette Warnock	Director of Early Childhood Programs
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Student Ministries

Brian Wagner	Director of Student Ministries
Alyssa Dees	Associate Director for Middle School
Christy Ford	Student Ministries Program Coordinator

Facilities

Marvin Houston	Facilities Director
Jim Pennington	Building Superintendent
Jean Carroll	Food Coordinator
Cloy Netherton	Head Custodian
Esmeralda Davila	Custodian
Bill Thoele	Custodian
Teresa Hartley	Custodian



Pathway of engraved bricks on the west side of the church. Each brick was purchased and donated by a church member.

NEW MEMBERS & REINSTATED MEMBERS IN 2011

Joel Cline	Rick Grundman	Janet Marsh	Todd Russell
Nancy Cline	Susan Grundman	Tom Mason	Pam Shoulders
Ed Crooks	Debbie Hall	Linda McCormick	Warren Shoulders
Joan Crooks	Jim Hall	Mike McCormick	Gina Sloniker
Sharon Cubberley	Carol Hendley	Katie Moore	Mike Sloniker
Carolyn Dowers	Wilma Hollis	Matthew Moore	Sheila Stinson
Mary Edwards	Jim Johnson	Devin Moseley	Sean Williams
Beverly Feist	Melissa Johnson	Alison O'Rear	
Jim Feist	Robby Kurtz	Mark O'Rear	
Faye Friess	Matt Maile	Brad Rodgers	
Kari Gallart	Stephanie Maile	Lisa Rodgers	
Mark Gallart	George Marsh	Heidi Russell	

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2011

Caitlin Alexander	Alexa Loberg
Jamee Barwick	Luke MacNaughton
Taylor Belote	Asher Martel
Brianna Birsner	Tommy Mosley
Taylor Bouska	Brandon Muller
Maggie Chipman	Riley Nester
Jacob Earnest	Jack Norman
Olivia Edwards	Kyle Regier
Reilly Emerson	Taylor Shogren
Clayton Gallart	Claire Wideman
Carolyn Grundman	David Wright
Madison Guarry	Zoe Zuerker
Emma Hall	
Olivia Jirousek	

We Remember...

DEATHS IN THE YEAR 2011

Margie Peeler March 4, 2011	Barbara DePue May 1, 2011	Zachary Baker October 15, 2011
Dave France April 17, 2011	Mary Boyce May 23, 2011	Edwin Crooks November 15, 2011

Active Members
December 31, 2010

1,760

+

2011 Profession &
Reaffirmation of Faith
42

2011 Certificate of Transfer
27

Other Gains
3

Total Gains 72

-

Certificate of Transfer
12

Deaths 4 Other 78

Total Losses 94

=

Total Active
Members

1,738

Finance & Property

Committee

David Timberlake, Chair/Elder
Georgia Fiering, Elder

Treasurer

Rick Roberts

Members

Tim Hopkins
Steve Kinney
Gary Moore
Bob Turner

Staff

Jim Booher, Finance
Marvin Houston, Property

Ex Officio

Steve Marsh

The mission of the Finance & Property Committee is to provide oversight of the management of the church's financial resources and oversee the management and maintenance of all church property.

During the calendar year 2011, the Property and Finance Committee oversaw the completion and the opening of the newly expanded and renovated library. The grand opening for this facility was in January 2011 and continues to be a popular destination at FPCE. The library is staffed by a group of volunteers who come each week to ensure it is stocked with current reading material and the books are properly catalogued and maintained for easy reference. Other volunteers are present on Sunday mornings to assist any who wish to avail themselves of the opportunities the library affords.

In September our staff was enhanced with the addition of Marvin Houston as Facilities Director. His years of experience have been invaluable in reprogramming and upgrading our physical plant.

This year, we were able to apply \$504,000 toward servicing our mortgage with Bank of the West, bringing that balance to \$2,855,887 at year's end.

The church continues to be a vibrant part of our community as we host, among other groups, Women's Bible Study Fellowship, several small bible study groups, our scout troop, the YMCA, and the Edmond Family Center for Autism. Our custodial staff prepares meeting space for an average of forty groups per week as we remain externally focused in the use of this wonderful facility.

The finance mission of this Committee continued to work smoothly with the very capable church staff, this year welcoming Steven Marsh, Executive Pastor, as a staff liaison. The year end financial report prepared by FPCE Member and Treasurer Rick Roberts is attached, offering insight into the management of that aspect of our church life.

Dave Timberlake
Chair



"The Tower" staircase located at the southwest corner of the church.
Architectural design by Bockus Payne Associates in Oklahoma City.

Treasurer's Report

In 2011 our members generously gave to God's work \$2,310,894 or 98.6% of the General Fund Budget. We were good stewards of the General Fund and expenses were below the budget by 0.8%, and total expenses were \$2,369,422. Unfortunately, we ended the year with a deficit of \$58,528.

Contributions to Stone by Stone IV for 2011 totaled \$564,356 for the year. We were able to make additional principal reduction payments of \$205,000, over and above the required \$299,432 debt service on our mortgage at Bank of the West, reducing our sanctuary loan balance to only \$2,855,887!

During the year the public accounting firm of Bell & Rhodes performed an audit of the financial statements of FPCE in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Standards as of December 31, 2010. We received a "clean" audit opinion and there were no negative findings as a result of their audit.

As we move forward, we need all of us to fulfill our pledges in order to see the Church continue to grow and be a blessing to our membership, community and the world.

Thank you for your generosity during these challenging times.

