

the chimes

Sunday Mornings

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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH

SUNDAY, MAY 6, is the date for the congregation to meet following worship to receive and act on a report from the task force delegated by Session to place in nomination a set of names to serve during the next several months as the church's Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC – also known as a "search committee").

Session's task force (Vickie Buenger, Cheryl Page, Roger Reese, Bill Watson, Cindy Wingert) for presenting a slate of willing search committee members will meet very soon. Between 20 and 30 names have been presented to them for prayerful consideration. These names are sometimes "self-nominated" and sometimes nominated by others. Their proposed slate of nominees will be communicated to the congregation mid-to-late-week prior to May 6. Additional nominees can be elected "from the floor" of the meeting by those in attendance, provided the permission of the one(s) nominated has been given in advance "as willing to serve if elected."



During the two weeks immediately following their election, the APNC will (1) convene with their Presbytery liaison, the Rev. Caressa Murray (Covenant PC, College Station), (2) review the Ministry Information Form (MIF) which Session has prepared following the congregation's visioning process last August and September, and (3) submit any requested revisions to Session for final approval at Session's May 20th meeting. The approved MIF will be forwarded to our presbytery's Committee on Ministry for approval. Following that approval, the MIF will be placed in the on-line data bank of PC(USA) churches with ordained

associate pastor "open positions," and the APNC will begin the search process for seeking and interviewing possible candidates.

As pastor of this congregation, I am not part of the process until "serious interviews" begin, at which point I sit with the APNC because the new associate pastor will be my colleague in ministry for the next few years. The person who will be nominated by the APNC as the next associate pastor, however, is your associate pastor – not mine, which is why the search proceeds mostly without my participation. Let us pray for the presence, wisdom, and leadership of God's Spirit during the final days leading to the congregation's voting and during the search which follows. With gratitude to God every day for the sharing of the Gospel through this church . . .

Ted V. Foote, Jr.

Pastor

“STOCK THE PANTRY” SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month is “Stock the Pantry” Sunday in which you can donate non-perishable food items (no glass containers, please) and personal hygiene items which are in high demand at the **BRAZOS CHURCH PANTRY**. The Pantry also offers a “Homeless Food Box” which provides homeless clients with single-serving foods (tuna/sausages/



fruit) in pop-top cans or plastic containers, snack size packages of crackers (cheese or peanut butter) or cookies, and bottled water.



And . . . if you miss it, you can bring these items to the church on any Sunday or weekday and place them in the marked container on the Patio.

Run by local volunteers in service to God’s children in need, the Pantry helps over 1,200 families per month.

DONATIONS FOR PHOEBE’S HOME

During the month of May with specific emphasis on **MOTHER’S DAY, MAY 13**, the Mission Committee is sponsoring a drive for donations of sleepwear, socks, and underwear (NEW in package or with tags) for the women and children at **PHEOBE’S HOME** (a 24-hour emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence). Place your donations in the marked container on the Patio. Also being accepted are gift cards (*i.e.* gas cards, Old Navy, Target, Walmart, Cici’s Pizza, McDonald’s, etc.). Please hand your gift cards directly to Pastor Ted or Karen in the church office.

Thank you for your generosity.

While some of the Pantry’s clients are homeless; many are very poor or are elderly and live on a limited, fixed income. Some are single parents or grandparents raising their grandchildren, and some are mentally and/or physically challenged; but, all need our help.

FPC-Bryan is one of the founding member churches of the Brazos Church Pantry. Church members volunteer at the Pantry and/or donate items that are dedicated during worship on the first Sunday of each month, while others make monetary contributions from which the Pantry purchases food from the Brazos Valley Food Bank at 10¢/lb. Our love of Christ is shown in many ways and the members of our church are full of love for his “sheep.” However you choose to feed Jesus’ flock, know that supporting the Pantry will make a real difference in the lives of local families experiencing challenging times.

A round of applause to all of you who have given generously to the Pantry!

PRIME TIME CELEBRATES MOTHERHOOD



On **THU, MAY 10**, adults (60+ years young) gather at 11:30am for Prime Time Fellowship, first in the Church Parlor, then in the

Library for lunch and to celebrate mothers and female mentors. The meal is inspired by your mother. Bring a dish that was your mother’s favorite to cook or just her favorite. Two chuck roast entrées will be provided. This month decorating the tables is on you! Bring a picture of your mother, grandmother, or favorite female mentor and place it on the table for decoration. For more information, contact Ted or Karen in the church office, 979.823.8073 or office@fpcbryan.org.

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

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Summer is right around the corner and members of the Christian Education Committee are planning and organizing now for summer programs for children in Kindergarten through 6th Grade. Coming soon will be information related to **CARPENTER’S KIDS** (weekly program) and **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** (one-day program). Watch the newsletter for details!

