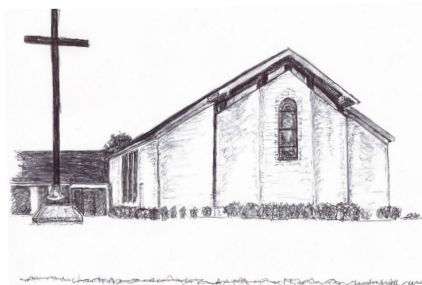


Presby News

OCTOBER 2026



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Lately, I've been thinking about what it means to slow down and appreciate the good things right in front of us. Our world moves so quickly. We hurry toward the next season and holiday before we've had a chance to enjoy the one we're in. I even saw Christmas decorations in a store already! It's easy to get caught up in the rush. Our faith invites us to take a breath and notice the good.

That brings to mind the words the Apostle Paul wrote in the midst of difficult circumstances. Paul wasn't having a perfect day, but he still chose joy. He encourages us to "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). As I look around our church, I see so many reasons to do the same.

Our church has a wonderful team who often go unseen. Mrs. Carolyn Sterne is our administrative assistant. She does so much for our church. She is here faithfully to handle much of the day to day business of the church. She helps shape our worship with the worship guides and selecting our unison readings. Mr. Charles Bell is our sexton to help keep our facilities ready for us on Sunday morning. We might not see them but what these two bring to our worship is more than obvious.

Sunday morning worship has been a blessing to me. We are richly blessed through Jennifer's talents in music. Not a week goes by that I am not grateful for her leadership and her deep spiritual awareness of worship.

And each of you add so much to our experience in worship! Seeing your smiling faces and hearing your voices together in song reminds me that we aren't just a crowd gathered for worship. We're a family!

That care for one another shows up in practical ways, too. I'm grateful to those who recently gave some attention to our church grounds. We removed the dead trees in the section closest to the street. We trimmed back the overgrown tree branches and power-washed the sidewalks. The grounds look wonderful, the walkways are safer, and our church feels more welcoming before anyone even steps through the front doors.

Soon, we'll have another opportunity to welcome our neighbors as the Red River Chorale will offer a concert on October 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. I hope you can join us for an evening of music and joy for our community.

I'm also thankful for our hardworking session of elders. They've faced some difficult choices and made prayerful, wise decisions about our insurance, our budget, and our grounds. Those changes are helping us remain good stewards of our facilities and finances.

When we slow down long enough to notice what God is doing around us, we find plenty of reasons to rejoice. Come join us as we rejoice together!

In His Grace,
Greg



SPECIAL DATES

- Oct. 4 Brookdale Worship
Worship/Communion
- Oct. 8 Red River Chorale Concert
- Oct. 16 World Food Day
- Oct. 25 Session Meeting



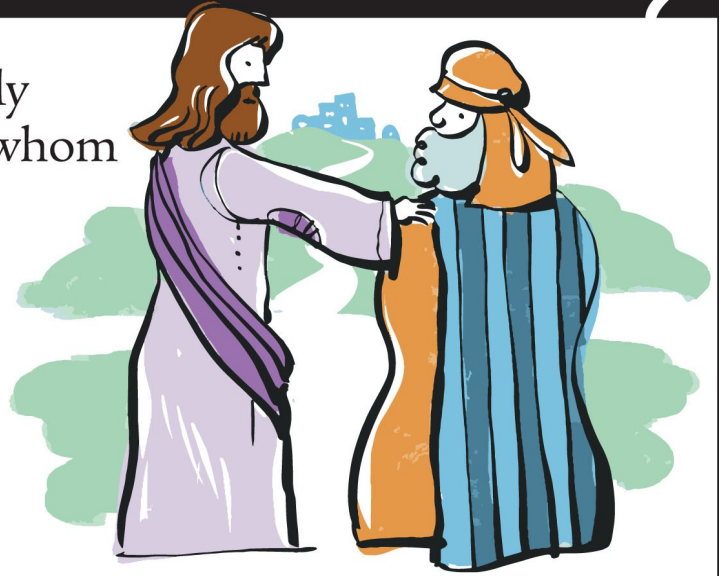


Bible Quiz



We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)

October is

Pastor
APPRECIATION MONTH

We Appreciate You, Pastor Greg! Thank You For All You Do!

October Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
October 4	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	Communion Team: Bill Higgins & Elizebette Kennedy
October 11	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
October 18	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
October 25	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	



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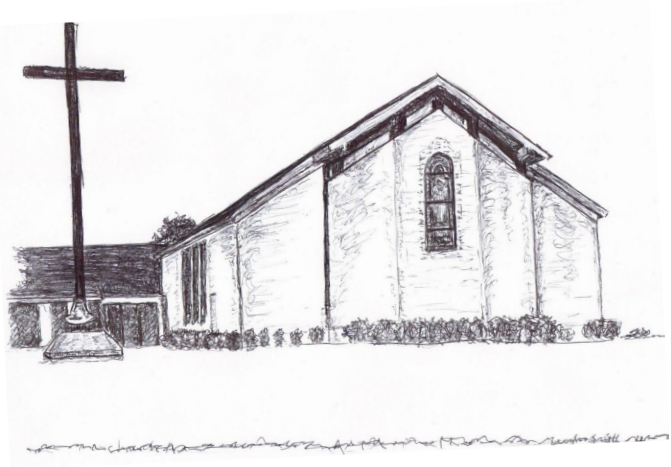
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Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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