

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

April, 2023

A Note From The Mission Study Committee

THE ROAD TO A NEW PASTOR



Mission Study Committee:

- Selected
- Meeting with each other
- Meeting with congregation



Mission Study Report:

- Completed
- Approved by Session
- Approved by Presbytery



Pastor Nominating Committee:

- Selected
- Meeting with each other



Pastor Nominating Committee:

- Create Mission Information Form
- Review Applicants
- Interview Candidates

Your voice and participation are vital in the work of hiring a new pastor to lead FPC Granbury. Please consider the following prompts when responding via congregational meeting, email submission, or chat with a Mission Study Committee member.

Who Are We? *(John 15:1-17)*

Like every church, FPC Granbury has its own identity. This identity comes from our history, membership, leadership, and relationship with our community and beyond.

What are some of the ways our church defines itself? What do you see as the strengths of our church? In what ways do specific activities or programs you may be involved show the community who we are? Is this the image we want to promote of ourselves within the community?

Who Are We Called To Be? *(Romans 12:9-21)*

The calling of a new minister provides the opportunity to look not only at where we've been, but also where God is leading us. Covid shutdown and its effects, growth in our community, and changes in the needs of our congregation can affect our church's ministries and programs.

Are there needs within our congregation or community that FPC Granbury should address? Are there any specific issues that you feel God is calling us to address? If this congregation is to thrive (and not just survive), what programs should we bolster? Eliminate? Create?

Where is God Calling Us To Go? *(Matthew 28:16-20)*

Matthew 28:16-20 concludes with Jesus telling his disciples to "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

With God's help, what possibilities do you see in our church? What message would you give to a new minister about what our church could become with his or her help?

Join us in conversation

April 13, 6 pm; April 14, 10 am,
or April 23rd following service.

All meetings in Fellowship Hall.

// 2023 MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE
JIM WALLIS, NANCY BENNETT, LINDA ALLEN, EMILY GRAHAM, DARIN SMITH

RESPONSES MAY BE SENT TO: MISSIONSTUDYCOMMITTEE@FPCGRANBURY.ORG

Worship

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – April 2nd 10:00AM Maundy Thursday— April 6th 12:00PM Good Friday – April 7th 7:00PM
Easter Sunday – April 9th 10:00AM Bring flowers for the Flowering of the Cross.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase a lily to be placed in our church sanctuary on honor of or in memory of a loved one on Easter, please fill out the form below. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church Granbury and designate it for “Easter Lily.” Please order by April 4th.

Number of lilies ordered: _____

Cost each: _____ x12.50

Total enclosed: _____

Given by: _____

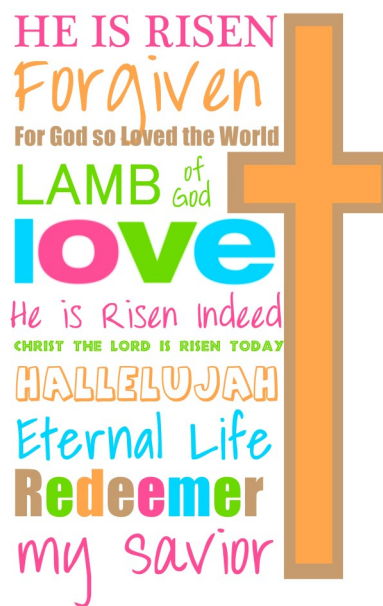
In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Worship Attendance February & March

| | <u>10:00 AM</u> | <u>On Line Views</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| February 26 | 108 | 45 |
| March 5 | 120 | 32 |
| March 12 | 94 | 29 |
| March 19 | 102 | 49 |
| March 26 | 108 | 38 |

*April Elder of the Month
Terry Worcester*



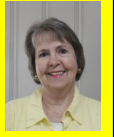
**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

Please remember to **lock all doors**, if you are the last person to leave any of the FPC Buildings, for all our safety!

One service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The Session will continue to monitor our attendance and assess the need for a second service and we will continue to listen to the needs and opinions of the congregation on this matter.

Prayer of the Month

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This is a beautiful time of the year! As we look around, we see bare trees producing leaves. We also see blooms on wisteria, redbud trees and on our state flower, the Bluebonnet! Birds have been catching my eye also. I've seen house wrens heading to and from the birdhouses, hanging from our porch, and bluebirds at our martin houses. Animals have been creating new lives, and I've seen calves in two pastures I frequently drive by. You're probably also noticing all the amazing sights of nature that God created.

