

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

September, 2018

Regular worship times begin Sept. 9, and there's potluck

When I was a little kid growing up in the thriving metropolis of Tulia, Texas the summers were so wonderful. No school, no homework, plenty of time to play, and parents that wanted some peace and quiet and encouraged us out the door every chance they had. We had a great group of friends there on Fannin Drive – a kid in every household and we were all buddies. (Rhonda lived right next door and we played chase together for the first time the summer after third grade.) It was a great place to grow up and a marvelous community to nurture us as we grew. I loved summer when I was a kid.

But every year summer would come to an end. It still does. We'd suffer through back-to-school shopping with mom making us buy pants two sizes too big so they'd last until the end of the year and talking us out of the cool "cross country" shoes for a pair of "sensible" leather oxfords that were as uncool as Dad's. We'd put away the cutoff jeans and worn out t-shirts and snazzy up for the first day of school. There were new books to be covered and new supplies to write our names on and new teachers to meet and new friends to be found. Summer was over and it was back to school and the normalcy of life for the coming nine months.

I think it's a needed thing to slow down a bit, to change our routines, to take a Sabbath time periodically. I'm glad summer comes and provides that opportunity.

We do it around the church, too. We have just one worship service, our men's groups and PW take a break from their activities, and the choir rests their voices. It's a nice time to change the pace a bit and catch our breath for the coming year.

But summer is soon over! Things are picking up again. We are hoping that EVERYONE will

From the pastor

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join us on Sunday, September 9, when we return to our full fall schedule. The Worship, Christian Education and Fellowship Committees have made plans to help us celebrate that day. We're calling it "Grow Our Tree Sunday" and we'll be focusing on all the things that we members do to make our "tree" well-rooted and strong. Join us that day to learn more about our "tree" and how you are an integral part in helping it to grow.

Remember that we return to our regular schedule of two worship services on September 9 at 8:45 and 11:00. The choir will be back in the loft sharing their gifts in worship. That is also the day that our Christian Education classes begin again. There are two offerings for adults this fall and we hope you may be part of one of those classes. The Men's Study will begin again that week and the PW will kick off their study and activities for 2018-2019. Following 11:00 worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck luncheon. We really hope that you will make every effort to join us that day. If you attend the early service, you'll have time to run home and get your food offering after worship. If you are attending second service, bring your food to the Fellowship Hall prior to worship and we'll have the table spread for lunch when worship is done. Please join us – we want this to be a special occasion and we need your presence to make sure it is.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on the 9th. I think we have a special day planned and it will be good to see everyone after the summer break. Come help us grow our tree.

See you Sunday, Drew



Care Facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury

Mary Skinner

Waterview at Lake Granbury

Kathleen Moore

Jean Teal

Howard & Pat White

The Cove at Lake Granbury

Jim Bandy

Eloise Pauli

Maddie Reed

Quail Park

Ruth Garrett

Pete & Nancy Pauley

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Happy 100th Birthday,

Catherine Lehmann!

Catherine celebrated her titanium jubilee

August 18.

Many blessings to our centenarian!

At home and/or receiving treatment

Howard White	Howard & Martha Ferrill
Mary Skinner	Ed Smith
Ed Hughes	Lee Shaffer
Catherine Lehmann	CH Tubbs
Jimmy Callahan	Stan Bowlin
Harley Murray	Carolyn Llewellyn
Shirley McDonald	

Our Church Family

Stan Bowlin has returned home from the hospital and is much improved.

September birthdays

1
Kim Wylie
Winette Lovelady

2
Andy Attaway
Annelle Teal
Ray Kelly

3
Marty Gump

4
Sharla Riddle
Wanda Lowe

5
Lori Collinsworth

6
Brenda Staples

8
Bill Robertson

9
Barbara Buffalow

11
Les Staples

12
Trisha Chandler

13
Jane Craddock

14
Peter Garland



15
Jean Goody
Jimmy Randles
Paula Hicks
Raye Kliemann

16
Marcia Sigrist

17
Ron Simpson

19
Ann McLaughlin

22
Alana Collinsworth

23
Donna Ann McCleery

25
Marty Dapogny

27
Christine Mercado
Jim Bandy

28
Brenda Towers

Prayer of the Month

Marcia Sigrist

Prayer chain coordinator



Marcia is our prayer chain coordinator. Please contact her at msigrist824@gmail.com or call 817-279-1130 when in need of prayers. She writes beautiful, meaningful prayers to give the members of the prayer chain things to think about as they pray for specific things for our friends.

