

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

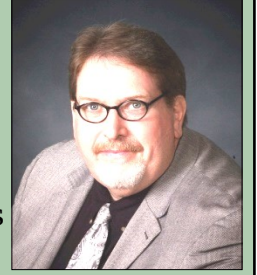
February, 2020

There is much happening to talk about at First Presbyterian. Surely you have noticed as you've come to worship, to study, to fellowship. There are new faces and new names and new relationships all about us. In fact, since January of 2019 we've added almost 40 new members. These new friends are already getting involved in our worship and education and outreach programs. There are also several more that have been worshipping with us who have expressed a desire to explore membership. That's an exciting thing to witness in the life of the church. The church calls us to grow in many ways as disciples. Numerical growth is just one aspect of growth that is easy to track by the numbers. I've not served a church before that has experienced this kind of numerical growth. It's kind of fun!

That growth presents some challenges for us along the way but they are challenges we can handle and handle well. I think these challenges are welcomed. This congregation has a track record of being receptive to new members and the leadership these members bring. Of the 12 elders currently on the session, only three were members of this congregation when I arrived more than 6 years ago. I think that demonstrates incredible trust on behalf of this congregation and it helps define us as a community that is open to change and new direction. We have demonstrated a willingness to follow new leadership and to be receptive to a growing understanding of who we are as a community of faith. We have made hospitality a priority in our life together and this growth is a result of that focus. God is indeed good.

I think perhaps the most exciting thing that parallels this growth is the arrival of Brenda Church as our Associate Pastor. You have seen her lead worship and may already have been in a committee meeting or PW gathering with her. Many of you have met her in your home or in a hospital room. She is settling in to life in Granbury and making this

From the pastor



Rev. Drew Travis

faith community her home. Her presence here bodes well for the future of this place. With new folk comes new needs and new responsibilities. Brenda will be part of meeting those needs and managing those responsibilities. She and I intend to be colleagues in ministry that share the work and support one another as we lead the session and the congregation. She will be part of the full variety of ministry that we perform. So, sometimes you'll see her in the pulpit and sometimes she will visit when you are ill. Other times it will be me. So you'll know, Brenda will be taking Mondays as her day off and I will continue to take Fridays off. In case of pastoral emergencies that might occur on those days, the pastor on call will respond.

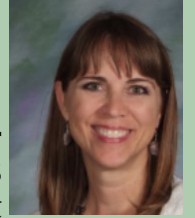
Please mark your calendar now for Brenda's installation. The service of worship will be conducted by Grace Presbytery and representatives from the presbytery and from our congregation will be part of the installation commission. Our choir and bell choir will both present music for the occasion. The date is **Sunday, February 16, at 4:00 PM**. There will be a reception after the service. The process involved in deciding to call an associate and the journey that led Brenda here has been one that the congregation has been fully involved in. I hope you'll come celebrate that involvement and make every effort to be present for her installation. This is an important event in Brenda's life and an important event in the life of our congregation. Let's do this right!

See you Sunday,

Drew

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Our church family

- Ray Llewellyn had triple bypass surgery and is home recuperating.
- Carolyn Llewellyn injured her arm while at the hospital with Ray.
- Bernice Deeds went to hospital for cardiac issues and is now at home.
- Winette Lovelady had hip Surgery January 7 and is in rehab in Granbury.
- Ken Morgan had hip replacement surgery January 16 and is in rehab in Ft. Worth.

Our extended family

- Buz Wallace, a long-time member who now lives in Michigan, fell and broke his hip.

Prayers of peace and comfort go out to our members who are mourning.

- Doris Dinkle's brother, Bobby Masters, passed away.
- Rhonda Travis's dear aunt, Cheryl McKinley, passed away. Her uncle, Marshall Watson, is not doing well.

At care/retirement facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury

Mary Skinner
Shirley McDonald

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
Charles Basket

The Oaks of Granbury

CH Tubbs

Autumn Hill Manor (Weatherford)

Dee Holt

At home and/or receiving treatment

Martha Ferrill
Ed Smith
Stan Bowlin
Bill Lowe
Jeanie Smith
Jean Haight
Edith George
Warren Rutz

To our congregation, if you know of anyone who would appreciate a home visit, please let Annelle Teal or the church office know of your concern. Thank you!

