

# The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

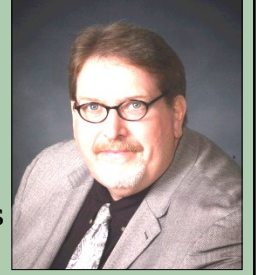
September, 2019

## A Healthy Congregation

There are many ways to gauge the health of a congregation. We can look at the numbers. How many come to worship? How many participate in the programs of the church? How many kiddos come forward for the children's sermon? Are there new people joining the congregation to be involved in our ministry? What about our giving? Are we meeting the budget? Are we giving a significant portion of our dollars to share compassion with others in need? Are new programs being offered that allow members to engage in creative ways with their faith? These factors are all important to the life of the church and they give us at least some measurable outcome that enables us to evaluate where we are and where we're heading. I think by these measures we can feel good about where we are as a congregation.

There are other aspects of a congregation's life that are bit more difficult to measure. How hospitable are we? How welcomed do others feel when they join us for worship? Are we an inviting community to *all* who come searching for a connection with their faith? Do worshipers feel that faith connection when they gather on Sunday morning? Does our worship do more than entertain us? Does worship provide opportunities for us to *think* the faith so we are better able to *live* the faith in our lives? How well do we care for our members? When we most need one another for support and presence are we present to one another? Do we hurt with those who hurt and rejoice with those who rejoice? Do we have a vision for our ministry, some sense of where we are going and what it is our mission is all about? Do we share the joy of the good news when we engage to do the work of the church? These aspects of our ministry together are more difficult to quantify and gauging success in these areas is a

## From the pastor



Rev. Drew Travis

much more subjective venture.

I think these are good questions to keep before us as we make our way into the new program year. We kick off the year on September 8 when we return to two services and share in fellowship between services and join for a potluck luncheon after the 11:00 service. In fact, our theme for our "rally Sunday" is: *Journey with Us Into the Future*. The future, that is where we are heading and we head there together. I think our future looks bright by the measure of these questions but we need to keep asking them. We need to keep our focus on such inquiries so we may accomplish well the ministry we have been given. And surely this ministry is a gift.

I have said it before and I continue to believe it: First Presbyterian Church of Granbury is a place of ministry. What happens here matters. I'm glad to be here and to be afforded the opportunity to be your pastor and to share in this venture with you. I am grateful for the goodness of God and the shared ministry we are called to in the name of Jesus Christ.

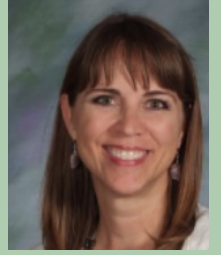
Join us Sunday. Help us keep the questions before us. Help us do this ministry thing together. I'll see you there.

See you Sunday,

Drew

## Congregational Care

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## Our church family

Dave Barnett had surgery in August.

Shanna's husband, Aaron, got good news after experiencing chest pains and shortness of breath.

Dee Holt is home after being in the hospital.

Lynne Schoeneman had dental surgery.

Sally Attebury had a hairline hip fracture and is in rehab at Harbour Lakes. She retains a cheerful disposition.

Shirley McDonald is home from the hospital.



## At home and/or receiving treatment

Ed Hughes  
Martha Ferrill  
Ed Smith  
Stan Bowlin

OUR **New**  
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## Our extended family

Marcia Sigrist's brother, Don, who was placed on hospice early August after being diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, has passed.

Claudia Southern asked for prayers to ease the passing of her dear aunt and uncle (Percy & Ruth Parrish) who, after 64 years of marriage, face death together and are both in hospice as of August 12th.



