

The Bridge

September, 2010

First Presbyterian Church—Granbury

“What Muslims Know About Jesus”

Seminar with Dr. Mateen Elass
October 9, 2010, Saturday at 2 p.m. at
First Presbyterian Church—Granbury
Fellowship Hall



Mateen Elass was raised in Saudi Arabia in a Muslim environment. Born to a Syrian Muslim father and an American mother, he converted to Christianity at age 20 and was disowned by his father for 14 years. They later reconciled.

He holds degrees from Stanford University, Fuller Theological Seminary, and a PhD from the University of Durham in England. He has served in a church in Colorado and currently serves as senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City. He has written feature articles for Moody magazine, including "What Muslims Think of America."

His book, *Understanding The Koran: A Quick Christian Guide to the Muslim Holy Book* (this book is in our church library) is a quick non-technical, introduction to the Koran designed to help Christians understand a hidden book revered by 1.3 billion Muslims, covering the background on its writing, a summary of its contents, a perspective on how it's used and viewed by Muslims, a comparison of differences and similarities to the Bible, and some suggestions on how it should and should not be used in conversations with Muslims.

What You Should Know about Islam's Holy Book How is it like the Bible? How is it different? Why is it important?

Muslims believe the Koran exists as a literal book in heaven and was dictated to the prophet Muhammad by the angel Gabriel. It is only the length of the New Testament, yet a fifth of the world claims it is the complete revelation of God. To most Americans, though, the Koran remains a mystery.

Did you know that the Koran teaches the virgin birth and prophetic ministry of Jesus? Claims to fully embrace his teachings? Reveres Abraham, Moses, Jonah, and other biblical prophets?

Find out how the Koran resembles the Bible—and the drastic ways in which it differs.

Understanding the Koran gives you a fascinating essential grasp of Islam's holy book: where it came from, what it teaches, how Muslims view it, and how the Allah of the Koran compares with the God of the Bible.

Cherished as the final, perfect revelation of God's will by 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide, the Koran has become a part of American life. Today, those who read and memorize it may work in your town, shop where you shop, or send their children to the same school your kids attend. What do you know about the holy book that shapes the lives and eternal destinies of your neighbors and a fifth of the world's population?

While some similarities exist between the Koran and the Bible, the differences are striking. Understanding the Koran gives you a fascinating, easy-to-understand overview that will show you:

- Why the background behind the Koran is important
- How the Koran came into existence
- A summary of the main teachings of the Koran, including what it says about Jesus and the crucifixion
- Similarities and differences between Muslim and Christian views of God
- What the Koran teaches about Jihad and holy war
- What the Koran teaches about heaven and hell.

Dr. Elass will be the final speaker during the Leadership Training Day. Take this opportunity to hear this exciting author and have your questions ready!



Presbyterian Women

PW Moderator
Deanna Haltom: 817-573-0353



TO ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

It's almost time for the new fall **Presbyterian Women** programs to begin. Our first **general meeting** will be held on September 10 in Fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. It will be a welcome coffee and all the circle leaders will give a short introduction to their activities. We will also have a report from the ladies who attended the women's conference at Mo Ranch this spring. So please mark your calendars for this date.



We are going to start collecting recipes for a new **FPC Granbury cook book**. Please bring your favorite recipes to the general meeting or the office, send via snail mail, or e-mail me at adhaltom@netzero.net so we can get started right away. It has been several years since we had a cookbook so I know there are lots of good recipes waiting to be shared.

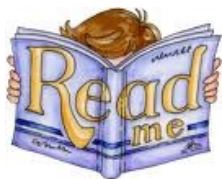
Many thanks to all who helped with the **parking for the 4th of July celebration**.



The **Bible study led by Jeanell Morris** on the **Book of Revelations** had their introduction meeting in August. All are invited to join. The discussions are the **first Tuesday of each month** in Memorial Hall at **10:00 a.m.**

Also on the **first Tuesday of each month, at 2:00 p.m.**, is the **birthday party at Trinity Mission Rehab and Nursing facility**. Come help the residents and volunteers celebrate their birthdays, listen to special music, and visit. Please call Nancy Johnston, 817-578-3414, for more information or just show up. It's a lot of fun!

