

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

September 2024

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

Mark 6:45 -46

Pastor's Pen...

Rev. Angela Madden Scott, Pastor, Spiritual Leader, Teaching Elder



PSL...doesn't mean what you think it does!!!

Dear Faith Family,

One of my favorite things, about *my least favorite activity* (grocery shopping), is unloading the wheeled cart and then pushing it with as much force, gusto and possibility as I can muster across the parking lot to the cart racks. I send that cart sailing and it feels awesome. Most of the time the cart makes it into the 'stall.'

For if you... **"Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out"** (Message, Ephesians 6: 10-20) what will be the impact on the world?

What actions of the heart fill you up and fill up God's kingdom around you?

What is on your Bucket List? Does everyone in your family have a bucket list? A bucket list is a list of dreams that you want to experience or realize to fill your heart and make your heart sing? Perhaps that's the most appropriate question of spiritual health and balance...**what makes your heart sing?**

I have a long bucket list and I keep adding to it.

A few of the primary things on my bucket list: see every continent (I have seen 4) and the last 7 states which I have not seen. View the northern lights in Iceland. Watch the whales lazily, while Major plays on the beach on the San Juan islands off the coast of Washington state. Hike the Appalachian Trail from start to finish. Take a pilgrimage walk in Spain on the famous **Camino**.

Ponder that you are the only you that God created.

Remember that you don the garments and bear the face of Christ.

Wear Christ's heart and let your heart show strength to the world.

Let the Spirit pour out of you the drops of kindness, compassion, love, forgiveness, grace and peace.

The Ephesians' exhortation in Chapter 6 to "be strong" carries with it in English a fairly active connotation, inferring a "shape up" or even "get strong" admonition.

Have you slacked off this summer?

Our spiritual aerobics are about as weak as the exercise routine of the man who described his early morning calisthenics in this fashion: "I have to talk to myself when I awaken. I say -- 'Ready, now. Up -- down, up -- down.' After two strenuous minutes I tell myself: 'O.K. Now -- try the other eyelid.'" It's the season to be filled up and renewed again in Christ. It's time again to 'wake up' and 'fill up' in worship and then, share that bucket with the world.

Our faith in Christ and our trust in God must be shared.

Our attitude of repentance and turning to Christ is a message that must not be kept to ourselves: the blessings of our faith must continue to flow. Think about PSL, and not Pumpkin Spice Lattes, **Presbyterians Show and Share Love**. Evangelism is not a dirty word. 70 million Americans are un-churched. 70 million Americans have never been introduced to the **single-greatest gift**: the gift of Jesus Christ. 1 out of 4 people in America have said that they would like to know God, would like to have the support of a church—if they were just asked. "A trusted measure of religiosity over the decades has been church attendance and, for the most part, Americans are attending church less," according to Barna's new research. (Being a Contagious Christian, Willow Creek Association)

God expects us to be effective in bringing unchurched and unbelieving people to faith in Jesus Christ.

Active church membership in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. continues to decline. In 2018, membership in PCUSA churches dropped by just over 62,000 folks (August 23, 2019 PCUSA press release, Rev. James Herbert Nelson Stated Clerk). Presbyterian churches average only 1 baptism per

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year. This faith family has been blessed to celebrate a recent adult baptism and 6 child baptisms so far in 2024. We have also been blessed that God has loaned us 9 new members since June 2024.

What if twenty steps across a room could change someone's life forever? What if the Holy Spirit gave you a fresh appreciation for the Holy Spirit's mysterious ways of working through **you** to rekindle your passion for people? What if the Holy Spirit revived your belief that the **single greatest gift** you can give to your friends and family members is an introduction to the God who created them, the God who loves them, and the God who has a purpose for their every day lives?

September 29 is Evangelism Emphasis Sunday! Let's pack the pews with friends and neighbors and strangers who help us to shake up Jesus' love in the world!

Let's partner for more PSL,
Pastor Angela Madden Scott

Worship
Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat... Pat Luley, Spiritual Leader Elder 

The summer just flew by! It is September and all our regular church activities resume. September 1st, we will have Communion by passing the plate. We will also recognize those individuals whose efforts enhance our worship experiences with music, setting up the live stream, and providing childcare in the nursery. Please be sure to thank Priscilla Allen, Jane Everitt, Jane Seley, and Emily Graham for enriching Sunday mornings with beautiful music. We owe Emily a huge thank you for enabling us to live stream Sunday morning worship services. Especially, don't forget our nursery workers, Marijane Harvey and Nancy Worcester, who provide loving care to our youngest members.


September 8th, we kick off a new year of Sunday morning classes for adults and children. Please plan to stay for the potluck lunch after worship.

