

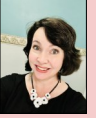
The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

May 2024

Pastor's Pen...

Rev. Angela Madden Scott, pastor



Dear Faith Family of Granbury,

Thank you for listening to the Spirit! I am thrilled with this call, and I invite you to join me in thanking God for the call to be in partnership together for Christ!

I love the cartoon I saw recently...

“This Software will help you manage stress ...as long as you don’t install it.” (Glasbergen.com cartoon)

1st John 5 NRSV: ⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God **have the testimony in their hearts**. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

What is the moment in the 5 verses that ‘gets you?’

Fascinates you. Bothers you. Troubles you. Thrills you. Haunts you. Disturbs you. Interests you. Jumps out to meet you.

Why does this moment get you?

Now. Change the subject from yourself to God. What do you know about God from this moment in the text that gets you?

Verse 10 is the moment in the 1 John 5 text that interests me. We, as believers in the family of God, have ‘the testimony’ in our hearts.

What on earth is that testimony?

Why is it important today, May 1, 2024, for us to know that we have this ‘testimony’ in our hearts?

Think about what it means for your life—that your heart has a testimony. Peace. Less anxiety. Reduction of stress about your future.

I saw on FB this week that we should ‘taste our words’ before using them. ***Is the heart’s testimony only in ‘words?’*** It seems that even when we fail to utter the ‘words’, our hearts give a testimony to the world about what we believe to be true. But to be a good ‘cook’, we have to taste our food.

As *Christian Century* magazine aptly claims...“We need to trust that God slips testaments of the truth into our hearts, just as a baker hides pinches of yeast in flour.” (Christian Century, May 16, 2012, page 20)

God is present in our hearts and in our lives. Our actions, our attitudes, our agendas, our purpose all reveal this intangible gift.

When have you had a difficult good-bye? Every hello, and every good-bye is a testimony. How we end things says a lot about what we believe. Similarly, how we begin things will pave the way for solid new relationships!

Commencements happen daily. These Sacred testimonial moments—as my friend Barbara poetically names them...**matter**. “In the midst of a generation screaming for answers, Christians are stuttering.” (Howard Hendricks, Shared on Sermon Illustrations). We miss opportunities to give meaning and witness to Christ in the midst of transitions and farewells. We miss giving ‘testimony’ from our hearts.

Continued....

In that vein, Jesus speaking of his disciples, prays “Holy Father, protect them... protect them from the evil one...sanctify them.” If you knew that this were your last day, how would you give witness/testimony to those around you?

Maybe the better question is what makes us ‘stutter?’

What keeps us stuttering over the ‘testimony’ in our hearts?

We live in a world filled with testimonies /messages of God-haters (Ibid).

“The kosmos testimony of the world says, “Take care of Number One. The kosmos testimony world says, “you only go around once, grab all the gusto you can get.”

The kosmos testimony world says, “the person who dies with the most toys wins.”

The kosmos testimony world says “money talks.”

(The kosmos world says “the ends justify the means.”) -Pastor Angela

The kosmos world says “what she doesn’t know won’t hurt her.”

The kosmos world says “you owe it to yourself.” (Ibid)

Then, Jesus prayed. “Holy Father, protect them...protect them from the evil one...sanctify them.” (John 17)

What makes us stutter in our commencement testimonials...our hellos, our good-byes, and our witness in the ‘in between’ times...

What keeps us from giving testimony about Christ? What keeps us from not listening to the Holy Spirit guiding us? What keeps us at arms length from Jesus?

What makes you stutter with evangelizing?

Who needs to hear the testimony inside your heart?

As we prepare to ‘commence’ the future that God has in store for us together, may we commit wholeheartedly to sharing the testimony hand-in-hand.

Blessings as we share it. Looking very forward to June 2, 2024 10 a.m. Worship, “Play the Ball where the Monkey Drops it!”

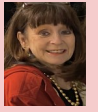
**See you then,
Pastor Angela**

**June 9, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
(Following morning Worship)**

Please join Jack, Major and me for Cupcakes and Ice cream to celebrate our son’s 15th birthday! We look very forward to continuing this tradition that we started when Major was an infant of celebrating his milestones with his Faith Family!

No gifts just a fun new memory together!





