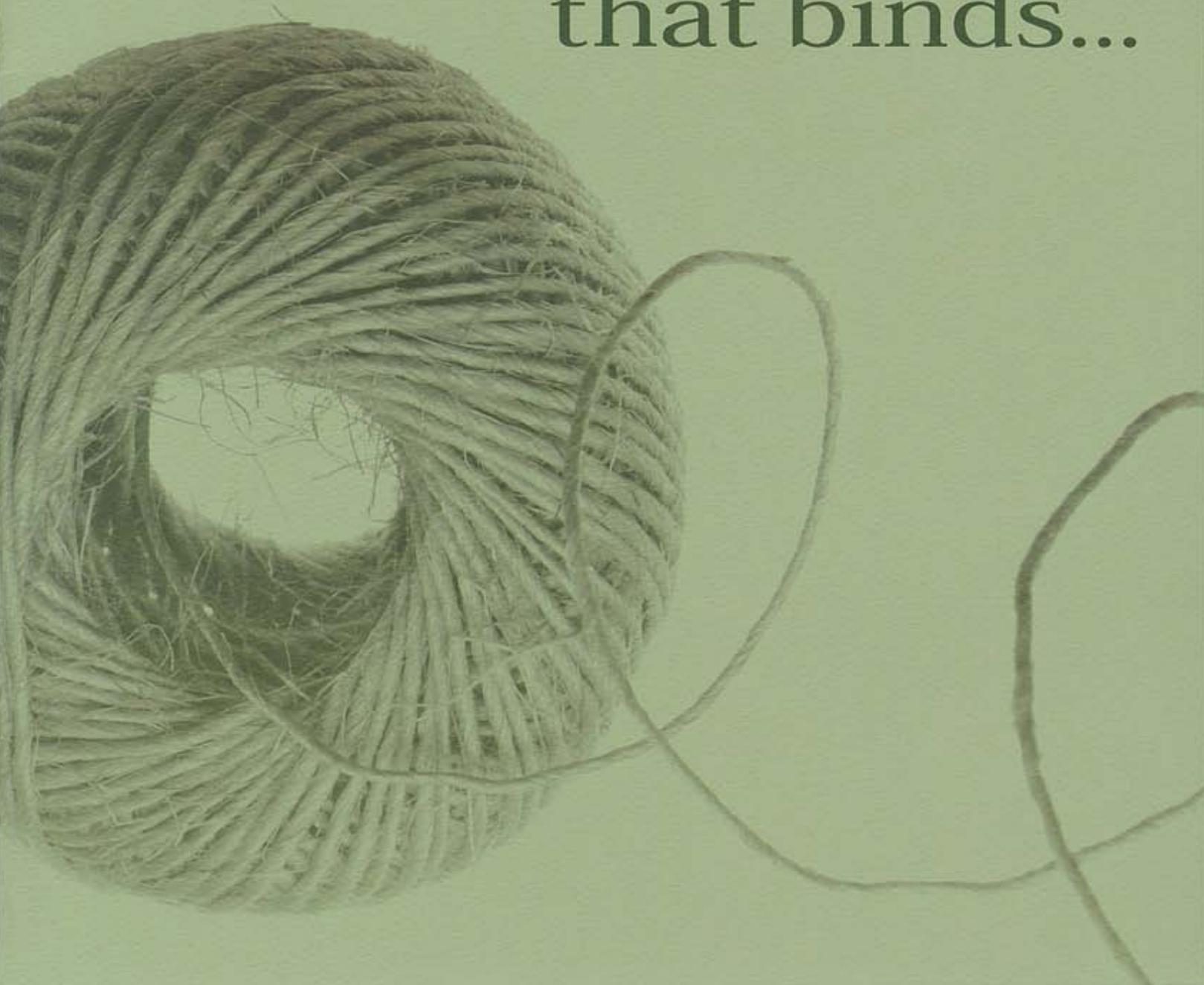


HIS LOVE  
is the thread  
that binds...



2010 ANNUAL REPORT  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EDMOND

“We are a community  
of joyful Christians  
being equipped as disciples  
& making disciples,  
for Jesus Christ.”





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# From the Senior Pastor

**In God's providence, He created us with the gift of communication**, in part so He could share His life with us more fully, in part so we could share life well with one another. Words are amazing things. Numbers, too. Through them we can communicate so much of value with those willing to listen and respond. Yet they have their limitations.

**In our 2010 annual report, you will see lots of valuable words and numbers from our staff and session committee chairs.** I am positive that if you read through this whole report you will be struck with gratitude and amazement at all God has been doing in and through our congregation. Our membership page lists the names of all those who joined

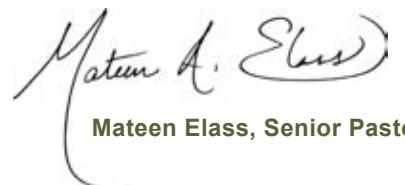
our family in 2010- over eighty names, but of course those represent real flesh and blood people who are growing, learning, sharing, ministering right alongside you. I hope you are looking for opportunities to meet and get to know these new brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Throughout this annual report you will see the thread that binds us together – the love of God in Jesus Christ.** From the obvious caring ministries of our Deacons to the behind-the-scenes work of our Finance and Property Committee, all our decisions and actions are geared to demonstrate and advance the love of Jesus. One might not expect missions to blossom from Kid's Ministries, but if you read about their outreach to the Rolling Greens apartment complex, you'll discover that wherever Jesus' love is taken, mission happens. Likewise with our growing relationship with Central Middle School, and brainstorming sessions with leaders and staff at UCO.

**Our budget is filled, of course, with numbers, but those numbers reflect the love of Christ** that binds us together in our giving to sustain ministries that change lives, bring hope, deepen faith, feed and clothe those in need, and especially to share the good news of God's redeeming grace. Take some time to look over our income and expenses for 2010, and pause to thank God for His willingness to use us as instruments of His grace toward one another and the larger world outside our doors.

**What you see in the following pages are words and numbers.** But don't let that fool you. What they really represent is the vibrant thread of God's grace that has woven a wonderful tapestry of love drawing each of us into His work and binding us into a community of disciples reflecting our Lord and Savior Jesus.

**Together with you in the adventure of discipleship,**



Mateen A. Elass  
Mateen Elass, Senior Pastor

# The Staff at First Presbyterian Church, Edmond

<b>Rev. Mateen Elass</b>	Senior Pastor
<b>Rev. John Gruel</b>	Missional Leader & Associate Pastor of Christian Education
<b>Jim VanHemert</b>	Minister of Music
<b>Ben Meek</b>	Director of Contemporary Worship & Music
<b>Terry Attebery</b>	Director of Contemporary Choir
<b>Tom Boles</b>	Sound Engineer
<b>Denise Bergner</b>	Wedding Coordinator
<b>Jean Carroll</b>	Food Coordinator
<b>Jim Booher</b>	Business & Human Resource Manager
<b>Tracey Rice</b>	Financial Assistant
<b>Martha Turner</b>	Congregational Care Coordinator
<b>Donna Plewes</b>	Parish Nurse
<b>Bill Parrish</b>	Communications Director
<b>Zena Nipper</b>	Print Media Coordinator
<b>Linda Birsner</b>	Director of Kids' Ministries
<b>Lori Jirousek</b>	Kids' Ministry Program Director
<b>Shelly Fryer</b>	Kids' Ministry Associate-Childcare/Preschool
<b>Lynette Warnock</b>	Director of Early Childhood Programs
<b>Debbie Frantz</b>	Administrative Assistant to Early Childhood Programs
<b>Brian Wagner</b>	Director of Student Ministries & Supervisor of Middle School Ministries
<b>Bill Crouch</b>	Director of High School Student Ministries
<b>David Dabrowski</b>	Director of Worship Formation for Students
<b>Christy Ford</b>	Student Ministries Program Coordinator
<b>Natasha Irons</b>	Intern of Senior High Girls' Discipleship
<b>Sam Carothers</b>	Intern of High School Highlights
<b>Alice Tritthart</b>	Administrative Assistant to Sr. Pastor
<b>Melissa Tisdell</b>	Scheduling and Administrative Assistant to John Gruel
<b>Suzanne Seidel</b>	Receptionist and Tape Ministry
<b>Gretchen Crane</b>	Receptionist & Administrative Assistant to Student Ministries
<b>Chris Brown</b>	Facilities Manager
<b>Jim Pennington</b>	Building Superintendent
<b>Cloy Netherton</b>	Head Custodian
<b>Esmeralda Davila</b>	Custodian
<b>Bill Thoelle</b>	Custodian
<b>Teresa Hartley</b>	Custodian

