

First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

February 2022

*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: Hilary Brennan

February is the month most often associated with love. This is a good month to think about what real love is.

There are three kinds of love.

- Eros - This is erotic love. It is a physical love centered on self.
- Philos - This love is based on a friendship between two people. It is based on give and take.
- Agape - This is totally selfless love. It is love given without expectation of receiving any benefit in return.

God is love

- God demonstrated His agape love. Even though we were sinners He sent His Son to die as a sacrifice for our sin. I have never deserved God's love but He loved me anyway. Read Romans 5:8
- God responds to those who love Him. He promises that if we look for Him, we will find Him. Read Proverbs 8:17
- Jesus loves me in the same way that God the Father loves Him. Jesus wants me to love others in the same way He loved me. He died for me. At the very least, I can put myself out or allow myself to be uncomfortable, for someone else. Read John 15:9-13

- God is love. I know about God's love and I believe in how much God loves me. The Bible says that when I live in this love, I live in God and God lives in me. 1 John 4:16,19
- Not much in this world lasts, but three things do - faith, hope and love. Love is true affection for God and for others - affection that grows out of God's love for me. The greatest of these three things is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

I am certain that nothing will ever tear me away from God's love. Nothing in this life or the next, absolutely nothing can separate me from God's love. Read Romans 8:38-39

Blessings,
Kathy



Bulletin Board by Jessica Cockrill

Dates to Remember

- 6 Hoyt Place Worship
Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am Reverse Offering
Communion Class of 2023
All Children and Youth~ 4:00pm-6:00pm
- 13 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship ~ 10:45am
- 16 Session~ 5:30pm
- 20 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am
- 23 Presbyterian Women~ 5:00pm
- 21 Church Office Closed
- 27 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am~ Youth Sunday
Noisy Offering
All Children and Youth meet after worship.



- 4 Tabby Baugh
5 Payton Moore Harris
7 Lacey LeBleu
8 Tres Campbell
12 Gayle Biggerstaff
14 Bette Byrd
15 Buddy Alldredge
Leigha Armstrong
18 Gordon Nemir
19 Greg Wortham
Candice Wilburn
20 David Bennett
Tracy Wilburn
23 Evalyn Bates
27 Sherie Alldredge
28 Joseph Crouch



Presbyterian Women has been rescheduled to February 23rd at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall.

We will study Chapter 4 & 5 of our study, What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.



The Presbyterian Women Brick project is an Ongoing fund-raising project, and we will continue to take orders.

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

\$55.00

8" X 8"

with 6 lines available for engraving

\$110.00

The order forms are in the church office or in the narthex.



Youth is for everyone 3 years - high school. We would love to have your kids, grandkids, friends, etc. join us!

February 6: 4:00 - 6:00 Youth Night

(It's a little earlier right now until we have a little more sunlight in our evenings).

The younger ones (through 5th grade) meet from 4 - 5:45 and the older ones (middle school and high school) meet from 5:30 - 6:30

February 27: Youth participate in the worship service today. After church, we will have pizza and our Youth activities until 1:30.

We hope to see you all!

Note from Ruthann Campbell:

Dear Friends,

A quick update on my mother-in-law, Virginia Epps.

As you know she has lived with us the past 21 months. What a wonderful time it was for all of us! She recently made the decision to move to a nursing home near her family in Sonora.

While we will miss her greatly, we all support her decision. The majority of the family are nearby and can visit often. She so loved attending FPC and getting to know many of you. Thank you for your kindness in always welcoming her.

Ruthann and family

Note~ The Food Pantry and First United Methodist Church are not accepting clothes at this time.

Opportunities to Give



Reverse Offering

Collections for the Nolan County Food Pantry are collected through Reverse Offering. Items are provided from the collection plate on the first Sunday of each month.



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."
Matthew 25:35



Noisy Offering is collected the last Sunday of the month separate from the regular offering. Currently the Noisy Offering money is helping support the Nolan County Ministerial Alliance.



