





First Presbyterian Church, Miami will have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner November 18, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. The turkeys will be provided.



#### Presbyterians in the NEWS —

- Cheryl Whaley and the employees of the beauty salon she owns were pictured on the day they worked on Hearts and Hammers.
- Meredith MacQueeney was a winner in the Children's Art Contest sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Council.
- Jordan Whaley was a winner in the Children's Art Contest sponsored by the Arts and Humanities.



#### The Advantages of being Adam and Eve

Someone once suggested that Adam and Eve must have had a marriage with little conflict. Adam didn't have to listen to Eve talk about all the other fellows she could have married. And Eve didn't have to hear Adam boast about what a great cook his mother was.

#### NEWS FROM SESSION--

Helen was asked by Grace Presbyterian Church in Grove to recite the book of Jonah for their women's group on October 15.

The Tuesday morning crusades class has finished the crusades and will continue with several sessions on the basics of Islam and Judaism and then a history of Jerusalem. Come join us anytime.

Helen has been asked to start a community women's bible study worship group. They began October 22 at 6:30 and are open to all women.

Scott is keeping a very active schedule with the youth. The youth were auctioned on Saturday October 20 to work to raise money. They roller skated on October 21 and their Karate continues.

This year the  
**Community Thanksgiving Service**  
will be held at the  
**First Christian Church at 6:00 p.m.**



#### An Offertory prayer for Thanksgiving

Merciful and generous Lord, you open your loving hands and bless us abundantly every day of our lives. Even when we go through dark times—suffering, sorrow, pain, desperation—you assure us that your loving, everlasting arms will not let us go. How generous are all your benefits, how supportive, how comforting to experience.

Today we join with “the great cloud of witnesses” who once praised you on Earth and now glorify you in heaven, offering our deepest gratitude for all the gifts you so generously give.

Accept then our thanksgiving for your love, your grace and all the blessings you bestow on us daily. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



By Dave Foster

We had perfect weather for the Hearts & Hammers work day this year. FPC joined forces with Immanuel Baptist to put two coats of paint on a big two story house in the 100 D N.W. neighborhood. At noon the workers broke for lunch and we all motored out to FPC fellowship hall for lunch. It was a magnificent feast laid out for us by Victoria Vazquez, Melba Cordell and Melinda Watterson. A number of the Immanuel Baptist folks asked me to convey their thanks to these ladies and I would like to add my own thanks for their efforts. Also deserving of thanks are those FPC people who supplied equipment and did the painting, namely Nancy Gee, Cathy Rabel, Barbara Reeves, Dave Foster and Dave McManigal. Finally I would like to say what a joy it was to work with Immanuel Baptist on this project and to break bread with them in our church.

The first week of November the Presbytery will be hosting four friends from Presbyterian churches in Malawi. (The last time Malawi visitors were here Neeli Gondwe was one of the delegates.) Mrs. Mirriam Gausi, the Training Officer for the Synod will be in Miami on Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>. The congregation is encouraged to attend the Wednesday evening events to meet and welcome her to our area.



**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK AN HOUR ON SATURDAY  
November 3rd, BEFORE GOING TO BED!!**

## MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS



### Bill and Sue Giffhorn

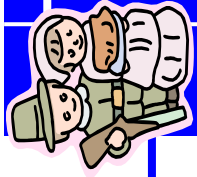
The Giffhorns are one of our most interesting families. They have lived in Miami more than 50 years but both of them are natives of Ohio. Sue grew up in Shaker Heights and Bill moved around quite a bit in his growing up years. They met on a blind date. Sue was in High School and Bill was in college at Case Institute of Technology which became Case Western Reserve. Sue attended Indiana University. After three years of dating, they were married in the Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bill worked for B. F. Goodrich. He was transferred to Miami in 1954. That summer was the hottest that old timers can remember. It was almost unbearable with only small fans. Sue was ready to go back and more especially when she saw a cow which had wandered to behind her house!!

Bill and Sue have four grown children. Bill is a dentist in Oklahoma City. Dan is a Mechanical Engineer. He is employed by the Rose Creek Golf Club in Edmond. Matt is a High School English teacher in Tulsa. Lisa teaches in a Montessori School in Seattle. Bill and Sue have five grandchildren. Matt has twin boys who are already out of college. His daughter is at the University of Oklahoma. Lisa has two children – a son who is fifteen and a daughter who is twelve. Spending time with grandchildren is the source of their greatest pleasure.

Sue was a Librarian at the Miami Public Library for ten years but she is retired now. Bill works for a company out of Shreveport selling steel. Bill and Sue spend all of their spare time at their home at the lake.

We are so pleased to have the Giffhorns as active members of our church.



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| Sun                                                                                                             | Mon                                                                          | Tue                                                           | Wed                                                         | Thu                                                                                                                              | Fri                              | Sat       |
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| <b>AA meetings every Sunday at 8:00 p.m.</b>                                                                    |                                                                              |                                                               |                                                             | <b>1</b> 7:00-Men's Breakfast<br>4:30-Mission Committee meeting                                                                  | <b>2</b>                         | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b> 9:30-Sunday School<br>10:00-Choir<br>10:30-Worship/Communion                                           | <b>5</b> 3:45-Adult Karate                                                   | <b>6</b> 10:00-Jerusalem Class<br>7:30-Worship Committee mtg. | <b>7</b> 3:45-Karate 6:00-Kum ba yah<br>Malawi visitor here | <b>8</b> Malawi visitor here                                                                                                     | <b>9</b>                         | <b>10</b> |
| <b>11</b> 9:30-Sunday School<br>10:00-Choir<br>10:30-Worship<br>6:00-Community Wide Thanksgiving Service at FCC | <b>12 Veterans Day!</b><br>3:45-Adult Karate<br>6:30-Women's Community Group | <b>13</b> 7:00-Session meeting                                | <b>14</b> 3:45-Karate 6:00-Kum ba yah                       | <b>15</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>16</b>                        | <b>17</b> |
| <b>18</b> 9:30-Sunday School<br>10:00-Choir<br>10:30-Worship<br>6:00- Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner!!      | <b>19</b> 3:45- Karate                                                       | <b>20</b>                                                     | <b>21</b>                                                   | <b>22</b> Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed  | <b>23</b> Holiday Office Closed! | <b>24</b> |
| <b>25</b> 9:30-Sunday School<br>10:00-Choir<br>10:30-Worship                                                    | <b>26</b> 3:45-Adult Karate<br>6:30-Women's Community Group                  | <b>27</b> 10:00-Jerusalem Class                               | <b>28</b> 3:45-Karate 6:00-Kum ba yah                       | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>30</b>                        |           |

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**November Birthdays**  
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 3rd—Janice Johnson  
 6th—Doris Price  
 8th—Virginia Romick  
 10th— C.B. Roberts  
 15th—Harold Price and Gene Cantrell  
 16th—Mike Willard  
 19th—Judy Kenley  
 20th— Pat Landers  
 21st-Ashley Lomax  
 23rd-Marcia McManigal  
 29th-Rebecca and Emily Carden  
 30th-Nancy Gee and Jim Hill  
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