# The Session

## CLASS OF 2011

Rachel Boggess

Scott Briggs

Lavaughn Carey

Charlotte Greaves

Steven Kinney

David Lee

Chuck Smith

## MINISTERS

Rev. Mateen Elass

Rev. John Gruel

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Martha Turner

## CLERK OF SESSION

Libby Cahalan

## 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 Launhardt

Kathy Martin

Jeff Oakes

Don Schiesz

# 2010 Membership Stats

Active Members  
December 31, 2009

**1,771**  
+

**2010 Profession &  
Reaffirmation of Faith**  
57

**2010 Certificate of Transfer**  
24

**Total Gains** 81  
-

**Certificate of Transfer**  
18

**Deaths** 14 **Other** 60

**Total Losses** 92  
=

**Active Members**  
December 31, 2010

**1760**

# Church Membership

## NEW MEMBERS & REINSTATED MEMBERS IN 2010

Diane Brown	Kara Jones	Diana Polley	Karla Rodgers
Larry Chadwell	Karen Jones	Derek Sollberger	Suzanne Rowe
Teri Chadwell	Monica Klima	Shanna Sollberger	Allen Wright
Daniel Chadwell	Bill Parrish	Kenny Brown	Jacque Wright
Tania Chadwell	Edna Parrish	Jeffrey Eckert	Brookes Wright
Shirley Garrison	Sheree Shaw	Laura Eckert	
Karen Burns	James Shaw	Shirley Hoke	
Robert Burns	Lauren Garabelli	Jenny Landes	
Alexis Daniels	Devin Curran	Rodney Landes	
LaCerro Daniels	Michelle Curran	Margaret Mosley	
Angela Giancola	Paul Garabelli	Tom Mosley	
Allison Jones	Patrick Grimes	Ane Joan Muvadgah	
Casey Jones	Whitney Martin	Bill Rodgers	

## CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2010

Alicia Aguilar	David Hager, Jr	Peyton McMillin	Graham Turner
Laurin Bixby	Nicholas Heinen	Douglas McPherson	Claire Warner
Kari Blanks	Justin Houck	Olivia Metzer	Hannah Warner
Chelsea Carter	Hayden Hurst	Jack Minnix	Sophie Warner
Madison Casper	Geena Jackson	Jason Port	Justin Zapata
Parker Charles	Kelsey Jennings	Matthew Price	Savannah Waldrop
Ryan Craig	Thomas Jones	Parker Reid	Sheridan Waldrop
Ty Gatewood	Ali Klima	Shanna Rolfs	
Shannon Gay	Andrew Mason	Kristen Sigl	
Brittney Haddad	Cole Matthews	Kyle Story	



# We Remember

## DEATHS IN THE YEAR 2010

**Dorothy (Dottie) Cox**

January 10, 2010

**Ella Looker**

June 26, 2010

**Mary Gruel**

September 4, 2010

**Roy D. Rogers, Jr.**

November 23, 2010

**Billie Padgett**

Date Unknown

**Mable Thomson**

July 1, 2010

**Patty Wood - Elder**

September 25, 2010

**Brad Baldwin**

April 13, 2010

**John Ensz - Elder**

July 20, 2010

**Kent Wilson**

October 2, 2010

**Carol Moles - Elder**

June 1, 2010

**Elmer Wright**

August 22, 2010

**Earle Plyler**

November 7, 2010

# Finance & Property Committee

## Committee Members

### Committee Chairperson

David Timberlake

### Treasurer

Rick Roberts

### Staff Liasons

Mateen Elass, Senior Pastor

Jim Booher, Finance

Chris Brown, Property

### MEMBERS

Tim Hopkins

Steve Kinney

Gary Moore

Bob Turner

**MISSION** 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 2010 the Property and Finance Committee oversaw** the completion of our state of the art Yinger Youth Center at a total cost of \$1,468,116 from special gifts and Stone by Stone contributions. We were also able to apply nearly \$500,000 in Stone by Stone funds toward debt servicing on our mortgage with Bank of the West.

**In keeping with the wishes of the congregation as expressed at our annual meeting in February, 2010** we were able to dispose of one our rental properties located in the block south of the Church. The proceeds of that sale were also used to reduce our obligation to Bank of the West.

**Activities at the church facility continue to reflect accomplishments** of the Church in the area of community relations and the vital life in missions and outreach we envision for our congregation.

**The finance mission of this Committee continued to work smoothly** with the very capable church staff. 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

# Treasurer's Report

**The year 2010 once again represented how God's blessings have been poured out in the finances of our church.** Our members generously gave to God's work \$2,361,893 for the Operating Fund which was 99.6% of the original budget. In addition, our building fund, Stone by Stone, received \$803,541. Thus, for the second year in a row, our total income exceeded three million dollars.

**The various committees and departments were good stewards,** and held overall expenses to 1.1% less than their budgeted amounts, and we ended the year with a surplus of \$16,607 in the Operating Fund.

**At the end of the year, our total Stone by Stone obligation is just over \$3.2 million.** During 2010, we were able to make an additional repayment on the principal of our outstanding loans by \$200,000. If we are able to continue this early repayment, our goal is to be able to eliminate our current building debt one year early.

**In 2010 the public accounting firm of Bell and Rhodes,** performed an audit of the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as of December 31, 2009. No exceptions were found, and we received a "clean" audit opinion of our statements.

**As we look ahead to 2011, we anticipate a very slight increase in our budget for next year.** Considering the uncertain state of the economy, it is wonderful that this church family places a high priority in sharing the blessings we have been given with FPC of Edmond.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Roberts



# Income & Expenses

<b>2010 INCOME</b>	<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL AMOUNTS</b>
PLEDGES RECEIPTS	\$1,982,000	\$1,961,720
NON PLEDGED IDENTIFIABLE	345,000	355,835
PRIOR YEAR PLEDGES	12,500	5,796
LOOSE OFFERING	20,000	19,272
BUILDING USAGE	7,500	10,729
INTEREST EARNED	875	530
OTHER INCOME	4,000	6,011
PRIOR YEAR DEFICIT REDUCTION	-	2,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$2,371,875</b>	<b>\$2,361,893</b>
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<b>2010 EXPENSES</b>		
DENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS	79,616	79,616
MISSIONS	190,000	168,829
MUSIC/WORSHIP	33,475	27,859
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	32,640	30,551
YOUTH MINISTRY	34,350	39,199
ADULT MINISTRY	11,500	6,691
ASSIMILATION	4,560	3,429
COMMUNICATIONS	41,010	56,799
EVANGELISM	3,500	-
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE	7,845	7,805
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	7,000	635
PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	1,561,629	1,583,658
FACILITIES AND SUPPORT	364,750	340,215
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$2,371,875</b>	<b>\$2,345,286</b>
<b>INCREASE / DECREASE IN CASH</b>		<b>+ \$16,607</b>

# Personnel Committee

## IN ORDER TO HELP THE SESSION IMPLEMENT ITS BOOK OF ORDER RESPONSIBILITIES,

the Personnel Committee has been charged with providing 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.