Especially for our new members, know that we have this group of prayer warriors, among a variety of other things we do for our congregation. If in need or are in doubt about what we do, just call us!

Here is Marcia Sigrist's prayer of the month.

Father God,

We thank you for the lives of Willie Callaway, Shirley McCullough, and Stephen Rose. We ask that you continue to be with their family and friends. May their loved ones be blessed with the remembrance and the assurances of your Easter promises to us all. Be with them all as they experience what is to us, a very difficult passage, from life to life everlasting. The mysteries are beyond our understanding and we lean wholly on you.

Lord, thank you also for the rain to nourish our land. We ask also that you be with our firefighters and first responders still battling fires. Keep them safe under your watchful eye and bring them all safely home again. In Jesus' name we ask these things... Amen

September anniversaries

2 Connie and Jack Gilmore

6 Nancy and Pete Pauley

7 Gary and Peggy Lewis
Doyle and Jane Seley

8 Ruth and Marty Gump

14 Brenda and Howard Hafner

27 Doug and Sheila Wood

28 Jack and Marty Dapogny

30 Lloyd and Marcia Sigrist

Fellowship

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Worship

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Help Grow Our Tree and join programs

We will be returning to our fall schedule on Sept. 9. We hope you will check out all of the programs the church offers and “help grow our tree” by participating in those that sound interesting, fun, challenging, and spiritually fulfilling. You might even decide to try something new!



To celebrate, we are having a Pot Luck Luncheon after the 11 a.m. service on Sept 9. Please bring a main dish, vegetable, or dessert (your choice). It is helpful if you can bring the food to Fellowship Hall before the second service. Even if you attend the first service, we hope you will return for the lunch.

Start thinking about Fall Arts and Crafts

The fall FPC Arts and Crafts Show will be Sunday, Oct. 28. If you enjoy painting, knitting, woodworking, quilting, jewelry making, or any other art/craft, we would love to see your talents on display. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex by mid-September.

Fall schedule returns with two services Sept. 9

It is certainly hard to believe, but summer is winding down and fall is just around the corner. With that said, our last summer Sunday with one worship service will be on September 2.

Mark your calendar for Grow Our Tree Sunday September 9 and take part in the events to mark our return to the fall schedule. We will once again return to two worship services at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

We have a lot going on that day. The Christian Education Committee, Fellowship Committee and Worship Committee have joined forces to make the return to our fall schedule very special. The Choir will sing at second service and there will be special music for first service as well.

Please see upcoming announcements our Sunday bulletins for more information.

Gluten free option coming soon

As requested by some of our members, we will start having a gluten free option available for Communion.

Seminary student will preach

We have Theological Education/Seminary Sunday during the month of September in the Presbyterian Church.

We are pleased to have Jeannie Corbitt from Austin Seminary preaching both services on Sunday, Sept. 30.

Check it out

First Presbyterian Church's website is new and improved

The church's newly designed website is completely updated and operational thanks to Emily Graham's creativity, expertise, and hard work. The new site provides a very pleasing look that provides easy navigation of the site making information readily available.

The website now includes a "Members" section that provides password protection for information pertaining to members only. The membership directory can be accessed by clicking on the "Members" tab and then entering a password that you need to obtain from Shanna Adkins at 817-573-2337 or email office@fpcgranbury.com.

The website address is www.fpcgranbury.org. Check it out and help us keep it current by providing information on anything that needs to be corrected or updated. Information should be provided to Shanna at the phone number or email address listed above. Shanna will forward information to Emily for updating the website.

