

# the chimes

## Sunday Mornings

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

### PIANO AND SCOUTING EXPLORATIONS

Session elders voted at their August 26 meeting to authorize congregational and committee explorations of two service and ministry opportunities.



**FIRST:** Our 110 year old Mason and Hamlin piano (AA model) has 3 cracks within its soundboard. Yes, we play it every Sunday during worship! Truly it was built to last; it was built during the latter days of Theodore Roosevelt's Presidency and the early days of William H. Taft's! Internally, however, a piano's capability depends upon stress and tonality. When the tightness of the wires and the "solid state" sound are compromised, the sound quality is compromised. Tuning sets the wires for sounding notes precisely, but even exquisitely precise tuning cannot cure the cracked soundboard. Session has authorized Treasurer Rick Page to receive financial donations for this effort, yet the effort itself needs "buy-in," which requires input from all who are interested. Two information/ conversation/education meetings



will be held in the front of the sanctuary to which everyone who is interested is invited: (a) MON, SEP 10, at 5:30pm; and (b) SAT, SEP 15, at 9:30am. Written summaries of both meetings can be provided for those who are not able to attend.

**SECOND:** Session has given permission for Boy Scout Troop 976 to meet at FPC on Mondays during September and October. Their current sponsoring organization has informed them that their annually renewed charter with the Boy Scouts will not be continued after December 31. Session elders seek to have a work-group of FPC members with interest and/or experience in Scouting to be part of a conversation with Troop 976 leaders to see if FPC sponsoring Troop 967 as their charter organization is something which can be negotiated. Troop 976 is a vital group of over 20 Scouts, with strong adult and parental leadership. (They do not need FPC to recruit Scout leaders from our membership.) Anyone willing to serve as part of FPC's conversation and negotiation work-group (to report back to Session through the Christian Education Committee) is asked to contact Pastor Ted Foote (979.823.8073 or [tfoote@fpcbryan.org](mailto:tfoote@fpcbryan.org)) as soon as possible, after which a meeting time can be determined.




### MISSION EMPHASIS SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 23

Members and friends of FPC-Bryan and Sunday Church School Classes are invited to Fellowship Hall at 9:20am on SUN, SEP 23, for "coffee and pastries" and to:

-  WATCH a short slide show,
-  HEAR a short report and testimonials, and



-  ASK & LEARN from members of FPC-Bryan's 2018 Peru Medical Mission Team and Rusty Edmondson, PC(USA) Peru Mission Coordinator, about all that the PC(USA) is doing in Peru.



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## WITH HEARTFELT THANKS!



Some people stuffed a bus while we at FPC stuffed my car. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who contributed to our annual Anson Jones school supply drive. Thanks to your generosity, we delivered over 30 backpacks, 200+ composition books, 200+ packages of pencils, glue sticks, and monetary gifts. Anson Jones

Principal Linda Montoya was awed and is thankful for your gifts. Peggy Telg, *FPC-Bryan's Liaison to Anson Jones*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



The annual CROP HUNGER WALK is Sunday, OCT 14. The walking starts at 3:00pm. A percentage of the proceeds of the event go directly to the Brazos Church Pantry. Walk the walk or support a walker.

Watch the next issue for more details!

## A BIRTHDAY PARTY TO REMEMBER!

On August 26, the Caring Support Committee hosted a fabulous and festive Birthday Sandwich & Salad Lunch topped off with cakes (and they were scrumdillyicious!) provided by the following individuals: BECKY ALTER, FRANK & JANE ANDERSON, KATIE BROKOVICH, TRISH BURK, PAT DAVIS, ALICE HICKERSON, TAMMIE KEESEE, MARY NAN LINN-STAEDTER, CARRIE MARTIN, NICOLE MCKINLEY, MARCIA MILFORD, BOOKMAN & FLORENCE PETERS, PEGGY TELG, ELLEN WEICHERT, and MARILYN WRIGHT.



PAYTON FOOTE reminded SPOT, THE DOG (who made a surprise visit!), and all of us, that it doesn't matter how old we are, it only matters that we live all our years in the knowledge

of God's love for us. Psalm 139:14 says, "I will give thanks and praise to God, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, O Lord, and my soul knows it well." God celebrates our existence as part of his perfect creation. It's our job, throughout our lives, to reflect God's love and joy in everything we do and say as an expression of our praise. Then, everybody sang "Birthday Ode of Joy" (tune: ODE TO JOY): *Happy birthday, happy birthday, everybody celebrate; It's your birthday, it's my birthday, all our birthdays joined today. Loved by God, we praise together; Fellowship, this happy throng; Our creation is God's pleasure; Our response is joyful song.* 🎵

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

The Wednesday Night Fellowship group meets for dinner at restaurants around B/CS for fun, food and fellowship - on most Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Locations are listed in the newsletter's monthly church calendar and in each Sunday's bulletin. On WED, SEP 19, the group will be at Willie's Grill and Ice House on University Drive and has an opportunity to participate in their SPIRIT NIGHT fundraiser. Willie's will donate 15% of total from our organization's guests' purchases (before tax/tip). Gift card purchases excluded. Simply mention FPC-Bryan's Spirit Night to your server. Spirit Night must show up on your receipt in order for FPC to get credit for the purchase. Look for " Spirit Night - \$X.XX" on your bill. Funds received will be used to support our mission efforts in B/CS.