The **Bridge circle will NOT meet in September as the first Monday is Labor Day**. The beginners have 'graduated' and all are welcome to play. Please call Raye Kliemann, 817-579-1238, if you want to play in October.



Book Circle will gather for the first meeting on **Tuesday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.** Alyce James, 817-578-8001, is the leader and she will be announcing the book and discussion leader, so keep looking.

F.U.N. Circle will meet on **Wednesday, September 22, and each 4th Wednesday thereafter**. More details are forthcoming.

The **fall rummage sale** is scheduled for the first weekend of October so start cleaning out your closets and cupboards.



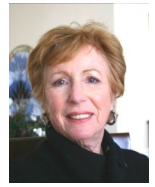
Also please mark your calendars for a very special day for our **annual women's retreat**. It will be held on **November 12 from 10 a.m. -2:00 p.m.** at the **Glen Lake Retreat Center**. It is a lovely facility. We'll have a good lunch and hear an inspirational speaker.

Our yearly **program brochures** will soon be ready so please be on the look out for them. Pick one up and keep it handy so that you know the time and content of all general meetings and also who the circle leaders are. Come for fun and fellowship with Presbyterian Women!!!

Congregational Care

Linda Bowlin, Elder

Please Keep These Folks In Your Prayers



Glen Rose Nursing Center

Betty Avery

Assisted Living

Quail Park

2300 Paluxy Highway, Granbury 76048

Suite #25, 817-279-9259

* Annadell Teems

Courtyards at Lake Granbury

811 Calinco Dr., Granbury 76048

* Bob McQueen

* Hazel Wilkinson (Dutch's mother)

Harbor Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation

3100 2nd St., Granbury 76048, 817-408-3800

* Jim Fish - Room 110

Broadway Plaza Retirement Center Cityview

5301 Bryant Irvin Rd., Ft. Worth 76132

* Steve Clements (Randy's Father)

Arbor House, Granbury

900 Autumn Ridge Rd., Granbury 76048

* Ida Martin

Waterview at Lake Granbury,

Independent and Assisted Living

100 Watermark Blvd., Granbury 76048

* Dorothy Campbell

* J.J. Decker

* Carrol Goss

Hospitalized/Home from the Hospital

* Ben Avery, Glen Rose Medical Center

* Liz Barker, surgery, Lake Granbury Medical Center

* Carola Marlar, hip replacement, rehab at Harbor Lakes

* Laurie Smith, Fran & Ed Smith's daughter-in-law, Stephenville hospital.

Joys and Concerns

Our prayers are with Kathleen Moore and family on the death of her husband, C.E. on July 27. A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church of Granbury on August 14 followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Shepherd Group

The Downtown Shepherd Group will meet on Saturday September 25 for dinner at a local restaurant.

The Downtown Shepherd Group is composed of members of our Church who live in the city of Granbury, Glen Rose, Cresson, Tolar, or most anywhere else except Pecan Plantation and DeCordova Bend Estates.

We get together every now and then to get to know each other better and enjoy fellowship.

If you have a favorite restaurant you would like to suggest for our meeting please call Peter Garland at 817 894 3616 or e-mail him at granbury511@yahoo.com. Save the date September 25. More details will be coming soon.

Recuperating at Home/Continued Care

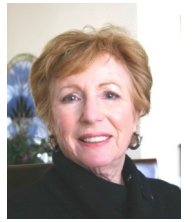
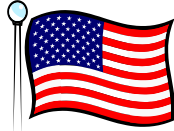
- * Jane Asa
- * Liz Barker
- * Dee Haltom
- * Nancy Fisher-Lewis, Anderson, MO
- * Sheila Higgins
- * Edna Humphrey
- * Ross Irvin
- * Frances Johnson
- * Joyce Kelly
- * Catherine Lehmann
- * Ronnie Moore
- * Bill Pennal
- * Dee Powell
- * Jack Powell
- * Dick Rabb
- * Dickie Ralston
- * Martha Robinson



