

# The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

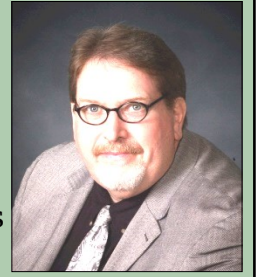
October, 2019

As I write this it is officially the first day of autumn. The forecast calls for temperatures in the mid 90's. The day will be pretty much just like the day before and identical to the day that comes after. It's been a long, hot summer. We know that change is just around the corner but I surely am ready for that corner to hurry up and get here! Like every year cooler days are coming. Like every year the leaves will begin to change and they will fall. Like every year the seasons will go through their paces and mark the movement of the year's progress. It happens that way.

It is a reminder, I think, of the constancy of God and God's ways. Even in the midst of change there are things that simply remain the same. This season will not be like the next season and this year's season will not be like last year's season but their coming and going will be consistent. Surely there is a sense of assurance that comes with that knowledge. For those of us in the faith, there is the sense that God is present and constant in the midst of change; that even when new things are going on about us there is the security that the force behind the change remains the same. It's good to experience change but most of us are grateful to be able to return to base and feel the security offered there. It's good to touch "home."

I look around at those who gather to worship with us here at First Presbyterian and I see faces that are new and names I do not know or easily recall. I see those who gather at committee meetings. I pay attention to the folks who come to adult education classes and to the children who gather down the hall on Sunday mornings. I note that most every Sunday there are children who come forward for the children's time during worship – sometimes for both services. I am aware that when the Nominating Committee gathers we are considering names of folk we haven't considered before, new friends in our midst. I note that there is new excitement over our search for an associate pastor and what

## From the pastor



Rev. Drew Travis

undiscovered ventures in the faith this new leadership may provide us. I am glad to see new faces in the bell choir and the need for new bells for them to play. I notice change going on around our church. It's not drastic but, rather, incremental like the changing of the seasons. Tomorrow may be pretty much like today and the next day but we know that there will be changes around the corner. That's exciting.

Yet, I am also aware that so much will remain the same and there is security in that knowledge. We'll still be worshipping in a sanctuary that was built over 120 years ago. Our worship will continue to be a gathering place for those who long to sing the hymns of the faith and to ponder what God is doing in our lives. Our classes of study will continue to be occasions to think the faith and consider our calling but there will be new voices to hear as we do that thinking. There will be new leadership on committees and on the session but our reason for being at 303 West Bridge will not change. We'll experience change like we do every year as our earth makes another journey around the sun. I think there's a season of change occurring at First Presbyterian and I'm excited to see what is coming around the corner. I'm also glad to remember that as a congregation we have the constancy of a long history and can reach out and touch home.

See you Sunday,

Drew

## Congregational Care

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## Our church family

Jamie Sanders has a growth on her eye and is scheduled for surgery on September 26th.

Claudia Southern fell and has a hairline fracture in neck. No surgery is needed.

Sally Attebury is still in rehab at Harbor Lakes and would appreciate any visits. She is in room 304.



## At home and/or receiving treatment

Shirley McDonald  
Martha Ferrill  
Ed Smith  
Stan Bowlin

## 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> Jerry Davis	<b>17</b> Frank Hengels
<b>2</b> Janna Sullins	<b>18</b> Mary Hayden
<b>3</b> Charles McKusick Jack Dapogny	<b>19</b> Margaret Gulinson
<b>4</b> Jerry Althouse Kathryn Hogue	<b>20</b> Lachlyn McPhie Goody
<b>4</b> Dana Reinke	<b>25</b> Marjorie Wherry Roger Deeds
<b>5</b> Jimmy Callahan	<b>28</b> Mary Hattox
<b>6</b> Betty Smith	<b>29</b> Virginia Conner
<b>9</b> Jane Seley	<b>31</b> Robert Silvestri
<b>11</b> Judy Butler	
<b>14</b> Christian Luersen Joe Peters Mary Lee McCarthy	



## Anniversaries

**2**  
Tim & Nancy Bennett

**4**  
Nick & Laura Duecker

**15**  
Curt & Debbie Armstrong

**20**  
Jerry & Pepper Davis



## Note of thanks.....

First I want to thank everyone for helping me and sending me to camp for my 4th year at GlenLake Camp. I always have fun no matter what and more importantly I get connected with God. Each year being my age, as we get older, we continue to deepen our faith. Some activities I did this year were hiking to the top of the mountain, zip lining, and canoeing. I had so much fun doing other activities too. I hope to do more within the Christian community as well missions. Thank you guys so much for connecting me to this camp, and all of your support.