Rick Roberts
Treasurer



2011 Income & Expenses

	ANNUAL BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS
2011 INCOME		
PLEDGES RECEIPTS	\$2,004,000	\$1,935,126
NON PLEDGED IDENTIFIABLE	340,000	341,152
PRIOR YEAR PLEDGES	6,000	9,000
LOOSE OFFERING	20,000	16,606
BUILDING USAGE	10,000	5,436
INTEREST EARNED	500	254
OTHER INCOME	7,500	3,320
TOTAL INCOME:	\$2,388,000	\$2,310,894
2011 EXPENSES		
DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS	81,616	81,393
MISSIONS	165,950	150,346
MUSIC/WORSHIP	31,475	20,946
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	31,640	28,061
YOUTH MINISTRY	33,650	27,867
ADULT MINISTRY	8,750	6,252
ASSIMILATION	4,300	3,996
COMMUNICATIONS	49,510	56,357
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE	9,712	6,702
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	4,000	3,000
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	1,618,997	1,609,025
FACILITIES AND SUPPORT	348,400	375,477
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$2,388,000	\$2,369,422
INCREASE / DECREASE IN CASH		- \$58,528

Denominational Relations

Committee

Jim Cahalan, Chair/Elder

Members

Jim Hartzog
Letty Ann Schiesz
Larry Pulliam
Tom Langdon
Elaine Holt
Don Coody
Charlotte Greaves
Dwight Schulke

Ex Officio

Mateen Ellass

Presbytery Commissioners

Jim Cahalan
Charlotte Greaves
Don Coody
Tom Langdon
Larry Pulliam, Substitute
Libby Cahalan, Substitute

The Denominational Relations Committee seeks to maintain our relations with Indian Nations Presbytery, other churches within the Presbytery and with the Presbytery officers. We welcome the opportunity to offer assistance to the smaller Presbyterian churches in the Presbytery in whatever ways are appropriate.

In addition, the committee is responsible for monitoring actions and activities within the denomination, and communicating and informing the Session and membership about denominational issues and decisions that will impact our congregation.

The PC(USA) is in a state of flux as our congregation, along with many others, considers how to respond to the dramatic changes in doctrine introduced into the denomination as a result of decisions approved in 2011. Among others, these decisions include defacto approval of ordination regardless of sexual life style, a reduction in the view of Scripture from being authoritative for our lives to merely being a guide (truth is progressive and in the eye of the beholder), language introduced into the Book of Order that is universalistic in nature, and authorization of church membership for any person regardless of theological conviction, including the guarantee of full participation and representation. A great deal of time has been spent through the year evaluating various options for response to the denominational changes. That review continues as we enter 2012.

Denominational Relations has continued to support several of the Renewal organizations in the PC(USA), both with money and with the involvement of committee members who are serving on the Boards of both PFR (Presbyterians for Renewal), Presbyterian Action and the Presbyterian Coalition. Members of the committee attended several national meetings of evangelicals during the year, including five members and two pastors attending a "Fellowship of Presbyterians" gathering in Minneapolis. In addition the Presbytery Commissioners (plus the pastors) represented our church at the three called meetings of Indian Nations Presbytery.

Jim Cahalan
Chair



South windows of the Great Hall in the late morning.



Vision of sunlight shining through the west windows of the Great Hall.

Committee

Don Schiesz, Chair/Elder
Jayne Spies, Elder

Members

Barry Davis
Teresa Fugitt
Ann Hawkins
Keith Montgomery

Ex Officio

Steve Marsh

Personnel

To assist the Session in the implementation of its Book of Order responsibilities, the Personnel Committee provides support and guidance to church staff members and committee chairpersons in the areas of recruiting, hiring, compensation, benefits, employee relations, personnel policy formulation, and performance management.

While the Personnel Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Session, the Session is responsible for the overall health and ministry of the church.

Our church's by-laws state that the Personnel Committee shall be made up of at least one Elder or Deacon, the Immediate Past Chairperson, and two or more Members-at-Large from the congregation.

Your Personnel Committee's activity during 2011 includes the following:

- 1 Provided guidance and assistance in the personnel changes and additions during the year.
- 2 Developed and/or approved Job Descriptions for: Associate Pastor, Parish Nurse, Director of Student Ministries, Information Systems Support & Scheduling Coordinator, Administrative Assistant to Executive Pastor, Receptionist and Assistant to Associate Pastor, Elder Care Coordinator, Facilities Director, Kids' Ministry Program Coordinator, Associate Director for Middle School, Associate Director for High School, and Groundskeeper & Building Assistant.
- 3 Revised Organizational Chart to reflect changes with addition of Executive Pastor.
- 4 Worked with Pastor Nominating Committee in the hiring of the Associate Pastor.
- 5 Worked with Rev. John Gruel on transition to his new calling.
- 6 Updated Personnel Committee Operating Manual.
- 7 Reviewed and revised Personnel Policies as necessary.
- 8 Developed information for Narrative Budget.

Don Schiesz
Chair



Screen projection of the FPCE logo in the Yinger Youth Center.

The Communication Department met and overcame many challenges this year. As in previous years, a limited budget forced a more focused use of resources.

The internal computer network and the consistency of its use were greatly improved thanks to the work of Melissa Tisdell, an outside consultant and the purchase of some needed upgrades in hardware.

A Communication Task Force, chaired by Dan Martel, was formed to determine the most efficient approach to expanding God's word by reaching members, the un-churched and our neighbors in the community. The Task Force began with a clean slate approach and looked at all possible manner of communicating God's word to determine the methods that would be most effective for FPCE. They studied the successes of other churches and viewed their websites for opportunities that First Pres could take advantage of. It was determined that our website, newsletter, and an increase in the use of video, both online and for worship would improve our exposure to members and non members searching for answers.