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITY DURING 2010 INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 Personnel Committee members served as liaison to staff to assist in optimizing their work environment.
- 2 Worked with Business Office to oversee performance reviews for church staff, including pastors.
- 3 Provided Session with alternative pastoral staffing models to consider.
- 4 Approved Executive Pastor Job Description for Session review/approval.
- 5 Reviewed/approved wage adjustments for staff as required.
- 6 Approved Revised Parish Nurse Job Description for Session review/approval.
- 7 Approved Associate Pastor Job Description for Session review/approval.
- 8 Provided guidance to the Human Resources/Finance department regarding 2011 salary budgeting.
- 9 Provided Proposal for Dental Coverage to be compared to current offering.  
Current offering was competitive.
- 10 Provide assistance with performance improvement plans of certain staff.
- 11 Worked with Leo Wideman on transition to his new calling.

## Committee Members

### Elder & Chairperson

Don Schiesz, 2013

### Immediate Past Chairperson

Scott Briggs

### Ex-Officio Member

Mateen Elass

### MEMBERS

Jayne Spies, Elder, 2012

Lindsey Martin, 2011

Tim Reddout, 2011

Barry Davis, 2012

Don Schiesz, Chair

# Denominational Relations

## Committee Members

### **Moderator**

Charlotte Greaves

### **Secretary**

Dwight Schulke

### **Staff Resource**

Mateen Elass

### **Presbytery Commissioners**

Jim Cahalan

Don Coody

Charlotte Greaves

Tom Langdon

### **Substitute Commissioner**

Larry Pulliam

### **MEMBERS**

Jim Hartzog

Letty Ann Schiesz

### **THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE SESSION'S DRC**, or Denomination Relations Committee,

is to improve our relationships with Presbytery, other churches within the Presbytery and with the Presbytery officers. We welcome assistance to the smaller Presbyterian churches with worship, administration and teaching. Although the whole church is responsible for living into this commitment, the Denominational Relations Committee seeks to lead that effort. In addition, the committee is responsible for communicating and informing the Session and membership about denominational issues and ministries that impact our denomination.

### **AN OVERVIEW OF DRC ACTIVITIES IN 2010:**

The Denominational Relations Committee, with approval of Session, gave monthly support to:

- Presbyterians for Renewal
- Frontier Fellowship Mission
- Wee Kirk Conference
- Presbyterian Coalition
- One by One

With Session approval, DRC redirected 80% of General Assembly per capita for mission projects within the Presbytery.

### **MISSIONS WERE:**

- **Hope Garden at Grace Presbyterian Church**, which is an outreach ministry growing and providing fresh vegetables for those who would be unable to purchase them.
- **Second Wind Ministry** is a coffee house ministry close to the OU campus where students can gather in a Christian environment.
- **Clinical Pastors' Education Program** which is at OU Health Science Center and educates the medical community in promoting spiritual direction with patients and their families.



**NOTES OF IMPORTANCE:** Jim Cahalan, from the DRC Committee, attended General Assembly to present an overture from Indians Nations Presbytery in opposition to the revision of the Book of Order, better known as the nFOG report. In March, 2010, the DRC Committee hosted Presbyterians for Renewal members for their board meeting at FPCE. They were provided with several meals and meeting places at the church.

**FOUR COMMISSIONERS ARE SENT TO INDIAN NATIONS PRESBYTERY MEETINGS THREE TIMES A YEAR.**

The current Session approved commissioners are Jim Cahalan, Don Coody, Charlotte Greaves, Tom Langdon and substitute commissioner, Larry Pulliam. Other DRC members are Letty Ann Schiesz, Jim Hartzog, Dwight Schulke, serving as secretary and Dr. Mateen Elass, Staff Resource.

Charlotte Greaves,  
Moderator

# Music Ministries

## MUSIC FOR 2010 IN REVIEW...

**2010 was filled with several unique musical experiences and opportunities that added greatly to the breadth and scope of the Ministry of Music.**

While it is always exciting to share special events, first it is important to recognize and thank the Sanctuary Choir directed by Jim VanHemert, Contemporary Choir directed by Terry Attebery, True North directed by Ben Meek, Chancel Bells directed by Terry Attebery, and JuBELLation, directed by Jim VanHemert, for their faithfulness in preparing and presenting music for worship on a weekly basis. Each of these groups has one common but important similarity – an uncompromised commitment to the worship of God and His Son, Jesus Christ through music. In addition to their tireless efforts, the following musical opportunities enriched our worship, our community of believers, and the Edmond community in general. Once again, we were blessed to have the Blackwelder Brass from Oklahoma City University. This brass quintet brought variety to our worship music as well as energy and excellence.

**In February, the Wind Symphony from the University of Central Oklahoma presented a concert in our Sanctuary.** This talented ensemble was led by Dr. Brian Lamb who serves as Director of Bands at the university and is a faithful member of our congregation. In May, two special recitals were presented in the Choir Room. The first recital featured fifteen students in our church who achieved a "One" or superior rating at District Contest. The program featured a wide spectrum of singers and instrumentalists. It was wonderful celebration of their talent, dedication, and discipline. The second recital featured the Chancel Bells, under the direction of Terry Attebery, and JuBELLation, under the direction of Jim VanHemert. The music on this recital featured sacred music the groups had rung throughout the year as well as secular music which would not have been inappropriate for them to ring in a worship setting.

**In the fall, the Chancel Bells participated in a concert with the Wind Symphony at the University of Central Oklahoma.** It was a wonderful opportunity for the bell choir to represent our church out in the community – away from our campus. Also in the fall, we were pleased to host one of the regional Salvation Army bands and songsters for a Saturday PM concert. The following morning both groups presented beautiful music within the context of our Sunday morning worship.

**In December, the Sanctuary Choir and friends and orchestra presented CHRISTMAS CANTICLES – four suites of familiar carols.** The orchestra was a blend of five professional musicians, students from Oklahoma City University, and seven of our members, two of which were high school students. The Wednesday after the concert, the choir along with the Chancel Bells and Kids' Bells, went to the Touchmark Retirement Center to sing and ring for the residents.

## SIMON SAYS – CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

On April 11, 2010 approximately seventy children, Pre-K through Fifth grade, filled our sanctuary's choir loft and chancel. During both services, these children led the congregation in worship with the presentation of the musical, "Simon Says". The setting was a modern day courtroom where Simon Peter was on trial, charged with fraud for preaching that Christ is the Son of God and the Messiah. The children portrayed many Biblical Characters who were eyewitnesses. They presented overwhelming evidence that Jesus is exactly who "Simon Says". Rich with scripture and wonderful songs, this musical with its life-changing message will surely remain in the children's hearts and minds. Praise God for the encouragement given by our staff and congregation.

**Missy Attebery, Director and Michele Baker, Co-Director**

**ART CAMP 2010 – MADE FOR PRAISE** In July 2010, the undercroft was filled to capacity with children attending the 5th annual Arts Camp. An outreach of the FPCE Music Ministry, the mission of the camp is to teach and encourage children how to use their creative talents and gifts to glorify God. This year, 55 campers, grades 3rd through 6th, enjoyed a variety of classes within many disciplines of the arts. The camp included classes in music, art, drama, and photography. Our fabulous instructors, many of whom have taught at the camp for several years and who are experts in their fields, guided the children as they strengthened their skills, while teaching them about the love of Christ and how we can all serve Him. The camp continues to be a community outreach mission of the Music Ministry. Over 56% of the campers this year were not members of First Presbyterian. The camp has also enjoyed a large percentage of return campers; 67% in 2010. We are blessed that former campers can be seen participating in many aspects of worship here at FPCE.

**Michele Baker, Director and Jim VanHemert, Co-Director**

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### **TRUE NORTH – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP** We in True North often say how blessed we are to return weekly to lead worship at First

**Presbyterian Church.** Each of us endured difficult times this year. Though we didn't always feel up to it, God kept calling us to back to our roles as worship leaders, where we found once again that our needs were fully met and our spirits renewed. We rediscovered what we already knew – that difficult times soften us and prepare us to meet the Lord in prayer and in worship. The year began with Brad Baldwin being hospitalized for pancreatitis, to which he eventually succumbed. Had he lived only a week longer he would have seen his daughter, Alyssa, win the crown of Mrs. Oklahoma – a platform she sought from which to advocate for Cystic Fibrosis research. Brad always loved watching Alyssa perform. That knowledge and the demands of preparing for the pageant helped to soften the terrible impact of his loss for Alyssa, though only for a time. She and all of us miss Brad very much, but knowing that he loved and trusted the Lord and that we will see him again is a gift beyond price. Another tribulation for Ryan and Alyssa came later in the year when Ryan was among the last laid off from his company and left to face the uncertainty of caring for a daughter with special needs in a troubled economy. Despite the availability of few jobs, the Lord soon called Ryan to a new company in which he will be using his gifts in new ways. Despite the setback, Ryan and Alyssa were able to maintain their health insurance – critical to being able to give their daughter Hayden the care she needs.