-Angela Young

## Administration

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## Prayer of the Month

Pat Collins  
Prayer chain coordinator  
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## Church Attendance Report

26 Aug: 147

1 Sep: 127

8 Sep: 173

15 Sep: 169

## Record of Giving and Budget Need

Year-to-date (Jan – Aug 2019) Giving:  
\$321,565.54

Year-to-date (Jan – Aug 2019) Budget Need:  
\$312,706.80

## Prayer of the month October

Creator and Sustainer God,

The world you created is full of endless variety in every way imaginable. It's beauty can take our breath away. When we breathe in early-morning fresh air, when we see flowers and butterflies and tiger-striped dragonflies, we revel in bliss for precious minutes away from the harsh realities of the world that slides across our screens. We are safe but millions are fearful. We are fed but millions hunger. We sleep protected but many have no shelter. We seek balance between not wanting to know anything more about the viciousness of hurricanes and mankind, and keeping fully aware of the suffering that engulfs our brothers and sisters and brings anguish front and center to us.

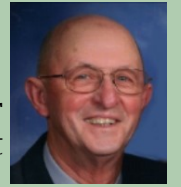
Father, we pray for your guidance in our lives. Show us where and how to serve. Let our hearts be willing and our hands capable. Bring your peace to those who suffer. Bring food to those who hunger. Shelter the homeless. Protect the frail. Let the strong show endless kindness. Let you kingdom be seen here.

In Christ's name, we pray.

Amen

If you would like prayers for yourself, a friend or a loved one, please contact Pat Collins at the email above.





## ***Online Giving:***

Our church is very excited to offer online giving – an easy and convenient way to give your tithes and offerings using a debit or credit card or electronic funds transfer. The service, which is hosted by the Presbyterian Foundation, is easily accessed through the church website. You can rest easy knowing that the transaction is safe and secure, and your gift will be available to our ministry immediately, with no waiting periods.

Online giving offers benefits both for you and for the church:

- You can save a trip to the ATM on Sunday morning and avoid forgetting your checkbook or having to quickly fill out a check to make your gift
  - You can also set up recurring donations to continue giving faithfully even on weeks you are not able to attend services
  - The church benefits from a more steady and reliable flow of gifts
  - Work to process checks and cash gifts is reduced when gifts are made online instead.
- Visit our website at [FPCGRANBURY.ORG](http://FPCGRANBURY.ORG) today and see for yourself how easy it is to give online.

There will be more information to come as we grow this option to tithe/give to the church. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Shanna Adkins at [office@fpcgranbury.com](mailto:office@fpcgranbury.com) or 817-573-2337.



<http://fpcgranbury.org> then "click"

ONLINE GIVING

# Presbyterian Women

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The Rummage sale, our biggest fund raiser, is coming up on Oct. 4 & 5. 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: We need your discarded items. But, 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!**

**The PW Fall Retreat** will be our next big event, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> at Hood County Library, 10 AM – 3 PM. Come enjoy a Sabbath with us. Rev. Melinda Veatch lives in Grand Junction, Colorado and is coming to visit friends in the area. She graciously agreed to be the speaker for our Fall Retreat while she is here. She has filled in for Drew a time or two in the past few years. Remember the female pastor who talked about how to fold towels? That's her! Her topic for the retreat is "Seeking Sabbath: The Way to Serve". Lunch is included. The cost is \$10.00. A reservation sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex when we get closer to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. You may also call or email Saunya Bishop at 706-271-8064 or [angelfaith10@hotmail.com](mailto:angelfaith10@hotmail.com) to make reservations or ask questions.

## Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 30 Rummage Sale Prep
- Oct. 1-3 Rummage Sale Prep
- Oct. 4-5 Rummage Sale
- Oct. 1 Jeanell Morris Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone* (Meet in the Administration Bldg. due to Rummage Sale preparations.)
- Oct. 1 Trinity Mission Nursing Home Birthday Celebration
- Oct. 7 Bridge Circle
- Oct. 16 Audrey Wallace Book Discussion Circle
- Nov. 1 Fall Retreat, Hood County Library, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

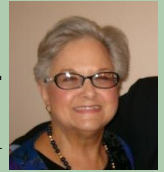
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 8:45 AM First Service 10:00 AM Church School 11:00 AM Second Service</p>	<p>30 prep for rummage sale 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon</p>	<p>1 prep for rummage sale 10:00 AM Jeanell Morris Bible Study Circle 12:00 PM APNC Meeting 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Trinity Mission Birthday Party</p>	<p>2 prep for rummage sale 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 prep for rummage sale 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM APNC Meeting</p>	<p>4 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Fall Rummage Sale</p>	<p>5 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Fall Rummage Sale</p>
<p>6 8:45 AM First Service 10:00 AM Church School 11:00 AM Second Service</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Co-ed Bridge 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI-Anon</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Granbury Knitters 12:00 PM APNC Meeting 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Disciples Bible Study</p>	<p>9 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
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# Fellowship

Linda Allen, elder

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The Fellowship Committee has several things going on this Fall. Small Group Fellowship Dinners have started. There have been a few who have had to drop out, so I have sent out revised information to everyone who is participating. I have heard about some of the groups' plans and they sound fun! One group even went to see a play at the Opera House after they met for dinner at a local restaurant.

