

# CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- Tom Dome
- Kathleen Lutrick
- Bill O’Neal
- Mary Mitchell
- Cheryl Parrish
- Marilyn Pilz



**Birth Announcement**

**Beckett James Wells**  
**was born on**  
**December 14, 2017**  
**at 2:14 a.m.**  
**20” Long**  
**6 lbs. 4 oz.**



# THE BELLRINGER

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**January, 2018**

# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Someone recently shared a blog post from an Episcopal Bishop in Olympia, Washington on social media. In his post he shared that in every agreement he has ever had with a congregation he included the 10 Rules of Respect (see below). I like these rules a lot! With January being the start of a new year and many of you looking for “New Year’s Resolutions,” I invite you to consider these rules of respect. They are particular to a church setting, but easily translated to any setting in which you may find yourself. I’m pretty sure that most of us follow these rules in our lives already, but I just like the way he spells them out. Happy New Year!

1. If you have a problem with me, come to me (privately).
2. If I have a problem with you, I will come to you (privately).
3. If someone has a problem with me and comes to you, send them to me. (I’ll do the same for you.)
4. If someone consistently will not come to me, say, “Let’s got to \_\_\_\_\_ together. I am sure he/she will see us about this.” (I will do the same for you.)
5. Be careful how you interpret me — I’d rather do that. On matters that are unclear, do not feel pressured to interpret my feelings or thoughts. It is easy to misinterpret intentions.
6. I will be careful how I interpret you.
7. If it’s confidential, don’t tell. If you or anyone comes to me in confidence, I won’t tell unless (a) the person is going to harm himself/herself; (b) the person is going to physically harm someone else; (c) a child has been physically or sexually abused. I expect the same from you.
8. I do not read unsigned letters or notes.
9. I do not manipulate; I will not be manipulated; do not let others manipulate you. Do not let others manipulate me through you. I will not preach “at you.” I will leave conviction to the Holy Spirit (she does it better anyway!)
10. When in doubt, just say it. The only dumb questions are those that don’t get asked. Our relationships with one another, at the end of the day are the most important things, so if you have a concern, pray, and then (if led) speak up. If I can answer it without misrepresenting something, someone, or breaking a confidence, I will.

Narrative Lectionary

2017-2018

Readings for Year 4 (John)

January 7, 2017

Jesus Says Come and See

Baptism of Our Lord

John 1: 35-51 (Psalm 66: 1-5)

January 14, 2017

Wedding at Cana

Second Sunday after Epiphany

John 2: 1-11

(Psalm 104: 14-16)

January 21, 2017

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

Third Sunday after Epiphany

John 2: 13-25

(Psalm 127: 1-2)

January 28, 2017

Nicodemus

Stewpot at Newgate

Volunteers

January, 2018



Rev. Kendal A. Land Receives the



Our very own Rev. Kendal A. Land received the 2017 Emerging Leader Award on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Pinecrest Country Club. The Emerging Leader Award is given to individuals under the age of 40 who have made an extraordinary impact through leadership service in the Longview community. The recipient's acts of leadership service represent a dedication of excellence in their area of expertise beyond the scope of everyday employment. Through commitment to their profession and community, the recipient serves as an inspiration to others in an effort to improve the equality of life in our community.

There was a good turn out of people from FPC in attendance to support Kendal in this noted achievement.

We are so very proud to call Rev. Kendal A. Land our Pastor and friend.



FPC turned out to support Rev. Kendal Land as he receives the 2017 Emerging Leader Award