September Sermon Titles and Texts	
Sept. 1:	"Keep Kosher" Communion Sunday Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23, Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Sept. 8:	"Asked or Pushed?" Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, James 2:1-10, 14-17
Sept. 15:	"Who Am I?" Proverbs 1:20-33, Mark 8:27-38
Sept. 22:	Guest Pastor
Sept. 29:	"Contagious Christians" Evangelism Emphasis Sunday Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Mark 9:38-50 Pack the PEW Sunday

Worship Attendance
August, 2024

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On Line</u>
Aug. 4	116	42
Aug. 11	125	51
Aug. 18	113	67
Aug. 25	108	37

Elder In Charge
 September
 Dan Crise

Prayer of the Month
Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat... Gloria Mitchell, Coordinator 

A few weeks ago, I wished Wanda a happy birthday 2 days early and said that's the day I need to have a prayer ready for the next newsletter. She assured me I'd have one ready. She was right because before worship was over, I had an idea.

Later during that service I suddenly felt surrounded with love and caring from God and my church family. I feel like I attend a Family Reunion every Sunday, with my church family.

Dear God, I feel your warm loving presence in First Presbyterian church of Granbury. Bless our pastor, everyone who performs different duties in our church, the children (4 we have watched grow from babies), our teenagers, all our members and the non-members who attend regularly. In Jesus's name, Amen.

BROWN BAG BIBLE LUNCH GROUP

Each Tuesday Brown Bag Bible will be held at 12 noon in the Administration Building. Pastor Angela leads a dialogue on the Bible passages for the upcoming Sunday worship. Brown Bag Bible offers you a Spiritual Formation opportunity to discuss with and learn from other people of all ages. You will experience unpacking the scripture and it's relevance to your everyday life. Bring your brown bag lunch and a Bible and expect to grow in your faith!

- Sept. 3 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
- Sept. 10 James 2:1-10, 14-17
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
- Sept. 17 **NO BROWN BAG TODAY**
- Sept. 24 Mark 9:38-50
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22



Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

August 20, 2024, Session Meeting

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

Mark 6:45 –46

The Session Spiritual Leaders met on August 20 for their regularly called meeting! Their docket was designed as Work as Worship. Each Elder had a time of sharing in a Spiritual Formation exercise and devotion.

Highlights of motions approved...

- * Consecration Sunday will be held November 10 with a Catered meal. The Theme is "Sharing Brings JOY to us. To others. To God" come home to FPC for a Home-cooked meal and Taste and See that God is Good.
- * November 17 will be a Congregational Meeting to elect elders for the Session
- * January 18, 2025 will be the date for all current and newly elected Spiritual Leaders to have Leadership Training (9 am to 1 with breakfast served at 8:30 a.m. and an Italian Lunch at Noon).
- * January 12, 2025 Congregational Meeting
- * October 20, 2024 Children's Sabbath Sunday
- * Memorial Hall will house all plaques in HONOR of and in MEMORIAL of individuals and organizations of the church
- * A painting of Jesus Christ from an Arizona artist was received
- * The Administrative Assistant will receive a new ergonomic desk
- * Jessica Roberson was hired as Lead Nursery Attendant Employee
- * The two-adult rule for the Nursery has been waived until such time as the Assistant Nursery Attendant is hired. The church Security Room is staffed with an adult. Session also notes that the Nursery Attendant adult is given a security device each Sunday and parents have access to a church pager
- * The Session performed an annual review of the Child Protection Policy for FPC
- * The Session performed an annual review of the Privacy Policy for FPC
- * The Treasurer elected annually by Session will be given his/her own office at the church admin building
- * Minutes for Mission will be offered more often in worship by individuals and teams of the church to share the stories of what is happening
- * The Session approved the updated Personnel Policy
- * The Session received the resignation of Emily Graham from Internet Technology duties noting that she indicates she has had 2 children since embarking on this position and no longer has time for the duties! She will be honored during worship on 9/1! Her article illustrating the history of live streaming at FPC will be shared in the Bridge Newsletter.
- * Priscilla Allen, Janet Everitt, Emily Graham, Marijane Harvey, Jane Seley, Nancy Worcester all have anniversaries/start date and will be honored and celebrated in worship on September 1, 2024
- * The Session received communication from several willing IT volunteers: Bianca Brownfield, Pat Luley, and Gail Deckert! These volunteers will learn the pre-Sunday morning IT duties and perform these until such time as Session determines a company to outsource to or, next steps! There is room for more to volunteer to learn the 'pre-Sunday' IT duties and the 'Sunday camera volunteer duties.' Two opportunities to volunteer! Appreciation is given to Bianca, Pat and Gail!
- * Winter VBS will be held January 6-10, 2025
- * Session appointed Elder Kathy Long as the Confirmation Sponsor for Major E. Scott
- * Session approved the curriculum Growing in Grace and Gratitude for children and youth
- * In the Spring, the Session began to dream about the Usher Elder Position and making it an "Internet Technology Elder" position! At this meeting, the Session approved renaming the Usher Elder as the Elder for Evangelism and Youth Ministry beginning in January 2025 and the Session will be seeking avenues for volunteers and outsourcing of the Internet Technology duties namely the Website maintenance, advertising, social media marketing, and Livestreaming of Worship!

