

# The Bridge

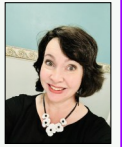
First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

*The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23*

August 2025

## Pastor's Pen...

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



Dear Faith Family,

What is your favorite month of the year? Personally, I think August is one of my top three most favorite months. August represents a lot of anticipation and memories. The anticipation of so many beginnings: school, preparing for fall in the church, seeing the youth share in worship about their camp experiences, celebrating my husband's birthday, having final summer hoorah celebrations, enjoying sweet corn, walking the exhibits at the celebrations on the square: all of this happens in August.

The days get progressively faster as a result of the abundance of things to accomplish in August. If your last name is 'M' in the alphabet you might renew your car taxes in the 8th month of the year. If you have school aged kiddos you purchase school supplies and perhaps a new Fantastic Four Backpack.

August is filled with: Anticipation for the future. And, August is necessarily filled with acceptance for the inevitability that Summer must come to an end. These emotions happen in my heart each August.

Seasons of our lives are so important. As Christians we celebrate the liturgical seasons. Springtime planting leads to harvest. Fall leaves prepares us for the incarnation of Jesus. Winter solstice affirms solitude with God.

David, when we focus on his life in 2nd Samuel Chapter 11, seemed to have little or no regard for the calendar. He was supposed to be focused on leading his army into battle in the spring of the year—David didn't do this. He remained in Jerusalem and stuck in the moments of spending lazy afternoons sleeping on his couch.

He was not doing the right thing at the right time. And, he got into big trouble.

We get in trouble if we didn't send our kids to school in the fall.

We would get in trouble if we didn't teach them to do their homework and study.

We get in trouble if we don't worship God faithfully and make God a priority in the ordering of our lives. We get in trouble when we get stuck in the past.

Play, swim, go on vacation, then, flip the pages of your calendar and photo books and ask God to prepare your heart for autumn.

Blessings on the seasons of your spiritual lives,

*Rev. Angela Madden Scott*

# Christian Education

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Julie Dean, Elder



August 6, 6-9:00 p.m.- Parents' Night Out: Back to School Edition. (elementary age)

September 7, 9:00 a.m.- Rally Day, Breakfast and Intergenerational Sunday School.

Offering for flood relief collected by VBS \$310.66

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

I send a huge thank you to all those who volunteered and made this year's Vacation Bible School successful. We had 28 children and 43 volunteers. It would not have been possible without each and every one of you...the Kitchen Crew, Arts & Crafts Crew, Bible Study Crew, Outdoor Activities Crew, The Shepherds, Technology Coordinator, Worship & Drama Leader, Youth Leader, T-Shirt Designer, Energizer Leader, Floaters, Safety Team, Office Support and our Assistant Director & VBS Nurse, Kathy Long.

My deepest gratitude for being amazing examples of God's love, Julie.



More photos in the July Highlights Pages...



# Outreach and Mission

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Connie Darne', Elder



**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:** If you would like to donate to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program to help fund relief efforts for the Texas flood victims, you can do so either through your First Presbyterian offering or directly to the PDA using the QR code, shown herein. If you choose to go through FPC Granbury, please include "PDA DR000191" in the memo line of your check or on the offering envelope.

**LOCAL MISSION:** August 14th will be the first day of school in Granbury. Let's remember to take a minute and think about the 60 children who will be wearing their new school shoes and say a prayer of Thanks for being allowed to be a part of this mission. We raised \$3,700 in total for our Back-to-School Drive for foster children. On Monday, July 7th Vanessa Faulkner and I presented the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) staff with 120 Rack Room Gift cards, a value of \$3,000. The remaining \$700 was donated to the Rainbow Room for use in the coming months. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Our next Outreach project may seem a little early. However, we have been asked by People Helping People (PHP) to get a jump start on stocking the food pantry for Thanksgiving. Their letter was printed in the July Bridge. They will be accepting donations through September 2, and the donation location is 306 Kings Plaza, or they will pick-up donations. To make donating a little more convenient for church members, we are going to have collections baskets in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and Church Office during the month of August. PHP has asked for the following food items:

