

# The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

May, 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

## The Next Step

On April 29, the Mission Study Committee met for a full day to discuss, organize, and draw conclusions from the data we gathered in our congregational meetings, the community demographics we researched, our historical membership data, and our compiled information about the programs and activities of our church.

The Mission Study Committee hopes to have their report ready for the Session to review at their regular May meeting. In addition to Session approval, the report must also be approved by Grace Presbytery.

## But When Do We Get A Pastor?

There's no easy answer to this question. Once the Mission Study Report is complete, the Pastor Nominating Committee will begin their work. Please be patient as each step is carefully and thoughtfully completed. The volunteers on these committees are taking special care to do their part in the process of finding the right Pastor to serve at First Presbyterian Church.

## The Meetings

The Mission Study Committee held three sessions for congregational input.

About 45 members were present to voice their opinions in these meetings.

*Thank you!*

## Membership Engagement





## We Need Your Help

### Communion Guild Volunteers Needed

Preparing the sacraments for communion is a wonderful way to serve God and our congregation. It does not require much of a time commitment. Each month Communion Guild members prepare Communion and clean up after the service. The preparation is usually done the day before in the Memorial Hall Sacristy. Communion is usually done the first Sunday of the month and happens more often in the months when Christmas and Easter occur. We need two guild members to sign up for each month. Training and written instructions are provided. The next training session is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>.

If this is something you would like to help with, please contact *Margaret Gulinson*: Phone/Text: 214-868-7455 or [mgulinson@gmail.com](mailto:mgulinson@gmail.com).

### Sunday Live-Stream Camera Operator

Our Sunday morning service is streamed live on YouTube to serve the members of our congregation that are unable to attend in person. This is a ministry of caring, especially for our shut-in members. Currently, we have three dedicated volunteers covering the four Sundays each month (one covers two Sundays each month). They share coverage for a fifth Sunday of the month. It would be a big help to have two or three additional volunteers to help out.

If this is something you would like to help with, please contact *Bianca Brownfield*: Phone/Text: 817-751-2319 or [biancabrownfield@gmail.com](mailto:biancabrownfield@gmail.com).

### Funeral Guild Volunteers Needed

Assisting the family at a loved one's funeral is a meaningful way to serve God and our congregation. This entails arriving about an hour before the funeral service and preparing Memorial Hall for the family by making coffee and checking that the Sanctuary is set up for the service. You will need to greet family members, escort them to the Sanctuary for the service, then lead them to Fellowship Hall or Memorial Hall after the service. Afterward, you will need to see that the Sanctuary and Memorial Hall are tidied up.

If this is something you would like to help with, please contact *Pat Luley*: Phone/Text: 817-776-1481 or [paluley@gmail.com](mailto:paluley@gmail.com).

## Worship Attendance April

### May Elder of the Month

*Craig Lacy*

	<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>On Line Views</u>
April 2	<b>108</b>	<b>35</b>
April 9	<b>120</b>	<b>26</b>
April 16	<b>107</b>	<b>52</b>
April 23	<b>78</b>	<b>45</b>

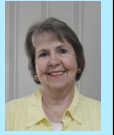


**Please** remember to **lock all doors**, if you are the last person to leave any of the FPC buildings, for all our safety!

**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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We all have problems and challenges, and sometimes they feel like more than we can handle... But with God's help we can endure more than we think we can. When we look around, we see others who have worse problems.

I was very inspired by the story in the Hood County News of a 16-year-old high school student, Trevor Vossler. He was seriously injured in an automobile accident that resulted in the amputation of both legs. His upbeat attitude and faith in God are helping him cope and persevere. He has a long road ahead, but he expects to return to a very active life.

I know of others with physical challenges. Bev McKusick's grandson, C.J. Cluck, lost part of his leg due to cancer. With his prosthesis he plays soccer, and he recently went roller skating. Justin Rarick, an elementary student at the school where I worked, was born with no arms. One leg is shorter than the other, so he wore a prosthetic leg. He wrote with his feet and was able to play the drums. Our neighbor, in his late 70s, lost part of his leg a few years ago. You wouldn't know it to see him walk unless you saw his prosthesis. It doesn't keep him from working constantly in his yard.