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February Birthdays

1 Sandy Haberkamp	18 Vanessa Faulkner
3 Jack Gilmore Kay McMillan Paul Holmes	19 Hal Marlar
7 Howard Hafner	21 Trish Goller
8 Ted Dolan	22 Jerry Teitsma
9 Laneal James Stephanie Mosley	23 Lloyd Sigrist Maureen Walker
11 Kathy Smith Kelton Conner	26 Beverly Williams
13 Linda Bowlin	27 Drew Travis
14 Wayne Delyea	28 Bill Wood


February Anniversaries

7 Frank and Carol Hengels Chris and Kathy Smith
8 Mark and Sheila Higgins
11 Dan and Shirley Crise
14 Bianca and Bill Brownfield
24 Robert and Betty Werbung Nancy and Steve Wilmeth



Contact information for our Associate Pastor, Brenda Church, is in the directory and also provided below:

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Administration

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Prayer of the Month

Pat Collins
Prayer chain coordinator
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Church Attendance Report:

22 Dec: 119

24 Dec: 180

29 Dec: 132

5 Jan: 177

12 Jan: 156



Share the love! Do you have friends or family who may be interested in our church and its mission? Share this link with them through email or Facebook: www.fpcgranbury.org. Sharing is caring!



Prayer of the month February

I just read a Parade Magazine article about longevity and aging well — not necessarily the same thing. As you would expect, diet and exercise play a large role, but of major significance are things like regular church attendance, regular contact with your peers, a supportive family life, and having a purpose for your life. You need a reason to get up every day that is beyond maintaining your own life. Christians all are given a purpose at our awakening, I think. Whether the awakening takes place at confirmation or later, we all have the purpose to love God and help mankind along the way. Maybe it takes something more concrete to focus our energy, a specific gift to fine tune, something in which we lose ourselves and time disappears. Sometimes we don't know for what purpose we are acquiring wisdom or skill and have to trust that God puts us to good use because that is what we sign up for daily. Let's open ourselves in 2020 to finding our purpose, if you don't already know what it is. We want a bumper crop of centenarians! (We might get free advertising in the paper!)

Prayer. — God, you are a gracious and loving God who has richly blessed us. Teach us what we need to know to help us be the servant, teacher, healer, and selfless friend you demonstrated for us. Open our eyes to see needs we can meet daily. Give us wisdom to help in the best way possible when we see needs in the community. We know of those who are ill and suffering, Father, and we ask you to heal and comfort them. Bring wisdom to our representatives, inspire them to seek you and your guidance. Bless our ministers and keep them strong and healthy. Bless those serving on our session and those leading the groups governed by session. Bless Shanna as she helps us in a myriad of ways. We are thankful and know how well-loved we are, Father. It is incumbent upon us to demonstrate that love, but, Father, forgive us when we just don't do it, for whatever reason. Encourage the introspection needed to understand why we fall short and give us the will and strength to change.

In Christ's name we pray.

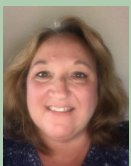
Amen.

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

Worship

Julie Dean, elder

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During the month of February the church is in what we refer to as *Ordinary Time*. This indicates that this time is not marked by a specific festival or season. That is, until February 26th, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The Worship Committee is excited to be in preparation for this important time in the life of our church. We look forward to worshipping together!

You Say vs. God Says

You Say

I can't figure it out.

I'm too tired.

It's impossible.

I can't forgive myself.

I feel alone.

I'm afraid.

I can't manage.

God Says

I will direct your steps.

I will give you rest.

All things are possible.

I forgive you.

I will not leave you.

You can do all things.

I will supply your needs.

Bible Verses

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 11:28-30

Luke 18:27

Romans 8:1

Joshua 1:5

Philippians 4:13

Philippians 4:19



F.U.N. Circle

Peggy Loshier,

F.U.N. Circle coordinator



F.U.N. CIRCLE

F.U.N. Circle will not have a separate meeting this month; instead, we will attend the Ash Wednesday White Breakfast February 26th at 8:30 AM.

Presbyterian Women

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

February 2020 Bridge Article

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Special thanks go to Nancy Worcester for her very informative program about the “First Presbyterian Church Library Prison Ministry”. Books are a lifeline for prisoners who want to help themselves. Books were donated and many plan to volunteer their time to help collect and send books.

Also, CC’s Carry Ons work day was a success! Charlotte Staples will be taking our “First Night Bags” to Child Protective Services. They are for children when they have to be removed from their homes, sometimes with nothing but the clothes on their backs, because of abuse or neglect. These bags will be a comfort to those young ones that first night they are removed from home. Thank you to everyone for donations, time and work!

The Congregation is invited to White Breakfast on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, 8:30AM in Fellowship Hall. This will be the 25th annual White Breakfast here at FPC. The first was started in 1995 by Beverly and Don Williams, whose prior church in Michigan held such a service. The color white is for purity, purple for Lent, and green for the new and sustained life we have in Christ. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and PW serves breakfast shared in fellowship as Jesus did with his disciples. There will be hymns, communion, scripture, imposition of the ashes, and a quiet meditation to open our hearts and minds to the presence of God. Please make a reservation for this meaningful service by signing up on the reservation sheet in the Narthex, or contacting Emily Holmes at 817-304-7280 or peholmes@gmail.com.

