



First Presbyterian Church **FIRST NEWS**

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A Publication of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
211 S. Avenue G – Clifton, Texas 76634 – phone (254) 675-8105
Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Rev. Clint Schofield, Pastor
Brenda Robinson, Church Secretary

Pastor Notes

February 2019

The time we gather together each week, on the Lord's Day, has been on my mind of late. Worship is our invitation to come into a time and place where heaven and earth meet. When we pray, receive the bread and wine, hear God's word, and sing the hymns of the church. We enter into a timeless community and are surrounded by those who have gone before us and those who are yet to come to faith. *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith"* (Hebrews 12:1-2).

God is honored by a people whose destiny is beyond time and space. Whenever and wherever we worship we come into the presence of the One true God. Worship is a foretaste of the New Life in Christ.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus entered this world fully divine but with all the needs that are associated with being a human. So it is natural that he would worship in the synagogue on the Sabbath as Luke records, *"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read"* (Luke 4:16). The need to worship was just as deeply placed within Jesus as it is in you and me. The desire to live beyond ourselves, living for a purpose, is the source of our need to worship.

Without worship, we confuse the temporary satisfaction of pleasure for the eternal joy of God's gift of purpose for our lives and our soul begins to shrink. In our culture, we have talked ourselves into the idea that weekly worship is optional. Unfortunately, the Bible tells us something very different. Worship is essential. To be fully human is to worship regularly.

What do you expect in worship? Do you come expecting to meet God? Do you prepare to be touched, healed, and changed by the love of this God who alone is God? The truth is that what we expect is usually exactly what we get. Enter God's House with hope filled anticipation.

Within our worship services we need only expect to meet God, have our souls renewed and, thereby, change that little corner of the world in which we live. Such a change is only possible as our souls are filled with the presence of Almighty God. No quiet pause in the wilderness will do it; no momentary gratitude of the heart; nor personal acknowledgement of Jesus as Lord is enough. Worship is God's gift to renew our souls, to meet our need for life at its deepest.

Attend the services with high expectations. Go seeking God. Let your soul welcome our Resurrected Lord. Open your heart and mind to the gift of worship and see what happens.

See you in church

Clint

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

04	Congregational Care Meeting	12:30 pm
05	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
06	Bible Study Group	10:00 pm
06	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
10	Second Sunday Lunch	
11	Presbyterian Women Meeting	12:00 pm
12	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
13	Bible Study Group	10:00 pm
13	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
19	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
20	Bible Study Group	10:00 pm
20	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
24	Food Bank Collection	
24	Goodall Witcher Worship	1:30 pm
26	Food Bank Work Day	9:00-12:00 pm
26	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
26	Session Meeting	5:30 pm
27	Bible Study Group	10:00 pm
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LEADING WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY GREETERS

- 03 Carol Forson, Nansy Reiss & Ann Wiland
- 10 Mark & Lorana Rush
- 17 Sherrod & Sue Fielden
- 24 Vern & Carla Sigler

FEBRUARY LITURGIST

- 03 Judy Blue
- 10 Bryan Davis
- 17 Debra Embry
- 24 Ollie Evinger

FEBRUARY ELDER OF THE DAY

- 03 Brian Haenisch
- 10 Elane Valero
- 17 Mike Conner
- 24 Laura Baughman

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY IS -02/03

The Youth will be collecting your donations after Church for this special fundraiser. They will be located at the Narthex and Fellowship Hall doors. All monies given will be donated to the Clifton Food Bank. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

"Scholarship Program"

The response from the congregation in supporting our College Scholarship Fund is greatly appreciated! Currently we have **5** students receiving scholarships. Your support will make a big difference in the future of these young people. Thank You!

Year to Date Financials

thru December

Offerings received in December	\$35,724
Offerings received thru December	\$183,836
Expenses thru December	\$196,698
Budgeted exp. thru December	\$206,046

**THE FOOD DRIVE BOX
WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX
Sunday, February 24th
Our work day is the 26th**



**Food
Bank**

Congregational Care Committee Meeting

The Congregational Care Committee will meet on Monday, February 4th at 12:30 in the church fellowship hall. Please consider starting out the new year by joining this fun group who do so much for our church family. We have many responsibilities besides providing 2nd Sunday lunches. We need more volunteers to help us provide food for members who are ill or recovering from medical procedures; provide food or snacks for funeral meals or receptions; provide transportation for members who cannot drive to medical appointments, church events and the grocery store. We welcome you to join us at this next meeting. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Bergman at 254-749-6372.