Dear God, when we have challenges and problems, help us realize some people have worse problems than we do. And if we experience severe challenges, help us remember that, with your help, others have gone through and adjusted well to some very serious circumstances. With your help, we will be able to handle our challenges also. Thank you for always being there to help us. In Christ's name, Amen.



## Stewardship

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Heavenly Father, we come to you in gratitude in knowing that all we are and that all we have are gifts from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. Help us to be more focused on loving and caring for those in need and be less preoccupied with material things we covet for ourselves.

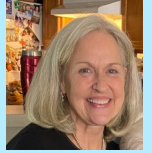
Help us to hear your call to be good stewards of all your abundance by using it productively for your purposes. Help us to benevolently, generously, and joyfully share the talents, treasures, and time that you have entrusted to each of us for your purposes.

Help us to organize, plan, and serve our church, community, and outside world in our ministry that may bear witness to our faithful stewardship in bringing your message to those we serve with a joyful spirit of love and giving.

We pray these things with grateful hearts in our spirit of stewardship for all our blessings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.





## General Meeting – May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM Potluck luncheon

Please plan to attend our May meeting. In addition to a guest speaker, we will have election of officers for the 2023-2024 Coordinating team. Nominations are:

Moderator – Nancy Worcester

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Moderator, Programs – Nancy Bennett

Historian – Kay McMillan



## Mo Ranch Women's Conference – May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

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

Cost with PW scholarship: \$240

This year's conference theme is *Shalom of Life* based on Jeremiah 29.

Workshops include:

YOU are the environment!

Prayer Beads

Collage for the Soul

Being Grandparents after the Pandemic

Yoga Practice

Watercolor for Peace of Mind

Exploring Faith Through Journaling

G3: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old

Immersive Gratitude

Introduction to the Enneagram

Learning to Conduct Renewal Groups

A Journey through Quilting

Stand Up Paddleboarding

The Spirituality of Grief

Watercolor for Peace of Mind

Archery

Inspiring Generations through your Legacy Story

AWE: The Science of Wonder and How It Impacts Your Everyday Spiritual Life

Physical and Emotional Well-being in Retirement

Please contact Nancy Worcester (817-578-0478) ASAP to sign up for the Women's conference.



# Outreach and Mission

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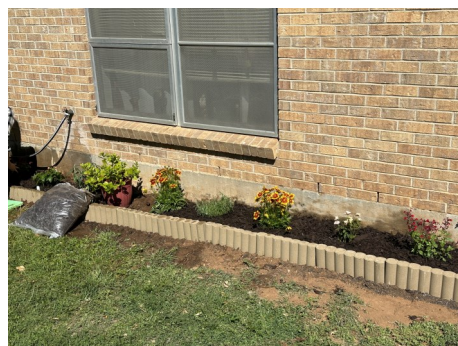
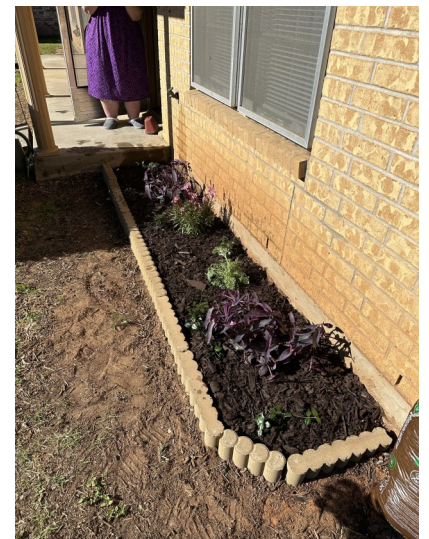
**A**pril was a very busy month for Outreach & Mission. We provided 48 hams and 32 Easter baskets for the residents of the Housing Authority. We also prepared and planted five flower beds for the five residents who placed a request. You can see the results of our labor and maybe even the smiles on our faces. The workers were blessed with seeing and hearing the smiles and appreciation of the residents. It was a worthwhile service project and some good exercise as a bonus.