**Gratitude to God
should be as regular
as our heartbeat.**

Congregational Care

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Military Service Personnel

- * **Lt/Col. Michael Browder**, Ft. Benning, Georgia, husband of Greta and son-in-law of Dick and Raye Kliemann.
- * **Major John Copeland**, Washington, D.C., husband of Claire and son-in-law of Ann Mitchell.
- * **Lt/Col. Kathryn Huth-Weiss**, Beale AFB, CA, daughter of Marcia & Roe Walker
- * **Sgt. Daniel Hahn**, Air Force Recruiter, Charlotte, North Carolina, grandson of Ann Anderson.
- * **Captain Michael McGowan**, Army, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, nephew of Nancy Johnston
- * **2nd Lieutenant Robert Kent Wallace**, Marines, grandson of Coy and Audrey Wallace, is stationed at Twenty-Nine Palms, CA
- * **Captain Ryan Fitzgerald**, Air Force, grandson of Don and Jane Asa, pilot in Iraq
- * **Major Cris Claus**, Air Force, F16 pilot, grandson of Don and Jane Asa, currently stationed at the Pentagon
- * **Private Matthew Kaiser**, Army, Fort Lewis, Washington, grandson of Bob and Joyce Higginbotham
- * **Ensign Rebecca Bennett**, Navy, Corpus Christi, primary flight training, daughter of Nancy and Tim Bennett.

Please Keep our military personnel in your daily prayers and notify the church office if you have family members deployed in the military.

Prayer Chain



Please call **Betty Dean**, coordinator (817-579-9280) or call the church office (817-573-2337) if you have prayer requests. Any of the persons listed on the prayer chain can initiate a prayer. Or call the Church office. All prayer requests are confidential.



The next **Men's Luncheon** will be Tuesday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our own Ben Mays, who is associated with Comanche Peak Power Plant, will be giving us an update relative to Power Plant operations as well as proposed future development. Contact me, Charles Baskett, 817-579-7651 or cbaskett@charter.net, if you have any questions.
Remember, Ladies are always welcome.

Charles Baskett

817-579-7651

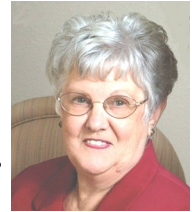


Charles Baskett
817-579-7651

Please let us know if you **do NOT have e-mail** and would like to be notified of events, illnesses, or deaths in the congregation.

Our prayers to everyone facing or recovering from surgery or illness. Please call Pastor Charles or notify the church if you or anyone you know is ill or facing surgery.

Outreach & Mission



Sheila Higgins,
Elder



Healthy Kids

Free Summer Lunch Program
To Eat...Just Show Up!
Monday—Friday

Nancy and Larry Say...
Remember to Eat Healthy



Our Healthy Kids Summer Lunch Program started June 3 and ended August 6, 2010. We could not have been involved if it were not for our 48 wonderful volunteers who were out in the heat each day giving out the lunches. We also had several volunteers who were on a substitute list. I am so grateful to each and every one of you. You made it easy for me to coordinate this program and I would be happy to hear from you with any suggestions for next year. Many thanks to Jeanell for her assistance with coordinating the event.

We served a total of 1,108 lunches at our location at City Beach; the grand total for all 16 locations was 30,221.

The Healthy Kids Summer lunch program reminds me of this passage from Matthew 25: 34- 40:“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’” NIV.

Anne Weems poem "Feeding Sheep" also sums it up very well; here is part of the poem "Could it be that God's Kingdom will come when each lamb is fed? We who have agreed to keep covenant are called to feed sheep even when it means the grazing will be done on our own front lawns".

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU and BLESSINGS, BLESSINGS , BLESSINGS!

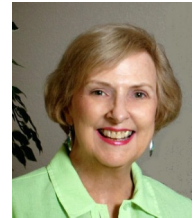


We thank each and every one of you for all the wonderful toiletries you brought in July. Those items as well as cleaning supplies and paper products (that includes toilet paper) are some of the things that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

We will continue to collect weekly donations of non-perishable items along with any of the cleaning supplies and paper products that you want to donate. Items can be placed in Fellowship Hall on the table in the back. You can understand why PHP needs our help with more and more families requiring help.