Session meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 4:30pm.
September 24th is our next meeting in the Admin. building.

FPC Granbury Live Stream: A History

by Emily Graham

The first live streamed service was Sunday, March 3, 2019. (Three days before I gave birth to Elliott!) I did a live stream of the service using my cell phone, with a little phone holder that clamped onto the end of the church pew. There was no zoom, only a physical pan/tilt by hand, and no amplification of the sound, other than what you could hear from the speakers in the sanctuary.

This was just a trial, but several watched as it streamed live. I did this again on Easter Sunday, and then again in August and September of 2019, the services were streamed in this manner. Starting in October, we were able to stream with our current setup. An outside company installed the remote-controlled camera in the sanctuary, wired the video from the camera, and sound from the soundboard, underground, and into the Session Room of Memorial Hall. A new computer was installed in Memorial Hall with software that would allow us to stream the service weekly with better sound and picture, and to both YouTube and Facebook simultaneously. Roy Schoeneman was integral in getting this procured for our church. And what great timing!

Fast forward to March 15 of 2020. Covid had just begun. We had 2 services that day, and the handbells played. No one knew quite what to expect next. Session met, and the decision was made to cancel in-person worship, starting the following week. A few folks were gathered to help sing the hymns, spaced from each other and masked, and I learned how to overlay words on the screen as the livestream happened. The words to the hymns, scriptures, and responsive readings were shown on the screen as the service played online.

When Easter rolled around, it was time for everyone to stay home. We pivoted again. As luck had it, I'd recorded Easter the previous year on my phone! We were able to sing at home "Alleluia to the Risen Lord" and "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" complete with the horn accompaniment from the previous year! From then on, sections of the service were recorded each week on Thursday: the sermon, the pastoral prayers, and the responsive readings were done in the Sanctuary by Drew and Brenda, and recorded remotely by me at home. Nancy Worcester recorded a Children's Sermon each week with a puppet, and I created a spreadsheet of 52 (!) hymns from the months of October 2019 – March 2020 that had been sung and recorded in previous live streams pre-covid. I cut out the hymns from those services, and added the words to the screen. Each service was a hodge-podge of months' worth of services, and hours worth of work at my computer, including the service I put together during the time in which Elliott was hospitalized for a dog bite.

This continued through March 2021. Week after week of newly hobbled together services, with fresh sermons, and hymns full of life and a sanctuary full of people, reminding us of our togetherness. In person worship, smaller and distanced, resumed March 21, 2021. A full year after services closed. We continued to overlay words for hymns, scripture readings, and responsive readings through May of 2021. (This can only be done when a person has created the slideshow for each week, and sits alone in Memorial Hall at the computer during the service to bring up the words at the right time.)

The camera movement is controlled via remote, and is done by a congregation member while worshipping in the Sanctuary

*Averaged 100 online views each Sunday service during Covid
*Never missed a Sunday of providing online service
*Over 50 previously sung, pre-recorded hymns were available for use
*Our streaming software and camera setup started on

August of 2024, I turned in my resignation from all things IT-related. I streamed or pieced together the service from August of 2019 to May of 2022. By then, I had 2 small children and not enough hands. Bianca Brownfield, Julie Dean, Kathy Long, and Linda Somervill, have all taken turns with the Sunday morning aspect as I continued to do the behind-the-scenes setup each week.

I am incredibly grateful to have been able to serve our church in this area of ministry. We were lucky to have not missed a single week during Covid, when so many other congregations struggled. Thank you for your trust in me to help us keep connected, then and after.

Now it's time for a few more hands to help make the work lighter. Pat Luley was most recently trained to stream using our software and the remote in the sanctuary and said "That's easy! I can do that!" Who's ready to raise their hand and say "I can too!"?

Outreach and Mission

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat...

Connie Darne, Spiritual Leader Elder



Good Bye to Summer, Hello Autumn, time to plan for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Maybe you think it is too early to be thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas, but the Outreach & Mission Committee has begun planning for our mission projects for the residents of the Granbury Housing Authority. There are 100 residential units. Last fall there were 75 individuals and 25 families in residence. We provided turkeys and sides for Thanksgiving and Hams, & soup-in-a-jar for Christmas, upon request; and Christmas gift bags for all individuals and families. We also made 100 Christmas wreaths for each front door.

Our initial 2024 plan is to duplicate the food items for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have always received positive comments on these. We are also going to put together Christmas gift bags for both individuals and families. We will let you know of items you can contribute to the gift bags a little later.

