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Sunday Mornings

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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 1

On Sunday, October 1, at 10:45am, in the sanctuary, FPC-Bryan celebrates World Communion Sunday with multitudes of Christians around the globe. Our sharing of “the bread of life” and “the cup of salvation” in and through Jesus Christ is an experience available to each individual and to all of God’s family. Let us rejoice in the salvation and unity we experience in Jesus, crucified and resurrected!



The **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** will be received on **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY,**

OCT 1. This year’s theme is **PROCLAIM CHRIST’S PEACE.**

As we bring our gifts, we gather with other worshipping communities around the country to strengthen Christ’s work for peace through our church. Twenty-five percent of funds received will be used in our community, 25%—at our regional level and the remaining 50%—at the national and international levels. It will provide opportunities to learn more about global conflict, racism, militarization, gun violence, bullying, and church conflict, and provide resources that train people like us to be part of proclaiming Christ’s peace to all God’s children. Here’s how you can give through FPC-Bryan (*Make checks payable to FPC-Bryan. Memo: Peace/Global Witness*). Please give generously.

First Presbyterian Friends,

The Rev. Judy Fletcher called this Tuesday morning to say that she and David (The Rev. David Fletcher) are completing their final “visioning” report to the Session elders after (a) 12 hours total with members of the congregation during one Saturday in August and one Saturday in September and (b) 4 hours total with the Session elders during three Sunday meetings (one each in June, August, and September).

The Session, the Fletchers, and I are grateful to the 100 total “attendees” of the August and September “visioning meetings,” contributing a total of 300 “person-hours” to this process. The congregation, the Fletchers, and I are grateful for the 156 total “person-hours” contributed by Session elders, above the hours some of them spent as part of the congregation’s visioning meetings.

When their report arrives, the Session will: (a) study and prayerfully consider it; (b) possibly appoint a work group to draw up related recommendations, (c) possibly hold “next-step” conversation-meetings with the congregation to receive further input and feedback, and (d) generally seek to implement processes for ministry and staffing in the “near-and-medium-future” which result from and are consistent with the visioning process expressions in which the church has participated with Judy and David.

Continue to be in prayer for FPC-Bryan and our being led by the Holy Spirit as days and weeks unfold.

Gratefully, *Ted*

SAVE THE DATES!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

150TH ANNIVERSARY ORGAN CONCERT featuring Dr. Jungjin Kim (6:30pm)

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

PASTOR EMERITUS BOB LESLIE, Guest Preacher (10:45am) with CHILI COOK-OFF (following worship)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

150TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP (10:45am) with LUNCHEON (following worship)

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PRIME TIME GATHERING



Would you walk with me into the pumpkin patch... would you dance around the scarecrow?

The Prime Timers (60+ lively, spirit-filled folks) gather in the **PUMPKIN PATCH** for Harvest Hash on **THU, OCT 12**, at 11:30am in the Library and Parlor. The program, coordinated by Marcia Miculek, will be filled with song and YOUR stories from the pumpkin patch. Bring your story, a side dish or dessert, and a friend! For more information, contact the church office, 979.823.8073 or office@fpcbryan.org.

CROP HUNGER WALK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The CROP Hunger Walk is **SUN, OCT 29**, at 3:00pm at Veteran's Park in College Station. The event supports Church World Service relief and development programs www.cwsglobal.org, and locally where 25% of the funds raised go to the Brazos Church Pantry. To be a walker and/or support a walker with your donation, contact Eric Peterson, youth@fpcbryan.org.



VOLUNTEER AT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S PUMPKIN PATCH

Throughout October Habitat for Humanity/Faith in Action is hosting its **Annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser** next to Hillier Funeral Home on 29th St in Bryan. This fundraiser will help Habitat build a home for a family within the next year. FPC-Bryan is signed up for the first weekend in October: **SAT, OCT 7**, from 10:00am to 8:00pm, and **SUN, OCT 8**, from 12:00pm to 8:00pm. Volunteer times are split into 7 shifts, so no one has to volunteer all day. **Any volunteers on these days will be appreciated.** For more information or to volunteer, contact Tammie Keese, tdsprott@gmail.com.

"STOCK THE PANTRY"

SUN, OCT 1, and the first Sunday of each month is "STOCK THE PANTRY" Sunday – the Brazos Church Pantry. And . . . if you miss it, you can bring non-perishable food items (no glass containers, please) and personal hygiene items (in high demand). With gratitude for your generosity!

THANK YOU, FPC!

Seventy-four hygiene kits valued at \$15 each for survivors in the affected areas following Hurricane Harvey were delivered to Presbytery of New Covenant on September 11. Your time and generosity towards reaching out to others in their time of devastation are deeply appreciated!

Growing Disciples Christian Education Ministries (education@fpcbryan.org)

NEW! CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

The **Library Class** (formerly known as Feasting on the Word Class) is re-forming with their start this fall. With a particular emphasis on expanding class membership, the facilitators will lead this group on topics of faith and related bible passages. The class starts the fall with Max Lucado's book and DVD Series *Before Amen: The Power of a Simple Prayer*. Three of the four lessons are as follows:

SEP 24. Father, You Are Good. Read Matthew 6:5-13; Isaiah 46:9; Genesis 1:1-5,26-27

OCT 1. I Need Help. Read Philippians 4:6-7; John 2:1-11; Matthew 20:29-34

OCT 8. They Need Help. Read John 14:12-14; Luke 11:5-13; Matthew 17:14-20; Exodus. 43:1-14

Later in October, the class will begin the book and DVD Series *What's So Amazing about Grace?* by Philip Yancey. Jerry Norris will begin facilitating class discussion following with class participants facilitating discussion, if desired. For more information, contact Jerry Norris, 979.777.0082 or jgnorris1@suddenlink.net.