The way of reaching the next generation was determined to be through electronic media. Facebook, Twitter, videos and blogs may not be influential to a large portion of our congregation, but to the younger, outside world they are essential daily means of staying in touch with each other and with

Communications

Brian Horner, Elder

Staff

Print Media Coordinator

Zena Nipper

Audio/Visual Coordinator

Bill Crouch

IT Support & Scheduling Coordinator

Melissa Tisdell

Sound Engineer

Tom Boles

Ministry Partners

Bob Brown, Visual Technician
Tom Humes, Visual Technician

Ex Officio

Steve Marsh

their church. The addition of blogs by both Steve and Mateen now give us an almost daily insight into current events affecting our church, the history of church leaders or in-depth approaches to biblical teaching. Facebook has allowed our members to stay in touch and view the many activities our church is involved in.

The use of banners and other advertising methods were suggested to bring attention to sermon series and entice our neighbors to visit. Bright colors and bold statements will let people know that we are serious about our mission and our desire to welcome them to visit FPCE.

The roll out of the enewsletter and new website in 2011 showcased the talents of Zena Nipper, Print Media Coordinator. With the Director of Communication position vacant, Steve Marsh assumed that role and he, along with Zena Nipper, Melissa Tisdell and newly appointed Coordinator of Audio/Visual Production Bill Crouch beginning January 1, 2012 continue to keep members informed of the many activities within and outside the church walls through all media available. Their focus and success has made it unnecessary to retain a standing Communication Committee in 2011.

The upcoming year will be one of great challenge and great achievement as we continue to reach everyone we can to become and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Steve Marsh
Executive Pastor

Kids' Ministries

We had another great year in Kids' Ministries! First, we began the new year with a wonderful trip of about 30 of our 4th and 5th graders and their parents to SuperStart Live in Dallas, Texas. Our kids laughed, screamed, and learned that true strength and courage comes from knowing that God is with us as we face our fears.

During the cold weather, we had a chili cook-off fundraiser to raise money for our computer lab and we were able to purchase all new computers. In February, Linda Birsner went to a ReThink Family Ministry Conference at Group Publishing in Loveland, Co. There she met some wonderful colleagues whom she continues to share ideas and ministry. The meaningful time was spent in an intimate setting with Brian Haynes, author of Shift and took an indepth look of faith milestones in a person's life and how the church and family can prepare for them, embrace them, and celebrate them.

Shelly Fryer and Linda Birsner went to the Children's Pastors' Conference in San Diego, CA for a week in March. They were filled to the brim and were definitely overflowing with ideas and renewed energy and a fresh calling to new ministry for Christ. One of the highlights included a major emphasis on having the home be the primary place for spiritual direction, leadership, and growth with the help of the church. As a result, we began Spiritual Parenting classes. Another huge takeaway was the Big God Story and seeing the Bible as God's story with all of us, past and present, having a part in His story.

In April, we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus by giving Easter baskets to the children at the City Rescue Mission. With Easter egg hunting kits, families were encouraged to have neighborhood Easter egg hunts to share the gospel of Christ in a fun and nonthreatening way. In May, we had our annual fifth grade Mother/Daughter tea as well as a Servant Celebration for all who shared in the ministry of the children.

During the summer, we had "All the time in the World" as we shared in 4 big events and a bonus feature. Throughout the entire summer, we held Vacation Bible School during Sunday School with a SonSurf Beach Bash. We began the summer with a family fun day at Vox Printing with a huge water slide, mud pit, cookout and lots of other games. We reached out to the community with a Pandamania in the Park.

Partnering with Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, we held a one evening VBS community event at Hafer Park. Several people who just happened to be at the park as well as members,

friends and neighbors all joined together to enjoy the fun of being "wild about God."

Wonderful Wacky Waterplay at First Presbyterian encouraged children to witness the many ways water is incorporated throughout the Bible. Kids climbed, jumped and slid down an inflatable waterslide and a super long slip and slide along with other fun activities. We also had several outings together to the Regional Food Bank, blackberry picking, Bounce N Craze and more! We ended the summer with a pool party at Pelican Bay. A group of 3rd-5th graders and fearless leaders descended on Camp Kidjam in Denton, Texas in July. We were zapped by God's power, love and grace! It would be a challenge to find a group of kids more excited!

We continued our Rolling Green Outreach ministry in collaboration with other churches during the summer by sharing sack suppers and lots of fun and games each Thursday evening at the apartment complex. Throughout the year, we continued to have weekly Backyard Bible Clubs, Little Lambs, monthly holiday parties, a Santa store, and meet the needs of individual families. As relationships grew, we saw the mission truly being lived out by bringing the love of Christ to a community in need.

In the fall, we had a great Parent Teacher Orientation encouraging everyone to make the discipleship of our children a priority. We began our Sunday School rotation by examining the lives of "People Who made a Difference" and the kids were challenged to make a difference for Christ in their worlds. We began BLAST again on Wednesday evenings for kids' faith to really take off! The 2nd graders received their Bibles after completing the worship and Bible class led by Amy and Robert Reid and a team of teachers and shepherds. The 5th graders jumped into J12 where they found that Jesus said that we must be about our Father's business!

We held Funtastic Friday events on a monthly basis. It was a wonderful time for the kids to play together and have a very fun evening while also allowing the parents a chance for some alone time.

We ended the year (once again) by collecting over 150 shoeboxes to share with kids around the world for Christmas. We went caroling for the Hope Center to share the joy of this season. During Advent, we journeyed to Bethlehem to Receive the Gift. May Jesus have all of the glory!

**Linda Birsner
Director**



Glass Mosaic- handcrafted by VBS children in 1969.