Second Sunday Lunch

Please join us for our 2nd Sunday lunch February 10th after Worship Service. Our menu is Chicken Enchiladas, Rice and Beans. We hope to see you there!

Inquirers Class

Are you interested in learning more about this Church and the Presbyterian denomination? If so, Bryan and Clint will be leading a class covering just that. We will meet the first two Sundays in February during the Sunday School time to discuss Church history (local and the denomination), worship style, polity and theology. Please let Clint know if you are interested or have any questions.

Presbyterian Women

We are scheduled to meet Monday, February, 2/11/19 at 12:00 in FPC Fellowship Hall. Linda Bracken and Punky Penberthy are our hostesses for this meeting. We need two hostesses for our meeting in March.

Come Join the Choir

Do you love to sing praise to the Lord? The choir wants you and welcomes new faces of all youth and adults. See Karen with your questions. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Come early so we can get your music set up.

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Nursing Home Birthday Party: FPC is hosting the February birthday party at Clifton Lutheran Sunset Nursing Home on Wednesday, 2/20/19, located at 413 Sunset Ave. The party starts at 2:30 in the main facility, then we will have another brief party in the Hope Center. Laura Jenkins will get the cakes and drinks which will be paid for with funds from the Presbyterian Women account. Volunteers are needed for this celebration by assisting with serving food, socializing and singing songs. Volunteers are requested to be at the Clifton Lutheran Sunset Nursing Home at 2:15 so we can be better prepared to "GET THIS PARTY STARTED".



Mission and Outreach

If you are interested in participating with Mission and Outreach (M&O), please contact Elane Valero at 254-253-1231 or email skrapse-nale@gmail.com. I have sign up sheets on a bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance.

Food Bank: FPC's turn to work the Food Bank at Presbyterian Place in February is Tuesday, 2/26/19. The Food Bank hours for the community are 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. It is helpful if the workers arrive between 9:00-9:15.

Christian Athletes: On Wednesday, 2/27/19, FPC is scheduled to take lunch to the Christian Athletes meeting at Clifton High School. Mission and Outreach participates in this service four (4) times a year. They love the pizza, Ranch dressing and sodas FPC's M&O brings to them. If you would like to assist in delivering these items and even staying for their meeting, please let me know.

Today our Bosque River Valley DAR Chapter

Honored Bryan Davis with the DAR Community Service Award. This award recognizes persons who contribute to the community in an outstanding manner through cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic and historical endeavors. Congratulations Bryan Davis! Pictured with Bryan is Carla Sigler, Chapter Historian and National Defense Committee Co-Chair.



Volunteers in Bosque County

Sherrod & Sue Fielden being Honored by Agrilife Extension as Outstanding Volunteers in Bosque County in the field of family and health services

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Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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SESSION MEMBERS

CLASS of 2019
Laura Baughman
Brian Haenisch
Elisabeth Montgomery

CLASS of 2020
Debbie Bergman
Lois Krause
George Larson

CLASS of 2021
Elane Valero
Mike Conner
Don Forson

TREASURER
Jean Lewis

DEACONS
Punky Penberthy
Jenny Walker
Grant & Dana Ferguson
Lorana Rush

TRUSTEES
Brian Gillaspie
Chris Bergman
Joe Borden

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Lois Krause, Moderator
G-Ann Jones, Vice-Moderator
Elane Valero, Secretary-Treasurer
Kay Gebhardt, Historian
Ann Wiland, Least Coin

Laura Jenkins & Joy Williamson, Coordinators for NH parties



Sunday School – Bible Study – All Ages – 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 – 10:50 a.m.
Worship – 11:00 a.m. Sunday (Communion on 1st Sunday of month)
Presbyterian Women – 2nd Monday of month 12:00 p.m., (Sept.-May)
Session Meets – 4th Tuesday of month, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Adult Choir Practice – Wednesday evenings – 7:00 p.m.



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