John 13:3-17
3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God,
4 rose from supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel.

5 Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded.
6 He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"
7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand."
8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part in me."
9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"
10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over; and you are clean, but not every one of you."
11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "You are not all clean."
12 When he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and resumed his place, he said to them,
13 You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.
14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.
16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.
17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.
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How can I describe our time together this September? Fun, exciting, filled with laughter and lots of relationship building with crazy things said and done. If you only knew the things we said and the things we did....maybe you’ll come next time. We had plenty of food and good conversation around a Bible study of the woman with the bleeding disease. Join us in October on 10/18/12 at Noon at the Activity and Student Center. Bring a friend!

HOLYWEEN

Come one, come all to our Holyween Extravaganza!

We invite you to make a costume that represents the Bible in some way: you can only use things you already own. Be creative and think outside of the box. You can represent a person from the Bible, create a scene from the bible, or a Bible story. The only restriction—you may not be Adam and Eve before the fall. Then, bring your best dishes, scary treats, carved/painted pumpkins and other ghoulish things. There will be a prize for the best pumpkin (one carved, one painted), best costume, and prizes for games. Bring your quarters as we will vote on costumes and pumpkins with quarters. This money will then go to the children’s ministries for upcoming activities. What a great time we have in store!

Young Adults

We met for an evening of relationship building and of course food! Though our group was small this month, we enjoyed each other’s company and got to know one another a bit more and learned exciting things......things we did not know about others before. It’s always good to let our hair down and visit. We will join together in November for another Mixer on November 10th from 4-7 pm. Childcare is provided......come one, come all!
**Fields of Faith**

Fields of Faith is a peer-to-peer event. Students invite their own classmates and teammates to hear fellow students share their testimonies, be challenged to read the Word of God and follow Jesus Christ. An athletic field provides a neutral, interdenominational rally point where a community can come together.

Students combined with a leadership team will work together to run the event. The leadership team will work to form partnerships with churches in the area regardless of denomination and help plan their Fields of Faith event.

Jacksboro FCA and local churches will be joining Young County to host this years, Fields of Faith, in Graham, Tx, on October 10, from 6:00 P.M.—10:00 P. M.! We will have a live band and guest speakers. Be sure to eat dinner before meeting at the church at 5:45 P.M.

**5th Quarter**

We kicked off our first 5th Quarter in August with 93 students. HOLY COW! The way I look at is is, one down 4 more to go. September 28, October 5, October 26, and November 9th! If you would like to help with a 5th Quarter let T.J. know!

**Weekly Youth Groups**

September was a great month for Student Ministry. Meeting weekly with the kids was one of the things I missed most this summer. We played some crazy fun games the past few weeks but made sure to center our meeting time around Jesus, with meaningful lessons and worship. We have highlight grace in each of our weekly lessons and even had a foot washing to help show grace. Please be in pray that as students meet with us we are able to be the hands and feet of Christ for them.
Church Bus

The Jacksboro Parish is on a mission. We are fundraising for a new church bus! Many miles have been put on our old van and great memories have been made. Now it is time to begin looking for a new one, hopefully one with more seats and over all safer for both our youth group kids and church. This year 60% of the money raised in Lord’s Acre will go toward buying a new bus. BUT, if you would like to go ahead and make a donation, we have an account set up in the church office with $1,000.00 already donated! Let’s see how much that can grow from now until November 10th!

Student and Activity Center

Now that we have been in the Student and Activity Center for a good few months things are looking GREAT! If you have time come by the office and get a key so you can check out what all has been done. The kids are loving the building. The past few weeks’ different adult groups have been able to use the space for meetings and ministry. The lot across the street is going to be worked on in October and hopefully all cleaned up and ready to use for soccer, football, and any other crazy games the kids like to play.

MDO EXTREME

MDO Xtreme’s Halloween Party will be held on October 30, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. Children may wear their costumes. Please bring a change of clothes for your child so that they may change if they become uncomfortable.
If you have pictures of our “Parish Kids”, please submit your pictures and share with our body of believers.

“Soccer Time” - Hallie Hackley

“Football Time” - Hunter Hackley

Back Pack Buddies

It has started! It is so exciting to be able to be a blessing and to be able to help those in need in the community. The first week of Back Pack Buddies fed 5 kids. Our Teachers, Cafeteria Workers and School Counselors are updating us with areas of need and we are meeting those needs. Keep praying for this ministry. Somewhere a child is not going hungry because of Back Pack Buddies.
**Book Club**

We took a book break, but we are back! Since many could not attend August, we will be visiting in October to discuss “The Shack” and if we have time “If Heaven is For Real”. If we can get through both books that night, then we can go on to our next book “The Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek”. We will meet October 14th at 6 P.M.