All are welcome, so bring your friends and family and join us for a fun-filled evening. See you at Willie's at 6:00pm on September 19!

## CHURCH LADIES GATHER

On WED, SEPT 19, at 11:30am Church Ladies gather for fellowship and delicious food at Ozona's Grill and Bar in College Station. For more information, contact Becky Alter, [alter@suddenlink.net](mailto:alter@suddenlink.net) or 979.776.8907.

## CHICK FLICKS



On FRI, SEP 28, Chick Flicks will gather at 6:00pm in the Church Library for dinner and in the Parlor for a movie. Watch for details in the next issue or contact Karen in the church office ([office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org))

to be added to the email notification list.

## Growing Disciples

Christian Education Ministries ([education@fpcbryan.org](mailto:education@fpcbryan.org))

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS

Sundays (9:20am to 10:20am); 3 Years Old thru GR 4 meet in Room 13. Beth Morris teaches this class. GR 5-6 meet in Room 10. David Sahn teaches this class.

SEP 16. Who Am I? Children ponder Peter's answer to Jesus and how they can proclaim and follow Jesus too. Read with your children: Mark 8:27-38

SEP 23. Servant Leader. Children hear Jesus' teachings about greatness and ponder how that idea works today. Read with your children: Mark 9:30-37.

# Concerts on **CARTER CREEK**

*proudly announces*  
**36<sup>th</sup> Season . . .**

- Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, 5:00pm TAO LIN, *pianist*
- Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, 5:00pm HOUSTON CHAMBER RINGERS
- Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019, 5:00pm FANDANGO!  
Eugenia Moliner, *flute*; Desirée Ruhstrat, *violin*;  
Denis Azabagic, *guitar*; David Cunliffe, *cello*
- Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:00pm DOVER QUARTET  
Joel Link, *violin*; Milena Pajaro-van de Stadt, *viola*;  
Bryan Lee, *violin*; Camden Shaw, *cello*  
in collaboration with Friends of Chamber Music

All concerts are free. Childcare provided in the church nursery.



## YOUng Adult News

Youth & Young Adult Ministries ([youngadults@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youngadults@fpcbryan.org))

### YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHES

Weekly gatherings for fellowship and lunch at local restaurants after worship on Sundays are BACK ON THE CALENDAR! Starting with the FIRST Sunday in September, Tammie and/or Charley Keesee will be at the front of the sanctuary (near the chancel) to greet young adults (18-39) who were at worship and are looking for good food, fellowship, and an opportunity to get to know others at FPC. Come as often as your schedule allows!



- SEP 16 Carter's Burger  
Bryan
- SEP 23 Blue Baker  
College Station

For more information about the lunch or young adults, contact Tammie Keesee, [tdsprott@gmail.com](mailto:tdsprott@gmail.com).

## YOUTH Haps



Youth & Young Adult Ministries ([youth@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youth@fpcbryan.org))

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth meet weekly on Sunday evenings beginning at 6:00pm for dinner in Carter Creek Foyer followed by games, activities, and study. They are also in the process of planning the Youth Calendar for Fall 2018. For more information, call or text current Youth sponsors Jessica Sahm (979.220.2513) and Jasen Petersen or email [youth@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youth@fpcbryan.org). Watch for texts with details!

### CHURCH SCHOOL

Youth meet in Room 403, Sundays, 9:20am-10:20am.

- SEP 16. Who Do You Think I Am? Youth consider personal discipleship in light of Peter's declaration and Jesus' interpretation of the Messiah. Mark 8:27-38
- SEP 23. True Greatness. Youth discern how Jesus' calling challenges their images of greatness. Mark 9:30-37.

### CARING & SHARING

Congratulations to:

- JUDY & ALLYN JORDAN on the birth of their FIRST great-grandson, Finnley, born September 4 to Gracie & Allyn Jordan in Frisco, TX.
- RACHEL & BLAYNE COCHRANE on the birth of their son, Jesse Grant, on August 28. Proud big brother is Rusty. Maternal grandparents are JANICE & DAVID SAHM.

*"I am fearfully and wonderfully made . . ." – Psalm 139:14*



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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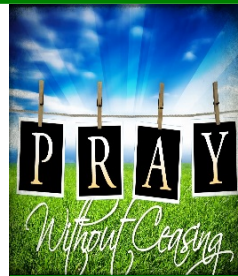
**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS COMING TO YOU! PORTRAIT SESSIONS ARE GOING FAST!**

To schedule your portrait session, visit [www.fpcbryan.org](http://www.fpcbryan.org) or call the church office, 979.823.8073.



09/13 Candace Berg  
09/14 Claire Schmidt  
09/16 Catherine Alter

09/16 Melissa Gathings  
09/17 AshLee Bilbo  
09/17 Carly Luther  
09/17 Jim Nachlinger  
09/18 Nancy Robertson  
09/21 Ervin Linnstaedter  
09/22 Vickie Buenger  
09/22 Betty Mahoney  
09/23 Louise Goswick  
09/23 Andy Wakefield  
09/24 Bob Carrigan  
09/25 Jim Jobling



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

★ Christian McKinley  
★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS  
IN THE  
MILITARY**

**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes (incl. the October Calendar), covering news/events (SEP 27-OCT 10), is NOON, SUN, SEP 16.

Submit content to: [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).

**ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP**



**SEPTEMBER 16**

Psalm 134

**SEPTEMBER 23**

Jeremiah 29:1,4-9

Luke 2:25-32,33-35