

The Church Connection

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church Brawley

The week of Sunday September 11th

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

What an exciting Sunday we have in store for us this weekend. No I am not referring to the Charger's opening game, I am talking about the beginning of our many programs here at the church. Along with our all-church potluck this Sunday marks the beginning of Sunday School classes, Youth Group, and Adult class. What a great time to fellowship and grow together as the body of Christ. Also, you will have an opportunity to look at our plans for the church side yard during the potluck so you won't want to miss it.

As we celebrate a homecoming in the life of the church we will be studying a passage from Luke recalling Jesus sending of the 72 disciples into the countryside. As I like to say, God calls us home so that we might be sent out into the world with his good news. Fortunately we don't have to look far to find where we have been sent. First and foremost it is our neighborhoods and places of work. It is where we spend energy and time throughout the normal tasks of every day life. The most encouraging part of this task is that God has prepared opportunities for us we merely need to listen and discover where God is already at work. I encourage you to listen and discover this week, as you talk to neighbors and coworkers, where God is already at work.

Blessings,

Pastor Jim

Luke 10:1-11

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' ⁶ If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' ¹⁰ But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.' ¹² I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

September Dates to Remember

Church Mouse is now Open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 - 12:00

The Mouse always welcomes your donations and is currently in need of kitchen and household items.

• **Sunday September 11th:**

9:30 a.m. Revelation Study & Youth Class

10:30 a.m. *Worship &* Sunday School Kickoff

11:30 a.m. Church Potluck!

6:00 -7:30 p.m. Youth Group at the Trimms 456 S. Rio Vista

Bring: swimsuits, towels, and lawn chairs

RSVP: by Friday, September 9, 2011 to Betty Trimm

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• **Tuesday September 13th:** **Session Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

• **Wednesday September 14th:** **Mommy & Me Resumes 10:30 - 11:45**

• **Tuesday September 20th:** **Presbytery 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

• **Tuesday September 27th** **Women's Luncheon:**

Hosted by Katie Pazan & Mary Owen, at the Pazan's 366 Russell Road