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**MINUTE FOR MISSION: Human Trafficking:**

**Breaking Down the Walls**

*Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come to deliver them.”*

*Exodus 3:7-8a*

Human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights, liberty, dignity, and the right not to be held in slavery or involuntary servitude. Traffickers prey on the poor, the under or unemployed, and those who face discrimination. There are an estimated 12.3 million people, including children, in some type of forced labor or sexual servitude at any given time; other estimates range from 4 million to 27 million.

One congregation’s commitment to human rights is evidenced by its courageous efforts to provide shelter to trafficked people in its region. Its commitment is so strong that we can’t disclose the name or location of this congregation. The program’s mission is to care for women who have been placed in situations involving physical and/or mental exploitation and need of the comfort and protection of a healing home in a loving environment to restore their body, mind, and spirit.

The congregation’s ministry started after one of its members felt a strong calling to help individuals who had been or who currently were a part of human trafficking underground. After much discussion, the congregation’s Missions Ministry was persuaded to support the idea of helping human trafficking victims. Two houses on the church’s grounds that were no longer being used were the ideal site to accommodate the individuals in need of protection. However, the houses needed a great deal of sprucing up since they had not been used for a few years.

The congregation was so excited about the new program that individuals donated their time, talents, and treasures to renovate the houses. It decided to have an “angel tree” to get household items for one house. The congregation received so many items for the first house that it put more angels on the tree to furnish the second house. Many members furnished rooms.

Organization leaders state, “There are shelters, there are group homes, but there’s no other place that provides a ‘home’ for survivors of human trafficking like our program.” The houses are designed to make individuals feel like the homes are theirs. No more than two women will ever stay in a house at one time so that it doesn’t feel like a group home or shelter. Focused on providing short and long-term housing in coordination with services from their community partners, this program depends on the generosity of the congregation and the community. Your donation to the Peacemaking Offering will help the work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to combat human trafficking.
Last month, we were looking forward to getting a ministry started called SET FREE which is based on a ministry from Saddleback Church in California known nationally as Celebrate Recovery. As is normal for me (Ana), I was so excited and ready to get started right away. However, I did not think out the details and how much needed to be done and organized first. SO, there will be a delay in getting this ministry started, but IT WILL HAPPEN!

So, now, I need your help. Could you pray for this ministry and if you feel called to help in other ways, I’d love to have your willing hearts, hands and feet.

Now, you may be saying, “How can I help?” Well, there are multiple ways of helping-participate in the ministry as leader; cook a meal; help me process the steps needed to get started; pray; offer financial support for meals, curriculum and Bibles; spread the word; invite all to the table and there are so many other ways to help.

Now, you may be saying “Participate?” YES! Have you ever been hurt in your life by someone, anyone or an event? Do you have a -up or a button that can be pushed that gets you riled up? Or is there a habit that holds you back from being who God created you to be? Do you struggle with abandonment, anger, depression, self-esteem or anything else that prevents you from being completely happy in this life? This ministry is for YOU! ALL of us can say yes to any one of these questions. SET FREE is a ministry that helps us heal from our hurts, hang-ups and habits.

Will you join us on this journey of taking our fragmented lives and creating wholeness? Call Ana to find out more!
Dear Church Family,

Today, I met with some wonderful ladies for Bible Babes and we had some very touching moments as we built relationships with one another….and the cool thing….these ladies were not all “members” of the Parish! What an incredible time to join together in Christian fellowship even though we all came from different backgrounds, we still found the one thing that unites us, Christ! As a Disciple of Christ minister, today made me remember how much Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone constantly searched for ways of unity….I think today would have made them proud.

Then I look at the world around us and I see all the division; not just among religions, but even within our faith and Christianity. How does our division with one another and with those of other faiths bring glory and honor to the One we pray to every day? When hate escapes our mouths, when our actions are less than honorable, when we defame another, are we really honoring our Lord?

Instead, can we extend a hand, offer love, let our mouths only lift up, and find ways of reconciliation? As the Presbyterians say, we are “Together in Ministry”, can we truly embody this? Can we walk beside one another and embrace God in the person next to us, across town from us, the state, the nation and the globe? Christ calls us to an even higher standard in the Gospel of Matthew 5:43-48:

You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy’. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

May we always be mindful that all of creation was formed by God and loved by the One who created. May we always feel love and offer love and may we find ways of lifting up, uniting and honoring the Lord our God.

My Love and Devotion, Pastor Ana