KIDQUAKE 2024

FRIDAY EVENING TO SUNDAY MORNING

In 2023, three of our girls went to camp for the first time. This year, they enjoyed showing the ropes to our four kindergarteners. They all had a great time, enjoying the songs, lessons, crafts and activities.



The theme was: Being Good Stewards of Creation: The creation story and ways that they can use their time and talents to care for our planet and repair the damage.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Teaching the little ones the rules of the cafeteria



Missions Project: Making hygiene bags for Disaster Assistance



CRAFT ACTIVITIES

WE CONTINUED THE TRADITION OF GIVING A BIBLE TO OUR FIRST TIME CAMPERS

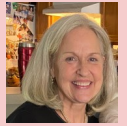


THESE SEVEN KIDS HAD A GREAT TIME AND NO ONE WAS READY FOR CAMP TO BE OVER. THEY ARE EXCITED TO GO TO SUMMER CAMP AT THE END OF JUNE

Thank you Bianca Brownfield for this article!

Presbyterian Women

Nancy Burks Worcester, moderator



MAY 10TH

10:30 AM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SPRING LUNCHEON

CONCERT BY
MELODY BELLES

CATERED LUNCH BY



ALL ARE WELCOME!

PLEASE RSVP

PAT LULEY 817-776-1481

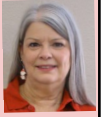
Presbyterian Women and the rummage sale committee want to thank everyone for all the help with the rummage sale. We had so many donations that the Fellowship hall was bursting at the seams. It was a wonderful predicament to be in. Fortunately, we had a lot of volunteers to help sort and price everything. Thank you to the people who brought us some fabulous lunches. You kept us nourished and going. We also want to thank the cleanup crew. I'm always amazed how fast we can get everything cleaned up.

The final amount we made was \$6,021.63. This money is used for PW activities and supports numerous local charities.



Worship

Pat Luley, elder



Retired Rev. Jimmie Johnson will be our worship leader for May. Please be sure to thank him for his generous gift of service to our congregation.

The Liturgical season of Easter ends May 19th on Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, mother of Jesus and the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the festival of Shavuoth. We wear red to signify the burning fire of God's love when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and tongues of fire rested on their heads.

The Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday when we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One. Unlike other special days in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a *doctrine* of the church, rather than an *event*. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

When we commemorate Trinity Sunday, we are reminded that every Sunday is consecrated to the triune God. On the first day of the week, God began creation. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the grave. On the first day of the week, the Holy Spirit descended on the newly born church. Every Sunday is special. Every Sunday is a day of the Holy Trinity.

[Presbyterian Mission Agency Trinity Sunday](#) | [The Christian Year](#) | [Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

Elder In Charge for May — Craig Lacy

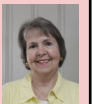
One service on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The Session will continue to monitor our attendance and assess the need for a second service, and we will continue to listen to the needs and opinions of the congregation on this matter.

Worship Attendance Mar. 31 -Apr. 2024

		<u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>On Line Views</u>
March	31	190	44
April	7	85	34
April	14	115	34
April	21	98	30
April	28	117	33

Prayer of the Month

Gloria Mitchell, coordinator



I can think of so many blessings to thank God for, and I'm sure that those who are reading this can add even more.

Spring has added many blessings, and God is full of surprises, too. What I thought was litter that someone had thrown into the canal, on closer inspection turned out to be some beautiful tiny flowers I had never seen before.



Dear God, thank you for all the beautiful flowers (especially the Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush) as well as green leaves on our trees. Even among the weeds, we can see pretty flowers if we look closely. And thank you that we in Granbury were able to view the amazing total eclipse!

Thank you for sending Sherrolyn Weed to be our interim pastor for the past year. We pray that she has a healthy and happy future ahead of her. And we are looking forward to the arrival of Angela Madden Scott to our church.

In Jesus name, Amen

Fellowship

Bev McKusick, elder



We had a very busy April with Easter Sunday (even though it was technically in March it felt like April), the rummage sale, and our farewell to Sherrolyn. May we will be preparing for the arrival of Pastor Angela and her family. There are several events coming up that you will want to put on your calendar. June 2nd we will be having a welcome party for the Scott family after church. June 9th we will be celebrating Major Scott's 15th birthday after church. June 28th will be the church picnic. There will be more information on all of these events as they get closer.

Every rummage sale we all look forward to Barbara Buffalow's sugar cookies. Everyone says they are the best sugar cookies they have ever eaten. Their next comment is, "I would love to have the recipe". Barbara has agreed to share the recipe with us.