**In 2010 we were faced with some trials.** Sherry lost her mother to cancer in mid-year. Despite her deep sadness she was able to see many tender mercies in her mother's last days and was able to praise God for His love and goodness to her mom and her family. Jan Gruel too lost her mother-in-law, Mary Gruel, who was beloved by all of us. Sherry and Jan both showed enormous peace throughout, demonstrating in their lives the faith all of us aspire to. Even through terrible sadness their faith was clear to us and helped lead all of us back into worship together. Justin's contributions to the band were tremendous throughout the year, as he was there to be counted upon during the many weeks we were shorthanded and unable to rehearse. He really was a pillar of strength for the team when we needed him most. We shared his joy at the birth of his new son, Evan. We also celebrated with Kyle and Maggie the birth of their son Ryan (albeit late in 2009). My own mother suffered a stroke late in the year but began a steady recovery, while my wife's father had a successful surgery for Parkinson's only to decline late in the year. God made himself known in many small triumphs and in the wonderful caregivers He placed along our paths. We are very grateful for the prayers and love of our church family.

**Our lives have been bound together by time and Christian love.** After more than 10 years together as True North, we have grieved and celebrated together and returned to worship always as the source of our strength. What we experienced in 2010 are the ordinary challenges of life, but they forced us at times to turn our attention to our own families. We could only hope and pray that in returning to worship, the Lord would inspire worship in spite of, or perhaps because of our personal situations. We could only lay our souls bare and wait upon the Lord.

**Worship is for all of us a calling.** The church's worship should be vital, energetic, intimate, and deep. We as a team believe first and foremost that if we ourselves are not worshipping, our leadership will be ineffective. But corporate worship does not depend solely on its leadership. Each worshipper has to lay bare his or her own heart in worship, because God doesn't want our illusions and self-love – he wants our whole selves. Such work is for each person to do – as leaders we can only hope to lead and inspire with God's blessing. I can say, however, that there are no finer servant leaders than Ryan, Alyssa, Tim, Sherry, Jan, Justin, Kyle and Tom. All of us are better worshippers and leaders from the trials of 2010. We will continue to try to live our faith in worship and to grow our leadership as God continues His work in us. May He continue to bless First Presbyterian Church and to meet all of us in worship every day of our lives.

Ben Meek, Director of Contemporary Worship & Music



# Presbyterian Women

## 2010 PW Women's Council

### Co-Moderators

Gerry Pearson  
Dot Hintz

### Secretary

Leslie Hertzler

### Treasurer

Gwen Boots

### Courtesy Chair

Cay Wright

### Scholarships

Libby Cahalan

### Baby Baskets

Jean Carroll

### Fellowship

Clara Lou Coody

### 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

### FOUR PW CIRCLES MEET MONTHLY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR:

<b>EVENING CIRCLE</b>	Ann Hawkins, Chair
<b>MARTHA-MABEL CIRCLE</b>	Frieda Martin and Clara Lou Coody, Chair
<b>MIRIAM CIRCLE</b>	Jessica Golightly and Amy Foster, Chair
<b>REBEKAH CIRCLE</b>	Pat Sharp, Chair

Each circle chooses their individual area of study for the year.

### 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.

**FPCE MISSION PROJECTS:** Deacon's Fund, Baby Baskets, Staff Appreciation Event, Condolence and concern cards, choir dinners for OIM, Honorary Life Membership Award, meal preparations for special family needs.

**REGIONAL MISSION PROJECTS:** Goodland Home, Pledge to PW in Indian Nations Presbytery and scholarships.

**NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL MISSION PROJECTS:** Presbyterian Disaster Relief (in 2010-\$1,432), 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 \$242. The PW Council spent \$2,902 on Mission Projects this year. Each of the Circles contributes to its own mission projects in addition to this amount.

# Early Childhood Program

**ECP (EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM)** 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 & ADVISORY BOARD** continue to provide valuable perspective to the ECP Committee to ensure any needed improvements are communicated and handled appropriately. The implementation of "High Scope" curriculum has proven successful for all age levels within ECP and staff members have fully embraced its concepts. Also implemented this year was dedicated staff planning time which provides valuable collaboration time, ultimately enhancing the overall educational experience for the students.

With surplus and additional raised funds, ECP was, again, able to contribute to outdoor playground repairs and indoor furniture and play equipment additions, as well as designate funds for participation in the "High Scope" conference in May 2011. Additionally, scholarship funds were available and awarded as needed. ECP's summer program, SandCastles, continued its success with full enrollment in 2010.

**WE ARE BLESSED** to be a part God's work through this wonderful outreach, touching the lives of many beautiful children and their families.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ECP enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is 239 and 2010 Sandcastles enrollment was 192.
- 78% of ECP's enrollment represents families who are not members of FPCE.
- ECP has 14 different classes and 31 staff members.
- ECP's fall fundraiser, FestiFall, raised over \$8,000 in October 2010.

## Committee Members

### ECP Chair 2010-2011

Kristin Emerson

### ECP Chair 2009-2010

Crystal McGee

### ECP Director

Lynette Warnock

### MEMBERS

Cristina Nihira

Janna Hall

Leslie Roubik

Sarita Naegeli

Victor Guarry

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Kristin Emerson, ECP Chair 2010-2011