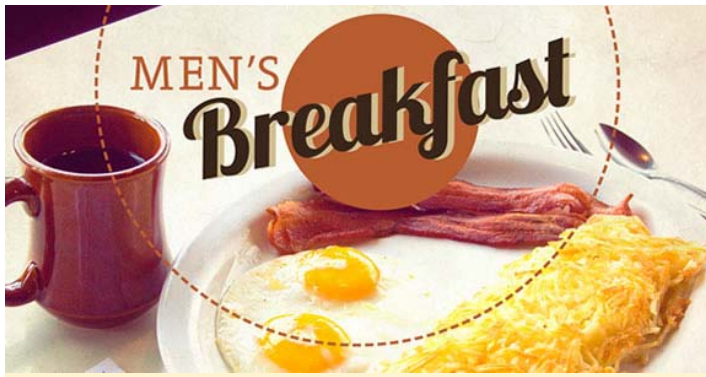


CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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 Sahn teaches this class.

MAY 6 **Included in God’s Love.** Children follow the amazing work of the Holy Spirit in the story of Peter and Cornelius. **Acts 10:44-48**

MAY 13 **A New Apostle.** Children focus on the place of prayer in decision-making as in the selection of Matthias. **Acts 1:15-17,21-26.**



On the first Thursday of most months, men associated with FPC-Bryan are invited to gather at 6:30am in Carter Creek Foyer for breakfast. **MAY 6** is the next time they meet. This breakfast is home-cooked. The coffee is hot! It's just a great way to being your day.

To be added to the email notification list, notify Allyn Jordan, allyn@jordanhome.net.

YOUng Adult News

Eric Peterson, *Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*
youngadults@fpcbryan.org



Young adults gather at Murphy's Law (107 N Main St, downtown Bryan) on **FRI, MAY 4**, at 7:00pm with games provided by Jackie and Steve Zimmerman.

YOUth Haps



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

FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE, STUDY
SUN, MAY 6, 6:00pm to 8:00pm,
 Carter Creek Foyer/403. Dinner
 and **WII VIDEO GAME NIGHT.**



The youth are encouraged to bring their favorite Wii video game (if they have one) to play on the youth ministry's Wii console. We will vote on which games to play as a group during dinner.

SUNDAY, MAY 13
NO YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY, 7:00pm to 8:00pm,
 Room 401. Alternating weeks, **ERIC PETERSON**, uses *So Great a Cloud of Witnesses: A Survey of Church History*, and Youth **RACHEL PRATT** uses *With All Boldness and Freedom: A Survey of the New Testament*.

CARING & SHARING

I am so thankful for all the love, support, prayers and food (for my spirit and body) that all my of you have given me during Ron' illness and passing and since. I would not have survived without you (ya'll). Thank you and God bless each and every one of you! Bunny and the Douglas family

Congratulations to **LILI & BRANDON NORRIS** on the birth of their twins, Maddilyn Grace and Sebastian Lionel, on April 11. Grandparents are **ANJA & JERRY NORRIS**.

"... children are a gift from the Lord..."—Psalm 127:3

The prayerful support and sympathy of the congregation are extended to **RUTH & BILL WATSON** following the death of Bill's mother, Arliss Watson, of Corsicana on April 23.

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

NEW READS IN THE CHURCH

The following books have been added to the church library:



Paul, the Apostle by James Harrill
Redeeming Creation by Fred Van Dyke
The Promised One by Nancy Guthrie
John edited by Dana Gould

Many thanks to **CATHERINE EZZELL** who willingly and faithfully organizes and catalogs all books in the Church Library.

Speaking of books . . . **The Book Nook**, located in the Patio is a self-serve, reader-to-reader-supplied library. New books come and go. Have a book or books that you are done reading and want to share? Want a book to read? Take a book. Read a book. Leave a book. Repeat.



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.

Non-Profit Org
US Postage
PAID
Bryan, TX
Permit 160



1100 Carter Creek Pkwy
Bryan TX 77802-1129
Ph. 979.823.8073
Fax. 979.822.7063
office@fpcbryan.org

Church Office Hours
M-F, 8:30am to 4:30pm

Visit us on the web
www.fpcbryan.org

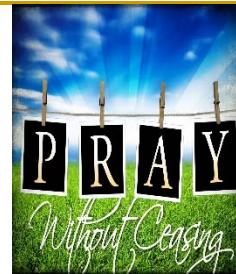
"Like" us on



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 05/04 Bradley Norris | 05/12 Susan Martin |
| 05/06 Mary Arnold | 05/13 Lynn Adams |
| 05/07 Henry Schmidt | 05/14 Michael Martin |
| 05/08 Aiden Byrnes | 05/15 Christian McKinley |
| 05/08 Margaret Meece | 05/16 Mary Ann Baker |
| 05/09 Jack Currie | |



- ♥ Madison Hodges
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Gladys Wilding
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS
IN THE
MILITARY**

ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP



- MAY 6** Psalm 23:2-3a
(Part 2 of 6);
II Samuel 16:5-14
- MAY 13** Psalm 23:3b
(Part 3 of 6);

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is **NOON, SUN, MAY 6**, (covering news and events from **MAY 17-30**).
Submit content to: office@fpcbryan.org.