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- **Session Acts on Task Group Recommendations**
- **Stewardship Season Underway**
- **Shoe Box Ministry Returns**



Amarillo, TX

October 17, 2014

## Will You Be ALL IN?

Commitment Sunday is November 2.

*Please begin praying about how God is calling you to be ALL IN for 2015!*



## Session Concurs with Worship Task Group Recommendations

At their meeting October 13, Session received the final report from the Growing the Kingdom Through Worship Task Group. They concurred with the Task Group and voted --

- to repair and enhance the existing organ after receiving bids from vendors in addition to the bid from NEG Keyboard Services (Norman Goad);
- to rent Norman's electronic organ for up to a year during the repair process;
- not to enlarge the chancel and to retain its present configuration; and
- to abandon the idea of purchasing a second organ console.

The Task Group appointed by Session last February met 20 times over 35 weeks. Sub-groups of the Task Group met between regular meetings to study four major areas — Evangelism, Building Relationships, One Sanctuary Service, and Chancel Configuration, including organ repair/enhancement and moving the choir to the chancel.

The Task Group looked at many ideas and proposals to enlarge the chancel and move the Sanctuary Choir and organ console there but found that the facts simply could not support

doing so. The chancel is not wide or deep enough to put everything in it. Extending it westward into the sanctuary would do architectural harm to the appearance of the sanctuary and create other problems, such as removing pews at the front that would present handicap access difficulties. The Task Group said that every idea and proposal was considered, but in most cases the facts led to conclusions even before looking at them through the lens of whether they would “grow the Kingdom.”

Copies of the Task Group’s final report, “Brief Conclusions and Recommendations to Session” are available on the library desk. Any member of the Task Group will gladly answer questions. Members of the group that represented a broad section of the congregation are: Chuck Alexander, Melody Alexander, Linda Jean Burkman, Terry Easterling, Murray Gossett, Hugh Hagen, Bob Neely, Berry Root, Jeffrey Soukup, EA Vermillion, Rex Vermillion, and Nancy Williams.



## Shoe Box Ministry Returns!

After a four-year hiatus, First Pres will again be participating in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse!

The Library Team and Kids Ministry are partnering to encourage you to share the message of God’s love with needy children all over the world through shoe box gifts by bringing items, filling a shoe box, giving money (for items or shipping expenses) and/or volunteering your time to wrap, pack, or deliver boxes.

This is an excellent opportunity for families, friends, Sunday school classes, small groups, women’s circles, and other groups to work on a small project that encourages *giving to the least of these*.

Beginning in early November, look for the table in the Great Hall with information and ideas of what to pack -- and what *not* to pack.

Plastic shoe boxes will be available to help you get started. You may purchase your own or use traditional shoe boxes as well. The plastic boxes become an additional gift for a child - a permanent storage container for them.

If you are unfamiliar with Operation Christmas Child, check out [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Click “What We Do” for more details about OCC.

*The collection deadline is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 23.*

Thank you in advance for your generous help!



## Wednesday Night Light

October 29  
During Evening Programs

All Kids and Youth

Wear Your Costumes  
(Nothing Scary, Please)

### Come Join the Choir for a Christmas Tradition!

Everyone interested in singing in the Lessons and Carols program on Sunday, December 7, is invited to a kick-off rehearsal Saturday, November 1 at 10 a.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor. Hope to see you there!

### GAP Fall Retreat

Calling all singles! Register at [firstpres.com/singles](http://firstpres.com/singles) for the retreat at Angel Fire, November, 7- 9.

4Amarillo Combined Worship Service Scheduled  
Sunday, November 23, 6:00 p.m.  
Central Church of Christ



Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend!  
Past 4Amarillo worship services have been inspiring and a great opportunity to show the community our unity in Christ.  
Bring your friends and meet other friends!

### Wednesday Night Fall Semester Ends November 19

## Dinner Menus Announced

Nov. 5 -- Beef and chicken fajitas with chips salsa and guacamole

Nov. 12 -- King Ranch chicken with salad and rolls

Nov. 19 -- Pork loin with cream corn, baked beans, and rolls

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## Mexican Christmas Dinner Fundraiser Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 - 7:00

Tickets will be available in the Great Hall  
Sundays -- November 16 until December 7  
Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (12 and under),  
children under 2 are free.  
Advent crafts will be provided for small kids.

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## NUFFs Meet November 13

NUFFs will meet in the Parlor, November 13 at 10:30 a.m. Plans for the program are being finalized and will be announced soon. Guests are always welcome! A catered lunch will be served at noon (\$6.00 per person). **Please call Cal Smith (655-3204) by Monday, November 10, at noon to make lunch reservations.**

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## Memorial Gifts

### Diane Reid

Given by  
Kathy & Stan Morris

### Hazel Moody

Given by  
Avanell Crawford  
Donna & Ross Clopton  
Marion Goodrich, Joe Goodrich, & Sally Helfand  
Elaine Hazlewood  
Virginia Maynard  
Kathy & Stan Morris  
Walter Mount  
Joy Nicholson  
Kay Stargel  
Marilyn Vinson

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