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# The News

**Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,**

**ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;**

**worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

**The voice of the LORD is over the waters;**

**the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.**

**The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

[Psalm 29:1-4](#)

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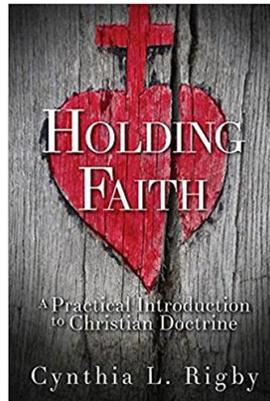
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## HOLDING FAITH

by Pastor Chris



Cynthia Rigby was my theology professor at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. I took every course I could from her. She has just published a book that I am eager to read and want to share with you. It follows in the tradition of Shirley Guthrie’s *Christian Doctrine* that is both theologically rich and lay accessible. That is not an easy task to accomplish! Dr. Rigby knows how to present theology in a captivating way to hold the attention of seminary students as well as invigorating

those wishing to deepen their faith. I hope you will give it a read and let me know what you think!

Martin Luther wrote: “Faith takes hold of Christ and has Him present, enclosing Him as a ring encloses a gem.” We hold faith as we seek to know Christ better, exploring Christian doctrines and deepening our understanding of their relevance to our day-to-day lives. Faith holds us as we respond to Christ’s calling, negotiate life’s challenges, and join in the work of bringing in God’s kingdom.

This introduction to Christian theology shows how various understandings of particular doctrines play out in relation to the way we live our lives. It explores the content of core Christian doctrines and celebrates the “so what?” of each. Using theological literature and Scripture, but also current events, sociology, fiction, and movies, Rigby shows that theology is key to how we come to understand and negotiate our world. *Holding Faith* contends that some approaches to Christian doctrine are preferable to others, making persuasive arguments for creative ways of believing that can enliven our lives, and the life of the world. Theology has relevance because it can stymie or transform. How will we hold our faith?

"This is an extraordinary book. Cynthia Rigby is a Reformed theologian, a minister, and a teacher. All of these gifts are evident in *Holding Faith*, as Rigby offers an eloquent introduction to Christian theology that is academically rich, pastorally sensitive, and profoundly accessible. She does not make theology accessible by watering it down, but rather by explaining it with compelling clarity. *Holding Faith* is perfect for seminarians, pastors, church groups, and curious souls; for those who are new to Christianity and those who have been studying and living Christian faith their entire lives. It will be an enormous blessing to those who teach theology and those who preach the gospel." - Shannon Craigo-Snell, Professor of Theology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

# SUMMER CELEBRATION

June 10



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We'll host PCHAS youth from several of their programs. Tickets are \$25 each.

After Sunday school, 11:00 a.m. worship, and a chicken lunch, we'll head to the ballpark for the 1:00 p.m. game.

**OR**

If you want to skip the game, come to hear Cynthia Winters, Regional Director of Single Family and Transitional Programs, share what we can do to support, participate in, and share information about PCHAS programs. She'll have a chance to show a video during lunch and speak at the end of lunch answering all your questions and providing the latest PCHAS brochures.

Donations for lunch can be made in the form of these school supplies for youth in PCHAS care:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| ear buds                   | map colored pencils   |
| flash drives               | mechanical pencils    |
| 3-ring binders             | composition notebooks |
| pencil pouches             | black pens            |
| 3-subject spiral notebooks | red pens              |
| yellow highlighters        | 3x5 index cards       |
| pencils                    | folders with brads    |
| wide-rule notebook paper   | construction paper    |
| Kleenex                    | colored markers       |

# YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

It's that time of year again and we are preparing to take our youth back to The Great Escape (middle school camp/conference, June 23 to 30) and Fun in the Son (high school camp/conference, July 9 to 13). Please help us get our youth to camp this year, especially those from Carter Jr High and Sam Houston High School.

## Special Event

# Bake Sale Fundraiser

## June 10

Outside the Fellowship Hall at 12pm



## Supporting Kids for Camp

The cost to take a middle school student to camp is \$429 and \$445 for a high school student. Any donation that the Lord puts on your heart to give will help us greatly. The youth and youth leaders thank you in advance for all your support!

Another area of need for our youth summer camp/conference trips is snacks and bottled water. We are working with local grocery stores to see if they will donate snacks and water, but we will need as much help as possible.

If you would like to donate any snacks or water, please drop them off any time between now and Friday, June 22, at the church office or Adrian Rodriguez's office. Thank you so much for your help!

Contact Adrian Rodriguez at [adrian@firstprestexas.org](mailto:adrian@firstprestexas.org) or 817-274-8286 if you have any questions.

**AMPED**

## Vacation Bible School

**June 11 to 15, 2018**

**9:00a.m. to Noon**

**Children 4 years old to 6th grade**

The theme verse for Vacation Bible School is John 10:10b: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." We will be teaching the children that with Jesus they can live fully alive.

The daily themes are the following:

- Live like you know God is with you.
- Live like Jesus is alive.
- Live like you're part of a bigger story.
- Live like God has a plan for you.
- Live like people matter.