Childcare & Preschool Ministries

We continue to grow strong and healthy in 2011! We have seen a continued growth in young families becoming involved in the life of the church. **Little Lambs:** our outreach ministry which was continued in 2011, has proven to be a positive growth area. Its evangelistic approach to ministry for 2's and 3's has enabled us to focus on 8 students at a time for 6 weeks of classes. We had 20 children participate in the program this year, and half of them have not been "regular" church kids. **Rolling Green:** The Little Lambs class has continued to meet at the Rolling Green apartment complex on Thursday mornings. Shelly and Linda continue to be active in the Rolling Green collaborative acting as board chairmen. The childcare department also hired 4 of the women that we have built relationships with from Rolling Green. **VBS During Sunday School** was another great success for preschool ministry. Our 3-5 year olds were able to participate in large group worship with the elementary children, and then

split into age appropriate craft, snacks, and lessons with their own crew leaders. The relationships they had with their youth volunteers was an added bonus! **We continue to have childcare for the Edmond Family Center for Autism support group.** This support group meets at our church every second Tuesday of the month. We offer childcare for birth-age 12. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our staff with the addition of supplemental training from experienced therapists in the field of autism.

Our regular Sunday morning and Wednesday JAM activities remain strong. We continue to provide morning and evening nurseries for Small Groups, Miriam Circle, Bible Study groups, MOPS and meetings. We had approximately 4,800 children attend childcare ministry this year!

**Shelly Fryer
Associate Director**

Committee

Sarah Montgomery, Chair/Elder
Kathy Martin, Elder

Members

Amy Mason
Judy Strahan
Stacy Oakes
Amanda Lashley
Nancy Brown
Paula Jones

Staff

Director

Linda Birsner

Assoc. Director for Childcare & Preschool

Shelly Fryer

Program Coordinator

Mary Singleton

Childcare Program Coordinator

Terrie Jones

Ex Officio

Steve Marsh

Missions

Committee

Robert Menja, Chair/Elder

Members

James Belote
Sid Brown
Beth Cahalan
Dale DePue
Dick Freeman
Judy Langdon
Tom Langdon
Pat Jennings
Eunice Menja
Janet Sloan

Ex Officio

Matt Jones

During the year 2011, the Missions Committee met monthly on the first Monday of each month from 6 pm. The chairperson was Jeff Oakes through November 2011. The committee was advised and assisted by Associate Pastor John Gruel.

The committee notes that our church supported many missions and activities throughout the year. These included a mission trip to San Cosme, Yucatan, Mexico where a doctor, nurse, and a dentist were supplied. Water filters were also distributed. A working relationship was established between Living Waters for the World and Cancun, Mexico to supply a water purification system in June 2012.

Upendo Kids (Kenya Missions) volunteers took a trip to Kenya where school, medical and food supplies were distributed. The Kenya Adopt-A-Child project continues to be a major success with over 30 kids receiving \$30 monthly support. Other projects for 2012 include possible solar panel installation in a Presbyterian church, and a deep well construction to provide clean water for over 2000 villagers.

The Uganda team of seventeen helped plant a new Presbyterian church in the Kabwagazi village in Uganda. The good news of Jesus Christ was shared in many crusades where up to 250 people were in attendance each day. A team doctor, nurse and local medical personnel attended to over 1000 villagers. As a result of many crusade, hundreds made first time commitment to Jesus Christ. The Covenant Bible Institute of Theology (CBIT) supported by FPCE, graduated 50 new pastors.

Other organizations our church supports include: Turning Point Ministries, Brandon Boyd & Campus Crusade for Christ, Hope Center, Goodland Academy, Kairos, Infant Crisis Center, City Rescue Mission, Breakfast on Boulevard, Presbyterian Urban Mission, WhizKids, Claire Bryant & Brent Ewing's Student Mobilization, the Krause family, the Tappert family and Kevin Ewing's Mission to India.

Robert Menja
Chair

Ex Officio

Matt Jones

Evangelism & Assimilation Committee

Bob Launhardt, Chair/Elder

Jeannie Bath, Elder

Members

Karla Launhardt
Judy Gross
Charlotte Greaves
Sheree Shaw
Crystal McGee
Sharon Boecking
Henry Boecking

Ex Officio

Matt Jones

Evangelism & Assimilation Committee

Activities that Assimilation/Evangelism participated in or supervised:

- 1 Assisted with New Member classes and follow-up with New Members to insure that they were finding their way at FPCE.
- 2 Organized and supervised "Follow me Sunday" in late August.
- 3 Participated with Youth and Kids' Ministries in "Hot Dog" dinners & various other outreach programs at Rolling Green Apartments.
- 4 Participated in Summer Long VBS.
- 5 Continued Yellow Card outreach to Visitors.
- 6 Assisted ECP personnel during Fall Open House.

Bob Launhardt
Chair



Right: This photo of the "Divine Servant," a sculpture created by Max Greiner Jr., is a depiction of Jesus washing the feet of Peter. The sculpture was donated by Dr. Joel and Linda Baker at the Family Life Center dedication in 1994 and is now located in the Great Hall.

Student Ministries

Committee

Nancy Foringer, Chair/Elder
Stephen Earnest, Elder

Members

Robert Reid
Jason Eliot
Chris Martin
(BSA Chartered Organization Representative)
Brian Lamb
Joel Hall
John Jennings
Kelli Bailey & Abby Bass

Staff

Director of Student Ministries

Brian Wagner

Associate Director for Middle School Ministries

Alyssa Dees

Program Coordinator

Christy Ford

Ex Officio

Steve Marsh



Our three-year goal is to engage 250 active students in our ministry, walked alongside by 50 trained and empowered adults, with 10 small groups. The Student Ministries staff and committee are dedicated to building the infrastructure to meet this goal under the framework contained in Sustainable Youth Ministry (Youth Architects).