The class meets Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am) in the Church Library. **All are invited!**

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.

OCT 1. Finding God's Ways. Children look for God's ways in the parable of the two sons.

Read with your children: Matthew 21: 23-32

OCT 8. Serving God. Children explore ways to serve God after engaging the parable of the wicked tenants.

Read with your children: Matthew 21:33-46.

Concerts on **CARTER CREEK**

On **SUN, OCT 8**, Concerts on Carter Creek will host **Brass Beats** at 5:00pm in our sanctuary. This modern age brass ensemble thrills audiences everywhere they perform. Brass Beats performs music from the Baroque and Classical eras all the way to modern Jazz, Funk, and Rock. Concert is free. Child care is provided.



A few more volunteers are needed to provide refreshments for the post-performance reception. To help, please contact Cheryl Page, cpage8@suddenlink.net or 979.219.1505.

YOUTH Haps



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

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**.

DINNER & FELLOWSHIP

SUN, OCT 1, 6:00pm – “Where did the Bible Come From?” by *Thoughtful Christian* and team building games. Meet in Room 403.

SUN, OCT 8, 6:00pm – “Why Do We Need So Many Versions of the Bible?” by *Thoughtful Christian* and team building games. Meet in Room 403.

AGGIELAND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



The students of United Campus Ministry of Aggieland are hosting an aggie supper on **SUN, OCT 15**, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, for the youth groups of FPC-Bryan, Covenant PC in College Station, and Friends UCC in College Station. Dinner will be provided by UCM.

UCM students will lead the youth in Bible/faith discussion and activities. Participating youth are asked to meet at the church at 4:30pm to depart on the church van and carpool to Covenant Presbyterian Church in College Station.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

Flowers in the Sanctuary are gifts from church members and friends. The Chancel has space for two arrangements each Sunday to honor a loved one or a special occasion. The cost is \$50.00 per arrangement. On the Sunday that you provide flowers, you may take them with you to share with others. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church. (Memo: Chancel Flowers and the date). Please consider sponsoring a floral arrangement by signing up on the Flower Chart located near Ted's office.

Thank you! The Worship Committee

MEMORIAL GIFT



The Session approved a recommendation from the Missions Committee to invite the congregation to contribute to the installation of a memorial bench at Mo-Ranch (possibly in the guest-popular "rapids-area" along the river) in the name of Jacob Wright (a grandson of this congregation); and, that up to \$500 in contributions will be matched from the church's Undesignated Memorial Fund Account for this purpose, as necessary to complete the approximate \$1000 cost of clearing brush, preparing the ground, custom constructing the bench, and purchasing a memorial designation plate.

Any desiring to donate are asked to make a check payable to: FPC-Bryan (Memo: Jacob Wright Memorial). You may mail your gift to: First Presbyterian Church, 1100 Carter Creek Pkwy, Bryan TX 77802, hand deliver your gift, or place it in the offering plate during a Sunday morning worship.

CARING & SHARING

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family of **GEORGE McARTHUR** following his death on September 19 in Bryan. Expressions of love may be sent to: Beth Herzog, 1017 W Blucher St, Falfurrias TX 78355-4001.

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

On Sunday, September 17, the Church administered the Sacrament of Baptism to Lennon Birdie Dempsey, infant daughter of **LIBBY & RUSS DEMPSEY**. Big brother is Preston.

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..."

—Psalm 139:14

Friends,

We thank you for the plant that First Presbyterian Church-Bryan sent for my mother's funeral. It is certainly much appreciated by the families in New Jersey, Virginia, and Texas. It will be a reminder that her influence and connectedness was far and wide. She lived a full and good life.

Sincerely, Ed Funkhouser



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

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO ...



09/28 Kaitlyn Hendler
09/28 Ryan Lawrence
09/28 Ellen Thornton
09/29 Josephine Conaway
09/29 Murray Milford
09/30 Jenna Black
09/30 Ed Funkhouser
10/01 Jacob Knight
10/01 Larry Wilding
10/01 Payton Foote

10/02 Kathrine MacNeil
10/02 Andrew Weichert
10/02 Laura Rogers
10/04 Bob Beals
10/04 Michael O'Brien
10/05 Miguel Mora
10/06 Mike Downey
10/09 Jim Burk
10/09 Dave Lyons
10/10 Marie Cashion
10/10 Ruth Watson
10/10 Lanelle Wells
10/11 Tabitha Curtiss
10/11 Ken Morris
10/11 Janice Bradshaw
10/11 Evan Ball



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

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
IN THE
MILITARY**

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



OCTOBER 1
Romans 15:1-7,13
OCTOBER 8
Matthew 4:21-32

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

covering news and events from SEP 28 – OCT 11,
the deadline for the next issue of the newsletter,
The Chimes, is NOON, SUN, OCT 1.
Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.