People Helping People is requesting donations of stuffing mix, yams, and dessert mixes for the Thanksgiving meals. We will accept donations on their behalf in late October and early November. More information will be forthcoming.

The Habitat for Humanity lunches will resume in September. We will be serving lunch on the fourth Wednesday of each month, September - May. The next lunch will be September 25th. We will have sign-up sheets in the Narthex on September 15th and 22nd. We are requesting casseroles; salads, desserts, and bread; prepared and ready to serve. We pick-up the food from the Church Office at 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the lunch. Any reusable dishes will be brought back to the Office that afternoon. We serve lunch to approximately 25-30 Habitat Workers each month. Anyone wishing to go along and help serve the lunch is welcome. You can have lunch with us! The Habitat workers are very appreciative and always ask us to extend their Thanks to you. Thank You!



ONE-DAY COMMUNITY SINGING WORKSHOP

Saturday,
September 28
9:30 am-4:00 pm

Holy Spirit
Episcopal Church
Waco, TX



Explore the riches of paperless singing and experience leadership practices and songs that build and strengthen community!

The workshop is \$25 per person, with a \$10 lunch add-on option.

Scholarships are available; request one on the registration form.

This workshop is funded through a Strategic Mission Grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.

WHERE: Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; 1624 Wooded Acres Dr Waco, TX 76710

612-204-2235

Stewardship

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat...

Dan Crise, Spiritual Leader Elder



Every Sunday morning in our glorious historic sanctuary, there is joy and celebration during the divine worship services led by Pastor Angela. These church services spiritually enrich more than 120 congregant members and visitors who regularly and eagerly attend. In addition, there are glorious biblically inspired music programs, stimulating Sunday School classes, a nursery filled with delightful children, and the always enjoyable fellowship gatherings in Fellowship Hall that frequently occur.

Of course, our Christian faith and love is evident in the myriad outreach and mission programs and initiatives that we eagerly participate in, as well as the congregational care we provide to those in need. We are able to welcome existing members and visitors to our church facilities with well maintained buildings and grounds. We are also blessed to have the very active and devotional Presbyterian Women and F.U.N. Circle, as well as the various Bible Study and Christian Education groups. As always, our dedicated office staff is outstanding in organizing and maintaining the very efficient administrative operations of the church.

JOIN US!
NOVEMBER 10th @ 10 AM Worship
Meal in Fellowship Hall @11 AM

The major stewardship event that occurs every year in our church is Consecration Sunday. This year it will be held on **November 10th**. The theme for this year's Consecration Sunday is **"Sharing Brings Joy to Us, To Others, To God"**.

Consecration Sunday will gratitude, faith, and strengthening the make a difference within entire church family, to the world beyond.



be opportunity to express generosity as a community, church's ability to serve and to each of us personally, to our our local community, and to

This day is always a special one in the life of our church when hopefully all of us will humbly feel within our hearts the spirit of God's love and benevolence by returning a portion of His gifts with a financial pledge that will help enable the church to sustain our ministry and mission in 2025 at the same or even higher level than it has been in the current and past years.

Following the Consecration Sunday service, we will all celebrate this special day with a home-cooked style lunch in Fellowship Hall. A packet of information describing Consecration Sunday details will soon be mailed out to all members and friends of the church.

"Like good stewards of the manifold of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." (1Peter 4:10)

Expression of Gratitude to First Presbyterian new member, Terri Moss



Hello to everyone at First Presbyterian,
I cannot express my gratefulness for all of you.
You made this the most wonderful day of my life and a future of blessing abound! I am the luckiest gal ever!
Thank you for welcoming me and showing me so many blessings.
I have been so Blessed! I hope I can live up to all of this.
The people that set the celebration together—Thank you.
Mostly Angela, you are an answer to my prayers!

Membership Committee

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat... Linda Somerville, Spiritual Leader Elder



New members **Kevin and Robbie Monaghan** were living in North Carolina for Robbie's civilian job with the Air Force prior to retirement. The couple is originally from Wichita Falls and knew they would eventually move back to Texas.

With children and grandchildren living in North Central Texas and Oklahoma, the Monaghan's thought Granbury might be a good fit. "We were in Granbury many years ago, and thought it was adorable," Robbie said.

The couple first purchased a new home in Pecan Plantation in 2018, but after a few years they began looking for a home with less maintenance. "We had landscaped the place when we moved in, but it was just getting to be too much upkeep," Robbie recalled. Now settled in the Acton area neighborhood of Fountain Way, the couple appreciates less maintenance and upkeep.

While in North Carolina, Robbie enjoyed her work as director of the Airman and Family Readiness Center. She continues to serve others in Granbury delivering Meals on Wheels with her husband.