Advertising Campaign

The Administration Committee and Membership Committee have joined forces to start an advertising campaign in Showcase Magazine starting in September and running through December. The campaign is designed to raise

Administration

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community awareness for First Presbyterian Church by emphasizing our connection to the community through the downtown location of our historic church, as well as inviting visitors to worship with us.

Church Attendance Report

22 Jul: 108

29 Jul: 125

5 Aug: 147

12 Aug: 136

19 Aug: 124

Record of giving and budget need

Year-to-date giving

\$215,414.06

Year-to-date budget need

\$213,992.90

Behind the scene

So many things have to happen for our church to operate on a smooth path. As property elder I need so much help trying to keep our property up to the standards we as members can be proud of.

Along with so many helpful people our maintenance man Glenn Goforth really stands out. He is at the church everyday cleaning, repairing things and trying to keep our church looking and operating great. Glenn has such a great attitude and working with him as a team repairing things makes my job so much easier.

In addition to his usual duties, he takes on the

Property

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daily repairs in electrical, plumbing and carpentry to save us money and keep us functioning at our best. When you see him around the church I hope you will tell him how much he is appreciated. By the way if you need home repairs he is the man to call.



**YOU ARE
WORTHY
OF LOVE**



Church school meets again Sept 9th.

There will be two education offerings for adults on Sunday mornings this Fall. Rev. Jimmie Johnson will continue to lead "Conversations About the Holy." Jimmie will lead the class as it explores the question of *who* we are and *whose* we are. Resources for the study include hymns and spiritual songs from our Presbyterian tradition.

A second class will be announced soon but we're still in contract negotiations with the teachers at the present time! Look for more information in Sunday's bulletin.

Both classes will meet at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall beginning September 9. Come join us!

Drew

Ladies can check in with Rhett Butler

September F.U.N. Circle will go to "Gone with the Wind" Museum in Cleburne on Thursday, Sept. 27, because the museum is closed on Wednesdays. The Curator is expecting us, and the museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 305 E. 2nd Street, Cleburne, TX 76031. The charge is \$7 per person, and we can pay at the door. We plan to carpool from Fellowship Hall at 9:30. There are several places to eat lunch in Cleburne, and we

Presbyterian Women

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New season starts Sept. 14 for PW

September is almost here, bringing us cooler weather, after our sizzling summer. We can all look forward to fall days.

Our upcoming events have been planned and ready to start in September. Hoping that all of you have received the new calendar. A new format has been used, listing each month's activities on the appropriate page. The calendars were distributed for two Sundays, after the service. If you have not received yours, contact Shanna in the business office.

On Aug. 28, a group of ladies went to First Presbyterian, Fort Worth, to attend the PW Intro to Horizon's Bible Study. Rev. Amy Poling Sutherlun, author of this year's study book, "God's Promise – I Am With You," presented the program.

The first PW meeting on Sept. 14 is entitled "PW 101" with Meg Garver Hamilton. Our officers and Circle leaders will also explain what their responsibilities are and what each group does.

"When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours." Romans 1:12

F.U.N. Circle

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will make that decision closer to the date--Dutch Treat. So, ladies, gear up for this first adventure of the season!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 AM One Service	27 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon	28 9:00 AM PW Intro to Horizon's Bible Study	29 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles	31 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Ruth Gump	1 11:00 AM Stephen Rose Celebration of Life
2 10:00 AM One Service	3 Closed for Holiday Labor Day 10:00 AM Co-ed Bridge 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 5:30 PM Yoga Class 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon	4 10:00 AM Jeanell Morris Bible Study Circle 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Trinity Mission Birthday Party	5 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	6 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles 1:00 PM Civic Chorus Meeting	7 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Barbara Buffalow	8 11:00 AM Stephen Rose Celebration of Life
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2018 First Presbyterian, Granbury Elders

Administration, Roy Schoeneman
Christian Education, Nancy Worcester
Clerk of Session, Mike Gulinson
Congregational Care, Annelle Teal
Property, Lloyd Sigrist
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