

# the chimes

## Sunday Mornings

9:00am Prayer Partners in Church Library | 9:20am Church School \* | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary \* (\* Child care provided)

### AN INVITATION FROM

#### OUR MISSION WORKERS TO PERU

Once again, TRISH BURK and MARILYN MAYNARD WRIGHT traveled to Peru, to continue the work of constructing a seminary in the Andean mountain rain forests near Quillabamba. This time, however, they were blessed to be able to partner with eighteen energetic youth and five adult volunteers from Avondale Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, NC, and close to one hundred members of the Evangelical Church of Peru.

A whirlwind of activity took place while they were there. Cinder block walls were erected; doors, electrical wiring, outlets and fixtures were installed; the hillside adjacent to the chapel was leveled out to accommodate a soccer field and gathering place...which led to a fully functional bathroom! Bunk bed frames (funded by Avondale PC) were lovingly carved by members of a Peruvian church, and delivered with mattresses and blankets for the seminary students who were to start classes on July 4. Manuel, a local mason, selflessly donated two weeks of his precious time during the crucial coffee bean picking season to stucco the walls; and Saul, the project's construction coordinator continues to work six days a week at the construction site. By the time the mission workers left for home the windows and the second story wood floors had not been delivered, but all were amazed at how much work was accomplished during our visit.

We try to put limits on what God can accomplish. Instead, He shows us His Grace and Power and that He is the one in control.

Pastor Leopold Aguilar has invited our church to join him and the local churches that provided volunteers and support to celebrate the completion of this first phase of the Instituto Superior De Teologia. Trish and Marilyn plan on being there. How about you?



### PEW MOVING PARTY



A "pew moving party" will begin at 3:00pm on SUN, JULY 31, in the sanctuary. "Able bodied" persons (no history of "back troubles") who have some capacity for team-lifting are invited to assist in the first of maybe three pew-moving efforts to make way for scaffolding, wall conditioning, and painting during the month of August.

Participants do not need to be church members, simply folks who desire to be part of an important group effort!

### UPDATE ON

#### TEMPORARY WORSHIP LOCATION

Beginning SUN, AUG 7, First Presbyterian will worship in Fellowship Hall for five consecutive Sundays, hopefully returning to the refurbished sanctuary on September 11. A local sound technician is being consulted on the possibility of creating transmitting and frequency compatibility in Fellowship Hall for the hearing-assistance devices (currently utilized in the sanctuary) during the Sundays we will worship in Fellowship Hall.

### EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

We are celebrating Everybody's Birthday on SUN., AUG. 21, in Fellowship Hall following worship. A sandwich lunch will be served followed by birthday cake. To make the celebration complete, we



need fourteen volunteers to provide one cake each with one of those being sugar free. Dig out your favorite recipe, family recipe, or try out a new recipe. If you are not a baker, bring one from a local bakery. Yum!

Email Shirley Leeper at [texasgrammy13@gmail.com](mailto:texasgrammy13@gmail.com) and let her know you are willing to help with the birthday celebration.

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THOSE WHO SERVE  
AUGUST CALENDAR

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# MINISTRY on the *Move*

by Marie Mickey, Associate Pastor ([mmickey@fpcbryan.org](mailto:mmickey@fpcbryan.org))

## PRIME TIMERS: "ROCKIN' AND ROLLIN'"



THU, AUG 11, at 11:30am plan to join the Prime Time for a Rock and Roll Party. Hamburgers and French Fries along with Coke/Root Beer Floats will be provided.

What is your favorite song? Who was your favorite artist/group? Music, games, and lots of fun are in store. Bring a friend and a side dish, if you are able, and join us in the Library/Parlor for a rockin' good time! For more information, contact Marie.

## CHURCH LADIES GATHER

Mark your calendars for WED, AUG 17, at 11:30am when the Church Ladies gather for fellowship and delicious food at Amico Nave in Bryan. For more information, contact Marie.

## CARE TEAM TO STUDY THE CHURCH'S ROLE IN MENTAL ILLNESS

In August the Care Team begins a study using the book *Blessed Are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness, Family and Church* by Sarah Griffith Lund. In this book the author looks back at her father's battle with bipolar disorder, and the helpless sense of déjà vu as her brother and cousin endure mental illness, as well. She seeks answers in her faith communities, from feeling pain in God's presence, through seeing the Holy Spirit on Death Row as she witnesses her cousin's execution. The book is more than memoir, it is a resource for churches and other faith-based groups to provide healing and comfort. As Sarah writes, "This testimony is for anybody who has ever wondered how God can use craziness to teach us about the depths of human and divine love." This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:00pm in the Library.