Chicken Broth  
Stuffing Mx  
Boxed Dressing  
Canned Corn and Green Beans  
Canned Sweet Potatoes  
Mashed Potatoes  
Cranberry Sauce  
Baked Desserts (mixes)

If you prefer to donate monetarily, I am sure PHP would accept such donations, or if you wish to donate through the church, please note on your check or offering envelope, "PHP Food Drive."



**Presentation of Gift Cards for Foster Children Back-to-School Shoes**



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is coordinating a response with the Synod of the Sun Partnership for Disaster Recovery and Mission Presbytery following flash flooding in the Texas Hill Country that resulted in more than 100 lives lost. The response includes support for Mission Presbytery staff and volunteers, material aid such as flood buckets and more. **Recovery work is ongoing**, and assessment of the long-term needs is just beginning.

**God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP"—Give. Act. Pray.**

**GIVE:** Scan the QR code to give online, call 800-872-3283 or mail a check using the below reply device.

**ACT:**

- Assemble flood buckets, visit [pcusa.org/gohkits](http://pcusa.org/gohkits) for information
- Stay informed and like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/PDAcares](https://facebook.com/PDAcares)) and share updates with your congregation.

**PRAY:** God, who shaped the waters of chaos into Creation,  
We come before you brokenhearted, overwhelmed by the power of raging waters  
inundating this place of beauty and respite, leaving terror and sorrow in its wake.  
We thank you for the lives saved in the midst of this devastation.  
We grieve with those who have lost their loved ones. Comfort and console them,  
O God, as we stand with them in your love.  
Amen



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Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church, or mail with your check to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



**Our Mission:** It is our calling to share the good news of the Gospel through generous outreach and hospitality, nurturing worship and study, compassionate care and fellowship, striving together to faithfully discern God's will for the ministry of First Presbyterian Church in this world.

# Presbyterian Women

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Robbie Monaghan, Moderator



The PW Board met in July and determined the PW calendar for 2025-26.

The calendar will be distributed to members at the first meeting on September 12th. Look forward to the September Bridge for details about our September program.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Meet Rev. Dr. Rashell D. Hunter,  
author of the PW/Horizons  
2025-2026 Bible Study:

***Finding Resilience, Joy and  
Our Identity in Jesus Christ***

**Please Contact  
Nancy Bennett by  
August 13<sup>th</sup> to register  
817-578-1827  
nbennett0803@gmail.com**



## AUGUST 26, 2027

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FORT WORTH

10:00 AM - GATHERING WITH COFFEE, JUICE AND SNACKS

10:30 AM - PROGRAM IN THE GREAT HALL

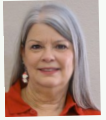
12:00 PM - LUNCH (OPTIONAL, \$10 PER PERSON)



# Worship

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Pat Luley, Elder



## Worship Attendance

### July 2025

		In Person	On Line
July	6	99	31
July	13	106	36
July	20	122	34

Elder In Charge August  
Stephanie Mosley

## August Sermon Texts and Titles

- August 3** "Take Your Gifts and Go" Elder Sharon Curry, Guest Preacher, I Corinthians 12:4-11; Matthew 28:16-20
- August 10** "Believe" Rev. Mitch Miller, Guest Preacher Luke 12:32-40; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- August 17** "Depends on which way the wind is blowing..." Isaiah 5: 1-7; Luke 12: 49-56
- August 24** "Has Someone Moved Your Iceberg?" Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Luke 13: 10-17
- August 31** "Cracked Cisterns" Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Pastor Angela is taking Continuing Education and vacation in August. Sharon Curry is filling in for Pastor Angela on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and will lead us in Communion. Sharon is the Regional Ministry Associate for Grace Presbytery West Region. On August 10<sup>th</sup>, Synod of the Sun Executive, Mitch Miller will lead us in worship. I'm sure everyone will give them a warm welcome when they arrive.