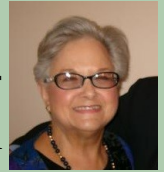
Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 3 Bridge, 10AM
- Feb. 4 Bible Study, 10AM
Trinity Mission Birthday Party, 2 PM
- Feb.19 Book Circle – The Great Alone, Kristin Hannah, 10AM
- Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday & White Breakfast, 8:30 AM - A Lenten Breakfast for the entire congregation. RSVP to Emily Holmes, 817-304-7280 or peholmes@gmail.com



Fellowship

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Installation of Rev. Brenda Church

February will be a joyful month for Fellowship. Our Associate Pastor, Rev. Brenda Church, will be installed on Sunday, February 16th at 4:00 PM. We are in the planning stages of the fellowship celebrations for that exciting occasion! We will have guests from Grace Presbytery, Palo Duro Presbytery (where Brenda moved from), Brenda's family and friends, and all of us! More information will be coming soon.

Small Group Fellowship Dinners

[Small Group Fellowship Dinners](#) will be re-starting in February. Many of our new members have signed up as well as those of us who just enjoy getting together. This is one of the most enjoyable ways to get to know fellow church members. If you want to participate but were not able to add your name to the Sign-Up Sheet while it was in the narthex, call or email Linda Allen at 432-290-3506 or lindaallen33047@gmail.com.

Lent

Wednesday, February 26 marks the first day of Lent and the first Sunday in Lent will be March 1st. Plans have not been finalized as to how we will celebrate the Lenten season, but more information will be out soon.

SAUSAGE MUFFINS

1 cup Bisquick
1 lb cooked sausage, drained
4 beaten eggs
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Mix all ingredients. Bake in greased muffin tins at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes.
You can adjust recipe by using Gluten Free Bisquick, turkey sausage, or Egg Beaters.
(Great for a quick make-ahead breakfast. Freezes well)

Associate Pastor

Rev. Brenda Church

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As a child, I was very aware of Groundhog's Day. Of course, I believed that this groundhog shadow thing was the real deal...something you could hang your hat on. I can remember crossing my fingers, my legs, and every other crossable part of my body hoping that Punxsutawney Phil would not cast a shadow so that my beloved Spring would be nearer on the horizon. But it seemed that almost always, he did cast a shadow and would then hastily retreat to his den proclaiming Winter alive and well. Google says that, historically, Phil has only predicted early Spring about 15% of the time. My Google search revealed that my childhood disappointment was warranted.

As much as those of us who love Spring yearn for it...how much more do those of us who love the Lord yearn for his return! The hard parts of life often seem darker and colder than the darkest and coldest winter day...so we look for relief! We long for Christ to bring about the promised Kingdom. Scripture tells us that no one knows the day or time... that we are always to be prepared for Christ's return. Scripture also tells us that Christ is tarrying so that more might come to know and receive him as Savior. God does not will that any should perish. So great is God's patience and love for humanity!

The good news is that we get to do more than just wait! We have important and exciting work to do in the meantime. As Christ's disciples, we are called to share the Good News of Christ with all we meet. Our smiles, our love, our compassion, and our faith stories are great ways that we convey the wonder of God's love! Surely God could bring about God's will in regard to humanity in the twinkling of an eye, but God allows us to join into the wonderful work of sharing our faith...the reason for the hope that we have! We are right to look forward to Spring and to Christ's coming...but both are likely a ways off. So, in the meantime, let us be sure not to retreat back into the safety of our dens... but rather, let us boldly go into the world around us and point others in the direction of our Lord. It's what we are called to do!

--Brenda

Membership

Brenda Staples, elder

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Walk-ins are Welcome

Jesus said in John 1:29-42 to those seeking him.....

What are you looking for?

If you meet a friend, acquaintance, or newcomer to Granbury seeking Christ (We are reportedly in the ninth fastest growing county in the nation), please share what exciting things are happening as "We do church together" at 303 W. Bridge Street. Give them the good news from Christ in John 1:39.....

Come and See.