For more information or for a copy of the book, contact Marie.

## Growing Disciples by Kathryn Nachlinger, Director of Christian Education ([education@fpcbryan.org](mailto:education@fpcbryan.org))

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Children's Church School (3 years old through GR 6) meet together in Room 13 Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am) through Sept 4. A loving nursery awaits children (Birth to 2 years) in Room 108.

- JULY 31 Rich toward God. Children examine the parable of the barns in order to consider what they really need and how to be rich towards God. Luke 12: 13-21
- AUG 7 Be Prepared. Children hear Jesus' words about being prepared and adopt spiritual practices to keep them connected to God. Luke 12:32-40
- AUG 14 Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus. Children rejoice in the great cloud of witnesses around them, beginning with the Hebrew faithful. Hebrews 11:29-12:2

### COMBINED SUMMER ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

"OUR STORY & OUR STORIES"

- JULY 31 "Air Conditioning" (Ch. 12) from *Good News from North Haven (A Year in the Life of a Small Town)* by Michael Linvall
- Convergence, a 3-week DVD Series: Donald Miller, Phyllis Tickle.
- AUG 7 The Importance of Story and Place
  - AUG 14 People, Ambitions, and Conflict

### SUMMER BOOK CLUB



Summer Book Club concludes on WED, AUG 3, at 7:00pm and meets at the home of Catherine Ezzell. *The Wives of Los Alamos* by Tarashea Nesbit is a bold, emotionally charged debut novel told in the collective voices of the wives of the men who created the atom bomb.

### CARPENTER'S KIDS



On July 6 the children enjoyed pizza, played a game where they learned to set a table, and enjoyed playing numerous relay games. Thank you to KATHY GOEPPINGER, CATHERINE EZZELL, and CLAIRE SCHMIDT for helping with lunch and the various games.



On July 13 the children toured KBTX studio. Their favorite part was seeing themselves on the television screen and experimenting with the weatherman's "green" screen. They loved putting a green shirt in front of them which made their body disappear and their head seemed to be floating. After returning the church, the children wrote thank you notes to KBTX and Alpaca Farm for the tours and then watched the movie "Babe."

## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SEARCH UPDATE

The Director of Music Search and Interview Committee is comprised of: (1) a chairman from Session's Administration Committee (Bill Watson); (2) two members from the Chancel Choir (Pat Davis and Jim Burk); (3) one member from the contemporary worship planning group (Karen Berg); and (4) two members from the congregation at large (John Lee and Nancy Self). They first meet on July 20 and hope to begin interviewing candidates in the near future. The advertisement approved by Session reads as follows: Director of Music position, First Presbyterian Church-Bryan, TX; 19 hours per week; 5 years exp; formal music/choral education; desire to serve in Reformed faith and music traditions - classical, traditional, and contemporary; to direct the chancel choir & work with others; organ proficiency preferred but not required.



## YOUng Adult News

Eric Peterson, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*  
([youngadults@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcbryan.org))

### YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults enjoy **LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP** on **AUG 7** at Razzo's and usually gather the first Sunday of the month at a local restaurant. Venues are listed in the church calendar.

**"THIRSTY THEOLOGY" DISCUSSION SERIES** begins with the book *Trust in God: the Christian Life and the Book of Confessions* by David Johnson who uses our *Book of Confessions* as a guide post to examine the different areas of our Christian faith. The group will meet every other Wednesday at 7:00pm in local venues starting **JULY 27** at The Village in downtown Bryan. Contact Eric Peterson for a copy of the book.

**BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY VOLUNTEER DAY, SAT, JULY 30.** 10:00am to 11:30am. Meet at the church parking lot at 9:30am to carpool to The Pantry at 9:45am.

**YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND AT MO-RANCH, SEPT 16-18.** Gather with like-minded young adults and reconnect with God, thoughtful conversations, recreation. Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Carolyn Browning Helsel from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. An opportunity to recharge and relax! The cost for the conference \$198. If attending Saturday only, the cost is \$105. If interested, contact Eric Peterson by July 17.