Weather permitting, we will have a petting zoo for the children to enjoy on Monday and Friday. We will have singing, games, snacks, arts and crafts, Bible lessons, fun science projects, illusions, and puppets throughout the week.

If you have questions, contact Kyle at 817-274-8286 or [kyle@firstprestexas.org](mailto:kyle@firstprestexas.org)



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Preschool and Kindergarten

Have you ever used a compass to show you which way to go? They're great for helping you on a hike, but not as great when we're trying to figure out which way to go in life. We need the Bible for that.

This month, we're going to start our ride through the Bikes and Trikes theme as we teach our preschoolers that the Bible tells us which way to go. How wonderful would it be if our preschoolers grew up using the Bible as their compass as they ride through life!

So, get geared up to hop on your bike or trike so you can spend the next two months with your preschoolers learning that the Bible tells me which way to go.

<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> The Bible Shows the Way Psalm 119:105	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> The Bible shows me the way.
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> Love One Another John 13:34-35	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> The Bible tells me to look for ways to help others.
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> I Can Pray to God Jeremiah 29:12	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> The Bible tells me I can talk to God anytime.
<b>WEEK FOUR</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY</b> I Can Share My Stuff Acts 2:45	<b>STORY FOCUS</b> The Bible tells me to share my stuff.



<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>	<b>KEY QUESTION</b>	<b>BOTTOM LINE</b>
<p>"SHOW ME THE RIGHT PATH, O LORD: POINT OUT THE ROAD FOR ME TO FOLLOW."</p> <p>PSALM 25:4, NLT</p>	<p>WHAT TELLS YOU WHICH WAY TO GO?</p>	<p>THE BIBLE TELLS ME WHICH WAY TO GO.</p>
<p><b>GOD MADE ME. GOD LOVES ME. JESUS WANTS TO BE MY FRIEND FOREVER.</b></p>		

## Elementary Sunday School and KFC

**GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CONFIDENCE AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY**

God is stronger than anyone and He can do things that would be impossible for you or me. He has proved this throughout history, but nowhere is this more evident than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Because of what Jesus has done, we can have confidence. And when you put your faith in Jesus, you can live fully alive.

<b>WEEK ONE</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY:</b> Jesus is the Cornerstone Ephesians 2:20-22a	<b>BOTTOM LINE</b> Jesus matters most.
<b>WEEK TWO</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY:</b> Gideon Judges 6-8	<b>BOTTOM LINE</b> God can use you no matter what.
<b>WEEK THREE</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY:</b> Samson Judges 13-16	<b>BOTTOM LINE</b> God is stronger than anyone.
<b>WEEK FOUR</b>	<b>BIBLE STORY:</b> Elijah and the Prophets of Baal 1 Kings 18	<b>BOTTOM LINE</b> God can do the impossible.

**MEMORY VERSE**

**"I REMAIN CONFIDENT OF THIS: I WILL SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING."**

PSALM 27:13, NIV

**CONFIDENCE**      Living like you believe what God says is true

## FINANCE UPDATE

For the Month of April 2018

### Budget

Income:         \$ 94,212

Expense:        \$ 86,278

Income - Expense for month:                   \$ 7,934

Income - Expense for 2018 Year to Date:     \$ (37,293)

### Comments:

- Total Income is over budget for the month by \$7,823 and over for the year by \$18,036.
- Donors - Over budget for the month by \$7,520 and under for the year by (\$24,723).
- Temporarily Restricted Funds Used for the year – \$65,859.
- Total Expenses - Under budget for the month by (\$1,638) and over for the year by \$14,763.



# SEEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



The new chess board at Carter

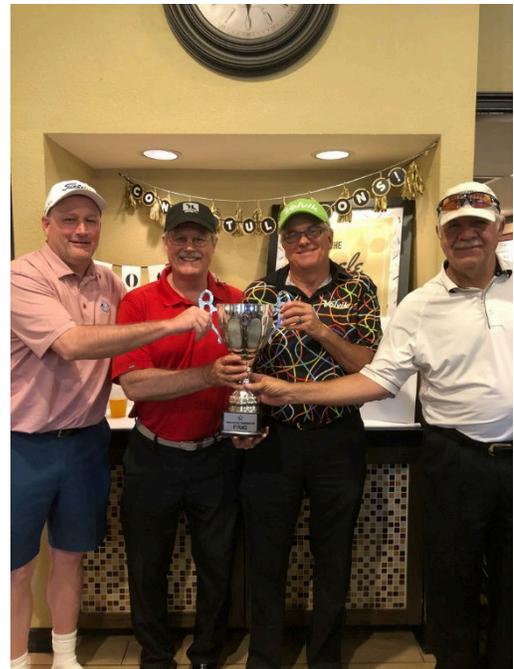


The happy quilters



Teacher appreciation lunch at Carter

Winners of the Young Life Golf Tournament



# FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

What if you knew where all your money was going each month? What if you had no house payment? What if your kid(s) college(s) were paid for? What if you could retire with peace? What if you could GIVE more than you've ever been able to give? What if you were debt-free, investing, and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future, regardless of where you are in life.