Student ministries is relationally focused, as well as externally focused. Through these relationships our desire is for students to love God, love others, and serve. The avenues for these relationships to grow are varied: Lift, Sunday School, Soul Food, Tiger Club, HS Senior lunches, mission trips, and retreats. We also support Boy Scout Troop #78.

Middle School Lift – meets Wednesday nights for a time of worship, study, and fellowship. An average of approximately 35 youth and 8 adult leaders participate weekly. Both students and adults assume roles for connectors, welcomers, and leaders.

High School Lift – meets Sunday nights for a time of worship, study, and fellowship. An average of approximately 50 youth and 7 adult leaders participate weekly. Both students and adults assume roles for connectors, welcomers, and leaders.

Sunday School – While the curriculum put in place three years ago (Student Life) remains, the format has been revamped to provide more cohesion and energy. Brian Lamb has assumed the role of Sunday School coordinator and starts each Sunday in a large group setting, teeing up the lesson for the day before each class breaks into small groups led by Shepherds and Teachers. The High School Seniors are studying the True U video series developed by the Truth Project, accompanied by guest lecturers, to prepare them for life beyond high school. Approximately 65 youth and 12 adult leaders participate weekly.

8th Grade Confirmation Class is led by Jason Eliot; the 2011 class had 29 students, and the 2012 class has 23 students. Approximately 20 adult leaders assisted.



Soul Food had 20 students participate in various service projects throughout the metro area during the summer.

Tiger Club is a new after-school program serving 27 Central Middle School students that meets weekly to provide tutoring, social interaction, and life skills.

High School Senior Lunch serves over 150 Edmond high school seniors weekly at the Filling Station. Seven dedicated adults coordinate this program.

Mission Trips – This year six students, Brian Wagner, and Linda Birsner traveled by van to West Virginia to repair homes in the state's poorest county under the supervision of Craig Snow's Hope Force International. We continue to serve the youth of the Pauline Mayer Shelter through the Servant Hood Tree at Christmas, providing gifts and a party.

Retreats – Celebration #30, moderated by Caitlin Zuerker and #31, moderated by Conner Lisle took place at Canyon Camp, with over 120 youth and 12 adults participating. Other retreats this year were the Angel Fire High School Ski Trip (40 participants) and Middle School Fall Retreat at Jacob's Ladder (25 participants).

Boy Scout Troop #78 – 125 scouts and 118 leaders continue to be supported by our church, which provides facilities and resources.

Student Ministries Committee



Photos: (above) View of the Yinger Youth Center - facing east.
(below) Students and leaders in prayer on the day of the Yinger Youth Center Dedication.

Adult Discipleship

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. . .with gratitude in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16

Committee

Amy Schulke, Chair/Elder
Laura Ganz, Elder

Members

Marsha Bath,
Adult Sunday School

Amy Schulke,
Women's Ministry

Don Boyd,
Men's Ministry

Lavaughn Carey,
Summit Groups

Dana McLain,
Special Events

Ministry Partner

Carol Harrison,
Library & Gifts Class

Ex Officio

Matt Jones

The Bible gives many ways that Christians may exercise their faith. We are to meet together, study together and share our faith walk. Our church has many classes, studies and fellowship gatherings each week to help grow us as disciples to equip us to do God's work. Adult Discipleship provides opportunities for study and growth through our Adult Sunday school programs, small group ministries, the Library at First Presbyterian and the midweek program of The Gathering.

Adult Sunday school reaches 300 people each week and provides opportunity to encourage, teach and nurture God's people in a large group study. A continuing emphasis is placed on providing study materials that are biblically sound in a variety of mediums. Classes topics change quarterly with a variety of interests including Revelation, Old Testament, video studies of the Exodus from Egypt, Bible studies, Spiritual Gifts and Parenting classes.

Small group ministries: Women's and men's ministries focus on walking with Christ through small groups, Bible studies, gatherings, conferences, special programs and service to our congregation and community. Men from First Presbyterian attend Mo Ranch seminars, fellowship regularly each Friday morning at the Friday Morning Men's Group and study together in over ten small group Bible Studies. They are a wonderful source of help for many in our community through their support of the Time and Talent group of the Deacons and several other ministries.

The Women of First Presbyterian study with each other, strengthen our prayer lives and fellowship through the Presbyterian Women Circles, large and small group Bible Studies, MOPS, and the Friday Morning Women's Group. Our Bible Studies this year were "Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed" by Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore and Kay Arthur, and in the fall the Beth Moore Study, "John, the Beloved Disciple." These groups meet either weekly or monthly and reach 350 women.

The Library at First Presbyterian is an inviting, comfortable family place where you will enjoy an outstanding collection of printed and non-printed resources. It supports the ministries of the church with materials that nurture growth in discipleship, provide for in-depth study and research and offer Biblical perspectives on issues that affect our lives. The children's library offers our younger disciples a collection of their own books and non-printed materials.

The Gathering, a Wednesday evening meal and study time in the spring and fall is a wonderful way to meet others around a table and in a small class setting.

It is a blessing to study and serve together in so many ways!

Amy Schulke
Chair



"The Last Supper," Ceramic relief sculpture created by Suzanne Young.
Located in the East Foyer near the Large Sanctuary.

Board of Deacons

The Deacons serve on one of three committees and, as a whole, provide services, support and encouragement to the congregation and to the community.

Officers

Moderator	Vice Moderator
Barbara Shelton	Holmes Fuller
Secretary	Ex Officio
Clyde Stevens	Martha Turner

Committees

Senior Adults & Special Needs Committee:

Gail Yanko	Todd Milam
Michele Baker	Mary Kaye Foster
Judy Gross	Alice Hager
Rich Hammervold	Julie Higginbotham
Judy Morrison	Sharon Pace
Clyde Stevens	

The members of this committee contact all homebound monthly, provide transportation as needed for doctor visits or daily needs and Sunday or church events, pray for all senior adults and those with special needs, provide two team members to serve Homebound Communion with pastors, and provide seasonal baskets to homebound. A highlight is the Tealridge Tea Party and Bible Study and the distribution of flowers on birthdays.

