

# First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

January 2021

*The mission of our church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ  
Our vision is to be an oasis of God's love.*

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Elder of the Month: Buddy Alldredge

## Dates to Remember

- 1 Holiday~ Church Office Closed
- 3 **Home Worship**
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Children and Youth~ 4:30pm-6:30pm
- 17 Adult Sunday School Class  
Worship ~ 10:45am
- 20 Session ~ 5:30pm
- 24 Adult Sunday School Class  
Worship ~ 10:45am  
Children and Youth~ 4:30pm-6:30pm
- 31 Adult Sunday School Class  
Worship ~ 10:45am~ Noisy Offering



- 2 Emerson Jane Gesin
- 6 Rick LeBleu  
Karen Brown
- 10 Laverne Foy
- 12 Betty Richards
- 16 Brandon Bennett
- 17 Seth Maitland  
Mason Maxwell
- 18 Bryson Maitland
- 20 Willadean Brock  
Michelle Maitland
- 21 Mike Briggs
- 23 Alex Wiele
- 26 Aly Moore
- 31 James Staton



We made it to 2021! Happy New Year to all! Everyone sure loved seeing all the kids and adults in the Christmas program. All of the practices in November and December sure paid off; some said it was the best program yet! I hope you all had a happy, healthy, and safe Christmas holiday!

We will continue our evenings like we did in September and October, both classes meeting every other Sunday at different times. This new schedule helps the families that have kids in both classes.

3 yr. olds- 5th grade meet 4:30-5:30  
Middle school and high school 5:30-6:30  
5:30-5:45 is common time for both groups. It's fun to see the other kids!

Siblings are welcome to stay both times. They enjoy the game room while the others have their lesson.

Our Sundays this month are: January 10 and 24!

Can't wait to see you all in 2021!!

Lou Ann



# **PALO DURO**

P R E S B Y T E R Y

## **Celebration Scholarship**

**Attention Seniors of 2021**

**Apply now for a Palo Duro Presbytery  
Celebration Scholarship**

**Application Deadline:  
February 26, 2021**

**Copy of application is available in church  
office or a copy can be emailed.**



**CHURCH**  
D I R E C T O R Y Update

Payton and Bryan Harris  
116 Barb St.  
Roby, TX 80543

### **2021 Church Directory**

**Please send any new changes to your address,  
phone or email to the church office so an updated  
directory will be available. I can email or print a  
copy for you.**

**Thank you,  
Becky**

### **These Days**

The delivery of the These Days devotion for January, February and March has been delayed. Hopefully, it will be delivered within the week.



### **Online Giving is now available!**

Online giving will be available January 1, 2021 through the church's website, [www.fpcsweetwater.org](http://www.fpcsweetwater.org)

Here are the steps:

1. Click on the last tab on the top banner, **Donate**
2. Click on **Give Online**.
3. Put in the amount you would like to give. Pick the fund from the drop down you want to donate to. General Fund is the default. You can give once or multiple times.
4. Click **continue**. You then put in your credit, debit or banking account information. There is a box to check if you want to save for future use. If not, uncheck. You have the choice to pay the processing fee.
5. Click the Give tab.
6. You will be sent a giving receipt to your email.

Your online gift will be recorded in our church contributions program and will be included in your annual tax statement.

If you have any questions, contact Becky, [fpcsweetwater@gmail.com](mailto:fpcsweetwater@gmail.com) or 235-5491



The Presbyterian Women Brick project is an Ongoing fund raising project, and we will continue to take orders. There are order forms available in the church office in the purple folder on the table under the mailboxes.

You can remember a loved one or give one in honor of someone by purchasing an engraved memorial brick to be placed in the Memorial Garden.

Two Sizes of brick are available:

4"X 8" with 3 lines available for engraving  
\$50.00

8" X 8" with 6 lines available for engraving  
\$100.00

Come by the church office for more information.

## Session Minutes

**Stewardship and Finance:** Financial Report was unanimously approved. Session members approved the 2021 proposed budget as presented by the Treasurer. (Copy of Budget in newsletter.)

**Fellowship:** Fellowship chairman Hilary Brennan reported that her committee will provide a meal in the Fellowship Hall for the family of Boopsie Stanford following her Memorial Service on December 19<sup>th</sup>

First Presbyterian Church 2021 Budget	
<b>Income</b>	
Texas Presbyterian Foundation	3,300.00
Plate Income	5,000.00
Pledge Income	136,194.42
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 144,494.42</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Benevolence/Mission</b>	
Austin Seminary	0.00
Buffalo Gap Camp	1,200.00
Palo Duro Presbytery	
Per Capita \$	1,607.42
Pledge \$	2,000.00
Presbyterian Childrens Home	1,200.00
Presbyterian Women	1,500.00
<b>Total Benevolence/Mission</b>	<b>\$ 7,507.42</b>
<b>Church Programs</b>	
Advertising	350.00
Choir Music	250.00
Christian Ed	1,200.00
Fellowship	750.00
Mission & Outreach	600.00
Scholarships (Camp & Conference)	0.00
Session Expense	50.00
Session Presbytery Expense	200.00
Worship	500.00
Youth	100.00
Youth Camp Sponsors	0.00
<b>Total Church Program</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>
<b>Church Property</b>	
Building Maintenance	2,000.00
Capital Improvement	0.00
Church Insurance	10,000.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	500.00
Dues/Subscriptions	50.00
Janitorial Supplies	250.00
Janitorial Service	6,500.00
Office Equipment	2,000.00
Office Supplies	400.00
Copier Lease & Maintenance	2,100.00
Postage	550.00
Church Management Program	550.00
Utilities - Gas & Electric	10,000.00
Utilities - Telephone/Internet	2,000.00
Utilities - Water (City of Swater)	1,500.00
Utilities - Garbage (Republic Serv)	600.00
<b>Total Church Property</b>	<b>\$ 39,000.00</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	
Youth Director	4,500.00
Choir Director	1,800.00
Nursery Attendant	0.00
Organist Salary	4,500.00
Pastor Salary	36,659.00
Pastor Housing Allowance	14,664.00
Pastor Allowances	300.00
Pastor Car Allowance	5,800.00
Pastor Continuing Education	1,000.00
Pastor Medicare Supplement, Dental/VI	4,000.00
Pulpit Supply	500.00
Secretary Salary	10,800.00
Medicare 1.45%	884.00
Social Security 6.2%	3,780.00
Substitute Employee	300.00
Treasurer	4,500.00
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$ 93,987.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 144,494.42</b>



## Christmas Program



Macy Newberry



Peyton Gee, Harper Gee,  
Mackenzie Lambert



Gee Family



## Christmas Caroling



Jim Gesin, Lou Ann Cumbie, Arleen Kennedy,  
Doug Richards, Avery Moody, Harper Gee,  
Peyton Gee, Kallen Moody



Gary and Karen Brown



Arleen Kennedy



Bill and Willadean Brock



Dorothy Stroman



Doris Nelms