Several months ago, a choir member brought to my attention that there were no Bibles in the choir loft! She correctly wondered how the choir could be worship leaders when they didn't have Bibles to follow the scripture readings. I checked the sanctuary and discovered that there were also many pews that do not have enough Bibles or Hymnals. We ordered more Hymnals from PCUSA and they have been placed in the pews. The NSRV Bibles are no longer available from the PCUSA. We located and purchased some on eBay. We still need more so it's an on-going project.

Bianca and Sabrina Brownfield noticed that many of our Bibles and Hymnals didn't have the ribbon bookmarks. They bought supplies and made dozens for us. They even made enough for the Bibles and not yet on hand. Please thank them for their generous donation of material, time, and talent.

# Prayer of the Month

*The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, and self-control Gal. 5:22-23*

Gloria Mitchell, Coordinator



Dear Heavenly Father, please send peace and comfort to the family and dear friends of those who were lost in the Guadalupe flood. Please help more victims be recovered and help that bring even more peace to their families and loved ones. Also please help the survivors recover from the after-shock of experiencing the flood.

Thank you for hearing my plea. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Gloria

# Congregational Care

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Susan Younk Kidd, Elder



## CARE/RETIREMENT FACILITIES

AVIVA, Granbury:  
Dolores Groom, John Cheney

DISCOVERY VILLAGE, Lewisville:  
Marty and Ruth Gump

GOOD SAMARITAN AT LAKE FOREST, Denton:  
Juanita Morgan

LEWISVILLE ESTATES, Lewisville:  
Fran Smith

MERCY HOMES, Granbury:  
Rita Hart

STEVENSON OAKS, Fort Worth:  
Ted and Trish Gollar

THE COURTYARDS, Granbury:  
Margie Randles

WATERVIEW at Lake Granbury:  
Dave & Julie Barnett, Ted Dolan, Anna Stubbs, Bill Wood

## MEMBERS DEALING WITH ONGOING HEALTH ISSUES AT HOME:

Ann Mc.	Barbara B.	Barbara S	Dave B.	Bill W.	Carl D.	Carol G.
Claire M.	Dolores G.	Donna C.	Felicia P.	Jack S.	Janice R.	Jo Beth R.
Larry W.	Margie R.	Marla C.	Peter G.	Reann M.	Rita H.	Ted G.

**THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES:** Carl Dinkel, Doyle Seley, Eva Zapata, Howard Lovelady Family, Margie Randles, and Wanda Lowe

## SPECIAL CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH FRIENDS/FAMILY/ MEMBERS

Addie W., 17, who has leukemia.  
Ann Mitchell on the loss of her brother-in-law, Vern. Prayers for her sister, Estelle.  
Barbara S. Bother and sister-in-law who are experiencing health issues.  
Brother of Tom S., who has cancer.  
Carl, cousin of Linda N., terminal cancer.  
Daughter of Dolores G., who is navigating health issues.  
Dave B., as deals with health issues.  
Dean C., friend of the Scott's, who is in ICU and cousin, Ginger who has pancreatic cancer.  
Gardener D. Recovering from a fall and broken collar bone.  
Greg M. As he recovers from sugery and health issues.  
Janice R., as she deals with recurring invasive cancer.  
Joanne C., as she recovers from a health issue.  
Joyce H., as she has procedures to try to halt the loss of her sight.  
Karen S., as she continues treatment for heart issues.  
Louise M. as she deals with some difficult situations.  
Margie R., as she navigates life with amputated leg.  
Marlin M., as he is treated for lymphoma.  
Mary Lee M., as she deals with health issues.  
Max J. recovering from a fall.  
Max & Ruth Ann prayer for Joan & grandson Miles.  
Maylene B., who is suffering from vertigo.  
Mike G. as he looks for solutions to vertigo.  
Nicole, as she deals with cancer.  
Sandi R. has cancer and receiving chemotherapy.  
Terry M. (Sylvia H.), as he deals with health issues.  
Wanda L., as she works to regain health and strength.  
Wanda M., as she recovers from pneumonia.