But the best part of spring is that we will soon be celebrating Easter. We need to stop and ponder the real meaning of Easter.

Dear Lord, we thank you for saving us from our sins. Your death and resurrection mean forgiveness. You suffered more pain, more sorrow, more shame, and more grief than we can imagine. Help us remember it was because of your love and mercy. Help us be good Christians, and help us remember to share your love with others.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Stewardship

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As we proceed into this season of Lent, we look forward to Easter when we shout out Christ is Risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia! These cherished words proclaim more than just the victory Jesus had on that day he arose from the dead. They also signal for us the start of a new life, a fresh beginning in our earthly pilgrimage as followers of Christ. As scripture tells us, ***"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."*** (Romans 6:3-4)

From Jesus' resurrection, our lives can take on a new trajectory, a turn away from the everyday world that is often beset with flaws and disappointment to the joy and fulfillment of the kingdom of God. As we travel along this reinforced spiritual journey, our lives progressively align with the purposes and mission of God.

One might ask, what does the resurrection have to do with stewardship? The fact is that the rewards and implications of the resurrection to each of us as Christian Stewards are plentiful. For instance, we might find ourselves:

Re-assessing the meaning and value of our time, talents, and treasure, the things that give us a perceived sense of security and self worth. Through the resurrection, Jesus is the source of our security and self worth, not worldly possessions.

Contributing more of our God-given gifts back to the church and charity. Jesus frees us from the grip that our possessions can have on us, thereby enabling us to give back more freely.

Drawing closer to family, friends and others. True wealth is measured by the love and comfort we give and receive from others, as well as from God.

May our lives as Christian Stewards be more fully enriched with the upcoming celebration of the resurrection. Alleluia!



Presbyterian Women

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Mo Ranch Women's Conference May 19th—21st

A conference for women to come together, build relationships, Worship, and do fun activities.

Cost \$240 per participant with PW contribution.
Additional scholarships available upon request.

Contact Nancy Worcester to sign up @ 817-578-0478

Property Committee

Terry Worcester, Elder
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To begin with, let me wholeheartedly thank all of you for your prayers and concerns and even food! I want to make a special thank you to Jimmie Johnson and Tim Bennett for going all the way to Flower Mound to retrieve my truck. Not only that, but they filled up the tank! What do people do without a church family?

In case you haven't heard what happened, I was helping my older daughter Janice put in a new dishwasher. Her house has an upstairs kitchen, and I was taking the old one down the patio stairs. My feet slipped out from under me, and I tumbled down the stairs, breaking my wrist in two places and conking my head. Luckily the tiny brain bleed has absorbed, my arm is in a big cast, and I probably have six weeks of rehab ahead. Thank you all again for everything. I hope to be back among you soon.

The library project is in full swing. The room outside the pastor's office and the library is complete, with the exception of cleaning carpets, and moving in. We hope to be finished by the end of the week. The last major project I'm working on is the fellowship hallway door addition to the children's wing, which will be complete within a couple of weeks. I have recently discovered that instead of bats in the belfry we have squirrels in the bell tower! That will be the next project.

If you would be interested in serving on the property committee with me, please give me a call at 817-408-5588. There will be much to do in the coming months.

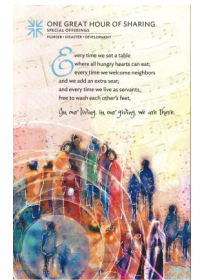
Outreach and Mission

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Happy Easter Everyone!

The One Great Hour of Sharing donation envelopes will be included with the bulletin on Palm Sunday. You can give your offering on either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Donations to One Great Hour of Sharing support PCUSA Outreach through three programs, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Your gift will help to improve the lives of people in challenging situations.



Our service project in the Granbury Housing Authority will be “breaking ground” in the next weeks. (Literally ...Breaking Ground). We had seven residents respond. We will begin with a work-day preparing the flower beds and then proceeding on with the planting. If you would like to be involved in this project, please let me know.

Habitat for Humanity lunches continue to be well attended and greatly appreciated. We have been serving 30-35 Habitat volunteers. Our next lunch will be April 19. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex. Thanks to all who participate in this program.