Kevin retired as a Realtor and property manager after 18 years. He previously was in the family business with mom-and-pop type furniture and appliance stores.

The couple has been married 51 years. The Monaghan's attended Acton Methodist Church with friends for several years and recently found First Presbyterian Church of Granbury.

Daughter Meghan and husband Greg live in Burleson. Their son attends Texas Tech University and their daughter is a senior in high school. The family will be hosting an exchange student from Germany this year.

Daughter Adrienne and husband Scott live in Yukon, Oklahoma. Adrienne's family includes an 11-year-old son and three stepsons who are 21, 19 and 16.

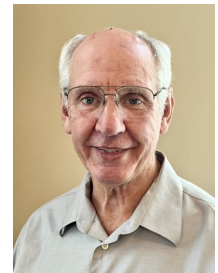
Son Austin and his wife Michele live in McKinney. They have an 11-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter. "We have big families and there's always something going on," Robbie said. She laughed and added, "It seems like we are always driving somewhere."

You could say that new member **Shawn Hansson** had an enlightening experience at First Presbyterian Church of Granbury. "I had been a lifelong Methodist," Hansson said. "But I think I've always been Presbyterian, and I just now found out," he added with a grin.

Hansson moved to the Granbury area from Houston about five years ago. He's an Aggie and sixth generation Texan. Hansson lived in Midland, Houston and Indianapolis during his 34 years as an engineer with Shell.

After retiring, Hansson began looking for a home closer to Gatesville and Wichita Falls, where family members were living. "Granbury just seemed like a good place, kind of in between," he said. Living in DeCordova Bend, Hansson enjoys playing golf "all the time."

In addition to golf, he enjoys cooking and reading. He has one daughter, Hayley Hansson.



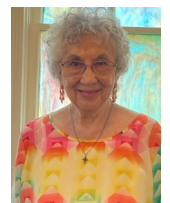
New member Terri Moss came to Granbury under different circumstances than many. She was living in Midland, had owned two hair salons and was a hairdresser for 47 years. Her brother was living with cancer and needed a caregiver to assist him in Granbury. Terri moved here in 2016 and helped her brother until his death in 2018. "It was just meant to be, for me to leave Midland and come here and take care of him," Terri said.

Terri took pleasure in watching newly graduated cosmetologists grow their skills. She remembers a young woman in her car in front of the salon. It was hot outside, and Terri went out to check on her. "I told her to come inside, to cool off," Terri recalled. The young lady finally, got up the nerve to ask if Terri had a chair available for a newly graduated cosmetologist. "Yes I do," Terri replied. "Do you know one?" She quietly said, "Yes - me." Terri was delighted become a skilled hair stylist, get married and have children.

Not quite ready to retire after moving to Granbury, Terri has been working part-time as a flower bed gardener and a dog sitter. "I was sitting on a little stool in my yard, just piddling around and wondering what I was going to do, as someone who has always enjoyed a pretty yard and working in the dirt, Terri decided it might be "what I'm supposed to do." She gained clients in her Abe's Landing neighborhood from an ad on social media. "I work on flower beds, clean them up, plant things and make suggestions. And I puppy sit," Terri said. Terri's son, William Daniel, lives between Newark and Roanoke. Searching to find a church home, Terri had attended numerous churches before settling in at First Presbyterian Church of Granbury. On Aug. 11, Terri was baptized and officially joined FPC Granbury. "Since I've been coming to this church, I have just loved Pastor Angela. I like how she is so vivacious!" she said.

Sue and husband lived several years in the Midwest before enjoying an active life in Cherokee Village retirement community in Arkansas. They moved to Granbury where their daughter lives. Sue has been a widow for more than a year and resides in Aviva. Sue is a long time Presbyterian and joins First Presbyterian Church of Granbury by transfer of membership.

Sue looks forward to participating in Presbyterian Women Circles, such as Bible study and book club, and adult Sunday school and sewing and crafting.



Fellowship

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Bev McKusick, Spiritual Leader Elder



I was looking at Facebook yesterday and someone wrote that they were so excited because they could feel the change in the weather and knew that Fall was just around the corner. As I'm looking at the thermometer leaping over the 100 degree mark I'm wondering where does this person live? I usually mark the approach of fall with the kids returning to school, my husband setting up 90% of our DVR recordings for football, and the return of all the church activities. **On Sunday September 8th** we will be celebrating the return of Fall (even though we won't feel it till November) and the return of Sunday school and all of our group activities. We will have a **kid friendly potluck after the church service**. What is a kid friendly potluck? Chicken nuggets, pizza, mac n cheese, finger sandwiches, little smokies, hot dogs, and the list goes on. Just think of having a football party with lots of finger foods. So let your inner child out to think of what you want to bring. We are going to have some fun things to do.