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.

*Continued...*



## Congregational Care *continued...*

If you know of anyone who needs to be contacted for a care or concern, or if you would like us to bring you home communion, please email me at [susanyounk@gmail.com](mailto:susanyounk@gmail.com) or contact Gail at 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have helped with caring for our members, giving of time and talents. We have folks sending out cards to our sick, homebound and those grieving. Others are volunteering to provide transportation to doctor appointments or to make meals for those recovering. We have volunteers going with us to take communion or gifts to the homebound. The list goes on and on, but I want you to know what a blessing you are to me and our church family.

**"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40**



- 2 Jamie Sanders and James Witt
- 4 Kevin and Robbie Monaghan
- 12 Derek and Vanessa Faulkner
- 20 Matt and Sarah Naper
- 23 Ted and Trish Goller
- 24 Gary and Brenda Towers
- 25 Mike and Margaret Gulinson
- 27 Kathy and Jerry Long
- 28 Max and Ruth Ann Jewell
- 30 Lee and Gladys Lennington



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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Lina Hardin       | 7 Emily Holmes       | 20 Wanda Moon       |
| 2 Christopher Smith | Terri Moss           | 25 Richard McCarthy |
| Rhonda Travis       | 9 Donna Callahan     | 26 Cindy Cress      |
| 3 Nancy Bennett     | 13 Connie Gilmore    | 29 Beverly McKusick |
| 6 Brittany Clifton  | 16 Nancy Mielke      | 30 Hannah Briesse   |
| Doug Jones          | 17 Daren Hardin      |                     |
|                     | 18 Jack Scott        |                     |
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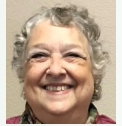


**Sunday, August 17,  
At 5 pm,  
In Fellowship Hall  
All are welcome!**

# Fellowship

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Beverly McKusick, Elder



August is here and it is hot, hot, hot! There are a couple of things happening this month.

August 14th our kids head back to school and Fellowship is having a **Pizza party / game night on August 17th at 5pm**. We will have an area for group Bingo game with some great prizes. If you're not into Bingo, bring a game with you and I'm sure you will find someone to play your game. Last time we had a great game of Train Dominos going. What could be better, pizza, salad, dessert, and having a fun time with some wonderful people?

My recipe this month is for a no bake energy bar.  
It's very cool and easy to make.

1c. quick cooking oats

1/3 c, tart cherries

1/2 c. peanut butter

3 TBSP honey

1 tsp vanilla

Mix all ingredients and chill for 2 hours before serving

## From the Library Committee

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ZIGGY here. I was hungry. Decided to taste a little from the "Sermons" area, 248.8, and found this delicious book All Are Chosen: Faith Confessions of a Presbyterian Minister in Waco written by our very own Jimmie Johnson. Talk about SOUL food! I found sermons for each part of our liturgical year: Advent, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Ordinary Time are all there. Try it! It tasted like Christian Hope.

I was visiting with Ziggy and our Library Committee and we all agreed that the time of year is approaching that good food for the Holiday Seasons is just around the corner! Well in our First Presbyterian Library, under the 600 section, we even have Cookbooks. Let me titillate your taste buds with a couple of recipes.

In our "First Presbyterian Church Cookbook" you can find some party fare including Appetizer Meatballs from An-nadell Teems and Layered Seafood Spread from Virginia Conner. Another delightful cookbook titled "Ladies of the Church" includes Whiskey Bread Pudding with Sauce from Theda Deaver and Mississippi Mud Cake from Ruth Gump. And if you remember the Mery Heart Tea Room, there are even some of Diane Rawl Davis's recipes that most ladies would "die" for!