The next Habitat for Humanity lunch is
Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

The Labyrinth Lowdown

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The Shanley Park Board met on March 15th, and FPC Labyrinth Team Members Marla Caraway, Darin Smith, and Susan Younk were there to present information on our hopes for the labyrinth. The board was provided materials that included pictures of what the labyrinth would look like, construction specifications, an arial view of our first and second choice locations for the labyrinth, and some FAQs about labyrinths in general. A brief history of FPC was included, as well as a synopsis of our intent for dedicating the labyrinth to the community. We were met with great Enthusiasm, and all board members agreed that our first-choice location would be the most favorable for them as well, pending verification that the spot is indeed Shanley (Bi-Centennial) Park owned, which it is believed to be. Earlier in the month, Marla Caraway met with Mayor Jim Jarrett to discuss our progress and next steps. Mayor Jarrett stated that we have the full support of the city for any resources we need. We are now awaiting the formal approval of the site. Once that has been proclaimed as a site we can build on, we will begin to get bids on costs. Stay tuned!!



KIDQUAKE

FRIDAY EVENING TO SUNDAY MORNING

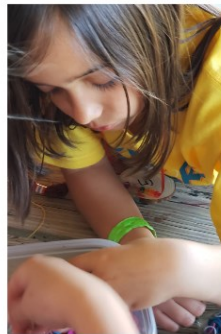
Our Embry, Bunny and Sabrina went to KidQuake in Glen Rose. If you aren't familiar, it's a Spring camp for elementary school kids. There were about 60 kids from different churches in Grace Presbytery.



The theme was: Are You Ready For a Miracle? From 3 New Testament passages, the kids learned that it's important to say "Thank You" to God, to be a good friend and to have faith!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

A hike up the hill, a nature walk among wildflowers, and a little archery.



No one makes crafts better than our kids!!

CRAFT ACTIVITIES



THE KIDS LED WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNING



They worked in small groups and each of them read their part very well.



THE KIDS HAD A GREAT TIME AND ARE NOW EXPERIENCED CAMPERS!!



SEWING CIRCLE

The sewing circle will **not** be meeting this month due to the Spring Rummage sale.

FUN CIRCLE

The FUN circle will be meeting on **April 26th at 10am.** at the **Granbury Community Garden** on 1410 W. Pearl St. The garden is behind the annex. We have a couple of Master Gardeners that are going to take us on a tour of the garden and talk to us about gardens and what plants work best in our area. **After the program we will going to Big O's restaurant for lunch.**

RUMMAGE SALE

Spring is in the air, and it's once again time to clean out closets, cabinets, storage sheds, garages and attics.

The sale will take place on April 21st, 8am to 5pm and 8am to 2pm on the 22nd.

Setup will begin on Sunday April 16th after church with the tables and clothing racks.

We will be accepting donations from Monday April 17th – April 19th between 8am to 5pm and on Thursday April 20th between 8am and noon.

Please bring your donations *before* that Thursday noon deadline so in the afternoon we can finish pricing and final setup. You'll see inserts in the Sunday bulletins over the next few Sundays with attached volunteer sign-up sheets that you can fill out and put in the offering plate.

We cannot accept electronics, copiers, large appliances, mattresses, large heavy furniture (we have to save the backs of our volunteers), and please save your Fall and Christmas decorations for the October rummage sale.

If you need items picked up, please call Beverly McKusick at 512-538-5966 to schedule a pickup. We are restricting our pickup area to a 10 mile radius from the church. We need help from both men and women as usual. If you have a couple of hours or a couple of days to volunteer, we would appreciate everything you could do to help.



PW BOOK CIRCLE
title for April 19 is
“The Vanishing Half”
by Brit Bennett
Discussion lead by
Sherry Johnson



Congregational Care

Susan Younk Kidd, elder
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| 2 Thomas Bennett | 21 Dolores Goodall | 9 Jim and Julie Dean |
| 3 Jackson Briese | Sallie Garland | 16 Don and Beverly Williams |
| 7 Deanna Haltom | 24 Michael Gulinson | 30 Kenneth and Juanita Morgan |
| Mike Christopher | 25 Dolores A. Groom | |
| 8 Earl Haberkamp | James Witt | |
| 9 Benjamin Brownfield | 26 Terry Worcester | |
| 10 Linda Nolan | 27 Claudia Southern | |
| 13 Bill Brownfield | Linda Somerville | |
| 14 John Copeland | 29 Lynne Schoeneman | |
| Margie Randles | 30 Dennie Treat | |
| 20 Levi Luersen | Jerry Long | |



AT HOME AND/OR RECEIVING TREATMENT

Dave Barnett, Julie Barnett, Rita Hart, Rene Metcalf,
Theda Deaver, Bill Wood, Sharon Wilemon, Carol Gadbois,



Our sympathy to Juanita and Ken Morgan on the passing of Juanita's daughter, Janis Thornton.

