



First Presbyterian Church **FIRST NEWS**

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Pastor Notes

June 2019

“Are We Really Listening?”

What was the miracle of Pentecost? The rushing wind, the tongues of fire resting on each person, and the many languages spoken in that moment were all part of the giving of the Holy Spirit. Each of these is a part of the miracle of Pentecost. What gets my attention the most in this scene given to us in Acts 2:1-21 is that everyone understood one another as if hearing in their own language or dialect.

Pentecost was a miracle of hearing, of comprehension, of listening. That should give us pause today when so many people strain to shout their views over others, but seldom seek to listen (especially if it's an election year). The church's birth is swaddled in listening to people who speak differently. A linguist will tell you, to speak a different language means to experience the world differently. Language marks the boundary between different cultures, different ways of understanding the world around us. Christian faith crossed these boundaries not by force of argument, but through the generous act of hearing, listening, entering into the ways others experience the world we all inhabit.

When the church did utter its first words at its birth, they were words that bore witness to the fact that In Jesus Christ God has come into the world to seek out sinners, to forgive us, to redeem us. The church at its birth and today still welcomes all those seeking Christ! At its birth, the church entered the language worlds of those around us so that it might articulate the good news of Jesus Christ in terms that could be heard and understood. The miracle of Pentecost was a miracle of hearing. It still is. Let us daily seek to participate in this miracle of Pentecost.

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself the cornerstone. Join us together by their teaching, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your Spirit dwells; granting us ears that truly hear and voices that speak your truth. All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

See You In Church!
Clint

JUNE MEETINGS

02	Food Bank Collection	
03	VBS	1:00-4:00 pm
04	Deacon Meeting	11:00 pm
04	VBS	1:00-4:00 pm
05	VBS	1:00-4:00 pm
05	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
06	Food Bank Work Day	9:00-12:00 pm
06	VBS	1:00-4:00 pm
07	VBS	1:00-4:00 pm
11	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
12	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
18	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
19	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
23	Goodall Witcher Worship	1:30 pm
25	Weekly Prayer Group	1:00 pm
25	Session Meeting	5:30 pm
26	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm

LEADING WORSHIP IN JUNE

JUNE GREETERS

- 02 Driscoll & Laura Jenkins
- 09 Sherrod & Sue Fielden
- 16 Vern & Carla Sigler
- 23 Frances Seljos & Amy Wester
- 30 Mullens Family

JUNE LITURGIST

- 02 Martin Grelle
- 09 Jenny Walker
- 16 Sue Fielden
- 23 Steve Robertson
- 30 Linda Bracken

JUNE ELDER OF THE DAY

- 02 Elane Valero
- 09 Laura Baughman
- 16 Don Forson
- 23 George Larson
- 30 Mike Conner

“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 April

Offerings received in April	\$18,822
Offerings received thru April	\$58,258
Expenses thru April	\$53,837
Budgeted exp. thru April	\$70,890

**THE FOOD DRIVE BOX
WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX
Sunday, June 2nd
Our work day is the 6th**



**Food
Bank**

VBS

Our V.B.S. will be held June 3rd-7th 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. The study will trace the “golden thread” of salvation through creation, the call of Abraham, and then through the birth, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. We will need: homemade cookies and fruit juice(apple, orange, cranberry, etc.) so we can provide healthy snacks for the children.

MISSION & OUTREACH

- Food Bank: Thursday, June 6th, 9:15-12:00. Help needed. Please call or text Elane Valero @ 254-253-1231.
- Quarterly Food Box Ministry:
 - ☆Food drop off and sorting - Thursday, June 27th, 1:00-3:00 at Clifton Bible Church
 - ☆Food box delivery - Saturday, June 29th, 1:00-3:00 at Clifton Bible Church

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Kathy Dodson with Presbyterian Children's Home and Services (PCHAS) met with Elane Valero at the Itasca site on May 30th to receive the items collected for the children there. The items included multiple hygiene items, 25 back packs, and 4 fleece tied blankets made by some of our PW members.

Church Newsletter Book Review

Are you wondering about a book to read? From time to time book reviews will be published in the newsletter for your consideration. If you are a reader and would like to contribute a book for this “column,” please submit it to Brenda.