Our ministry of bringing food to the Habitat for Humanity volunteers will begin again this month. We are scheduled to have lunch for them on September 15. Anyone interested in helping with this please let me know; you may call me at 817-579-5722 or e-mail me at smhigg@itexas.net. The menu is your FAVORITE chicken casserole, salad, bread and dessert. They like their desserts! The easiest way is to bring your dish to the Administration building no later than 10:30 on Wednesday the 15th. I, along with 2 volunteers, will bring it to the lunch site near where they are working in the Rancho Brazos area. The next time for our church to bring lunch will be November 17th. Then we will do it again in January, March and May of 2011.



Memorial Garden Wall

When the Columbarium committee began planning to provide a garden for our church members and their immediate families we were working with Long Range Planning and the Annex Architect. As always in building any structure there were many changes. We were often disappointed when presented with necessary adjustments. However, we soon realized the new designs were not only more functional and cost effective they also provided more security for the Columbarium. The final modifications secured the niches within the annex wall. The change left us with a bricked wall initially devoid of plants and decor. This soon evolved by placement of three large granite slabs creating a perfect background for the bronze memorial plaques remembering our loved ones. Many members have purchased these to honor their spouses, parents, children, grandchildren or friends. Initially available for \$250.00 including engraving, our cost has increased so therefore, on January 1, 2011 the purchase price will be \$300.00. To those members who have planned to honor loved ones with the bronze wall plaques, we urge you to purchase before the first of January. The columbarium niche price remains the same at \$1000.00.

Our wall is a permanent sacred memorial to those cherished ones who have passed. We invite all to visit our peaceful garden. We have granite topped benches for your comfort. Take note of the names memorialized on our wall and the names on the Columbarium Niches.

Fall will soon offer another change. New plantings for the season will enhance the garden for all of us to enjoy the quiet beauty.

Submitted by Theda Deaver

We cannot do everything we want to do but we should do everything God wants us to do.

No one can live in doubt when he has prayed in faith.

The study of the bible is a postgraduate course in the richest library of human experience.

Fear of the future is a waste of the present.

Give your best to the world, and the best will be given back to you.

God's cake...



Sometimes we wonder, 'What did I do to deserve this?' or 'Why did God have to do this to me?' Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, 'Absolutely Mom, I love your cake.'

'Here, have some cooking oil,' her Mother offers.
'Yuck' says her daughter.

'How about a couple raw eggs?'
'Gross, Mom!'

'Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?'
'Mom, those are all yucky!'

To which the mother replies: 'Yes , all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake! '

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance!

God is never more than a prayer away.



Jerry & Barbara Althouse	09/01
Pete & Nancy Pauley	09/06
Doyle & Jane Seley	09/07
Ed & Dot Hughes	09/07
Marty & Ruth Gump	09/08
Doug & Sheila Wood Hickman	09/27
Neil & Julie Pitts	09/29

Kent Gaydos	09/01
Winette Lovelady	09/01
Kim Wylie	09/01
Ray Kelly	09/02
Marty Gump	09/03
Wanda Lowe	09/04
Brenda Staples	09/06
Bill Robertson	09/08
Peggy VanDeventer	09/08
Les Staples	09/11
Levi Law	09/11
Jane Craddock	09/13
Trisha Chandler	09/12
Dawn Baskett	09/14
Peter Garland	09/14
Jean Goody	09/15
Paula Hicks	09/15
Raye Kliemann	09/15
Jimmy Randles	09/15
Dave Keniston	09/16
Darla Dunn	09/17
Ron Simpson	09/17
Tyler Mercado-Callahan	09/17
Ann McLaughlin	09/19
Carolyn Hines	09/20
Ricki Dunn	09/21
Carola Marlar	09/21
Patricia Linden	09/22
Alana Collinsworth	09/22
Anita Harmon	09/24
Ross Irvin	09/24
Jim Bandy	09/27
Christine Mercado	09/27
Brenda Towers	09/28
Bob McQueen	09/28



***Traditional
Libra Traits***

*Diplomatic and urbane
Romantic and charming
Easygoing and sociable
Idealistic and peaceable*

On the dark side....