## YOUth Haps

Eric Peterson, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*  
([youth@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youth@fpcbryan.org))

### YOUTH (GR 7-12) ACTIVITIES

**DINNER & FELLOWSHIP.** Sunday nights (6:00pm to 8:00pm). Is the main weekly youth activity this summer. "Faith Topics" by *The Thoughtful Christian* PLUS fun team building games and watching movies. Meet in Rm 403 and Carter Creek Foyer.

**FELLOWSHIP. SAT, AUG, 6.** Meet at the church at 9:00am. We're headed to Lake Limestone. Bring a sack lunch, a swimsuit, a t-shirt for sun protection, and water shoes. We'll depart the lake around 5:00pm (at the latest).

## 2016 FPC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Month of June	Year-to-Date
Income	\$ 80,909.76	\$532,087.41
Expenses	\$ 63,007.29	\$512,937.98
Difference (- loss) (+ gain)	\$ 17,902.47	\$ 19,149.43

\* incl. \$35k from The Foundation's annual giving to the budget

## CARING & SHARING

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to **BETTY TRANT** and **POLLY BEALS** and their family following the death of Emmett on July 16.

*"I am the life and the resurrection," saith the Lord.* —John 11:25

On July 17, the Church administered the Sacrament of Baptism to:

- **EMMA AUBREY MCGLOSSON**, daughter of Catherine Luquette and Brian McGlasson;
- **AVA KAY MECKLEY**, infant daughter of Annabelle Hicks & Paul Meckley; and
- **PAUL MARTIN MECKLEY.**

*"I am fearfully and wonderfully made,"* —Psalm 139:14

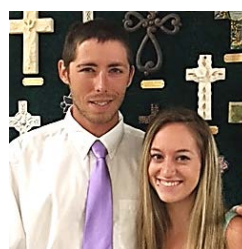
Congratulations to **TESS RENTSCHLAR & STEVEN BOADA** who were married in our sanctuary on July 16.

Friends,

My family would like to express our deepest appreciation for your loving care during this time of sadness in the passing of our beloved Cathy. Your calls, visits, cards, hugs, and kind words have helped us in our time of grief God bless each of you.

Yours in Christ, Sharon Bowling

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



First Presbyterian welcomes new members **PAUL MECKLEY** and **ANNABELLE HICKS** by profession of faith. They have an infant daughter Ava Kay. Paul is employed by Empire Steel. They currently make their home at 201 County Road 812 in Alvin, TX. You can reach Paul by phone at 832.802.3041 or

by email at [paulmeckley1@gmail.com](mailto:paulmeckley1@gmail.com).



Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, please list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. If you would like to be visited by one of our hospital visitors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them of your needs.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**STOCK THE BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY – SUMMER 2016**  
**PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN ESPECIALLY WELCOME!**  
110 lbs. of donated items were delivered to The Pantry in July. Thank you for your generosity!



- 07/28 Judy Jordan
- 07/29 Gladys Wilding
- 07/31 Jaxson Cruz
- 07/31 Bob Leslie
- 07/31 Myra Rhodes
- 08/01 Thomas Cruz
- 08/01 Jennifer Hobbs
- 08/01 Kim Miller
- 08/02 Paul Van Dyke
- 08/03 Tom Veters

- 08/04 Marlee Criaco
- 08/04 Jay McKay
- 08/05 Rusty Cochrane
- 08/05 Cullen Turney
- 08/05 Julie Wattenbarger
- 08/08 Annell Schoenvogel
- 08/08 Cindy Wingert
- 08/11 Isidro Gonzalez
- 08/12 Nelda Green
- 08/12 Alexander Reese
- 08/13 Frank Edmiston
- 08/13 Carrie Martin
- 08/15 Ben Berg
- 08/15 Hayes Robertson
- 08/16 Dorothy Anderson
- 08/17 Frank Anderson
- 08/17 Aidan Martin



- ♥ Max Butler
- ♥ Virginia Buttery
- ♥ Shirley Dill
- ♥ Roy Greer
- ♥ Paul Van Dyke
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

- ★ Ted Burk
- ★ Jason Morris
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe
- ★ Curtis van Engel
- ★ Joanna van Engel



**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

Covering events from August 18-31, the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is NOON, SUN, AUGUST 7. Submit content to: [chimes@fpcbryan.org](mailto:chimes@fpcbryan.org).

**ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP**



- JULY 31: LUKE 12:13-21
- AUGUST 7: ISAIAH 1:1,10-20
- AUGUST 14: LUKE 12:49-56