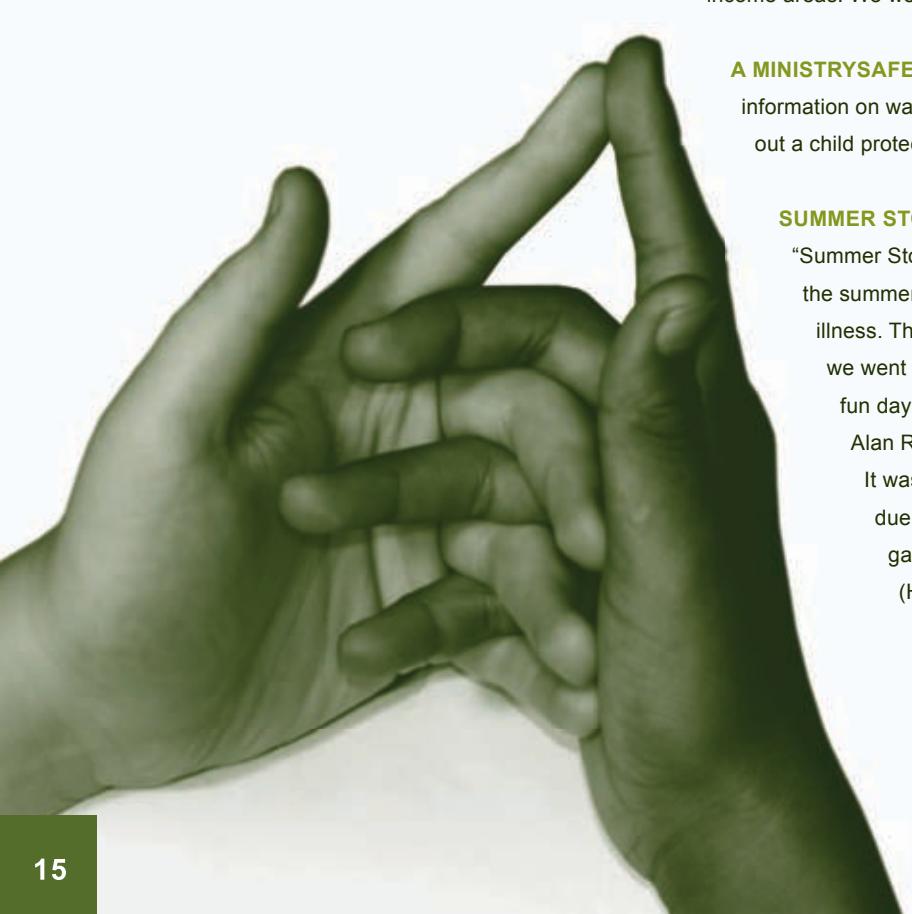
Crystal McGee, ECP Chair 2009-2010

Lynette Warnock, ECP Director

# Kids' Ministries

**WE HAD A GREAT YEAR IN KIDS' MINISTRIES WITH A WONDERFUL COMMITTEE:** Paula Jones & Sarah Montgomery were the elders. Amy Reid, Jennifer Reid, Staci Oakes, and Nancy Brown also served on our team. During the summer, we gained Kathy Martin as an elder along with new team members, Amy Mason and Judy Strahan. Jennifer Reid and Amy Reid stepped down at that time after years of service. 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 Tulsa, OK! The kids were encouraged to harness all of their natural energy and use it to serve God! In March, we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, with the giving of Easter baskets to the children at the City Rescue Mission. We also were outward focused during that time as the children raised Pennies for Pigs for the Uganda Mission. The goal was to raise over \$350. They well-exceeded this goal so Pastor Mateen kissed a pig at the Pentecost picnic as a "reward."

**THE CHILDREN'S PASTORS' CONFERENCE** in San Diego, CA was attended by Shelly Fryer and Linda Birsner in March 2010. We 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. Another huge takeaway was when we met with an organization that does outreach Bible studies with kids in low income areas. We were very excited to begin this as God had been stirring this in our hearts.



**A MINISTRYSAFE WORKSHOP** was held with presenters from Texas, offering us lots of important information on ways to safeguard our children. Each volunteer and staff person is now required to fill out a child protection policy form, as well as take a MinistrySafe class and pass a test.

**SUMMER STORY IN 5D** Our summer was filled with 5 big events and several smaller ones during "Summer Story in 5D." This was a way that kids could use all 5 senses in 5 big ways throughout the summer to know God better, and where "no one gets left behind" due to vacations, camps or illness. Throughout the entire summer, we held Vacation Bible School during Sunday School as we went on a High Seas Adventure with Paul and Peter. 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. Alan Root from Nashville, Tennessee flew in to give a great concert and share the gospel. It was meant to be a concert in the park for the community, but was moved to our sanctuary due to rain. We had a life-size game night of "R U Board?" with a humongous Twister game, Sorry game (Forgiveness), Battleship game (Spiritual Warfare), Candyland (Heaven) as well as a Scrabble craft game making the names of Jesus and an introduction to the game of Life (the gospel). We ended the summer with a pool party at Pelican Bay.

**CAMP KIDJAM** We took a group of 3rd-5th graders and leaders to Camp Kidjam in Sherman, TX in July. There we continued to find out more about the faith of Paul and how we could Jump into faith and action! I don't think I have ever seen a group of kids so excited! We began our Rolling Green Outreach ministry in

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collaboration with other churches during the summer by sharing sack suppers and lots of fun and games each Thursday evening at the apartment complex. Since that time, we now meet with the Rolling Green Collaborative, we have weekly Backyard Bible Clubs, Little Lambs, monthly holiday parties, a Santa store, and meet the needs of individual families. Our mission is to bring the love of Christ to a community in need.

**IN FALL 2010,** we had a great Parent Teacher Orientation encouraging everyone to make the discipleship of our children a priority. We began our Sunday School rotation with "Digging into the Bible" and 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 Eunice Menja and a team of teachers and shepherds. We held a monthly Parents' Night Out evening to give parents an opportunity to spend time with just each other and thus strengthen their marriage. It was also a wonderful time for the kids to play together and have a very fun evening. We also coordinated a "Family Matters" class with the help of the family life committee. This Wednesday evening class consisted of a different speaker sharing a different topic each week. We once again ended the year by collecting over 150 shoeboxes to share with kids around the world for Christmas. We celebrated the last Sunday of the year with a birthday party for Jesus. May He have all of the glory!

Linda Birsner, Director of Kids' Ministries

## Nursery Ministries

**CHILDCARE & PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES** We continue to grow strong and healthy in 2010! We have seen a continued growth in young families becoming involved in the life of the church. **Little Lambs:** our outreach ministry which was started in March, 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 8 weeks of classes. We have had 24 children participate in the program so far, and half of them have not been "regular" church kids. **Rolling Greens:** the most exciting addition to the program has been our class that meets at the Rolling Green apartment complex on Thursday mornings. We hope that, by building on the relationship that was started in our summer outreach activity, we can continue to be an active part of that community.

**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 5,800 children attend childcare ministry this year!

Shelly Fryer, Kids Ministry Associate, Childcare/Preschool



## Committee Members

**Director of Kids' Ministries**  
Linda Birsner

**Kids' Min. Program Director**  
Lori Jirousek

**Kids' Ministry Associate  
Childcare/Preschool**  
Shelly Fryer

## MEMBERS

Paula Jones, elder  
& Immediate Past Chair

Sarah Montgomery, elder

Kathy Martin, elder

Amy Reid

Jennifer Reid

Staci Oakes

Nancy Brown

Amy Mason

Judy Strahan

# Adult Discipleship

**THE ADULT DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE** seeks to provide a rich variety of opportunities for the adults of FPCE to grow and mature as disciples for Jesus Christ. Sunday school classes, the Wednesday evening Gathering, men's groups, women's groups, Summit groups, MOPS, Circles and a variety of other small groups provided opportunities for Bible and book studies as well as for spiritual formation. They also provided experiences of fellowship, prayer, community outreach, and service to others. Our congregation continues to be blessed with trained spiritual directors who are available as a listening ministry.

The Lenten Lunch series was offered again in the Spring of 2010 and the small group ministry, Summit Groups, expanded in 2010. The Lois Mitchell Adult Library is undergoing an expansion/renovation project which will be completed in 2011. We are joyfully dedicated to the mission of our church, "being equipped as disciples and making disciples for Jesus Christ."

**Lavaughn Carey, Chair**

**THE GATHERING** ACTS 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Our Wednesday evening program, the Gathering, continues to be a blessing. This is a time we come together to share food, fellowship, prayer, and study. We sincerely appreciate Jean Carroll and the great teams of folks who have so faithfully helped prepare and serve the meals as well as clean up. We also appreciate the gifted teachers who lead the varied classes that were offered. As we live into this ministry we experience the importance of community as a major motivation to our gathering. Let us imitate the New Testament church as we gather for teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and prayer.

**Rev. John Gruel**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** A well-rounded selection of Sunday School classes was offered to our adults during 2010, with about 300 in attendance during the school year. Appreciation once again goes to the gifted teachers who willingly stepped forward to serve as more classes and teachers were available than our limited classroom space would allow. Efforts were made toward identifying and implementing a Core Curriculum which would include a baseline educational experience that we want everyone to obtain. We intend to offer these classes on both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings over a three year cycle. Our focus is to ensure that every adult has the opportunity to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ and become faithful disciples.

**Marsha Bath**

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** The Women's Ministry seeks to provide opportunities for women to study, serve and grow spiritually and relationally with Jesus Christ and each other. Highlights for 2010 include a Women's Ministry Fall Forum entitled "The Miracle of Friendship" featuring guest speaker Cheri Fuller, internationally known author and speaker and a member of FPCE. A variety of new Bible studies were offered during the Fall and Spring semesters, and the video series called "Wednesdays with Beth Moore" was offered during the summer months. Sunday morning opportunities for women included the Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study and the Single Mom's (S.M.A.R.T.) Sunday school class. The Friday Morning Women's Group continues to meet every Friday morning at 6:30 am for coffee, fellowship, study and special emphasis on outreach and mission. In addition, there are four active PW Circles for women of all ages that meet regularly for Bible study and Christian fellowship. FPCE is blessed to host Bible Study Fellowship each week and The Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program, an outreach for young moms that meets bimonthly for study, fellowship and encouragement during the early years of mothering.