*Indecisive and changeable
Gullible and easily influenced
Flirtatious and self-indulgent*

***Traditional
Virgo Traits***

*Modest and shy
Meticulous and reliable
Practical and diligent
Intelligent and analytical*

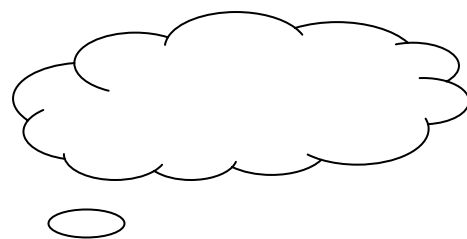
On the dark side....

*Fussy and a worrier
Overcritical and harsh
Perfectionist and conservative*





READERS ARE SAYING



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ELS

Journey to the Kingdom of God

by Jane Stuart Els

A Texan, Jane shows us how good things happen when we step out of our comfort zone. She makes several mission trips to distressed areas. Very inspiring.

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VEE

Don't be caught off guard when a child asks questions like: Did Eve have a belly button?

101 Questions Children Ask About God with answers for busy parents from the Bible

By David R. Veerman

Here are answers to REAL questions children ask. How about this one: "Will God give children toys if they ask him for them?"

This book helps explain with thought and examples.

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PRE

Book of Common Worship

by Theology and Worship Ministry Unit for the Presbyterian Church

This is a book of liturgical texts for American Presbyterians. It provides a wide variety of options for services on the Lord's day as well as seasonal and special-day liturgies; and both a Sunday/festival and a daily lectionary as well as a liturgical calendar.

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Quiltmaker's Gifts

by Jeff Brumbeau and beautifully illustrated by Gail de Marcken. This charming fable for all ages celebrates the joy of giving and the beauty in the art of quilt making. At the end, it even invites the reader to join the quiltmaker and the king online: www.Quiltmakersgift.com for puzzles, games, stories, quilt block lore, contests, etc.

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RIV

Voice in the Wind

By Francine Rivers

Rome comes alive in this tale of a Jewish Christian slave girl, Hadassah, and her influence on those around her. Rivers uses many elements to weave a gripping story that allows God to show His strength and prevail as the hero. This is a Mark of the Lion Trilogy. You will want to read the next two books.

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MCC

The #1 Ladies Detective Agency

By Alexander McCall Smith

A novel and a fun escape. Wayward Daughters. Missing Husbands. Philandering Partners. Curious Con Men. If you've got a problem and no one else can help you, then pay a visit to Precious Ramose, Botswana's only female private detective.

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JAM

Final Reward

By Alyce James

She keeps you guessing for the answer (and maybe the question as well) until the very end.

Fellowship



Wanda Lowe,
Elder

Unfortunately, we have had three memorial services since July 10. My thanks to all of you who furnished food and to everyone who helped serve and clean up. Hosting receptions after a memorial service is a good thing that our Church does for our Church families, even though the occasion is sad.

Peach Cake Dessert

- 1 Super Moist Butter Pecan Cake Mix
- 1 29-oz. can of peaches
- ½ c. melted butter
- 1 c. coconut
- ¼ - ½ c. chopped nuts

Submitted by Jane Seley

Put cut-up, undrained peaches in bottom of large ungreased cake pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over peaches. Drizzle butter. Add coconut and nuts.

Bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes.

Shrimp Piquant

- 5 pounds shrimp (dish will serve 50)
- 5 bottles of chili sauce
- ¼ c. vegetable oil
- ¼ c. red wine vinegar
- Juice of a lemon
- Salt and pepper to tast (I use a lot)
- 1 tbsp garlic powder
- 3 cloves of finely mixed garlic
- A few dashes of hot sauce or a sprinkling of red chili flakes
- ⅛ c. honey
- 2 red onions thinly sliced

Submitted by Kathy Horak Smith
with credit to TJ and Stacy Smith
(see below)

Combine all ingredients but the shrimp in a large bowl.

Boil shrimp in Zatarains Crab and Shrimp boil. Cool shrimp and add to mixture. Let marinate at least 24 hours.

TJ and Stacy Smith Catering
stacydeansmith@yahoo.com
817-727-5189

Recipes
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Please submit items for The Bridge to PresbyNewsletter@aol.com by the 3rd Monday of every month. Or, call Nancy Johnston 817-578-3414



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Sunday Worship Services: 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Nursery provided
Thursday Youth Activities: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

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