Our Flu Shot "clinic" will be happening on October 13<sup>th</sup>. A pharmacist from Ron's Pharmacy will be at the Fellowship Hall between services and after the second service. Please **bring your insurance information**. They will have the ability to see if your insurance covers the cost of the vaccine. If you do not have insurance and still want the shot, the cost is \$30 if you are under the age of 65. If you are 65 or older, the cost is \$60. The reason for this is that a different vaccine is given to the older group to provide more protection. If you have Medicare it covers the cost.

I thought I would include a recipe this month. I always keep this hot chocolate mix on hand because my grandchildren love it. When they are visiting, we start our day with a cup. You don't have to have children with you to enjoy it though. You might even add a little Kahlua!

## INSTANT HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

- 1 box instant milk (8-quart size)
- 1 lb jar powdered Coffeemate (original flavor)
- 1 lb box chocolate drink mix
- 1 lb box powdered sugar.

Mix everything in a big bowl. To make a cup, add 1/3 cup of dry mix to a mug of hot water. Adjust for the size of the mug. Top it off with a few miniature marshmallows if you have them. This recipe makes a lot and it keeps well in an airtight container. It's even more fun to let the kids help you make it!



If you would like to donate food for the workers preparing the Fall Rummage Sale, please sign up on the narthex table.

We'd love your help!



## Library committee

# Prison Ministry

Prison Ministries is filling a necessary and loving need in the lives of incarcerated individuals. We currently send books, letters and cards to 9 individuals. A recent letter to us said:

“Thank you so much for the books and the card from Mary (Hayden). It means so much. No one has written me in the six years here. It means a lot to know you’re not forgotten”

We believe that when Jesus told us to visit the imprisoned, he meant it. If you would like to be part of this important work, you can give books, help package and mail books, and write cards or letters. You can use only your first name or write anonymously if you like. Call Nancy Worcester at 817-578-0478 for more information



## Outreach and Mission

Bianca Brownfield, elder  
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Sending a little love to our college students!!

If you'd like to contribute some snacks, a gift card, school supplies or a personal note to one of our college students, we'll have a box in the narthex on the 1st and 2nd Sundays in October.



# Christian Education

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Doing church together means children, too!

Children learn to worship by seeing, hearing, feeling, and experiencing the sanctuary as a place of welcome. They learn by watching how the adults in their lives participate and by sharing prayers, communion and worship. Children learn to worship by being taught that they have an important place in the community of the church!

The Christian Education committee selected the new Sunday School curriculum because it is lectionary-based and will streamline lessons with worship. This means that the children will hear the same message in a multitude of ways on a Sunday morning, classroom, music, worship bulletins, etc. It also means that we are encouraging children to stay in worship, wriggly bottoms and all!

What does this mean for you as an adult participant in worship? Remember that when we baptize children in our church, we as members of the congregation, promise to guide and nurture those children. So, here are a couple of thoughts about encouraging children while they worship with us:

- Express joy at having children here! Greet them before and after worship, not just their parents.
- Invite a child you know to sit with you in worship on occasion.
- Understand when parents need to take younger children out of worship or to the nursery and then return to worship. Make them feel welcome when they return, not self-conscious.
- Make children feel like an important part of the worship service. Children might not remember every word of a service, but they'll remember the experience of being a valued part of a faith community!
- Remember that we are all children of God, loved by God. We expect children to act their age, which is to say we don't expect a 5 year-old to act like a 55 year-old.

Children aren't just the future of the church; they are the church here and now. We really do want them to stay. And know that making a joyful noise unto the Lord includes all ages!

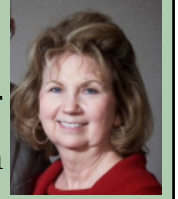
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The **Men's Study Group** meets each Wednesday at noon in the Admin Building. Bring your lunch and come join us. We are currently viewing Rob Bell's "Nooma" series and considering "Short Stories by Jesus" (a study of the parables) for later in the fall. You are invited!



# Membership

Brenda Staples, elder  
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What exciting news for our church family! We have had an additional eighteen new members join since May of this year! Please greet them in church and make them feel welcome. Wearing your nametag would be greatly appreciated to help the new members learn other members names and feel at home.

John, Hannah, Jackson & Riley Briese, May 21, 2019



John & Karen Stahlman, June 18, 2019



Jim & Carolyn Stringer, May 21, 2019



Richard & Mary Lee McCarthy, July 28, 2019



Jerry & Libby Teitsma, June 2, 2019



Tommy & Reann McHaney, July 28, 2019



Jerry & Pepper Davis, June 2, 2019



Jo Beth Ross, July 28, 2019



Jacci & Baylor Southern, June 18, 2019



Jack & Diana Burton, July 28, 2019



**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

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the bridge please let Shanna know , 817-573-2337.

If you are receiving a paper copy and only need the email version please let Shanna know, office@fpcgranbury.com.

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