If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Katina or James Gifford: 817-565-3835 or katinap84@aol.com. FPCA is offering it on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., June 18 to August 13, 2018. If you would like to sign up, go to the following link or ask us to help you! Membership and materials costs \$109 through this class link. If you've gone through the class already but would like a refresher, please sign up at no cost. Link: <https://fpu.com/1064301>

\*\*Childcare will be available upon request. Classes will be held in the Parlor.

## WORSHIP, BUILDING COMMUNITY, AND LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” ~ John 13:34-35 NLT

During the last month or so, The Well students (FPCA youth) have had the opportunity to worship with other youth groups in Arlington and partner with other local churches on some community service projects. With all of that, they have learned what it means to truly love our neighbor.



Here are some of the events that our youth participated in that have expressed these thoughts:

- Arlington Charities food bank
- Serve the City Project (Carter Jr High and Sam Houston High School)
- All City Worship
- MVP (Manhood, Values, Purpose) mentoring banquet

It has been such a beautiful sight to see our youth growing in their faith through worship and through serving and loving others!

Blessings,

Adrian



# THIS MONTH



## Bible Studies

### Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study group meets every Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the parlor. The current study is the book of Revelation. Men of all ages meet and enjoy great fellowship and a prayer session. All men are invited to join this study.

### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Monday Night Bible study is on summer hiatus. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 17, in the parlor.

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Men and women of all ages are invited to meet in the Bride's Room every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

## Music Ministries

### Chancel Choir

This is the primary worship leadership ensemble for the 11:00 service. The choir also sings for special services around Christmas and Holy Week. It is more than just a great choir, it is a caring fellowship. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. *Nursery care is provided during rehearsals.*

### Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

This intergenerational handbell group rehearses Wednesday evenings from 6:15 until 7:15 p.m. If you are interested in ringing, please contact Russell Farnell (fpcamusic@yahoo.com or 817-274-8286).

### Agape (Youth) Choir

During the school year, this group of youth in grades 6 to 12 meets on Sunday, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., in the choir room.

### Children's Music Ministries

The children's choirs meet from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. on Sundays during the school year. Children ages 4 (when school starts) through grade 5 participate in activities including music/singing and bells/chimes, instruments, and listening activities. There are two sections, divided by age, and both participate in the 11:00 worship service twice per year, usually in December and April.

## Church Leadership

### Deacon Meeting

Thursday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m., the Diaconate meets in the parlor to oversee the Congregational Care, Hospitality, and Fellowship ministries.

### Team Meeting Night

Thursday, June 14, at 6:45 p.m., all teams meet for worship in the chapel with subsequent gathering into respective teams for ministry planning and coordination.

### Session Meeting

Thursday, June 28, at 7:00 p.m., the Session meets in the parlor to oversee the ministry of the church. The work of the Diaconate, church administration, and all Discipleship, Worship, Facility Management, and Mission and Evangelism ministries will be discussed.



## Discipleship

### Library Team

The library team works the first Wednesday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested is welcome. No particular skill is required, the work is easy, and we always have a good time as we process books to be added to our inventory. If you would like to be involved in library work but cannot come at that evening time, please contact Sandy Thomlinson and special daytime work sessions can be arranged.

## Fellowship

### Happy Quilters

This group meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. to quilt, sew, knit, crochet, embroider, and just enjoy being together. Bring your project and join in!

### Saints Alive!

Saints Alive! is on hiatus for the summer. Church seniors will begin meeting again for a potluck lunch on Thursday, September 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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**Deadline for the July issue of The News is June 15!**

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

**Prayers for those with health and other concerns:** Esther Albright, Elaine Bahn, Shirley Bragg, James (Andrew) Bridges, Kevin Chin, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Lee Carol Copeland, Tommy and Kathryn Copeland and family, Michael Deardorff, Laura and Moses Duffney, Neal Estes, Don Farrell, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Joe and Lila Glenn, Jack Gray, Andrew Hydock, Tim Karnes, Pat May, Allen Miller, J. Fred Miller, Barbara Mooers, Ruth Moore, Cosme Pacot, J.D. Paulk, John Pittman, Nita Price, Jim L. Quick, Marcia Rober, Aileigh Rodriguez, Albert Ross, Kyle Terwilliger, Donna Vickers, Karl Winter, and Mary Jane Wright.

**Prayers for our family serving in the armed forces:** Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Austin Curran, Eric Dill, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Mike Mancini, Amie Murtha, Jack Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Jason Polk, Ryan Powell, Ryan Regalado, Christopher Young, and Robbie Wallace.

Pray for our homebound members.

Pray for those who do not know Christ!

Please contact Pastor Rich McDermott at the church office at 817-274-8286. For questions about specific concerns listed above, please contact Juanice Young at [juanicey@gmail.com](mailto:juanicey@gmail.com) or 817-794-5626.