Ann Sparks, daughter of deceased member Elaine Sparks, passed away February 16 and is interred in the church Columbarium.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS:

For those hurting and in pain, we ask your blessing and your healing. We also ask your blessing for the caretakers, struggling to help their loved ones with patience and perseverance. Give them strength for the days ahead, and help them to feel your love and grace. In Christ we pray.

If you know of anyone who needs to be contacted for a care or concern, please email me at susanyouнк@gmail.com or contact the church office.
If you need transportation to a doctor's appointment, etc. please contact the church office, Tim Bennett, Dan Crise, or Susan Younk. We are pleased to help!

AT CARE/RETIREMENT FACILITIES

Anchor Away, Crowley

Maureen Walker

Waterview at Lake Granbury

Ted Dolan, Nita Collinsworth

AVIVA Granbury

Dolores Groom, John Cheney, Lorraine Schmitz

Prestonwood Court, Plano

Linda Reed

Town Village Crossing, Arlington

Linda Bowlin

Rosemont, Humble TX

Betty Dean

Martin Crest, A.L., Weatherford

Dee Holt

Bridgewater Memory Care, Granbury

Bill Lowe

Lewisville Estates, Lewisville

Fran Smith

Harbor Lakes

Marina Kuyl

CONCERNS FOR OUR EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

- **Joyce**, sister of Marijane Harvey, as she experiences severe health issues.
- **CJ Cluck**, grandson of Beverly McKusick, on his continued cancer recovery.
- **Jim Dean's** parents and sister as they navigate multiple health issues.
- **Earnestine Sutherland**, who is receiving cancer treatments.
- **The Ukrainian family** that has been part of Marla Caraway's daughter's life.
- **Joan Smethers**, sister of Max Jewell, as she seeks treatment for lung cancer and **Miles**, grandson of the Jewells .
- **Bonnie** and **Andrea**, friends of Judy Butler, experiencing health issues and cancer
- **Dave Kennison**, friend of the Gulinsons, as he recovers from a series of strokes.
- **Terry Martin** (Sylvia Hickey) as he deals with cancer treatments.
- **Wanda Langston** friend of Susan and Tim Kidd, as she navigates health issues resulting from a stroke.

CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Marina Kuyl who is receiving hospice care at Harbor Lakes.

Gardner Davis as he battles multiple health issues from long-term COVID.

Dave Barnett as he deals with multiple health issues.

Julie Barnett As she recovers from gallbladder surgery.

Rita Hart as she deals with the effects of a brain tumor.

Carol Gadbois as she deals with multiple health issues. Carol and Bob's great-grandson, 1 months old, also needs your prayers as he deals with a very serious health condition.

Claire Mitchell Copeland who has multiple health issues.

Lorraine Schmitz as she receives Hospice care Aviva Assisted Living.

Rick and Marla Caraway as deal with Rick's father's health issues.

Richard McCarthy as he seeks treatment for eye care.

Mary Lee McCarthy as she recovers from back surgery.

Ted and Trish Gollar as he deals with the effects of a brain tumor.

Donna Callahan as she deals with multiple health issues.

Larry Walker as he deals with health issues.

Theda Deaver as she navigates declining health.

Sandi Ricketson as she navigates health issues.

Priscilla and Larry Allen on the death of Priscilla's brother, Clyde Phillips.

Dennie Treat as she prepares for surgery to remove a kidney stone.

Reann McHaney as she deals with health issues.

Faith Goodman as she goes through cancer treatments.

Ann McLaughlin as she deals with health issues.

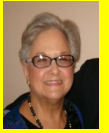
Max Jewell as he recovers from hip surgery and other complications.

Stephanie Mosley who will have hip surgery on April 14th. Prayers for a successful surgery!

Terry Worcester as he recovers from injuries from a fall.