BARBARA BUFFALOW'S SUGAR COOKIES

- 1c. sugar
- 1c. powdered sugar
- 1c. oil
- 1c. butter
- Blend in 2 eggs
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cream of tartar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla

Mix all of the above ingredients then mix in 4 cups of flour

Chill over night or at least several hours

The next day roll into balls, then roll the balls in granulated sugar, after that flatten the balls. Bake at 375 for 10 minutes. Store in the fridge.



THANK YOU, BARBARA.

FUN CIRCLE

Thank you to all the models in our April fashion show. It is always a fun event.

May is our last meeting before the summer break.

It is the meeting that we plan for the next year. I will not be returning as the leader of the group next year. I have not found a replacement yet, but I would like to propose that we have a *group of 6 or 7 ladies* with each person being responsible for *one* month. If you would like to take a month or have any suggestions on programs, please join us for the planning meeting on *May 22nd at 10:30*. *We will have a potluck following the meeting.*



SEWING CIRCLE: We are ***not*** having scheduled meetings, but we do have a couple of projects that we will need to start working on, so keep your eyes open for a blast and Facebook notice for a sewing circle date and time.

Outreach and Mission



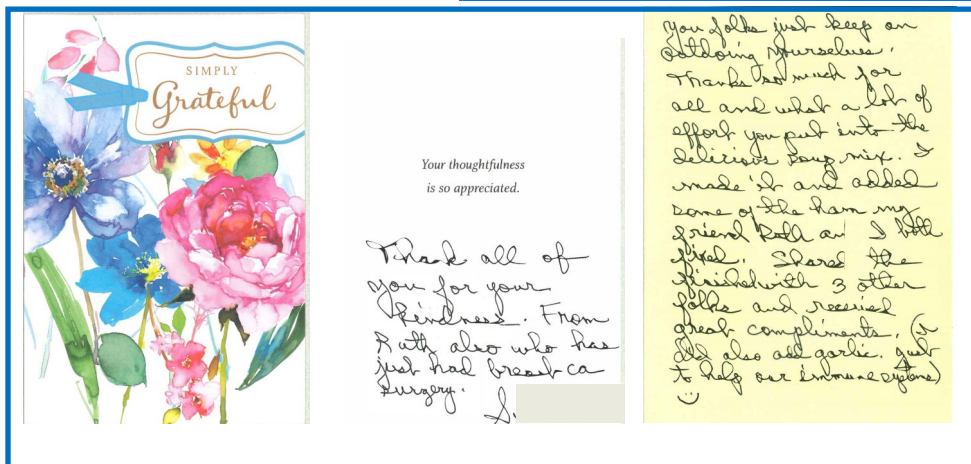
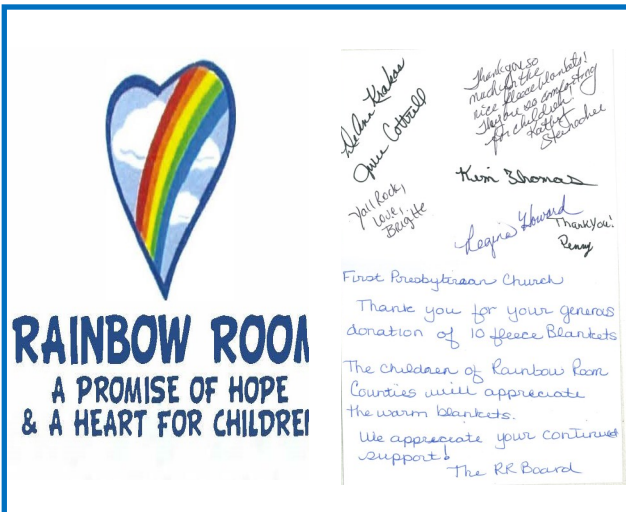
Connie Darne, elder

I want to thank the congregation for your tremendous support of the “Sack Drive” benefitting the Rainbow Room’s care for the foster children in our community. You picked up 91 bags the first Sunday of the drive and more each Sunday thereafter. At the time I am writing this article, we have over 50 bags filled and returned to the Church, and still two Sundays left. You are amazing in your generosity and commitment to our community.

