

The Good News

First Presbyterian Church

September Prayer Month

During the month of September our congregation has focused on prayer. We owe thanks to the Christian Education Ministry Team for encouraging this church-wide emphasis on prayer and for sending each household a copy of the book, How to Pray: The Best of John Wesley on Prayer. I have enjoyed and been blessed by my extra study on prayer in preparation for preaching about prayer during September.

Part of my preparation has been to reread Paul's New Testament letters and reflect on his perspective concerning prayer. I noticed that in every letter Paul writes about how he is praying for those Christians, and he asks them to pray for him and for his ministry. As we approach the end of September, my request is that at least once every day, you will pray for our church and especially that our leaders will hear and heed the Holy Spirit's leading.

First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces has been around for a very long time, but we must not be complacent. We cannot assume that our future as a congregation is certain. Our culture is changing and the world around us is changing. Although God's Word and the gospel does not change, the methods we use to communicate God's truth and grace do have to change with the times. The role and position of this church in society and in our community are not what they were thirty years ago or even ten years ago. The leaders of our church, the Session will continue to face new challenges and will face difficult decisions. We want those decisions to reflect the will and purpose of God.

I hope that one fruit from our September emphasis on prayer has been a deepening of the prayer-life of each of us, and a renewed appreciation for what a wonderful privilege it is, "to carry everything to God in prayer." Please pray for our church, and especially for our leaders. It was important to the Apostle Paul and it is critical for our church and mission.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ ... so that we may reveal it clearly, as we should. (Colossians 4:2-4)

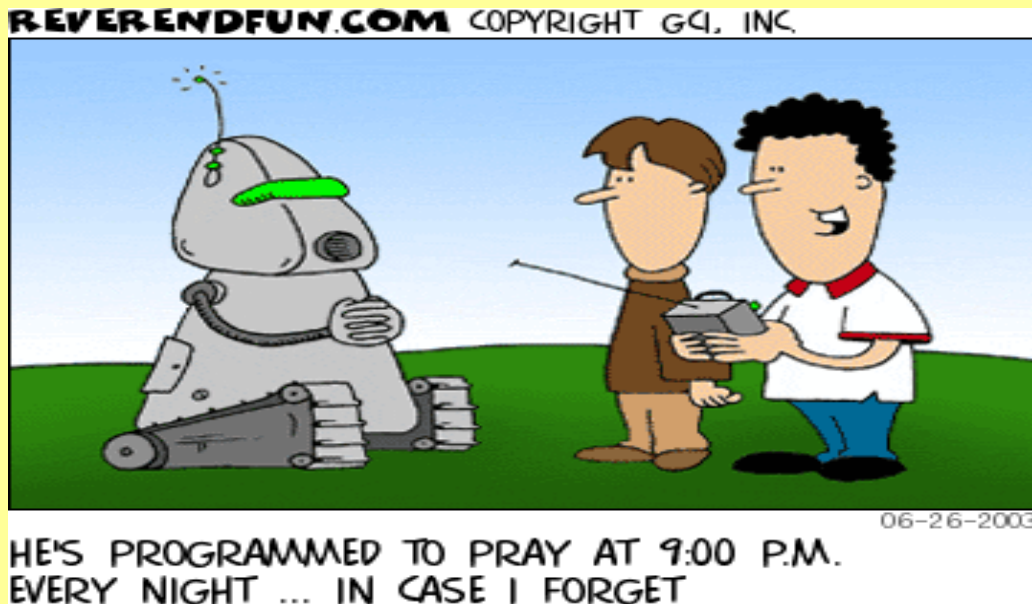
Love in Christ,
Rev. Norm



Church Work Day!
Saturday
September 27th
8:00-12:00

Come one, come all, big and small. There will be a Church Workday at our church on Saturday, September 27, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. If possible, let us know that you are coming so we can have the proper amount of materials, tools and supplies on hand. There will be coffee and donuts and probably other stuff too. If you aren't up to working, come and visit for a while and get your Christian fellowshiping in.

Call Bob Paul, 524-1515, or Charley Yaryan, 527-0528 if you are planning to come.



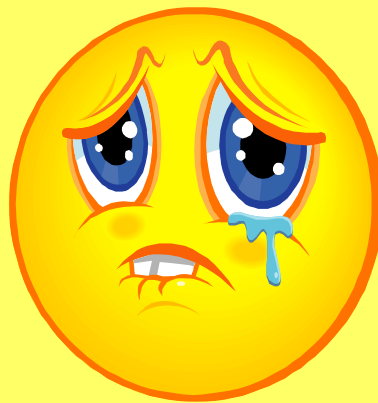
Attention!

THE CHICK-FLICK:

“MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING”,

**SCHEDULED FOR THIS SATURDAY THE 27TH,
HAS BEEN CANCELED!**

**WE WILL BE RESCHEDULING, AND WILL LET
YOU KNOW THE NEW DATE AND TIME!**



College Group BBQ!

Monday

September 29th

6:30 pm

**All college students are invited to
this welcome back to school BBQ!**

**Basketball! Volleyball!
Lots of food!
Come and bring a friend!**

**Sponsored by
Congregation Life Ministry Team
Questions?**

Call Scott Burns 202-9268



Presbyterian Women in the Congregation!

Summer is over and the ladies are back to their Bible studies, fellowship and supporting local missions.

In September our local mission is The Bridge (Campus Ministry).

The local mission for October will be Jardin de los Ninos, (Childcare and Services for Homeless / Near Homeless Children and their Families).

There is a desperate need for:

Pampers of all sizes but mostly size 4 and up

Wipes

Pull up's

Other items that are needed are:

Can Foods

Toiletries (shampoo, razors, soap)

Feminine items for women

Jackets (children)

Halloween costumes for children

A large Blue Box is the Jones Fellowship Hall for your items. Some one will take them to Jardin de los Ninos.



In-Betweeners

Celebrate Fall with a pot luck dinner!

When: Friday September 26th

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Jim and Jacque Parks

The meat will be provided, so please sign up for the rest!

Jim and Jacque 526-8180.

**We will be eating outside



Kerygma Class

There is NO CLASS this Sunday, September 28th.

DEACON'S HAMBURGER FRY OCTOBER 19TH

Mark your calenders for the annual Deacon's Hamburger Fry Sunday October 19th after Worship.

This is the one and only fundraiser for the Deacon's. The money raised, helps both our church family and our community.

Last year, due to your generous donations, the Deacon's were able to provide Christmas baskets for Hospice families, as well as for families in our congregation.

Please join us on the 19th for good food and fellowship!

****Do you like to bake cookies? The deacons are looking for volunteers to bake cookies for the Hamburger fry. Please contact Tracy 526-5559,for more information.**



Holy Humor... 😊

- A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!' His father smiled and replied, 'What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, 'I do know!' 'Okay,' said his father. 'What does the Bible mean?' 'That's easy, Daddy...' the young boy replied excitedly, ' It stands for:
'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'



**Trunk or Treat
October 31st
5:30-7:30**

Halloween is just around the corner, and our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat is taking shape! Last year, this event helped over 200 children enjoy a safe and sane Halloween.

So start planning your costumes, and get the candy ready, because it is going to be an amazing night!

Food! Crafts! Music! And a whole lot more!



September 27th-Church work Day

September 29th-College Night BBQ



October 4th-Youth Group outing to Pastor Norm's

October 5th-World Communion Sunday

October 19th-Deacons Hamburger Fry

October 25th-Chick-Flick Dinner and a Movie

October 31st-Annual Trunk or Treat!