**Amy Schulke**

**NEW LIBRARY** During the first half of 2010 the adult library functioned as it has in past years. With the encouragement of the Adult Discipleship Committee and the invaluable support of the Finance and Property Committee, the library underwent significant changes during the second half of the year. Three classrooms were acquired in the Smith Wing and were converted into one large space for a new library. Both sets of beautiful exterior doors from the old sanctuary were refinished and installed as entries for the new library. Windows and lighting were also added along the hallway. Shelving was doubled with the purchase of custom bookcases, and a



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new search station computer and comfortable seating were also added. The old library was moved into the new location in November with the help of energetic church members. It is now a bright and spacious area with adequate study, work and storage space. Along with this physical transformation, the library services will be broadened as the children's library is incorporated into the new space in 2011. It is the desire of the library committee that upon completion in January, the expanded library will be an even more valuable ministry to all ages in the life of First Pres. Our committee is grateful to all who have made the gift of this new library possible.

**Carol Harrison**

**MEN'S MINISTRY** The Friday Morning Men's Group continues with leadership and involvement in many areas at FPCE. The group donated funds to numerous causes. Men participated in the Turning Point build. The group sponsored 10 families through Hope Center at Christmas and gave generously to Presbyterian Urban Mission. The men of the group are involved in many groups outside the church. Men attended the Presbyterian Men's Conference near Kerrville, Texas in May. The conference has been attended the past several years and has gathered a motorcycle group from FPCE in the past. There are numerous small group bible studies and Summit Groups meeting throughout the week that meet on a continuous basis. Pilgrimage renewal groups are also very active.

**Don Boyd**

**ADULT DISCIPLESHIP SPECIAL EVENTS** The Adult Discipleship Committee periodically offers special events during the year including Lenten Lunches and special interest seminars. In 2010, a Lenten Lunch series was offered and hosted by Special Events Coordinator, Dana McLain, and her committee. The lunches were held each Thursday during Lent at FPCE. The Lenten Lunches were meaningful and well attended.

**Dana McLain**

**SUMMIT GROUPS** This small group ministry continued to grow in 2010. The purpose of these groups is to meet weekly and discuss questions based on the previous week's sermon. The committee is grateful to the pastors, who faithfully prepare questions in advance of each week's sermon. Groups are composed of women, men, and couples.

**Lavaughn Carey**

# Adult Discipleship Committee Members

## Committee Chairperson

Lavaughn Carey

## Adult Sunday School

Marsha Bath

## Women's Ministry

Amy Schulke

## Men's Ministry

Don Boyd

## Summit Groups

Lavaughn Carey

## Library & Gifts Classes

Carol Harrison

## Special Events

Dana McLain

## The Gathering

Rev. John Gruel

# Student Ministries



**SKI TRIP** In January, we had our 10th annual ski trip to Angel Fire, New Mexico. With 52 middle school and high school students and 9 adults, we made the long trek via coach bus, and we enjoyed a wonderful long weekend together in fellowship and discipleship.

**BIG WEEKEND** Over the weekend of February 19 & 20, fifty of our students joined other area churches for an ecumenical event designed for middle school and high school students. With roughly 1000 students representing 12 churches, there was a tremendous amount of energy and connectedness that took place this weekend. During that Saturday, our students did several work projects around both First Pres and the community.

**CELEBRATIONS #28 & #29** The student version of Pilgrimage took place in both June and October. With over 100 staff and participants, these renewal weekends continue to be used by God to draw students closer to himself.

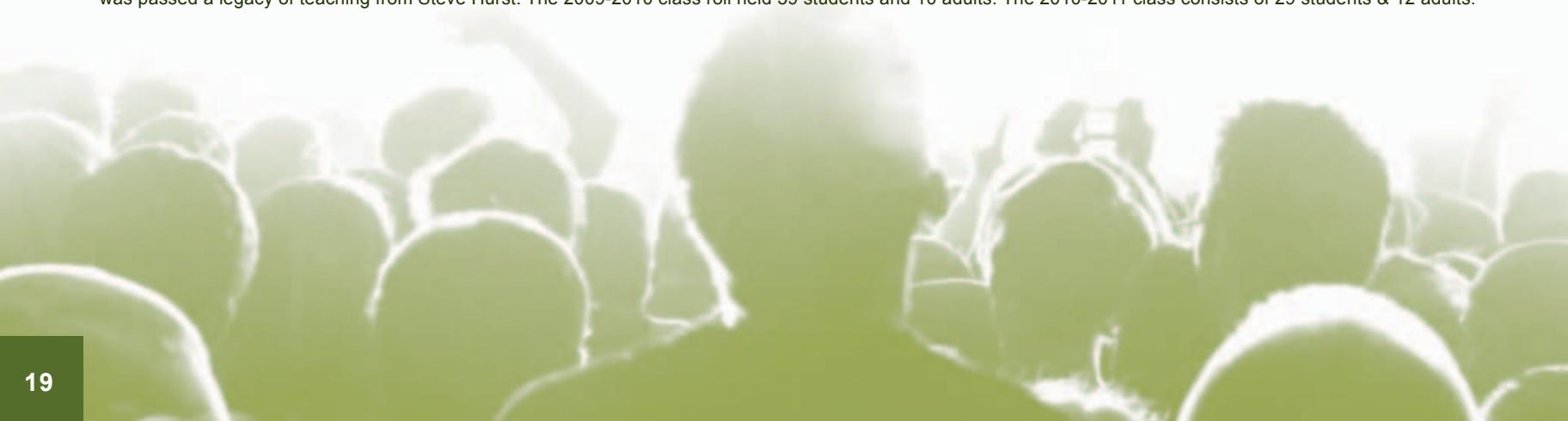
**SERVANTHOOD TREE** The Student Ministries again sponsored this year the Christmas outreach to the Pauline E. Meyer Shelter of Oklahoma City, where 40 kids were provided with Christmas presents and a "Birthday Party for Jesus" celebration.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFT** Our high energy evening exists to be a place where students feel loved and where they feel they belong. With activity, worship in song and prayer, teaching, and small groups, it is a night that draws over 100 students on a regular basis. It is an evening to be in community.

**SUNDAY SENIOR HIGH STUDY** A student-designed, student led study that meets once a week for further opportunity to grow together in the Lord.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** This is our second year of utilizing our Student Life curriculum for Sunday mornings. This curriculum allows for teachers to better use their gifting to create Sunday School sessions that will most effectively engage students in God's word. Under the direction of John Jennings, there is a large team of dedicated and talented teachers passing along the Faith to the next generation.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** In 2010, two torches in the Confirmation class were passed. Abby Bass took up the reigns of coordinator from Sally Story and Jason Eliot was passed a legacy of teaching from Steve Hurst. The 2009-2010 class roll held 39 students and 10 adults. The 2010-2011 class consists of 29 students & 12 adults.





**CAMP CAOS** Over the weekend of October 9-11, the middle school headed out to Jacob's Ladder for their fall retreat. 31 students and 8 adults enjoyed a weekend that focused on the "Timelessness...yet timeliness of God."

**SENIOR LUNCH** Every Wednesday during the Edmond high schools' lunches, Bill Crouch serves meals to over 100 high school seniors in the Palmer Lounge. Drawing primarily from Memorial and North High Schools, it is a great time for the student ministry to offer an opportunity for fellowship, and to celebrate high school seniors.

**STUDENT MOBILIZATION** Stumo's purpose is to raise up laborers for Christ from the college campuses around the world. UCO's Stumo meets in the Yinger Youth Center on Thursday nights from 7:30-9 pm. The night consists of worship, teaching, and fellowship. Attendance has averaged over 100 college aged students each week.