Illness, Crisis or Bereavement Committee:

Suzi Boydston	Traci Eliot
Holmes Fuller	David Houck
Tom Humes	Janet Kennedy
Jared Looper	Tom Richter
Randy Rognas	Mark Veazey

This committee provides family meals or receptions after a funeral, pray for families who have experienced a loss, provide a host or hostess for memorial services or funerals, communicate with bereaved through visits, cards, phone calls, minister to family members as needed (spouses, teens, children, etc.), and provide 6 month and one year follow up with family.

Welcoming & Outreach Committee:

Shea Bailey	Jessi Chapman
Terri Dahlgren	Kate Foringer
Nick Imel	Jennifer Postlethwaite
Barbara Shelton	



"The Ultimate Caregiver,"
Sculpture of Jesus created by Bob Willis
Donated by Ron & Marcia Peeler

The Welcoming & Outreach committee helps organize the Christmas gift tree for Grace Living Center. One hundred presents were distributed in 2011. They also maintain the prayer list of FPCE college students and those serving in the military, prepare and mail care packages to college students during finals week - 35 in May and 35 in December, provide greeters at doors at both services on Sunday, and see that a Deacon is assigned to the flower ministry (refurbish flowers left from funerals or weddings and distribute to nursing homes).

In October, the Deacons conducted their yearly Call-a-Thon, when all members are contacted by a Deacon to see if the members have any updates to their general information, concerns, prayer requests, or needs that should be addressed. The congregation responds favorably to this annual event and much information is attained through the callings.

This year the Deacons adopted Central Middle School by providing money to initiate and support the monthly weekend food in backpacks to students in need. The program is currently supporting 20 students for the weekend meals. Extra food was distributed to the students to cover the Christmas break. Lisa Edwards, a member of FPCE, is the counselor at Central Middle School and in charge of the program.

The Deacons also serve as "Deacon of the Week." They help count the offering and serve as a greeter on a specific Sunday. Some Deacons sign up for hospital visitation each month. They visit members in the hospital and in long term care facilities.

A new Deacon Fund policy was established and approved by the Session in 2011. A six member committee now oversees the distribution of funds with Martha Turner serving as coordinator.

Martha Turner, CLP

Congregational Care

Staff

Martha Turner, CLP
Congregational Care Coordinator

Ministry Partners

Rachel Boggess, Elder Care Coordinator
Donna Plewes, Parish Nurse

In 2011, the Congregational Care Ministry provided oversight for the care-giving needs of the congregation and assisted the pastors in one-on-one congregational care. It fostered a climate of caring for one another (guiding, healing, sustaining, and reconciling). It empowered others as disciples to meet these needs. The ministry also helped equip the saints through supporting, developing, and implementing appropriate ministries within the church and our community.

The primary goal of Congregational Care is to pay attention to what is happening in the lives of our members and offer love and care when and where it is needed. This is accomplished through a range of ministries and committees: Stephen Ministry, the Board of Deacons, Elder Care, the Samaritan Ministry/Deacon Fund, Turning Point Ministry, The Reserves, the Parish Nurse and the Pastors' Prayer Team.

The Reserves

The Reserves are Elders, Deacons, and Trustees from our church or a previous church who are not actively serving. They meet three times a year for updates on the life of the church and denomination and to meet new staff members. They support the ministries of the church as volunteers on various committees and with the ongoing needs of the church. Currently, there are approximately 75 Reserves.

Parish Nurse

Donna Plewes serves as FPCE's volunteer Parish Nurse. She is available to help members of the congregation with questions involving Medicare, insurance, etc. She also coordinates health related church wide activities.

Elder Care Coordinator

Rachel Boggess serves as FPCE's volunteer Coordinator of Elder Care. She meets with individuals and caregivers of members to provide assistance with aging needs and resources. One significant area she is able to offer help is with individuals facing memory issues and those needing to move to care facilities.



"Amazing Grace," Oil on canvas
Painted and donated by artists Veida Blick & Mark Lipe

Turning Point Ministries

Turning Point Ministries is providing housing solutions for members and the community who have been living in sub-standard situations. To date, five families are occupying new brick homes in Edmond and four families are leasing new or clean used step-up homes in preparation for homeownership. In 2011, a duplex was completed for two families to lease and a new home has been started for a church member. A fund raiser golf tournament and a Turkey Trot was held in 2011. Oversight of this ministry is provided through a 12 person Board of Directors. Turning Point is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

Prayer Team

Each Monday, the Pastors, the Elder Care Coordinator, two Deacons and the Congregational Care Coordinator meet to pray for the needs of the congregation.

Martha Turner, CLP



This stained glass piece hangs in the church as a symbol of Stephen Ministries.

Members

Leaders

Kim Robberson
Kathy Martin
Dick Sternlof
Freda Jones

Stephen Ministers

Penny Brown
Beth Godwin
Garry Hanneman
Carrol Kinney
Erma Leaton
John Leaton
Cyndy Milam
Bonnie Morris
Pat Nichols
Vickie Nichols
Sharon Pace
Joe Peeler
Donna Plewes
John Wayant

Staff

Martha Turner, CLP

Ex Officio

Steve Marsh

Stephen Ministries

18 active Stephen Ministers served care receivers in the program this year. Over 200 persons have been commissioned in the program since its inception in 1983. By year's end, four Stephen Ministers elected to go inactive, and two Stephen Ministers returned from sabbatical to become active. For the year, Stephen Ministers made a total of 530 Care Receiver visits and 350 phone calls.