In support of “Caring for Case Managers” for the month of April, the Outreach & Mission committee prepared breakfast for the staff at the Our Community Our Kids office on April 3rd, and on April 9th we took breakfast to the staff at the Child Protection Services office. Thank you to the Committee for preparing the breakfasts. We also stocked the break room of each office with bottled water and snacks that are often needed when working with the foster children.

The next Habitat for Humanity lunch is Wednesday, May 15. The sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex on Sundays, May 5 and 12. We serve lunch to approximately 30 workers and appreciate the volunteers who bring casseroles, salads, and desserts. I can’t tell you how many times I am told what good cooks we have in our church, and I concur. Thank You!!

During the month of May, the Outreach & Mission Committee will be planning our Summer Fun Activities for the Housing Authority Families. In June, we will again have our Rack Room Shoe Gift Card Drive, which will provide foster kids with back-to-school shoes. More details will be forthcoming. Thank you again for all you do!



Congregational Care

Susan Younk Kidd, elder



- 3 Pamela Wurtz
Nancy Worcester
- 4 Reann McHaney
- 8 Pat Luley
- 10 Stan Metcalf
- 12 John Briese
Julie Dean
- 13 Lawson Allen
- 16 Lou Ann Attaway
- 18 Jimmie Johnson
- 20 Carrie Davis
Steve Wilmeth
- 21 Becky Kubiak-Price
- 25 Ruth Ann Jewell
- 27 Paula Jenkins
- 29 Brenda Hafner
- 30 Jim Wallis



- 5 Richard & Mary Lee
McCarthy
- 13 Hank & Pamela Wurtz
- 14 Larry & Priscilla Allen
- 19 Tony & Emily Graham
- 22 Charles & Beverly McKusick
- 23 Earl & Connie Darne'
- 27 Keith and Linda Nolan
- 28 Marlin & Jan Massengale
- 29 Carl & Doris Dinkel

At Care/Retirement Homes

Waterview at Lake Granbury: Ted Dolan; Bill Wood;
AVIVA Granbury: Dolores Groom; John Cheney
Town Village Crossing, Arlington: Linda Bowlin;
Lewisville Estates, Lewisville: Fran Smith;
Good Samaritan—Denton: Juanita Morgan
Bridgewater Memory Care, Granbury: Bill Lowe
The Courtyards: Margie and Jimmy Randles



We mourn the passing of our church friend Darrell Jones. We keep his wife Gyla and family in our prayers.

Blessings: Jim Witt, husband of Jamie Sanders, had a successful heart procedure and has been cleared to drive.

CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Beverly & Don Williams as they move to Florida.
Marlin Massengale as he is treated for lymphoma.
Sandi Ricketson as she receives chemotherapy.
Jamie Sanders as she recovers from knee replacement.
Bill Wood, who is receiving hospice care.
Jo Beth Ross as she recovers from a hospitalization.
John Stahlman who had surgery.

MEMBERS MOURNING DEATHS OF LOVED ONES

Kelton Conner, Neita Daughtrey, Peter Garland, Louise Deems, Beverly and Don Williams, Brittiany Clifton, Juanita Morgan, Linda and Keith Nolan, Janice and Les Ragonese, and Claudia Southern.

CONCERNS FOR OUR EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY

Jim Dean's parents and sister, **Gloria Mitchell's** brother, **Gary Lewis's** sister, **Peggy Lewis's** brother, **Charles Somervill's** sister, **Max Jewell's** sister and grandson, **Connie, Donna, and Andrea**, friends of Judy Butler, **Michael and Margaret Gulinson's** friend, Dave Kennison, **Terry Martin** (Sylvia Hickey) health issues, **Dan Crise's** sister-in-law, **Marla Caraway's** friends in the Ukraine, **Earnestine Sutherland, Saunya Bishop's** cousin, **Rita Hart's** friend, Grady, **Terry Worcester's** brother, Robert, **Kay McMillan's** husband, Bill, and **JD Finley's** daughter, Christy.

Members with Ongoing Health Issues: Gardner Davis, Dave Barnett, Rita Hart, Claire Mitchell, Ted Gollar, Larry Walker, Donna Callahan, Reann McHaney, Ann McLaughlin, Carol Davis, and Carol Gadbois, Margie and Jimmy Randles, and Jo Beth Ross.

