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| **The First Word                            August 13, 2018** |

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| **Upcoming Events****First Presbyterian Church, Carlsbad, New Mexico****August 13-19, 2018****Tuesday****10:00 a.m.    Ad/Finance (Office)****7:00 p.m.     Session (Conference Room)****Wednesday****7:00 p.m.     Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)****Saturday****7:30 a.m      Men's Breakfast (Fiesta Hall)****Sunday****10:00 a.m.     Worship (Sanctuary)****11:00 a.m.     Potluck (Fiesta Hall)****4:00 p.m.     Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)****Birthdays this week****13th Tiger Lily****14th  Lucas Raines****16th  Mollie Navarrette Acuna****No Anniversaries this week** |

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| **Men's Breakfast****Join us for the Men's Breakfast on  Saturday, August 18, at 7:30am.****We will have a light breakfast provided by Frank Westfall, hot coffee, and a short devotional by Bruce Faulk.  Then work a number of cleanup items.****Hope to see you Saturday morning!** |

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**Picture yourself on a sunny morning, out on the range singing some soul stirring tunes with a trusty lot of cowpunchers and buckaroos, followed by some hefty helpings of tasty grub...****Wait a minute - that's First Presbyterian Church and Cowboy Potluck Sunday. YEEHAW!!****Sunday Cowboy Church and Potluck****This Sunday, September 19****Wear your Sunday best cowboy duds and bring your favorite cowboy foods.****We will have a 50/50 drawing to raise money for our mission cause, so bring along gold nuggets, or cash/checks, to help out those who are out there spreading the love of Jesus in other parts of the world. And you might get lucky and win a little something for yourself.****See y'all there!** |

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| **A Biblical Journey Through the Alphabet****H - Heaven   What a wonderful promise: heaven awaits those who die in Him. My Chinese friend grew up in an atheist home in the atheist country. Her first glimpse of heaven came when she attended the funeral of a Christian, as an adult in America. What a revelation. She had to learn more about this place, the Jesus who would lead her there. She learned of the joy of knowing Jesus and the message of eternal life.****Other "H" words:****hope...                                                                              hear...****Herod...                                                                            Holy...****help...****Send your own "H" words to Shelly to print in the First Word next week. You may call (885-2715), email (fpccnm@msn.com), or use regular mail (PO Box 39).****G - Words from last week: go, Gideon, give, grieve, Godly** |

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| **Scripture Comparisons****Let's compare the scriptures through a couple of translations.****Matthew 1:21****KJV - And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.****NRSV - She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."** |

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| **Intentional Communal Prayer****The Session is asking everyone in our Church Family to join in an Intentional Communal Prayer every day. Join us by saying the following prayer - or a prayer of your choosing - at the start or the close of each day.*****Dear God, help us. Help us to be the light of Christ to the people of our community. Help us to be guided by the Holy Spirit to minister to those who need Your healing touch. Help us to grow in wisdom and faith; help us to grow in numbers. We praise and thank You for the strength to follow You on the path You lay before us. May our church be renewed and revived to do Your will. Amen.*** |

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| **Do You Need a Ride to Church?****Did you know that the Deacons offer rides to church? If you need a ride,  please contact, Marcia Westfall 887-1522, Lisa Capell 706-2249, Becky Raines 236-6072 or Tiger Lily 571-5275 to make arrangements.** |

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| **Chancel Choir****Choir meets at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the choir room, and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.  Consider joining the choir and adding your voice to the heavenly chorus.  The Bell Choir rehearses at 4:00 p.m. each Sunday.** |

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| **Presbyterian Giving****We received a brochure promoting small gifts that make a big impact.In the next few newsletters I will give information regarding some of these practical gifts.****Did you know that you can purchase a cow for $50 a share or $450 for the whole cow?  A dairy cow can provide a family in need with a reliable source of income and nourishment.  Your gift also supports training in care taking and sustainable breeding of livestock, improving the food and income security for families and villages in Kenya for years to come.****Visit**[**www.presbyteriangifts.org**](http://www.presbyteriangifts.org/)**for more information, a complete list of gifts.** |

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| **July Financial Report****Budgeted Revenue:  $14, 798. 49****Budgeted Expense:  $  7, 356.55****Difference:                 $  7, 441.94** |

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| **Prayer Concerns**Crista Huggard, Margie Harbaugh Rasmussen **Homebound and Care facilities:**Rich Adamson, Dodie Hendley, Dick Mansfield, Janie Patrick, Marianne Patrick, Elizabeth Zink**Military:**Mollie Navarrette Acuna, Rey Acuna, Cody Ogden-Stell**Members/Friends Serving Overseas:** Carol & Leith Fujii (Thailand)The Prayer Chain Coordinator is Phyllis Readel.  If you have a prayer request, you may call either Phyllis at (441-6036) or the church office (885-2715).**At the beginning of each month we remove names that we haven't had a recent report on.  If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the church office.** |

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