2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	 PCC—Closed Church Office — Closed	10:30 AM Cards & Caring 11: 15 AM Stewpot @ Newgate 1:00 PM Mahjong (P)	9:00 AM Chapel 11:30 AM Lunch and a Movie 5:00 PM Carillon Ringers Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>Biggest Snowman:</b> <b>PCC Community</b> 6:30 PM Presbyterian Women Evening Circle	9:30 a.m. Defibrillator Training	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:15 a.m. Church School 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship / Elder and Trustees Installation  No Youth Group	6:00 PM PCC Staff Meeting ((P)	10:00 AM Presbyterian Women Morning Circle (P)  1:00 PM Mahjong (P)  5:30 PM Session Mtg.	9:00 AM Chapel 9: 30 AM Prayer Shawl 5:00 PM Carillon Ringers Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice	5:45 PM PCC PPO Mtg (P)	9:30 AM Meals on Wheels	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:15 a.m. Church School 10:15 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. 2nd Sun. Lunch 4:00 p.m. Righteous Ringers Practice 5:00 p.m. Youth Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth Group	Martin Luther King Jr. Day  PCC—Closed Church Office — Closed  10:30 AM Cards & Caring	1:00 PM Mahjong (P) 6:00 PM PCC Board Mtg (P)	9:00 AM Chapel 9:30 AM Good Samaritans 11:30 AM 3 G Club 5:00 PM Carillon Ringers Practice 7:00 PM Choir Practice			Gilmont Church Officer Boot Camp
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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## FPC

# Lunch & a Movie

**Wednesday, January 3, 2018**

**Lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Grace Hall**

**Movie will follow in the Fallout Shelter**

**First Presbyterian Church — Longview TX**


Come join us for a meal, a movie, and fellowship!

Contact the church office for information:  
(903)757-2525; or office@fpclongview.org

## COME JOIN THE FUN!

### Wednesday, January 17, 2018

<p><b>Good Samaritans</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Meet in the Parlor</p> 	<p><b>3 G Club</b></p> <p>11:30 a.m. — Until Finished</p> <p>Meet in the Parlor</p> <p><i>Come play bridge, mahjong, board games.</i></p> 
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**Presbyterian Women Evening Circle**

Thursday, January 4, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Location TBA


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**Presbyterian Women Morning Circle**

Thursday, January 9, 2018

10:00 a.m.

FPC Parlor



**Wednesday,**

**January 10, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.**

**FPC Parlor**

## Second Sunday Lunch

JOIN US FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 14, 2017

11: 45 a.m.

**First Presbyterian Church of Longview**

**Grace Hall**

*Be sure to bring your favorite potluck dish.*

## Presbyterian Pan American School Choir to Perform at FPC



The Presbyterian Pan American School Choir will perform during Worship Services on Sunday, January 28, 2017. The PPAS Choir will arrive in Longview on Saturday, January 27, 2018 between 5:00 — 7:00 p.m. Host families are needed to house the 29 students on Saturday night. The evening meal on Saturday will be provided at the church and a meal following services will be provided on Sunday. Host families will only be responsible for providing breakfast on Sunday morning. Please contact the Church office if you can serve as a host family for PPAS students by Friday, January 5, 2017.

# Presbyterian Children's Center

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

January 1, 2018 — Holiday — PCC Closed

January 4, 2018 — Biggest Snowman: PCC Community

Dear Friends and Families of PCC:

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I wish each of you a HAPPY NEW YEAR! PCC is excited to be beginning a new semester and a new year! Typically we see so many changes in maturity after Christmas. It's fun to watch the children learn and grow. I want to personally thank all of the Secret Santas who filled packages for our PCC Christmas Angels. It was so appreciated by the staff members who requested this assistance. And, from what I saw, you all went over and above! Thank you also for the donations to the "Sock Tree."

Currently PCC has one big happening in January. On January 4th our classes will participate in making the "Biggest Snowman." This is a project developed by our Curriculum Director, Venice Ray. I will be excited to see what appears from this project.

If you're ever in the mood to be a PCC volunteer, the children always enjoy special readers. Feel free to stop by with your favorite children's book and I will hook you up with a class or two to read.

Keep the Son in Your Eyes!

Teresa Myers

PPC Director

## The Church Bells Still Ring at First Presbyterian Church



Church bells have been ringing at First Presbyterian Church of Longview since the original church was built in 1874. The original church building fronted south (now Methvin Street). It was a white frame rectangular shaped building, about 36 feet by 60 feet, with a portico, four columns, and a high steeple where the bell that still rings each Sunday was hung. The bell reportedly came from "Walnut Grove" plantation, which was located south of the Sabine River, and had been used to call the slaves in from the fields.