The Stephen Minister Leaders Team ended the 2010 year with five members and began the 2011 year with five members with a departure in January of Pastor John Gruel, and with Martha Turner joining the team in January as Pastoral Liaison. Martha completed National Training in January. Stephen Leaders committed 200 hours to referral assignments, coordination, and Leaders' Meetings. Stephen Leaders committed 40 hours this fall in preparation and teaching the 2011-12 Training Class.

Stephen Minister meetings were held twice monthly totaling 24 hours of supervision in 2011 plus three sessions of Continuing Education. Continuing Education Programs were open to church members and the community.

Following a church service July 31, 2011, a Farewell Reception was held honoring John Gruel and Mark Britton for their service in our FPCE Stephen Ministry Program. Also honored was Mark Schlachtenhaufen, the current Stephen Ministry Historian who initiated the Stephen Ministry Registry in 2002.

A new Stephen Ministry Training Program began October 18, 2011, for five Trainees. One active Stephen Minister joined the Training Team to meet the required training class number. The five trainees will each complete 50 hours of training and will be commissioned in April 2012.

Steve Marsh, the new Executive Pastor of FPC and trained Stephen Ministry Leader, has enthusiastically become involved with the present FPC Stephen Ministry Program.

Stephen Ministry Leadership Team



View of the East Stained Glass Window in the Sanctuary.

The window was created by Kehrle Stained Glass Studio of Dallas, Texas. The design was based on the concept of architect David Payne, of the Bockus Payne Associates architectural firm in Oklahoma City. Bockus Payne was responsible for the planning and design of the new FPCE sanctuary and other areas of the church.

Committee

Bill Bergner, Chair/Elder
Andy Fugitt, Elder

Members

Ben Meek
Letty Ann Schiesz
Mike Sharp
Jim VanHemert

Ex Officio

Mateen Ellass

Worship

The Worship Committee is charged with the planning and implementation of our weekly worship services, plus the various other services held throughout the year.

During 2011, the committee consisted of the following members, listed in alphabetical order; Bill Bergner, Mateen Ellass, Andy Fugitt, Ben Meek, Letty Ann Schiesz, Mike Sharp and Jim VanHemert. Bill Bergner serves as Chair of the Committee. David Richard rotated off after serving for over three years on the committee. Andy Fugitt is an elder on the worship committee and continues to serve as secretary of the committee.

The worship committee continues to effectively handle communion, ushers, weddings and other events that affect worship services and use of the sanctuary.

The Healing and Wholeness service was launched in 2010, was well received, and has continued on a monthly basis since then. It is now held on the third Sunday of the month.

Bill Bergner
Chair

Music Ministries

Chancel Bells

Directed by Terry Attebery

Contemporary Choir

Directed by Terry Attebery

JuBELLation

Directed by Jim VanHemert

Kids' Handbells

Directed by Jim VanHemert

Sanctuary Choir

Directed by Jim VanHemert

True North

Directed by Ben Meek



East Stained Glass window reflecting on the grand piano in the Sanctuary.

In 2011, as in previous years, the Ministry of Music continued its vigorous pursuit of preparing and presenting beautiful and inspiring music for worship. But regardless of how well leaders plan or dream, without the faithful commitment of our many volunteers as well as our staff, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to reach our goals each week.

We were especially blessed by and fortunate for:

Missy Attebery, Michele Baker, Linda Birsner, Shelly Fryer and many other adults who facilitated the kids' musical, GPS (God's Plan of Salvation) which was the focus of both worship services on April 10; The Blackwelder Brass Quintet from Oklahoma City University as they played for worship on eight different Sundays during the year; The fact that the Sanctuary and Contemporary Choirs joined forces to sing for worship- the first time our church's history; The opportunity for the Sanctuary Choir to go to the Touchmark Retirement Center to sing Christmas music for the residents; A Christmas program when all of our musical groups combined their talents to present "There's Never Been a Night Like This." In addition to our regular groups, we were joined by a brass quintet and timpanist that was comprised of some of our members and friends as well as students and faculty from the University of Central Oklahoma.

We look forward to what God has in store for us in 2012 and we covet, beyond measure, the love and support of our congregation and the pastoral staff.

Jim VanHemert
Minister of Music



The beautiful painting in this photo was a member donation. Artist unknown.

Committee

Jayne Roberts, Chair/Elder

Ann Ozan Willis, Elder

Members

Dan Martel

Bill Roberts

Ex Officio

Martha Turner

Congregational Life

The mission of the Congregational Life Committee is to provide opportunities for the members of our congregation to build & strengthen relationships with one another. Events sponsored during the last year include the Pentecost Picnic, The Gathering on Wednesday night, Sunday morning doughnuts & coffee and a marriage seminar. Plans are underway to bring back the Festival of Faith.

Jayne Roberts
Chair

Presbyterian Women

PW Women's Council

Co-Moderators

Rose Harper
Cay Wright

Secretary

Leslie Hertzler

Treasurer

Gwen Boots

Courtesy Chair

Cay Wright

Scholarships

Libby Cahalan

Baby Baskets

Jean Carroll
Clara Lou Coody

PW Women's Circles

Evening Circle

Denise Bergner, Chair

Martha-Mabel Circle

Letty Ann Schiesz
Clara Lou Coody, Chair

Miriam Circle

Jessica Golightly
Cassie Schmidt &
Laura Holbrook (co-chairs)

Rebekah Circle

Pat Sharp, Chair

Each circle meets on a monthly basis and chooses their individual area of study for the year.