I'm working on setting up a **flu shot clinic** for us which will probably occur on **September 22nd** so look for a confirmation date. We will also have a signup sheet if you want to get the shot. On **September 29th** we will be setting up for the rummage sale. Yes, it's that time of year again.



I know it's hard to believe but the rummage sale is rapidly approaching so it's time to start cleaning out those closets, garages, and sheds. As usual we cannot except mattresses, large appliances, electronics, large dish sets, large furniture (if you can't move it neither can we). Be on the lookout for more information by email and fliers in the Sunday bulletin. This is a great time of year to get rid of holiday decorations you no longer want or need. There will also be signup sheets for volunteers to help with setup, bringing food for the volunteers, and helpers during the actual sale. The building setup will

be **September 29th** and the rummage sale will be on **October 4th and 5th**. Mark your calendar.

This month the **FUN Circle** will be learning how to make jewelry. Brenda Hafner will demonstrate how to make bracelets, earrings, and necklaces. We will have supplies there for everyone who wants to make a stretchy bracelet, but if you have some beads you want to bring or an old piece of jewelry you want to repurpose, that would be great. So come join the fun and be creative! We will meet **Wednesday, September 25th at 10:30** and we will share a **potluck lunch**.



FPC Recycle

RECYCLE
YOUR SUNDAY BULLETIN BY INVITING A NEIGHBOR.
RECYCLE BINS FOR CANS AND PLASTIC ARE NOW IN THE ADMIN BUILDING.
RECYCLE BINS FOR PAPER ARE BESIDE THE CHURCH SANCTUARY EXITS.

SLAM JUNK

IN THE CORRECT BIN

Presbyterian Women

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat...

Nancy Worcester,
Spiritual Leader Elder, Moderator



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 13 - 10:30 AM

COME LEARN ABOUT OUR FALL SCHEDULE
GUEST SPEAKER:
NEECA LEITAO, SALVATION ARMY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW



DOING THE
MOST GOOD

Let Justice Roll Down: GOD'S CALLING TO CARE FOR NEIGHBORS AND ALL CREATION



Join us for Lesson 1 - Environmental Justice

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:21; 34:8,17-19

Main Idea: We protect the created world we share and
need from environmental degradation and destruction.

Please Note Change of
Date and Location for this
month only :

September 10th
10:00 AM
Memorial Hall



Property Updates

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat...

Daren Hardin
Spiritual Leader Elder



There has been much going on at FPC property. Here is an update of things accomplished and more to come!

- Look into repairing chain link fence on all properties
- Install hand railing to pulpit for easier access
- FPC pest control service obtained
- Parking lot repair and or replacement
- Painting of curbs
- Address uneven walkway approaching Admin.
- Request clean/repair/replace windows in FH on-going discussion
- Power washed Fellowship Hall - Will review other buildings on-going
- All rooms painted in the children's Sunday School rooms completed
- Parking lot repairs pending approval
- Sanctuary Door replacement completed
- Clean rust stain off FH next to entrance, on-going
- Repair/replace black iron railing to Sanctuary-will include painting
- Matts obtained for Sanctuary and Administration
- Requested bid for ADA compliance for Administration
- All buildings inspected for possible storm damage
- Bulbs replaced in Sanctuary
- Signage obtained for 5 signs on campus- including the 2 main signs for Church
- Replaced freezer and refrigerator in Memorial Hall
- Installed garden hose in Columbarium
- Installed 2 doorbells in Administration
- Member request landscape update for Admin - Session is reviewing
- Trees and Greenery trimmed for all areas
- Sprayed all buildings for hornets/wasps
- Review of property insurance policy
- Replaced door to Administration Assistant office



Christian Education

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat... Sylvia Hickey, Spiritual Leader Elder



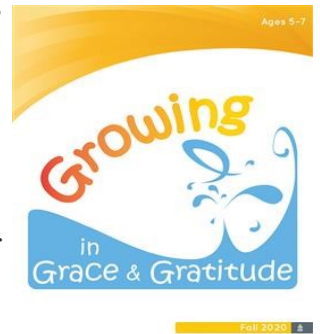
Understanding the New Testament DVD series by Dr. David Brakke, is led by Richard McCarthy. This series discusses the history behind the 27 books of the New Testament, to help gain insight into the world at the time, and the people who produced the text. The books of the New Testament are discussed in the order they were written. This class meets in the large Sunday School room in Fellowship Hall.

New! The **“Welcome Home Class”** is for non-members, not ready yet to be members, long time members, new members, anyone of you who wish to explore “being siblings in Christ”. This class will be led by Jim Wallis and Jimmie Johnson. There will be conversation around a few tables in Fellowship Hall and plenty of joy about “being church-ed together” in the welcoming home of God’s grace. Begins September 8, in the large gathering room of Fellowship Hall.