Fellowship

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Holy Week, one of the most anticipated times during the religious calendar, starts with Palm Sunday. This year it will be on April 2nd.

To celebrate Palm Sunday and to begin Holy Week, the Fellowship Committee would like to have our first “Fellowship, Food, and Fun” potluck dinner. It will be at 5:30 PM on Sunday, April 2nd, and the theme will be Italian food. We will have a different food theme every month.

No one needs to RSVP. It doesn’t matter if we have a big crowd or a small crowd. The goal is to fellowship and have fun!

We encourage you to bring an Italian dish and a game that we can enjoy playing together. We can have several games going on at once. Don’t forget the games for the kids.

Another event that we enjoy in April is our Easter Coffee. There will be sweet breads, sausage rolls, fruit, juice, etc. in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School time on Easter Sunday. I will try to have it ready by 8:30 AM. (I don’t know if the Sunday School classes will happen that morning or not.)



Here’s an easy Italian recipe that you can cook in your slow cooker.

SAUSAGE AND PENNE

¾ lb Italian sausage links cut into bite-size pieces
1 red pepper, chopped
½ onion chopped
26 oz jar spaghetti sauce
6 oz pkg penne pasta, cooked



Stir together all ingredients except pasta in a slow cooker. Cover and cook on low setting for 7 to 8 hours. At serving time, stir in cooked pasta. Makes 4 servings. Serve with garlic bread and a salad.

He is Risen!

April 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 26 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook - Rev. Tim Kidd | 27 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon | 28 10:00am - 11:30am The Church Sings It's Faith - Bible Study - Priscilla Allen - MH | 29 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 4:30pm - 6:00pm Choir Practice - Memorial Hall 6:00pm - 7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal - FH | 30 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH | 31 | 1 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH |
| 2 Palm Sunday - Passion Sunday - Rev. Tim Kidd 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook 5:30pm Fellowship, Food, and Fun Potluck - Fellowship Hall | 3 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon | 4 10:00am - 11:00am Bible Study - FH 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bible Study - FH | 5 10:00am Mission and Outreach - Fellowship Hall 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 1:00pm - 2:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm - 6:00pm Choir Practice - Memorial Hall | 6 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH 12:00pm - 1:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service - Sanctuary - Rev. Jimmie Johnson 5:00pm Interim Search Committee - Admin | 7 7:00pm - 8:00pm Good Friday Service - Rev. Jimmie Johnson | 8 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH |
| 9 Easter Sunday - Rev. Jimmie Johnson 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook | 10 9:00am Monthly Property Meeting - Square Cafe 1:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Hall - Pecan Bookmarks 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon | 11 9:00am - 12:00pm Granbury Knitting Guild - FH 10:00am - 11:00am Membership Meeting - Admin Building | 12 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 4:30pm - 6:00pm Choir Practice - Memorial Hall | 13 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH 6:00pm Mission Study Conversation - Fellowship Hall | 14 10:00am Mission Study Conversation - Fellowship Hall | 15 8:30am - 12:00pm Granbury Writers Bloc - Greg Gifford - FH 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH |
| 16 Rummage sale set up after worship 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook - Rev. Sherrolyn Weed | 17 7:30am - 4:30pm Church office closed today! 9:00am - 5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up - Fellowship Hall Closed 5:30pm Session - Admin Building | 18 9:00am - 5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up - Fellowship Hall Closed 5:30pm Session - Admin Building | 19 9:00am - 5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up - Fellowship Hall Closed 10:00am Book Circle - Admin Building - Vanishing Half 10:00am - 11:00am Habitat for Humanity - Admin Building 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building | 20 Bridge Articles Due 9:00am - 5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up - Fellowship Hall Closed 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH | 21 8:00am - 5:00pm Rummage Sale 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH | 22 8:00am - 5:00pm Rummage Sale 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH |
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Watch for changes to the current calendar on our website [FPCGranbury.com](https://fpcgranbury.com) and Click on Calendar at the top of the page. Or click on the link below <https://fpcgranbury.org>

The church office is open Monday — Thursday, 7:30 — 4:30.



Celebrating Birthdays

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To celebrate your birthday (or that of a family member or friend), and in thanksgiving for God's gift of grace, please consider making a gift of your own, in the amount of \$1 for each year of your (or your honoree's) life, to sustain the permanent endowment funds of the church.

To:

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