## At care/retirement facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury  
Mary Skinner

Waterview at Lake Granbury  
Kathleen Moore

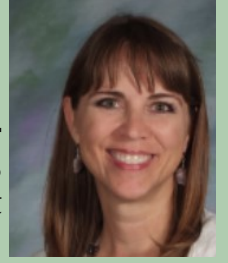
The Cove at Lake Granbury  
Eloise Pauli  
Maddie Reed  
Jean Teal

Quail Park  
Ruth Garrett  
Pete & Nancy Pauley  
Marilou Schairbaum  
John Cheney

Granbury Care Center  
CH Tubbs

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## Birthdays

<b>1</b>	Jean Goody
Kim Wylie	Jimmy Randles
Winette Lovelady	Paula Hicks
<b>2</b>	Raye Kliemann
Andy Attaway	<b>16</b>
Annelle Teal	Marcia Sigrist
<b>3</b>	Meg Moore
Marty Gump	<b>17</b>
<b>4</b>	Libby Teitsma
Wanda Lowe	Ron Simpson
<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>
Lori Collinsworth	Ann McLaughlin
<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>
Brenda Staples	Alana Collinsworth
<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>
Bill Robertson	Donna McCleery
<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>
Barbara Buffalow	Tommy McHaney
<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>
Jack Burton	Marty Dapogny
<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>
Les Staples	Christine Mercado
<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>
Trisha Chandler	Brenda Towers
<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>
Peter Garland	John Stahlman



## Anniversaries

<b>2</b>
Connie & Jack Gilmore
<b>5</b>
Jerry & Libby Teitsma
<b>6</b>
Nancy & Pete Pauley
<b>7</b>
Gary & Peggy Lewis
Doyle & Jane Seley
<b>8</b>
Ruth & Marty Gump
<b>14</b>
Brenda & Howard Hafner
<b>22</b>
John & Karen Stahlman
<b>27</b>
Doug & Sheila Wood
<b>28</b>
Jack & Marty Dapogny
<b>30</b>
Lloyd & Marcia Sigrist



## Note of thanks.....

This summer I had the opportunity of spending 8 weeks of my summer on a leadership project in Denver, CO. It was a wonderful opportunity to deepen my relationship and understanding of who God is. There we had trainings and rallies about leadership, word/prayer training, world vision, and racial reconciliation and how to share the gospel with friends and our coworkers! I'm excited to go back to campus this fall and apply all that I have learned this summer to leading and discipling girls. I'm excited to see what God has planned for my life and where he'll take me! Thank you for the support and prayers!

- Hanna McCray

## Administration

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## Prayer of the Month

Pat Collins  
Prayer chain coordinator  
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## Church Attendance Report

21 July: 135  
28 July: 148  
4 Aug: 143  
11 Aug: 148  
18 Aug: 140

## Record of Giving and Budget Need

Year-to-date (Jan - July 2019)  
Giving: \$292,102.54

Year-to-date (Jan – July 2019)  
Budget Need: \$274,526.16

## F.U.N. Circle

Peggy Losher,  
F.U.N. Circle coordinator



F.U.N. Circle will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM on September 25th for Kay McMillan's card-making demonstration and our hands-on participation. Come join the fun and take home your very own handmade greeting card.



## Prayer of the month September

Father, bless the teachers. What would our world be without them? Bless them for rising early (really early!). Bless them for braving heavy traffic in the cities. Bless those specialized teachers who drive miles to get where they are needed most. Bless them for loving the children of others. Bless them for braving the runny noses and sticky hands and whatever those might eventually bring to their home. Bless them for preparing lesson plans and grading papers. Bless them for keeping discipline to create a learning environment. Bless them for wanting to do these things. You created love, Father, so it is you they demonstrate. Keep that in their minds, Father, and, if not in their minds, in their every action.

Father, bless the schools. Keep the hallways safe. Bless the families whose children attend. Let them find the time and energy to involve themselves with the process. Bless the administrators, the staff that cleans, and those that drive busses. Shelter and keep all the precious souls under your hand. Help those who attend school but are homeless find shelter and food. Bless the lives of those who strive to learn. Bless the lives of those who, basically, just show up. They are precious to you, as well.

We give praise and thanks to you, oh God. Education is a way to learn more of the universe you created and the mysteries that lie wherever our eyes fall. More gifts await and more praise to you, oh mighty and wondrous creator.

In Christ's name, Amen

Pat Collins



# Library committee

## Christian Bible Reference Site

### Bible Word Search: Bible Names

contributed by Deborah

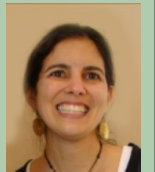
All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*. To work the puzzle on paper instead: Print this page and circle each letter of the words you find.

