

# the chimes

## Sunday Mornings

9:20am Church School \* | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary \* (\* Child care provided.)

150 YEARS  
1867-2017



of Being Family  
Among All of God's People

Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church-Bryan,

The 150th Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church-Bryan is upon us, with the celebratory worship convening at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 19. (The exact 150th anniversary date is noon, the following Friday, November 24.) Worship on the 19th will be preceded by a reception, beginning at 9:30 a.m., and will be followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

While a definite history exists related to land purchases, structures, parts of the structures (windows, musical instruments, air conditioners, pews, etc.), and events, and that history spans a length of time (150 years), God is concerned above all with the human lives who have been part of a communion of God's people across six generations (if a generation is considered 25 years).

As worship begins on November 19, the C.S. Bell Co. 30-inch diameter bell which rests on the Weddington Patio next to the south wall of the sanctuary will be tolled six times, representing not the number of years as such, but six generations of disciples of Jesus Christ who have come and gone and still are around as First Presbyterian Church.

A side-note to the Weddington Patio bell is provided by Ranney McDonald, who in the mid-1950s witnessed the removal of the bell from the main tower of the 1906 structure on Washington Street. Ranney tells that, whatever good intentions and plans existed to remove the bell from its elevated location, the bell actually fell, but remarkably was undamaged. There may be a parable somewhere in an event like that. Many falls have occurred in people's lives, enough in quantity or in degree that it may be just fine with us to be grounded, and to serve from our grounded positions!

Give thanks to God for God's presence and spirit calling this church to life and vitality in witness, service, and fellowship. If you are unable to attend on November 19, please remember those who gathered in your prayers; and if you are able to attend, even if it has been awhile since you've been present, please "come on!"

With thanks to God, whom we know in Jesus Christ . . .

Ted Foote  
Pastor

**Preaching Christ | Teaching Discipleship | Reaching Others**

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## MISSION COMMITTEE SPONSORS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Once again, FPC will have the opportunity to share in providing a wonderful Christmas for families in Bryan-College Station through **THE SALVATION ARMY** – giving Christmas gifts to over 800 local families (2,000+ children). Starting **MON, NOV 20**, the **ANGEL TREE** will be in the Patio with 40 angels hung on the tree which friends can “adopt” and purchase gifts for their

“angel.” The Angel ornaments on the tree provide the name, sizes, and wish list for a child that you whose Christmas you can brighten. Pick up your “angel’s” name and enjoy the experience of Christmas shopping at its best! Place your gifts for your “angel” around the tree in the Patio **by Dec 8**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**STILL CREEK ACADEMY** is in need of donations of paper goods. With this **PAPER GOODS DRIVE** The Academy is asking for **paper towels, tissues, and toilet paper**. Still Creek Christian Academy is a private, K-12 Christian boarding school situated on almost 200 acres in the Brazos Valley in Bryan. The Academy is the heartbeat of Still Creek Ranch and their student base consists of those who live onsite as well as children from the community. These donations go a long way in helping The Academy have essential items. A marked container to receive your donations will be in the Patio **through Dec 8**.



A tall cardboard container is located on the indoor Patio for donations to the annual **TWIN CITY MISSION COAT & BLANKET DRIVE**. New and gently used coats and blankets as well as other items that keep one warm, such as hats, scarves and gloves, are accepted.

“Everything collected is from the community for the community,” said Ron Crozier with The Mission. “We’ve got neighbors right here in our community that don’t have something to keep warm with this winter -- so the rest of the community steps up. They go through their closets they find something they haven’t worn in a year or two, these are gently used. Some even buy new coats for us.” The items will be distributed to anyone who needs them on Nov. 16. The likely pick-up date is **FRI, NOV 10**.

## UPDATES TO FPCC PLAYGROUND

A big Thank You to the Aggie ASPIRE (Aggie Scholars Promoting Incentive, Resources, and Encouragement) group that held a service project on the playgrounds of FPCC on October 21. Members of this group have now accumulated more than 100 hours of service to improve our playgrounds. We appreciate the help of **FRANK ELLIOTT** who volunteered his time and tools to help make this happen!



## Growing Disciples *Christian Education Ministries* ([education@fpcbryan.org](mailto:education@fpcbryan.org))

### CHILDREN ACTIVITIES IN WORSHIP



Encourage your child(ren) to explore, create and learn during worship each Sunday with activity sheets (related to the sermon) and markers available on tables in the narthex (31<sup>st</sup> St. entrance to the sanctuary) and on the table in the office hallway (Carter Creek Pkwy entrance to the sanctuary). Can’t find them? Simply ask an usher for assistance.

### CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am); 3 Years Old thru GR 4 meet in Room 13. Beth Morris, Claire Schmidt, and Amber Fattig teach this class. GR 5-6 meet in Room 10. David Sahm teaches this class.

**NOV 19. Bold Acts.** Children discover in the parable of the talents that they are to act boldly as God’s children. Read with your children: Matthew 25:14-30.

**NOV 26. The Good Shepherd.** Children, in hearing the parable of the sheep and the goats, choose ways to love God through serving others. Read with your children: Matthew 25:31-46.



# YOUng Adult News

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



Scheduled for every other Thursday, the **ECUMENICAL YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP** will be held at Carney's Pub and Grill located at 3410 S College Ave in Bryan on **THU, NOV 16**, at 8:00pm. This is an effort to have fellowship opportunities with young adults from different churches in the Bryan College Station area.

**TAMMIE & CHARLEY KEESEE** will host **FRIENDSGIVING MOVIE NIGHT** at their home located at 3987 Windfree Drive in College Station on **FRI, NOV 17**, at 7:00pm. This potluck event invites everyone bring their favorite Thanksgiving dish/dessert.



## YOUTH Haps

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

### AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

While the weather was warm outside, the chili cook-off contestants were HOT inside! Nine contestants entered their favorite chili recipe in the 2nd Annual Youth-sponsored Chili Cook-Off on October 29. The top three winners took home plaques handcrafted by FPC Youth. This year's winners . . .



2017-2018 Youth Group

(L-R Luna Curtiss, Tabitha Curtiss, Youth Director Eric Peterson, Hannah Wertz, Rachel Pratt, Sarah Kate Pratt, Adam Espinoza, Haven Curtiss, Jake Fattig)



Cheryl Page



Pat Vinson

Getting-to-know-one-another activities kick-started conversation and laughter at the tables. **RACHEL PRATT, HANNAH WERTZ,** and **PRESTON WINDHAM** shared testimonials about their experiences in Youth Fellowship.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, over \$400 was received (to date) and will help fund FPC youth attending summer conferences in 2018. The youth are incredibly grateful for your generosity towards the nurturing of their faith journeys. They are already talking about the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off. How about it? Will you be a contestant?

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Room 401 at 7:00pm is the place for youth to be **EVERY WEDNESDAY** for bible study. Study leaders alternate between **ERIC PETERSON** and one of our youth, **RACHEL PRATT**. Bible study will break from **DEC 13** until **JAN 17, 2018**.

### DINNER, FELLOWSHIP, ACTIVITIES

**SUN, NOV 19, 6:00pm.** Youth head to **GRAND STATION ENTERTAINMENT**. The cost to bowl will be covered by the church. Youth are asked to meet at 6:00pm at Grand Station Entertainment in College Station.

**NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP  
(SUN, NOV 26)**



### CARING & SHARING

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to **MARGUERITE VAN DYKE** and family following the death of her husband, Paul, on November 2.

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

During worship on All Saints' Sunday Commemoration and Celebration (November 5), remembered with the tolling of FPC-Bryan's 1912 bell were those who died between All Saints' Day (Nov 1, 2016, and Nov 1, 2017): **SUE AVERY, RON DARBY, DAVID EVANS, NELDA GREEN, ROY GREER, BARBARA HAWKINS, GEORGE McARTHUR, ERNA McCOLLUM, LANDON PALMER, NELL PALMER, KITTY PRESCOTT,** and **CHARLOTTE ROGERS.**

*We give thanks for those whose faith is firm . . .  
God's love through them is known.*



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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- ♥ Ron Douglas
- ♥ Harry Green
- ♥ Madison Hodges  
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Haskell Monroe
- ♥ Gladys Wilding
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11/17 Midge Hiebler      | 11/24 Cheryl Page       |
| 11/18 Polly Beals        | 11/25 Candy Vinson      |
| 11/19 Rachel Jordan      | 11/27 Denny Cole        |
| 11/19 Marsha Milford     | 11/27 Charles Samuelson |
| 11/21 Mickey Bielamowicz | 11/28 Emma Wertz        |
| 11/23 Audrey Prouty      |                         |

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS  
IN THE  
MILITARY**

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**  
covering news and events from NOV 30 thru DEC 20, incl. the December Calendar, the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is NOON, THU, NOV 16. Submit content to: [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).

**ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP**



**NOVEMBER 19**  
Acts 9:26-31; 10:34-35;  
11:1-3,17-18  
**NOVEMBER 26**  
Matthew 25:31-46