**NEW STAFF** On August 1, Brian Wagner returned to First Pres Edmond after an eight year journey to New Hampshire. He has climbed back on board as the Director of Student Ministries and as Supervisor of Middle School Ministries. David Dabrowski has changed hats, and has shifted his responsibilities from overseeing middle school to taking on the call to be our new Director of Worship for Students.

## Committee Members

**Stephen Earnest, Co- Chair**

**Robert Reid, Co-Chair**

**Nancy Foringer, Elder**

**Joel Hall, Parent Rep**

### **Student Reps**

Kathryn Rykard, Martha Blaess

### **Sunday School**

John Jennings

### **Confirmation Class**

Abby Bass, Jason Eliot, Sally Story

### **Filling Station**

Kelli Bailey

### **Boy Scouts Liason**

Chris Martin

### **Director of Student Ministries/ Supervisor of Middle School Ministries**

Brian Wagner

### **Director of High School & College Ministries**

Bill Crouch

### **Director of Worship Formation for Students**

David Dabrowski

### **Program Coordinator**

Christy Ford

### **Administrative Assistant**

Gretchen Crane

### **Intern of Senior High Girls' Discipleship**

Natasha Irons

### **Intern of High School Highlights**

Sam Carothers

# The Board of Deacons

**THE BOARD OF DEACONS** (in 2010) successfully adjusted to the new structure of the Board, specifically, the division of the Deacons into Ministry Teams. All Deacons participated in the annual Call-a-Thon in October, which led to numerous prayer requests and membership and contact information updates. The Deacons assisted with communion each month and provided a Deacon of the Week to assist with offering and benevolence requests. The Deacons prayed regularly as a group and individually, as part of their Ministry Teams, for FPCE and those individuals they were serving.

**BOARD OF DEACONS Officers are:**

Maggie Martin, Moderator, 2011  
Barbara Shelton, Vice Moderator, 2012

Clyde Stevens, Secretary, 2012  
Martha Turner, ex-officio to the Board of Deacons

**THE WELCOMING AND OUTREACH TEAM** This team prepared and mailed care packages to college students and FPCE members in the military during May and December. During the month of December, they organized an angel tree to deliver Christmas gifts to the members of Grace Living Center and they prepared gift baskets for the elderly and homebound. They continued with their flower ministry delivering flowers left from funerals, weddings and church events to care facilities. They also scheduled greeters for Sunday morning services.

**WELCOMING AND OUTREACH TEAM Members are:**

Barbara Shelton, 2012  
Aubrey Bailey, 2011

David Carothers, 2011  
Martha Blaess, 2011

Jennifer Postlethwaite, 2013  
Connor Lisle, 2011

Terri Dahlgren, 2012

**THE SENIOR ADULTS & SPECIAL NEEDS TEAM** This team scheduled contact with all homebound each month. This team provided transportation as needed for doctor appointments and church events. Two members of this team served Homebound Communion with the pastors each quarter. A monthly Bible Study was conducted for the residents of Tealridge.

**SENIOR ADULTS & SPECIAL NEEDS TEAM Members are:**

Clyde Stevens, 2012  
Alice Hager, 2013

Gail Yanko, 2012  
Rich Hammervold, 2013

Julie Higginbotham, 2012  
Judy Morrison, 2012

Mary Kaye Foster, 2013

**THE BEREAVEMENT TEAM** This team provided meals and/or receptions after numerous funerals during 2010. They provided a host/hostess for memorial services when a funeral home was not present. They communicated with the bereaved through visits, cards, and phone calls. They provided follow-up with family members.

**BEREAVEMENT TEAM Members:**

Nancy Wilson-Smith, 2011  
John Jennings, 2011  
Randy Rognas, 2012

Bill Warner, 2011  
Suzy Boydston, 2013

**THE ILLNESS & CRISIS TEAM** This team scheduled and made hospital visits every Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the year, along with the assistance of many volunteers throughout the church, including John Wayant. Meals were coordinated for many church families following illness, crisis and the birth of children. The team continued with their yellow card ministry for those that were ill.

**ILLNESS & CRISIS TEAM Members:**

Gene Brewer, 2011  
Jared Looper, 2013

Nancy Letassy, 2011  
Holmes Fuller, 2013

Jenna Port, 2011  
Tom Richter, 2013

Martha Turner, CLP, Congregational Care/Ex Officio to the Board of Deacons

# Stephen Ministries

**6 MEMBERS OF FPC EDMOND** completed SM (Stephen Ministries) training and were commissioned on April 15, 2010. Over 200 persons have been commissioned into the program since its inception in 1983. The total number of active SM participants during the year was 19 including the 6 newly trained. By years end, 4 active Stephen Ministers elected to go inactive, reducing Stephen Ministers to 15 (which includes one inactive Stephen Minister that returned from sabbatical to active duty).

**THE STEPHEN MINISTER LEADERS TEAM** consisted of 6 members at the beginning of 2010 and dropped to 5 leaders at midyear with Mark Britton leaving in April. Plans are in place for Martha Turner to join the Leader's Team following her completion of National Training in January.

**A TOTAL OF 17 CARE RECEIVERS** were served over the course of the year with 7 assignments reaching termination and 10 assignments remaining active at year's end. Because of the increased size of the active SM group, a new format for conducting the Supervision Group resulted in dividing the group (different room assignments for Care Taker Check-In) after the group first meets all together for devotionals and SM planning updates.

The Supervision of active Stephen Ministers by leaders is scheduled twice monthly and was moved from the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays to accomodate the newly commissioned Stephen Minister's schedules. Continuing Education is scheduled on a quarterly basis in place of a Supervision meeting and is typically open to church members and outsiders. The Stephen Minister Leaders meet monthly on the first Thursday.

In place of the usual Christmas party held by Stephen Ministers in December, typically at a member's home, the group adopted a Hope Center family and gift donations were delivered to the home of the recipient family by several members and leaders on December 18, 2010.

**Freida Jones**

## Stephen Ministers & Leaders

### CURRENT LEADERS

John Gruel

Kathy Martin

Dick Sternlof

Kim Robberson

Freida Jones

### ACTIVE STEPHEN MINISTERS

Penny Brown

Garry Hanneman

Janet Hemphill

Hap Hemphill

Erma Leaton

John Leaton

Carroll Kinney

Cyndy Milam

Bonnie Morris

Pat Nichols

Vickie Nichols

Joe Peeler

Donna Plewes

Nancy Smith

John Wayant



# Troop 78 & Crew 78 Boy Scouts



## 79 YEARS OF SERVICE...

**Our Boy Scout Troop has completed its 79th year of service** to the church and the community this year, being chartered by the First Presbyterian Church in 1931. We have prepared and plan to carry out an annual program through September of 2011. The Troop has once again earned the Quality Unit Award and the National Camping Award.

**Dorman Morsman has served as the Scoutmaster** with David Bailey serving as Troop Committee Chairman. Chris Martin assumed the duties of Chartered Organization Representative after the retirement of Robyn McPherson. Dick Oppel remains as the Unit Commissioner. Tanner Bailey served as Senior Patrol Leader until September when he turned over the reins to Ryan McCormick who currently serves well in that capacity.

**Our troop continues to employ the “New Boy Patrol” method** as we recruited 18 new members. Our membership at the end of the year was 96 youth and 134 registered adults.

**Our monthly programs included at least one outdoor activity** per month and regular meetings on Monday evenings. We attended summer camp at Slippery Falls Scout Ranch near Tishomingo, Oklahoma, as well as sending a group of youth to the 2010 National Jamboree, the 100th anniversary of scouting in America.

**Our Scouts have supported 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.

**Fifteen scouts earned their Eagle Award** this year. Jim Dan, Tim Davis, Charlie Endicott, Jack Prutsman, Tanner Bailey, Carson Lile, Gregory Melsby, Michael Aguilar, Tyler Black, Drew O’Connell, Chris Schuyler, Clay Dobbins, Alexander Phua, Dan Wood and Sam Wood. This makes 290 youth that have earned their Eagle rank with Troop 78.