Time's a wastin'! Get to the Library as you think of Thanksgiving and Christmas and all the events in between! Women of the Church - we could use another Cookbook, since the last one was published and sold in 2011!

**Come on by the Church Library... I'd love to meet you, and to share some of the awesome stuff that I've discovered in this space.**



# July Highlights!

## July 4th Parade and Dogs!





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## Pancake and Biscuits 'n Gravy Breakfast





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## Waves of Wonder Vacation Bible School





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## Waves of Wonder Vacation Bible School





August 6, 6 - 9 pm  
Elementary Age  
Registrations can be picked up at the  
office, in the Sanctuary  
Communications Corner, or the  
Fellowship Hall Worship Table.  
Call the Church Office  
817-573-2337 for questions.

**Sunday, August 17th**

**Blessing of Backpacks**

Please bring your backpack to worship and  
Rev. Angela will bless them and you!  
Ice Cream Sandwiches following worship,  
honoring Jack Scott's birthday!  
Hosted by Major and Rev. Angela.



**Christian Education  
Hosts Breakfast!**

**9 am,**

**Sept. 7, 2025**

**Sunday School**

**Kickoff**



# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 8:30am Childcare Available 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>28</b> 9:00am - 4:00pm Granbury Quilt Guild - Fellowship Hall 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Rev. Angela Continuing Education through 8/5	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Pastor Angela's Sabbath	<b>2</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>3</b> Communion Sunday Elder Sharon Curry Preaching 8:30am Childcare Available 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>4</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Rev. Angela out through 8/15 6:00pm - 9:00pm Parents' Night Out	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>10</b> Rev. Mitch Miller, Synod Leader, Preaching Rev. Angela, vacation 8:30am Childcare Available 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>11</b> 1:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Hall - Pecan Bookmarks 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>12</b> 2:30pm - 4:00pm Membership Meeting - Admin	<b>13</b> 1:30pm - 2:30pm CE Committee Meeting - Admin 3:00pm - 4:00pm Evangelism Youth Committee	<b>14</b> 1:00pm - 2:00pm Fellowship Meeting - FH	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>17</b> Blessing of the Backpacks Ice Cream Sandwiches following worship for Jack Scott's Birthday! Hosted by Major and Rev. Angela 8:30am Childcare Available 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook 5:00pm Pizza Party Game Night - All Ages	<b>18</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>19</b> Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall, 4:30 pm	<b>20</b> Bridge Articles Due	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pastor Angela's Sabbath	<b>23</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>24</b> 8:30am Childcare Available 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>25</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Outreach and Mission - FH	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Pastor Angela's Sabbath	<b>30</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH
<b>31</b> 8:30am Childcare Available 10:00am Worship Service - Live Stream and Facebook	<b>1</b> Labor Day - Office Closed 6:00pm - 7:00pm AI-Anon	<b>2</b> Rev. Angela Out of the Office with Jack for surgery	<b>3</b> Rev. Angela Out of the Office with Jack for surgery	<b>4</b> Rev. Angela Out of the Office with Jack for surgery	<b>5</b> Pastor Angela's Sabbath	<b>6</b> 10:00am - 11:30am Women's Way Out- MH

**Rev. Angela Madden Scott**

## Music

Priscilla Allen, Music Director

Janet Everitt, Accompanist/Organist

## Nursery

Jessica Roberson, Lead Nursery Attendant  
Nursery Attendant Volunteers

## Office

**202 West Pearl Street**

**817-573-2337**

Gail Deckert, Administrative Assistant

**Elder Sharon Curry on call:**  
**Aug. 1- 16**

**Pulpit Supply Aug. 3 & Aug 10**

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

7:30-4:30

Closed September 1, Labor Day





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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