M H T U R J D L  
H A I M E H E N  
S D T S D O B A  
I A U T J V O J  
L S R U A I R U  
A S D Z D T A D  
S A M U E L H E  
S H E L I S H A

Deborah, Elisha, Ezra, Hadassah, Jesus,  
Joel, Judas, Judea, Mattatha, Nehemiah,  
Ruth, Samuel, Silas

## Outreach and Mission

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The building season has begun!! Habitat for Humanity will begin working on this year's houses in September.

As a congregation we provide lunch on the **third Wednesday** of each month to feed **40 hungry volunteers!**

Please bring your casseroles, salads, bread and desserts to the office before **11am** on that Wednesday so that there is time for us to drive the meal across town before their lunch time at 11.30.

Dessert, salads and bread can be left in the church office kitchen overnight if it is more convenient to bring your food offering the day before. If you would like to make a casserole in advance and leave it in the office kitchen, just let Bianca know so she can heat it up on that day.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex each month but if you miss out on signing up after church you can always call and add your name.

This is such a wonderful way for us to partner with Habitat for Humanity in their mission: "Seeking to put God's love into action. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope."

# Presbyterian Women

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PW Moderator  
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Our fall programs are starting up in September including Bridge Circle, Bible Study, Nursing Home Birthday Parties, Book Circle, PW Meetings and F.U.N. Circle. It will be fun to see everyone since our summer break! We will soon be passing out our program booklet listing meetings, who to contact and dates, etc. Every Presbyterian woman is automatically a member of PW. So, we hope to get to know our new members at these activities.

Our first Presbyterian Women's Program will be Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in Fellowship Hall. Judy Hull from Friends for Animals will talk with us about their program and policies. They are a no-kill shelter and require spaying or neutering of all dogs. You can adopt dogs or foster dogs. They are totally a non-profit organization 501(c) (3)), existing only on adoption fees, fundraisers, and donations. They are an all volunteer organization now, and have some of the most awesome volunteers ever!!! They are always in need of donations. Please bring an item from the list below to our meeting:

- \*Pedigree dry food, Puppy or Adult
  - \*Pedigree canned food – Puppy or Adult
  - \*Iam's dry food – Puppy
  - \*Bleach – Must say disinfectant on the bottle
  - \*Laundry soap, HE Only (High Efficiency) – liquid or powder
  - Dishwasher tabs (Cascade or Finish)
  - 15 – 30 gal. Trash Bags
  - Small white envelopes
  - New or gently used dog collars, harnesses, leashes and dog toys
  - \*Items for which they have a high need
- Come join us to learn more about Friends for Animals.

The Rummage sale is our biggest fund raiser every spring and fall. It is coming up soon and we have gathered items from many people already. The money raised each year goes to scholarships, charities and the church. Watch for more information and volunteer sign-up sheets in a few weeks. We couldn't do this without you!

**Note: Please refrain from donating large items such as furniture until the week of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. We have limited storage, and are at capacity. Thank You!**

## Dates to Remember:

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|------------------------|---|
| Sept. 2                | Bridge Circle   |
| Sept. 3                | Jeanell Morris Bible Study, <i>Love Carved in Stone</i> |
| Sept. 3                | Nursing Home Party                                      |
| Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup> | PW meeting  |
| Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> | Audrey Wallace Book Discussion Circle                   |
| Sept. 25               | F.U.N. (Friends United Naturally) Circle                |
| Oct. 4-5               | Rummage Sale  |

Presbyterian  
Women  
Living for Jesus

The logo for Presbyterian Women, featuring the text "Presbyterian Women" in a serif font, with "Living for Jesus" in a smaller font below it. To the right of the text is a stylized cross symbol.

# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM One Service	2 Office Closed for Holiday 10:00 AM Co-ed Bridge 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Al-Anon	3 10:00 AM Jeanell Morris Bible Study Circle 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Trinity Mission Birthday Party	4 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	5 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles	6 10:00 AM PW Meeting	7 
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# Permanent Funds Ministry

Over the long history of our church, it has been generously supported by its members. This support has been provided in many ways – by gifts of time and talent, and also through pledges and other monetary offerings and gifts. The money you give supports the ministry of the church, as you know, by providing and maintaining our beautiful sanctuary and other buildings that enrich our worship and life together, by attracting talented and devoted leaders, and by enabling benevolent outreach to our members, our community, and the world at large.

Your prayerful consideration of increasing your financial support in the coming years will allow us to expand our ministry further, especially as we seek to add an Associate Pastor to our staff.

However, if any of you contemplate making special gifts, above and beyond your regular offerings, please consider donating to one or more of our Permanent Funds.

You may remember that, last fall, Session acted to create three Permanent Funds. The largest of these is the General Endowment Fund. The purpose of the General Endowment Fund is to serve as a contingency reserve for *major* unforeseen events or circumstances incapable of being funded through our operating budget. In the meantime, absent such events or circumstances, the income of this fund will be prudently distributed to the other two funds. The second of the three Funds, the Benevolences Fund, will periodically distribute its earnings by charitable contributions to worthy causes as determined by the Outreach and Missions committee of the church. The third fund, the Capital Fund, is to invest in major expansion, improvement or renovation of the physical facilities of the church not foreseen or provided for in the operating budget or capital fundraising campaign (if any.) Several generous gifts have already been received.

If you are thinking about making a bequest to the church through your will or otherwise, you may wish to consider designating it to one or more of these Funds. Another opportunity may be to consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD.) The QCD allows a person receiving a distribution from a retirement account (IRA) to direct all or part of it to a charity. The amount of the QCD is not taxable; effectively reducing taxable income without the necessity of itemizing deductions. (Be sure to consult your own financial and/or tax advisor.) If you wish, you may also consult with a representative of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation for other beneficial ways of supporting the church and/or its Permanent Funds. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is always most appreciated and will help secure our mission

## Worship

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Summer is quickly winding down at First Presbyterian. We will have one service September 1st, Labor Day Weekend. Come "Journey With Us Into The Future" starting September 8th! We will resume two Sunday morning services at 8:45 and 11:00 on that date. There will be a potluck lunch following second service.

A big thank you to everyone who shared their gifts and talents of music with us over the summer months! Be sure to see Marty Gump (choir) or Emily Graham (bell choir) if you are interested in helping to provide music for worship services. Rehearsals begin soon.

September is such an exciting time at First Presbyterian! Be sure to check out the many groups and activities that you can join! We do church together!

Kathy, Worship Elder



# Poem by Jerry Althouse to celebrate Pastor Drew's 6 year anniversary



## *HE'S STILL HERE*

*Attention all of you far and near  
This really is Drew's sixth year.  
How many times did he bemoan  
The past is finished and it is gone?*

*He then tells stories that are very old.  
If they have passed why are they told?  
'Cause they are important don't you see?  
And no one can tell them as well as he.  
He adds a sense of humor all the while  
That brings to us a great big smile.*

*When summer heat gets tough to bear  
We all wonder what Drew will wear.  
To his black robe he says no, no  
But he does stop short of a Speedo.*

*After all this time it's clear to us.  
He never does make a fuss.  
He's as real as a pastor can ever be  
And for that he is loved by you and me.*

*JA 7/21/2019*

## Christian Education

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For those of you who (as I have) been away a lot this summer - **Welcome Back!** For the many volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School - **Thank-you!** We had a record-breaking 27 children in attendance and as many or more volunteers! And for those newcomers who joined and/or attended the Presbyterian classes in June and July, **Welcome!**

We have several activities restarting in September. Here's a quick summary of classes and start dates:

- September 3<sup>rd</sup>      Jeanell Morris PW Bible Study, led by Carol Boyd 10 AM Fellowship Hall, monthly
- September 8th      Journey With Us into the Future (see Fellowship article for more details)
- September 11th    Men's Study, led by Rev. Travis, 12 PM Office Building, bring your lunch, weekly
- September 15th    Sunday School Begins, 10 AM, Fellowship Hall
  - Children pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Nancy Worcester leading, 2<sup>nd</sup> classroom on right
  - Adults – Jimmie Johnson leading, main room