**Our Venture Crew** is under the leadership of Sheryl Morsman. They have ten adults and fifteen youth registered as of the end of the year. The Crew’s big event was a ski trip to the slopes of Red River, New Mexico.

Thank you for your support in 2010, and we are looking forward to a fun and successful 2011.

**Dorman Morsman**



## Mission & Evangelism Committee

# Missions & Evangelism

In the year 2010, the Mission and Evangelism Committee was advised and assisted by Associate Pastor Leo Wideman. The committee met on a monthly basis (except for August and December) on the second Thursday of the month at 6 pm.

The committee notes that our church supported numerous activities and missions. These included a mission trip to San Cosme led by Pat Jennings. The Committee supported and participated in the next mission trip to Uganda, which will be July 2011. The Committee also supported Robert and Eunice Menja's Upendo Kwanza organization and their mission trips to Kenya.

Our church, through the Mission/Evangelism Committee, also supported such organizations as: Turning Point Ministries, The Oklahoma Jail & Prison Ministry, 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 and Brent Ewing's Student Mobilization, the Krause family, the Tappert family and Laura McLemore's Mission to Russia.

David W. Lee, Chair

### Committee Chairperson

David Lee, Elder

### MEMBERS

Jeff Oakes, Elder

Jayne Spies, Elder

Judy Langdon

Sid Brown

Pat Jennings

Dick Freeman

James Belote

Beth Cahalan

Nancy Coffer

Bob Turner

Lonny Wall

# Assimilation Committee

### Assimilation Committee 2010 YEAR IN REVIEW:

- 1 Assisted with two New Member classes.
- 2 Organized and supervised "Follow me Sunday" in late August
- 3 Participated with Youth and Kid's Ministries in "Hot Dog" dinners and a Christmas Party at Rolling Green Apartments.
- 4 Participated in Summer Long VBS
- 5 Assisted Kid's ministry during Alan Root concert - passed out Gospel of John.
- 6 Continued Yellow Card outreach to Visitors.
- 7 Assisted ECP personnel during Fall Open House.

Bob Laundhart, Chair

## Assimilation Committee

### Committee Chairperson

Bob Laundhardt

### MEMBERS

Karla Laundhardt

Judy Gross

Treva Roberts

Cindy Reddout

Alice Hager

Crystal McGee

# Worship Committee Members

## Committee Chairperson

Bill Bergner

## MEMBERS

Lavaughn Carey  
Denise Bergner  
Kristin Foringer  
Andy Fugitt  
Ben Meek  
David Richard  
LettyAnn Schiesz  
Mike Sharp  
Jim VanHemert.  
Mateen Elass, Ex-Officio

# Worship Committee

**THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE** is charged with the planning and implementation of our two weekly worship services, plus the various other services held throughout the year.

**During 2010, the committee consisted of the following members, listed in alphabetical order;** Bill Bergner, Denise Bergner, Mateen Elass, Kristin Foringer, Andy Fugitt, Ben Meek, David Richard, Letty Ann Schiesz, Mike Sharp and Jim VanHemert. Bill Bergner serves as Chair of the Committee. Amy Schulke, although still an elder serving on session, is now serving on a different committee. Michele Baker rotated off after serving for over three years and as secretary of the committee. Andy Fugitt came on the committee as a new elder in 2010 and is serving 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.

**In 2010, the Healing and Wholeness service** was launched on the Sunday evening after Easter and has continued on a monthly basis since then. It has been very well received. David Richard is the Chair of the Subcommittee on Healing and Wholeness.

Bill Bergner

# Congregational Life Members

## Committee Chairperson

Jayne Roberts

## MEMBERS

Scott Briggs  
Dan Martel  
Bill Roberts  
Linda Veazey  
Martha Turner, Ex-Officio

# Congregational Life

**MISSION** The mission of the Congregational Life Committee is to provide opportunities for the members of our congregation to build relationships with one another while having fun together. Events sponsored during the past year include the Pentecost Picnic, Dinners of Eight, the Ponder Golf Tournament and The Gathering on Wednesday night.

We welcome ideas for fun events. If you have an idea or have questions about any of the events listed above, please contact a committee member.

Jayne Roberts



# Congregational Care

**ELDER CARE** Elder Rachel Boggess worked throughout the year with family members and folks who were referred to her by church members. She made a strong effort to see as many members as she could on Sunday mornings to make sure they were well. An on-going care giver support group operated through the year under the direction of Marcia Peeler.

**PARISH NURSE** Donna Plewes, RN, MBA, began serving mid-year as our Parish Nurse. She worked one-on-one with members of the congregation guiding them through health care and health insurance issues. She replaced Sissy Tubb who retired earlier in 2010 due to health issues.

**SHELTER MINISTRY** This past year, two FPCE single mother staff members and one single mother member of the church were blessed with new homes in Turning Point's Legacy Station. Each family provided sweat equity to earn their home and construction was provided by many from FPCE's congregation as well as from the community. Many in the congregation provided financial support and volunteer labor.

**THE RESERVES** This group met three times in 2010 for a "State of the Church" update provided by Dr. Elass. The Reserves are composed of approximately 75 Elders and Deacons who are not actively serving on the Board of Deacons or Session. Members of The Reserves served in various ministry capacities within the life of the church on an "on call" basis.

**PRAYER MINISTRY** A weekly prayer request list was e-mailed to members and individual prayer requests were sent throughout the week. The ongoing needs of the congregation/family/friends were prayed for during a weekly worship service. *To receive the prayer list, members may contact the church office.*

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY** Veta and Rick Roberts were Co-Chairman of a marriage seminar which was held in February. Mona and Steve Earnest provided leadership for the **Marriage Mentors** (Scott and Lori Briggs, Cora and Don Boyd, Jayne and Bill Roberts, Pat and Vickie Nichols), who met individually with couples being married throughout the year.

**At mid-year, the Marriage and Family Ministry was moved into the Congregational Life Committee** and under the oversight of Bill Roberts. At the Fall Gathering, a Family Matters class was offered, featuring different speakers on each Wednesday evening.

Martha Turner, CLP, Congregational Care





## FPCE Communications

### Committee Members

#### Director of Communications

Bill Parrish

#### Print Media Coordinator

Zena Nipper

#### Committee Chairperson

Chuck Smith

#### MEMBERS

Carol Bryant

Carol Hartzog

Sandi Morgan

Robert Reid

**The FPCE Communications Department was challenged early in 2010 to make adjustments both in resources and personnel.** Budget constraints early in the year caused The PRES to become a quarterly feature magazine. The impact of two departures from the department in late 2009 greatly impacted production and left the department with fragmented communications held together by the Print Media Coordinator. In March 2010, Bill Parrish was added to the staff as Director of Communications. This new strategic role in conjunction with Zena Nipper, Print Media Coordinator, provides support to FPCE ministries through design, cohesive messages and brand. Our focus immediately became assessing the state of Communications vehicles, and in conjunction with the Communications Committee we began the process of an aggressive Strategic Communications Plan for 2011.

**Church Members and staff have continued to support the PRES with feature stories and relevant information.**

The PRES has continued to be an on-line and hardcopy source of church news, schedules and spiritual resources for our membership, however it is a vehicle that we are looking at repurposing in 2011.

**As part of the Communications Plan for 2011, we will introduce an upgraded website in the spring,** with a focus on visitors and regular attenders, social media and blogging. This will be an ongoing process with adjustments to the site made over time. The Plan also includes the development of three information areas, complete with print media. One will be for visitors only, and the others will provide ministry brochures, newsletters and plasma screens displaying regular information. The goal is a unified "look and feel" to ministries via both printed collateral and electronic media. With the departure of an Associate Pastor, Communications has taken on the management of Information Technology. Among the goals accomplished for 2010 was:

- Consolidation of our existing copiers/purchase of new technology through Xerox.
- Addition of a new second server to offset an overloaded single server.
- Emergency replacement of the Firewall that was in place.

Through the efforts of the Print Media Coordinator, and systems we have put in place to manage activity, we are poised and excited about the Plan for 2011.

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