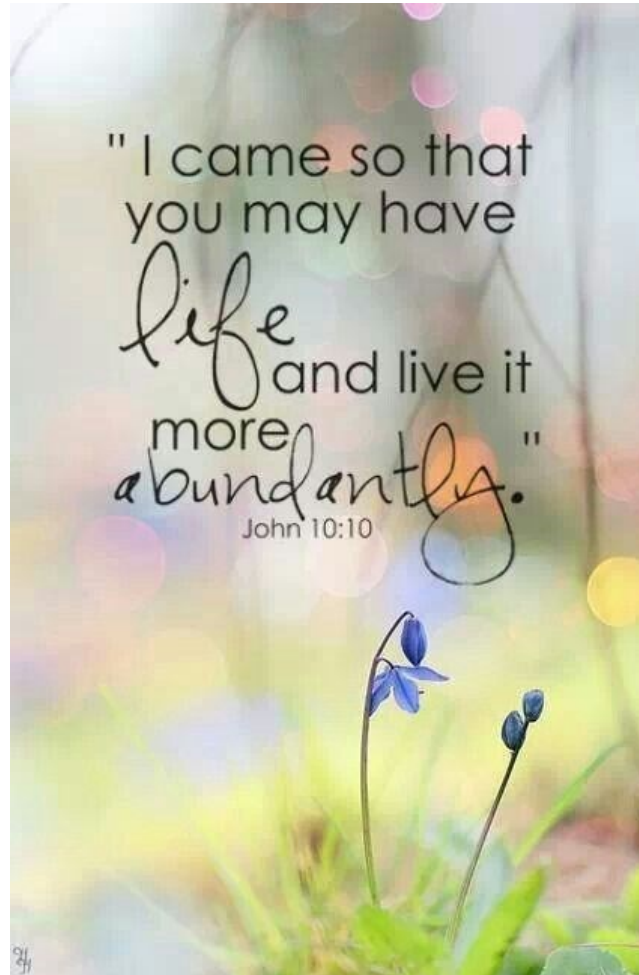
If you know of anyone who needs to be contacted for a care or concern, please email me at susanyouнк@gmail.com or contact the church office by calling 817.573.2337 or emailing office@fpcgranbury.com.
If you need transportation to a doctor's appointment, etc. please contact the church office, Tim Bennett, Dan Crise, or Susan Younk. We are pleased to help!

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. Amen.



Join Us for Summer Choir

Summer Choir begins on June 9th. Anyone that would like to try out singing in the choir, please join us in Memorial Hall at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to practice a traditional/gospel piece for each service.



*Do you remember back in childhood
How we loved the first of May?
When we hung flower-filled baskets
On doorknobs, then ran away?*

*Do you remember how the sweetest basket
Was for the one we loved the best,
And in it went the blossoms
that were fairer than the rest?*

*Such a beautiful and gracious custom
Somehow lost along the way
But the memories still linger
As we welcome in the May.*

Milly Walton

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Handbells 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook 11:00am - Farwell to Sherrolyn Weed - FH	29 6:00pm - 7:00pm AL-Anon - FH	30	1 10:00am Mission and Outreach - FH 12:00pm Men's Study - Admin 1:30pm - 2:30pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm - Choir Practice - MH	2 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH 3:00 pm - Nominating Committee - Admin	3 10:00am - 11:00am Fellowship Meeting - FH - Large Sundry School Room	4 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
5 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	6 6:00pm - 7:00pm AL-Anon -FH	7 10:00am - 11:00am PW Bible Study - FH	8 10:00am - 11:00am CF Committee Meeting - Admin 12:00pm - Men's Study - Admin 4:00pm - Choir Practice - MH	9 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	10 10:30am - 1:00pm PW Meeting and Potluck - FH	11 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
12 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	13 1:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Hall - Pecan Bookmarks 6:00pm - 7:00pm AL-Anon - FH	14 9:00am - 12:00pm Granbury Knitting Guild - FH 2:30pm - Membership Meeting - Admin	15 10:00am Book Circle - Choose new titles for '24-25 - Admin 10:00am - 11:00am Habitat for Humanity - Admin 12:00pm - Men's Study - Admin 4:00pm - Choir Practice - MH	16 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH 4:30pm - 5:30pm Session - Admin Building	17	18 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
19 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	20 Bridge Articles Due 6:00pm - 7:00pm AL-Anon - FH	21	22 10:00am FUN Circle - FH 12:00pm - Men's Study - Admin 4:00pm - Choir Practice - MH	23 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	24	25 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
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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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