Growing in Grace & Gratitude is our curriculum for children ages 3–10. Children see God’s grace in the biblical narrative and in our world today. The curriculum provides opportunities for responses of gratitude through claiming, celebrating, praying and offering. Each session will embrace children in the grace of God through

engagement with the Bible that echoes reformed worship: gathering in God’s grace, responding in gratitude, and loving and serving God.

Living as God’s people isn’t always easy, but we have stories in the Bible of people who have tried their best to follow God’s ways. Hear the story of Noah who was chosen for his faithfulness. Explore the story of Abraham, Sarah and their family. Learn about Miriam Moses’ sister, Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz, the shepherd boy David, Abigail, the prophets Elisha and Micah.



Children meet in the Children’s Wing of Fellowship Hall. All are Welcome!



WELCOME JESSICA!

The faith family is delighted to introduce Lead Nursery Attendant, Jessica Roberson. Please give her a warm welcome to FPC Granbury!

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**BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS**

All Pets Welcome

OCTOBER 20
TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

Drive Thru Blessings Offered
Fellowship Hall Courtyard

Congregational Care

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat... Susan Younk Kidd, Spiritual Leader Elder



- 2 Andy Attaway
- 3 Marty Gump
- 5 Lori Collinsworth
- 6 Brenda Staples
- 9 Barbara Buffalow
- 10 Jack Burton
- Sabrina Brownfield
- 11 Les Staples
- 14 Peter Garland
- 15 Jean Goody
- Jimmy Randles
- Raye Kliemann
- 16 Meg Moore
- 19 Ann McLaughlin
- 21 Nathaniel Copeland
- 23 Donna McCleery
- 24 Tommy McHaney
- 28 Brenda Towers
- 30 John Stahlman



- 2 Connie & Jack Gilmore
- 3 Joanne & Jim Wallis
- 7 Peggy & Gary Lewis
- Jane & Doyle Seley
- 8 Ruth & Marty Gump
- 14 Brenda & Howard Hafner
- 22 Karen & John Stahlman
- 26 Paula & Doug Jones
- 27 Sheila Wood-Hickman & Doug Hickman



At Care/Retirement Homes

AVIVA Granbury:

Dolores Groom; John Cheney, Rita Hart

Bridgewater Memory Care, Granbury:

Bill Lowe

Good Samaritan—Denton:

Juanita Morgan

Harbor Lakes Granbury:

Doris Dinkle

Lewisville Estates, Lewisville:

Fran Smith

The Courtyards Granbury:

Margie and Jimmy Randles

Town Village Crossing, Arlington:

Linda Bowlin

Waterview at Lake Granbury:

Ted Dolan; Bill Wood, Anna Stubbs

Special Blessings for Allen Hardin and Bill McMillian who are both making progress.

Members who are mourning the deaths of Loved Ones: The Lewis Family and the Family of Judy Rose

Concerns for our Church Family and Extended Church Family

Gardner Davis, Dave Barnett, Rita Hart, Claire Mitchell, Larry Walker, Reann McHaney, Ann McLaughlin, Carol Davis, and Carol Gadbois, Donna Callahan, Margie and Jimmy Randles, Jo Beth Ross, Bill Wood, Marla Caraway, Max Jewell, Felicia Peters, Doris Dinkle, Marlin Massengale, Sandi Ricketson, Barbara Stafford, and Barbara Buffalow.

Jim Dean's parents and sister, **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** son-in-law and sister-in-law, **Saunya Bishop's** cousin, **JD Finley's** daughter, Christy, **Beverly McKusick's** grandson, **Bill Brownfield's** grandmother, and **Louise Murray's** friend who has cancer.

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.

If you know of anyone who needs to be contacted for a care or concern, please email me at susyounk@gmail.com or contact the church office by calling 817.573.2337 or email of-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!

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Thank You

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Celebrating Years of Service

Priscilla Allen - 3 years of service - Music Director
Janet Everitt - 1 year of service - Interim Pianist
Emily Graham - 7 years of service - Director Bell Choir
Jane Seley - 1 year of service - Interim Organist
Nancy Worcester for leading the nursery this summer
Marijane Harvey for leading nursery through May 2024

FEATURING
Kid friendly
potluck after
the church
service.

Chicken
nuggets, pizza,
mac n' cheese,
finger
sandwiches,
little smokies,
hot dogs, and the
list goes on.

SAVE THE
Date
8 Sept.