April is also the month when we honor the Case Workers in the Department of Family and Protective Services Office here in Granbury. We stocked the break room with bottled water and snacks for children who are receiving services. On April 25th, the Outreach & Mission Committee prepared breakfast for the staff. The case managers were very appreciative of our efforts in recognizing the service they provide daily to families and children of Hood County.

Wednesday, May 17, will be the last lunch for Habitat for Humanity workers until September. The Habitat workers take a break during the hot summer months. The sign-up sheet for the May lunch will be in the Narthex on Sundays, May 7 and 14. Thank you to all who work so diligently in providing the food for these dedicated workers. It is very much appreciated.

If anyone has an interest in participating with us in any of our mission events, please do not hesitate to speak to me or any committee member. The committee members deserve a BIG Thank You for all their work in these projects. They are Saunya Bishop, Bianca Brownfield, Julie Dean, Maryjane Harvey, Kathy Long, and Beverly McKusick. A special Thank You to Jamie Sanders, Earl Darne', and Jerry Long for their work on the flower beds.

Hope everyone enjoys the beautiful springtime weather.



# Christian Education

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The Christian Education Committee is working hard on many projects.

Our **Children's Sunday School** class is going well with Nancy Worcester and Nancy Bennett leading the children in songs, art, and biblical verses and stories, preparing for Spring curriculum and fun.

**Adult Sunday School** is progressing well, too. **Men's Bible Study** and the **PW Bible Study** is moving right along.

Changes are coming for **Vacation Bible School**. The members of the CE Committee have agreed that we need something a little different this year. We are planning one Sunday each month from May through August to have lunch for the kids, have some fun and games, include Bible story time, maybe a visit to the park, possibly go to a children's movie, or some other fun activity. We also want to encourage parents to take this time to go to lunch together and enjoy this 3 hours "off" time. Please look for the final dates, times, and plans for this **"Kid's Time!"**

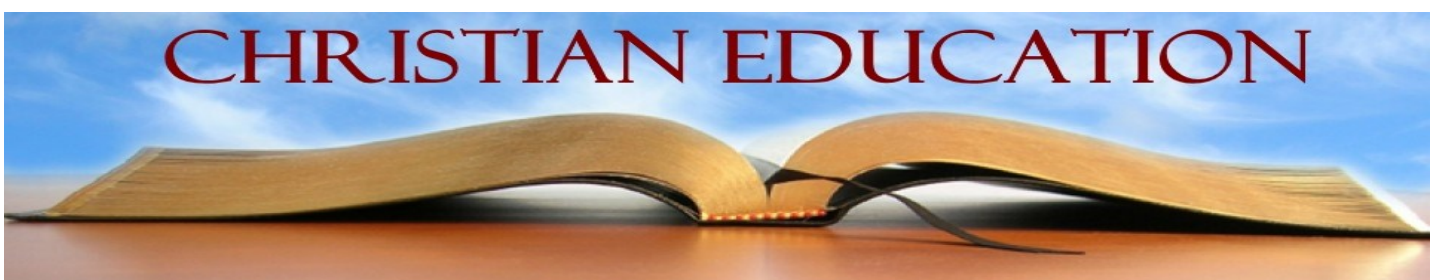


The **library project** is in full swing – bookshelves are constructed, stained, and varnished. There are some decisions being made about replacing or re-stretching the carpet. But overall, the library is ready to move the books back in.

Prior to Brenda Wilkinson's passing, she heard that we were looking for some gently used furniture for the library and pastor's conference room. I met with her in October at her storage building, and the things she had were amazing. We agreed to meet after the holidays, but unfortunately, Brenda passed away. I contacted Garland, Brenda's son, and he and his wife, Melinda, will be meeting us on, Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, to choose some things that might work for us. If you have been working on the library project, you should have received an email from me to come, and bring a strong man, a truck or trailer and help decide which furniture pieces will work best in the library.



**Please call - 817-894-9590 - and let me know if you are coming.**







**S**ummer is rapidly approaching, and all of our church organizations will be taking their summer break. May is our month for planning our programs for the 9 months after we start back up in September.