We are so blessed to have a beautiful church that has so much love and history to share.





Jane Barker, M.Ed., M.A., LPC NCC

## SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER CORNER

Thank you for your hospitality. Our nonprofit network of counseling centers have been so successful, because congregations such as yours, have offered a site accessible and safe for those in stress and distress to come to.

At present Samaritan Counseling Centers are supported by congregations of 40 denominations and faith groups, though we do extend the hand of love to those who do not claim a religious affiliation.

There are 481 Samaritan Center offices in 389 cities in the United States and Tokyo, Japan. Low-cost sponsor-provided facilities are able to offer counseling at affordable rates—typically about two-thirds the cost of other providers. As a result, more people can receive help.

The Samaritan program began in Elkhart Indiana in 1972 when a physician, two parish pastors, and a seminary professor observed that by working together, ministers, therapists, and physicians were very effective in helping people with stress-related problems.

Please join those who have supported us by sharing with friends and families that we offer support in six local locations: here at FPC, in Tyler, in Lindale, in Kilgore, in Henderson, and in Jacksonville. Children four years and older and adults can receive help. A sliding scale, insurance, or church/agency related payments are accepted.

Wishing you health, wholeness, and peace in the New Year!

Jane Barker, M.Ed., M.A., LPC, NCC



## Defibrillator Training January 5, 2017

The church purchased two defibrillators earlier this year. Training on the use of the defibrillator will be on Friday, January 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the FPC Parlor.



Jamie Moseley	January 1
Zack Peters	January 2
Philip Smith	January 3
Dr. Richard Holsomback	January 7
Mary Armstrong	January 8
Pam Kutzer	January 16
Mary Jane Heath	January 17
John Lanagan	January 19
Judy Bogart	January 21
Will Sherrod	January 24
Adrienne Butler	January 24
Diane Macfarlane	January 24
Sherry Brown	January 26

## PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES AND SERVICES NEWS



Sheila Arnold, LMSW

The holidays are upon us and we rejoice in the gift of our Messiah, Our Savior, and Lord. At Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, we work with our partner Churches throughout Texas and Louisiana to provide Christmas for the children and families we serve throughout the year. We offer families the opportunity to be sponsored for Christmas if we served them at any time during the last year. As a Church family, you graciously served a very large

family for the Child and Family program. The parents are so grateful for your help. One of the kiddos asks me at each visit what she is getting! She changes her mind at each visit as to what she wants — the excitement and anticipation is obvious. I appreciate your support in serving families.

In Matthew 22: 37-39, Jesus says, <sup>37</sup>"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." When we love the Lord, we trust him and serve Him and that service takes on many forms, including providing Christmas gifts for children in our community. Thank you for being a Church family that loves and serves others. Please pray for the families you served for the Child and Family program and for Presbyterian Children's Center. Their needs and struggles will go on throughout the year. Who knows where your acts of kindness will lead. I had a woman I served 26 years ago while she was a teen in foster care come back and find me to let me know that she is okay. When we follow these commandments given by Jesus, we lead others to Him and change our world. From everyone at Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services we wish you a Merry Christmas and blessings in the New Year.

Sheila Arnold, LMSW

## Music Department Christmas Party



A Christmas party was enjoyed by the FPC Music Department on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the home of Ebb and Laney

## Music on the Square



Mark Reeves, CAGO, FPC Organist  
performs at Music on the Square

Music on the Square was presented by First Presbyterian Church on December 11-13. Performances were at 12:00 noon each day, with lunch being served before and after each performance. Lydia Lim, Pianist and Richard Holsomback performed on Monday, December 11; The Carillon Ringers of FPC, directed by Janet Read, performed on Tuesday, December 12; and Mark Reeves, CAGO, FPC Organist, performed on Wednesday, December 13.

Thank you to everyone who put so much time and effort into making Music on the Square a raving success.

## FOOD BOX NEEDS JANUARY, 2018

- Deodorant!!!!

**LONGVIEW**  
**Community Ministries**  
*Serving With Love* 