‘IN THIS GRAVE HOUR” by Jacqueline Winspear

“In This Grave Hour” opens on September 3, 1939, as Britain declares war on Germany following the invasion of Poland. At the heart of the story, however, is the plight of refugees who came to Britain during the First World War. Maisie Dobbs is tasked to find the killer of several men who came to England as boys during their war years as more refugees flooded into Britain from across Europe to escape Hitler’s armies.

I enjoyed this book including the historical references and look forward to reading more of Maisie Dobbs adventures. This book served as a good introduction.

Jenny Walker

DEACON'S CORNER

Greetings everyone! We want to keep you updated on some projects we have in the works.

Congregational Outreach: Punky, Jenny, and Lorana are routinely contacting our members and keeping in touch with everyone. Please let them know of someone who needs an encouraging call or card.

Visitor Table: Now located in the Narthex, the visitor table has church information and will have someone there to greet visitors, make them feel at home, and answer any questions they may have about the church.

Prayer Square Project: If you sew, crochet or knit we have a great opportunity for you to help by creating Prayer Squares. These are little squares of encouragement and comfort that will be given away at the Visitor Table. They will be available for everyone and can also be given to anyone you know who may be going through a challenging time. Contact Dana Ferguson for more information.

Cheer Squad: Another opportunity for you to get involved! We will be writing cards/letters to residents of the local nursing homes, or anyone you know who may need some cheerful correspondence. Cards, stationary and details will be provided. Contact Dana Ferguson if you are interested.

50's to 70'ish Fellowship Party: our next party will be Tuesday, June 25. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more details to follow. Contact Lorana Rush for questions or if you would like to host a party (everyone pitches in on food.)

Every Deacon is always available to offer you or someone you know assistance, prayer, encouragement, or to answer questions. Please feel free to contact us.

Have a great summer! Punky Penberthy, Jenny Walker, Lorana Rush, Grant Ferguson, and Dana Ferguson

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will not meet again until Wednesday September 4th at 10:00am. We will be studying of the book "The Divine Conspiracy-Rediscovering our hidden life in God." All are welcome and we look forward to much sharing and vigorous discussion. Dallas Willard was a professor of philosophy and the author of several books

MEMORIAL DAY, 2018

As a strong south wind blew across the landscape of the Clifton Cemetery, Old Glory flew proudly at half mast. Gathered that Monday morning were many family members and friends who were there to honor our Military Members who had paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

Post Chaplain Bill Beck opened the service with a prayer then Congressman Williams gave a thoughtful tribute to the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who put our Nation first above their own safety. During the service two Marines were honored; Lance Corporal Robert Wayne Dunn and Captain Tom Ralph. Although not a Bosque County native, Lance Corporal Dunn's family roots are deep within the fabric of our County. Captain Ralph is a native of Clifton and was raised in First Presbyterian Church. Family members representing both men were present to receive from Congressman Williams the *Vietnam War Commemorative Certificate of Honor* in their loved ones name.

At the closing of the service a 21 gun salute rang out and then a lone bugler played "Taps". Those clear harmonious notes filled the air and filled out hearts with gratitude for the sacrifice that was given. All the veterans present and their families were invited to the VFW Hall for Lunch. During the lunch two friends were caught on film visiting. R.O. Bass and Bill Beck both served in Korea during the Korean Conflict. Both are members of FPC Clifton. We sincerely thank our men and women who served to keep this great Nation free.



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Monthly Planner

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Birthdays Anniversaries

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2 Marcie & Brian Gillaspie	3	4	5 Laura & John Baughman	6	7	8
9	10 Thelma Lemons	11	12 Carol Wading Jake Robertson	13	14	15
16 Ray & Beth Hatcher	17 Charnda & Phil Robertson Ed Williamson	18	19	20	21 Emily & Faith Allen	22 Sidrey & Buck Thomason
23	24 Joy Williamson	25	26 Ronald Allen	27 Shiloh & Ashlee Fuller	28	29 Driscoll Jenkins Tam Mullens Jim & Thelma Lemons
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July 2019

Birthdays Anniversaries

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7	8 Joyce Jones	9 RoseAnn Grisselt	10 Clint Schofield	11 Laura & Driscoll Jenkins	12	13																																																	
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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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