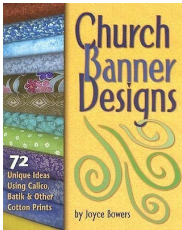
**Thank you** to all the volunteers and those who donated to the Spring Rummage Sale! It was a huge success, and it could never be done without everyone's help! The sale raised \$3,600.52.

**FUN CIRCLE**

The FUN circle will be meeting on **May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. This will be our planning meeting. Please come with ideas on what you would like to do or places to go. We will have a pot luck that day. Bring your favorite summer dish!



**SEWING CIRCLE**




The sewing circle will be meeting May 16th at 12:00, in Fellowship Hall. We are going to work on the new banner for the sanctuary. Bring a brown bag lunch if you would like.

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**PW BOOK CIRCLE**  
 May 17  
 Luncheon and Title Selection  
 10:00 am, Administration

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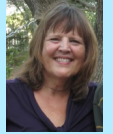


**SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS**

**Severe Weather Evacuation Plan:** The Safety Team recently received review and approval from Granbury Fire for a Severe Weather Evacuation Plan (Evac Plan) for the Sanctuary. Watch your Sunday bulletin for an insert detailing the evacuation route for the various seating sections within the Sanctuary. Also, watch for scheduling information on a planned practice drill of the Evac Plan. Any questions should be directed to Scoash Moore at [hmoore5876@gmail.com](mailto:hmoore5876@gmail.com) or text to 214-843-4233.

# Congregational Care

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| 3 | Pam Wurtz       | 10 | Stan Metcalf       | 5  | Richard and Mary Lee McCarthy |
|   | Kim Sullins     | 11 | David Teal         | 10 | David and Annelle Teal        |
|   | Nancy Worcester | 12 | John Briese        | 13 | Hank and Pamela Wurtz         |
| 4 | Reann McHaney   |    | Julie Dean         | 14 | Larry and Priscilla Allen     |
| 5 | Scott Wylie     | 13 | Lawson Allen       | 18 | Tony and Emily Graham         |
| 7 | Margie Reynolds | 16 | Lou Ann Attaway    | 22 | Charles and Bev McKusick      |
| 8 | Pat Luley       | 18 | Jimmie Johnson     | 23 | Earl and Connie Darne'        |
|   |                 | 20 | Carrie Davis       | 27 | Keith and Linda Nolan         |
|   |                 |    | Steve Wilmeth      | 28 | Marlin and Jan Massengale     |
|   |                 | 21 | Becky Kubiak-Price | 29 | Carl and Doris Dinkel         |
|   |                 | 25 | Ruth Ann Jewell    |    |                               |
|   |                 | 27 | Elizabeth Chandler |    |                               |
|   |                 |    | Linda Reed         |    |                               |
|   |                 |    | Paula Jenkins      |    |                               |
|   |                 | 29 | Brenda Hafner      |    |                               |
|   |                 | 30 | Jim Wallis         |    |                               |

## AT HOME AND/OR RECEIVING TREATMENT

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

Paul and Emily Holmes have moved.  
Their new address is: 3620 Dressage Ln.  
Flower Mound, TX 75022

We wish you God's best and know that you will be missed!

## 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](mailto: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**

- **Carol and Bob Gadbois** great grandson, 1 year old, needs prayers as he deals with a very serious health condition. Bob's sister, Toni Enos, has breast cancer and will be starting treatment.
- **The daughter of Faith Goodman**, who had tornado damage to their home in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- **Joyce**, sister of Marijane Harvey, as she recovers from 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, who has been very ill.
- **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.

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**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 and Julie Barnett** as they deal with multiple health issues.

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

**Carol Gadbois** as she deals with multiple health issues.

**Claire Mitchell Copeland** who has multiple health issues.

**Lorraine Schmitz** as she receives Hospice care Aviva Assisted Living.

**MaryLee McCarthy** will be having back surgery on the 15th.

**Mary Lee McCarthy** as she awaits back treatment.

**Ted and Trish Gollar** as they deal with the effects of Ted's 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.

**Reann McHaney** as she deals with health issues.

**Faith Goodman** as she goes through cancer treatments.

**Ann McLaughlin** as she deals with health issues.

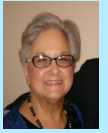
**Max Jewell** as he recovers from hip surgery and other complications.