The Presbyterian Women have a Five-fold Purpose:

- 1 Enhance** our Spiritual Life.
- 2 Gain more** knowledge of the Scriptures.
- 3 Create** an environment for support and love in sorrow and joy.
- 4 Commit ourselves** to be involved in the mission of the church.
- 5 Enjoy fellowship** and prayer together.

Mission projects of the PW Council & PW Circles:

Local Mission Projects: MOPS, Infant Crisis Services, Citizens Caring for Children, Edmond Mobile Meals, Breakfast on Boulevard, HOPE Center, Presbyterian Urban Mission, Cooks Night Out, Member Educational Scholarships and financial help for individuals in crisis situations, Santa Store and Wild Card.

FPCE Mission Projects: Deacon's Fund, Baby Baskets, Staff Appreciation Event, condolence and concern cards, Honorary Life Membership Award and meal preparations for special family needs.

Regional Mission Projects: Goodland Home, Pledge to PW in Indian Nations Presbytery and scholarships.

National & International Mission Projects: World Service Blanket Sales, Samaritan's Purse, PW Birthday Offering, PW Thank Offering, Fellowship of the Least Coin (an ecumenical women's movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation), and Support for Missionary Families. Each circle supports a missionary family with Christmas, birthday gifts and financial help.

Income:

Each Circle member contributes on a monthly basis during meeting months. An annual Poinsettia sale is held at FPCE. B.C. Clark Jewelers donates a cash commission to PW when church members make purchases and complete a church coupon. This amounted to \$140. Overall, the PW Council spent \$2,500 on Mission Projects this year. Each of the Circles contributes to its own mission projects- in addition to this amount.



"Mother's Love," Mixed media
Donated by the artist, Bonny Hawley

ECP

Early Childhood Program



Photomontage of ECP students standing on a newly built playground set.
A vision of students on the old playground is in the background.

The Early Childhood Program (ECP) at First Presbyterian Church in Edmond continues to enhance the lives of many individuals and families in the Edmond/Oklahoma City area through the school's MISSION and VISION.

ECP'S MISSION is to promote the development of each child physically, emotionally, intellectually, socially, and spiritually at the child's own pace, through a developmentally appropriate curriculum.

ECP'S VISION is to provide model early childhood programs for the community through educational outreach based on Christian values.

ECP's Parent's Group continues to provide valuable perspective to the ECP Committee to ensure any needed improvements are communicated and handled appropriately.

Through the HighScope inspired curriculum, the ECP is continuing to offer children active participatory learning. Active learning means students have direct, hands-on experiences with people, objects, events and ideas. Children's interests and choices are at the heart of our Program.

Dedicated staff planning time was intentionally added to the teaching staff's schedule. Planning time is essential and provides valuable collaboration time, ultimately enhancing the overall educational experience for the students.

With surplus and additionally raised funds, ECP is consistently able to help acquire and maintain indoor and outdoor furniture and equipment.

In 2011, we were able to update some of the technology within the school and purchase iPads for the classrooms. We were also blessed to be able to allow several staff members to participate in the national HighScope Conference. Additionally, scholarship funds were available and awarded, as needed.

In the Spring of 2012, funds raised through the ECP Parents Group will allow for courtyard improvements. ECP's summer program, SandCastles, continues to serve families with a flexible summer enrichment alternative.

The First Presbyterian ECP employs and supports 30 educators who have a love for God and share that love with over 250 children, currently enrolled, from 1 year of age to 6 years of age. The majority of our teachers hold a college degree, most in the areas of Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education. All staff receive extensive training throughout the year.

We are so blessed to be a part of God's work through this wonderful outreach, touching the lives of many beautiful children and their families.

Kristin Emerson, Chair
Lynette Warnock, Director

Committee

Kristin Emerson, Chair/Elder

Members

Christina Nihira
Janna Hall
Leslie Roubik
Sarita Naegeli
Victor Guarry

Staff

Director

Lynette Warnock

Ex Officio

Steve Marsh



Troop 78

Boy Scouts of America

Troop 78 has completed its 80th year of service to the church and the community this year, being chartered by the First Presbyterian Church of Edmond in 1931. The Troop has once again earned the Quality Unit Award and the National Camping Award.

Dorman Morsman serves as the Scoutmaster with David Bailey serving as Troop Committee Chairman and Chris Martin serving as the Chartered Organization Representative. A great friend of scouting, Mr. Dick Oppel served as the Unit Commissioner until he passed away earlier this year.

2011 began with Ryan McCormick serving as Senior Patrol Leader. Drew O'Connell took over in February and served as Senior Patrol Leader until August when he turned over the reins to Denver Brackett who now serves in that capacity.

Our troop recruited 11 new members in 2011 and we ended the year with 75 youth and 98 registered adults.

Our monthly programs included at least one outdoor activity per month and regular meetings on Monday evenings. We attended a week-long summer camp at Slippery Falls Scout Ranch in Oklahoma, and sent a group of youth to another week-long summer camp at Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch in Pueblo, Colorado. The troop sent a contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch this year also. The troop will again be very busy in 2012 by sending two contingents to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and by attending Slippery Falls Scout Ranch here in Oklahoma.

Our Scouts support the missions of the church with their service at Festifall. They serve the community with the "Adopt a Street" program and serve in partnership with the church in the Scouting for Food program.

In the year 2011, the troop also held a winter coat drive.

Nine scouts earned their Eagle Scout rank in Troop 78 this past year: Denver Brackett, Michael Bruns, Ethan Kohrumel, Douglas McPherson, Thomas Mosley, K.J. Pullen, Parker Reid, Macon Shepherd, and Jordan Weltzheimer. This makes well over 300 youth that have earned their Eagle rank with Troop 78.

Thank you for your support in 2011 and we are looking forward to a fun and successful 2012.



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