Please note that the Adult class will be meeting in the main room in Fellowship Hall since we have outgrown all the Sunday School classrooms! It's a good problem to have, so please work with us and avoid using the back door of Fellowship Hall from 10:00 to 10:45 on Sunday mornings. There will be tables set up in the large Sunday School classroom if you want to sit and visit between services. And if you park in the lot behind Fellowship Hall, please enter via the door under the porte-cochere or come through the courtyard and enter via the double doors. And as always, all are welcome, so feel free to sit and listen. Jimmie is always thought provoking!

## Fellowship

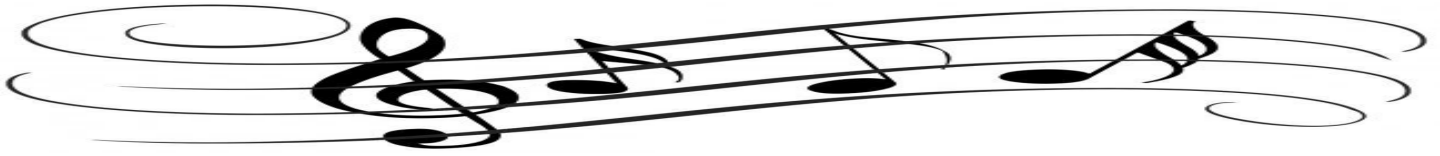
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### JOURNEY WITH US INTO THE FUTURE

We will be returning to our fall schedule on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will check out all the programs the church offers and "journey with us into the future" by participating in those that sound interesting, fun, challenging, and spiritually fulfilling. You might even decide to try something new! You can choose to participate in music, worship, fellowship, Presbyterian Women, Men's Bible Study, Christian Education (Sunday School), Congregational Care, Mission and Outreach, taking care of our property, and more!

To celebrate, we are having **coffee and donuts** after the first service and a **Potluck Luncheon** after the second service on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a main dish, vegetable, or dessert (your choice) if you are attending the potluck luncheon. 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.

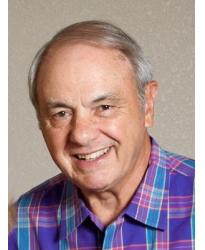


Believe it or not, summer vacation is too quickly coming to an end. It also means the end of the fine special music we have had each summer Sunday. We certainly appreciate and thank all who shared their wonderful talent to make our summer services more worshipful.

Summer's end also means the beginning of our choir program, starting at 5PM on Wednesday, August 28, in the church Sanctuary. We are in need of new singers, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. If you like to sing, we invite you to join us. Our purpose is to add to worship with music. We have good fellowship, good music and extremely good people.

Come and sing with joy!!

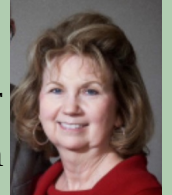
Marty Gump



## Membership

Brenda Staples, elder

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## Welcome new member, Betty Killion



New member Betty Killion joined the church in April. She was raised in Menard, TX, but lived in Azle after marrying her husband Bennie Killion, who has since passed away. Betty and Bennie had four children: Edward, Ronda, and twins Thresa and Lisa. Over the years before moving to Granbury, Betty has worked in Fort Worth at Technol, Pangburn Candy Co., and DFW Airport. Her hobbies include working jigsaw puzzles, reading, and spending time with her grandkids and great grandkids. She also likes attending the Senior Citizen Center here in Granbury. Several family members live here now, including 10 of her grandbabies. She has three pets, Chloe the cat, and two dogs. We welcome Betty to the church.

**2019 First Presbyterian, Granbury Elders**

Administration, Roy Schoeneman

Christian Education, Nancy Bennett

Clerk of Session, Mike Gulinson

Congregational Care, Annelle Teal

Property, Lloyd Sigrist

Fellowship, Linda Allen

Long-Range Planning, Jerry Althouse

Membership, Brenda Staples

Outreach & Mission, Bianca Brownfield

Stewardship, Jack Gilmore

Ushering, Ruth Ann Collins

Worship, Kathy Long

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