**Stephanie Mosley** as she recovers from hip surgery.

**Brad Bell** as he recovers from a heart event.

## Fellowship

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Our next Fellowship, Food, and Fun event will be on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.** Our food theme for May will be Mexican food, so bring a potluck dish with a Mexican flair and any games you would like to play. I, for one, am hoping for a game of Scrabble!

Last month, for our first Fellowship, Food, and Fun event we had Italian food. Everyone enjoyed the food and especially the games and fellowship.

Ann Mitchell and I are already planning our summer picnic. She has invited us to have it at her lovely ranch again. This year we will be having potluck for our meal. It is scheduled for **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Hang on to this recipe for when we have Asian food month!

### **Asian Chicken Salad** (great for leftover chicken or turkey)

Half big bowl of shredded cabbage (bag of cabbage/slaw mix)  
2 c chicken (chopped)  
1 c sliced almonds  
1 c Craisens  
Diced red onion (as much as you like -I used about 1/3 cup)  
1/3 cup black sesame seeds  
1 cup loose cilantro leaves

Dressing: Put in food processor and blend all together

1/2 c olive oil  
1/3 c Balsamic vinegar  
1/4 c Soy Sauce  
2 pods minced garlic (or to taste)  
1/4 c honey  
Fresh ginger (1 1/2 inch peeled)  
1/4 c Sesame oil  
1/3 c water



## The Labyrinth Lowdown

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**WORLD LABYRINTH DAY** – Every year on the first Saturday of May thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. Many “Walk as One at 1” local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. This years WLD is May 6<sup>th</sup>. While FPC will not be sponsoring an event this year, there are ways to participate. There are several labyrinths in our area; First Methodist Church of Granbury, First Christian Church, St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, and Clark Gardens in Weatherford. Most are open to the public at all times, but it might be a good idea to check before you go.

If you are not able to participate in person, there is a virtual experience on that day through the World Labyrinth Society found at [ww.worldlabyrinthday.org](http://ww.worldlabyrinthday.org).

As we patiently continue our work on our Shanley Park labyrinth, we ask that you continue to pray for God’s guidance and wisdom for our team, for the Parks Board, and the City of Granbury. God is moving in His way but often not as quickly as we’d like. His time, not ours. Perhaps this is a great reminder for us to simply slow down and trust God’s timing. Maybe we could even walk a labyrinth!

‘Til next time, Your FPC Labyrinth Team



# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook - Rev. Jimmie Johnson	<b>1</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>2</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Bible Study - FH 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bible Study - FH	<b>3</b> 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	<b>4</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>7</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook 5:30pm Fellowship Food and Fun - Mexican Night! - Fellowship Hall	<b>8</b> 9:00am Monthly Property Meeting - Square Cafe 1:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Hall - Pecan Bookmarks 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>9</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Granbury Knitting Guild - FH 10:00am - 11:00am Memberships Meeting - Admin Building	<b>10</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm PEO Meeting - FH 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 4:30pm - 6:00pm Choir Practice - Memorial Hall	<b>11</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	<b>12</b> 10:30am - 11:30am Presbyterian Women's Meeting - Fellowship Hall 5:30pm - 00pm Grace Classical Academy - TBD	<b>13</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>14</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>15</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>16</b> 12:00pm - 3:00pm Sewing Circle - FH - Bring Lunch 5:30pm Session - Admin Building	<b>17</b> 10:00am Book Circle - Admin Building - Luncheon and Title Selection 10:00am - 11:00am Habitat for Humanity - Admin Building 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 4:30pm - 6:00pm Choir Practice - Memorial Hall	<b>18</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bridge Articles Due 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>21</b> 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>22</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00am FUN Circle - Fellowship Hall - Plan for next year 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building	<b>25</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 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.org) 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.





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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