Outreach and Mission

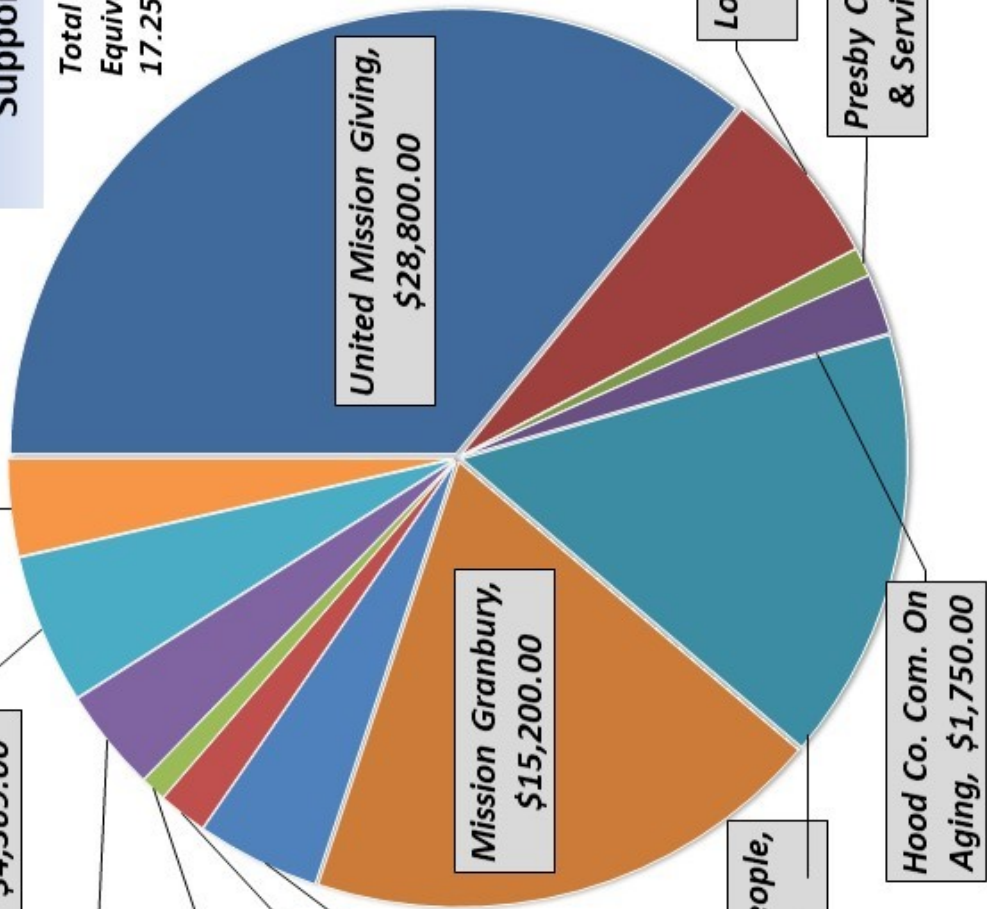
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OUTREACH

**First Presbyterian Church
Mission & Outreach
Supported in 2019**

**Total of \$80,355.00,
Equivalent to approximately
17.25% of Operating Budget**
*(Total includes
Mission & Outreach
Budget and Special
Offerings.)*





Gift Card Shower for

JACKSON HENRY KENNEDY

SON OF MATT AND ANDREA

Just one request, we hope it's not hard.
Please bring Jack a book in place of a card.
By signing your book, we'll remember & share
Your special gift even when you're not there!

FEB 15 @ 2 PM **FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Administration

Roy Schoeneman, elder
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VOLUNTEER
TO
HELP

Volunteers Needed: Our video streaming ministry needs your help. We are now streaming BOTH services each Sunday. This allows our members (and friends near and far) to watch along at home on YouTube or Facebook when they can't be with us in person. We are also able to stream our service in Memorial Hall, Fellowship Hall, and the Nursery.

We need help in the following areas: sound system, streaming start/end, and remote control of the camera (this literally means you can sit in your pew and push a button on a remote to move the camera to the right position). If you are tech savvy, or even just a WILLING volunteer, we would love to have your help.

If interested, or you want to learn more, please call, text, or email Emily Graham at 817-578-5420, wwemilygraham@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:45 AM First Service 10:00 AM Church School 10:15 AM Annual Congregation Meeting 11:00 AM Second Service	27 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI- Anon	28 3:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Disciples Bible Study	29 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM PW CC's Carry-On's 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	30 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Yoga Class (\$7.00) 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles	31	1
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2020 First Presbyterian, Granbury Elders

Administration, Roy Schoeneman

Christian Education, Nancy Bennett

Clerk of Session, Mike Gulinson

Congregational Care, Annelle Teal

Property, Derek Faulkner

Fellowship, Linda Allen

Long-Range Planning, Jerry Althouse

Membership, Brenda Staples

Outreach & Mission, Bianca Brownfield

Stewardship, Jack Gilmore

Ushering, Ruth Ann Collins

Worship, Julie Dean

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