RALLY DAY
WITH POTLUCK
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP

You Are Invited

Service of Installation
for
Rev. Angela Dionne Madden Scott
as the
Sixth Pastor
of
First Presbyterian Church
Granbury, Texas

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024, 4:00 pm
300 West Bridge Street Sanctuary
Granbury, Texas 76048

Reception Following in Fellowship Hall
Childcare Provided

Grace Presbytery
Synod of the Sun
Presbyterian Church (USA)



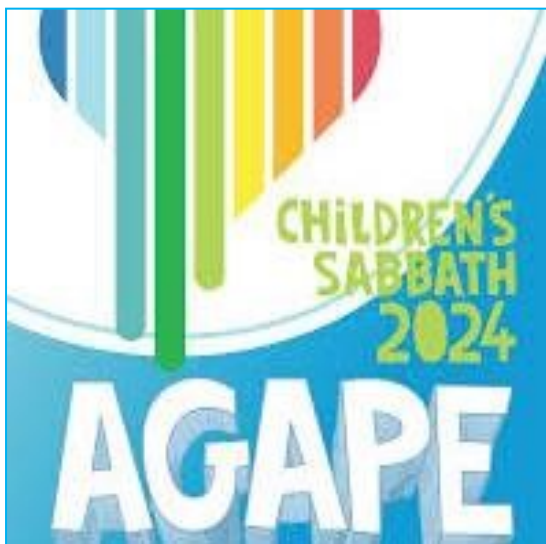
WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCT. 6, 10:00



Bring your gifts of bread items for a local Food Pantry



With the special Musical talent of Singer Rebecca Faiola



Timeless Theme: **A Little Child Shall Lead Them**

Isaiah 11:6 (NIV)

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

2024 Inspiration: Unleashing Joy

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Grounding Quote:

"There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives." –Audre Lorde

Children's Sabbath Sunday will be celebrated **October 20, 2024**

Children's Sabbath is a day that churches around the world observe to celebrate children and their gifts, and to highlight their role in the church. It's also a day to help people understand what children face today. Children often lead worship services on Children's Sabbath, sharing their work through song, words, and actions! **Any child, youth, college student of the church family (or extended family) is encouraged to let Pastor Angela know that you want to participate! 817-573-2337 ext. 102 or revangela@fpcgranbury.org**

The Session, Christian Education, Worship, and Fellowship teams are planning a wonderful celebration Sunday! A special lunch for the Faith Family will follow worship!

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	2 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	3 12:00pm - 1:00pm Brown Bag Bible Lunch Group - Admin Building	4 10:00am Mission and Outreach - FH 11:30am - 1:00pm PNC Quarterly Check In - TBD 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 1:30pm - 2:30pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir Practice - MH	5 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	6 Pastor Angela's Sabbath	7 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
8 Minute for Mission - Beverly McKusick Sunday School Kick off Potluck 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	9 1:00pm - 3:00pm MH - Pecan Bookmarks 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	10 9:00am - 12:00pm Cranbury Knitting Guild - FH 10:00am - 11:00am PW Bible Study - MH 12:00pm - 1:00pm Brown Bag Bible Lunch Group 2:30pm - 4:00pm Membership	11 10:00am - 11:00am CF Committee Meeting - Admin Building 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir Practice - MH 6:00pm - 7:00pm Hand Bells - FH	12 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH 1:00pm - 2:00pm Fellowship Meeting - FH	13 Pastor Angela's Sabbath Rev. Angela Continuing Education	14 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
15 Minute for Mission - Pam Grifford Rev. Angela Continuing Education @ Noon 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	16 Rev. Angela Continuing Education 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	17 Rev. Angela Continuing Education NO BROWN BAG BIBLE	18 Rev. Angela Continuing Education 10:00am Book Circle - Admin Building 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir Practice - MH 6:00pm - 7:00pm Hand Bells - FH	19 Rev. Angela Continuing Education 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH 4:30pm - 5:30pm	20 Bridge Articles Due Pastor Angela's Sabbath Rev. Angela Continuing Education	21 Grace Presbytery Meeting, FPC Waco, TX Rev. Angela Continuing Education 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
22 Rev. Angela Continuing Education 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook 11:00am - 12:00pm Flu Shots after Worship - Fellowship Hall TBD	23 6:00pm - 7:00pm Al-Anon	24 12:00pm - 1:00pm Brown Bag Bible Lunch Group 4:30pm - 5:30pm Session - Admin Building	25 10:00am FUN Circle - Jewelry Making - Admin Building 10:00am Habitat for Humanity - Admin Building 12:00pm - 1:00pm Men's Study - Admin Building 2:00pm - 3:00pm Staff Meeting 4:00pm - 5:30pm Choir Practice - MH	26 10:00am - 12:00pm Melody Belles - MH	27 Pastor Angela's Sabbath	28 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
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Rev. Angela Madden Scott

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Janet Everitt, Accompanist
Emily Graham, Bell Choir Director
Jane Seley, Organist

Nursery
Jessica Roberson, Lead Nursery Attendant

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Office Hours

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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.

Have you considered the Church in your Will or Legacy plans?



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