Nurture Nolan is in immediate need of diapers, baby wipes and stuffed animals. You may leave donated items in boxes located in the Narthex or Becky's Office.

GENESIS

CHARLIE DATES

This series offers a big-picture view of the foundational book of Genesis, exploring the splendor of creation and the significance of God's work in the lives of flawed yet faithful men and women.

GOD'S UNBREAKABLE PROMISES

JENNIE ALLEN

How can you trust that God is good? With the Bible at our fingertips, we have a story of God's faithfulness right in front of us to show us one example after another of who God is. In this six-session study, we want to walk you through some of the promises and covenants God made with his people to understand more of the story of God and the big picture of his unfailing love for us.

THE CREATORS

New Episodes Released Weekly!

The Creators tells the story of a group of friends who join forces to create films that are "meaningful, virtuous, and good." Both clever and creative, *The Creators* weaves biblical truths into engaging stories with humor and the right dose of seriousness. Enjoy this light-hearted children's series that will make your kids laugh and leave them with important truths to consider.

Anyone can sign up and you are welcome to share this with family members and friends. The sign-up link is on the website www.fpcsweetwater.org

Session Minutes

Stewardship and Finance: Treasurer Peggy Elliott presented the Financial Report as of January 16, 2022. She noted that approximately \$18,000.00 in the Nunn Trust would be available during 2022 for ongoing projects. Session members approved the Financial Report.

Clerk Report: Session members elected Peggy Elliott to serve as Treasurer and Gayle Biggerstaff to serve as Clerk for 2022. Session Members approved the Annual Report for 2021 and the Church By-Laws.

Worship Committee: Jim Gesin of the Worship Committee reported that songbooks for the hand chime choir had been received and he hoped to get the hand chime choir activated again.

Moderator's Report: The Moderator informed members that the Sweetwater-Nolan County Health Department had requested permission to put pamphlets in the Blessing Box. The pamphlets concern health disparities in the community. Session members voted to allow the pamphlets to be placed in the Blessing Box.

Session members voted to receive the following new church members:

Chase Alldredge- Baptism
Jayde Alldredge- Profession of Faith
Candice Wilburn- Profession of Faith
Macy Newberry- Baptism

Session members approved the Moderator's request to be off on Sunday, April 3rd to participate in the Walk to Emmaus. Alan Carmichael will fill the pulpit that day.

First Presbyterian Church 2022 Budget	
Income	Budget
Texas Presbyterian Foundation	3,000.00
Plate Income	3,000.00
Pledge Income	137,931.25
Total Income Needed	\$ 143,931.25
Expenses	Budget
Benevolence/Mission	
Buffalo Gap Camp	1,200.00
Celebration Scholarship	400.00
Palo Duro Presbytery	
Per Capita \$	1,602.05
Pledge \$	2,000.00
Presbyterian Childrens Home	1,200.00
Presbyterian Women	1,500.00
Total Benevolence/Mission	\$ 7,902.05
Church Programs	
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	200.00
Youth Camp Sponsors	0.00
Total Church Program	\$ 4,100.00
Church Property	
Building Maintenance	2,000.00
Capital Improvement	0.00
Church Insurance	6,500.00
Worker's Compensation Insurance	500.00
Dues/Subscriptions	50.00
Janitorial Supplies	250.00
Janitorial Service	6,500.00
Office Equipment	0.00
Office Supplies	400.00
Copier Lease & Maintenance	2,100.00
Postage	550.00
Church Management Program	600.00
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
Total Church Property	\$ 33,550.00
Personnel	
Youth Director	4,725.00
Choir Director	0.00
Nursery Attendant	0.00
Organist Salary	4,725.00
Pastor Salary	38,492.00
Pastor Housing Allowance	15,397.00
Pastor Allowances	300.00
Pastor Car Allowance	5,800.00
Pastor Continuing Education	1,000.00
Pastor Medicare/ Supplement/Silver Scripts	3,885.96
Pastor Dental & Vision Insurance	492.24
Pulpit Supply	600.00
Secretary Salary	11,340.00
Medicare 1.45%	928.00
Social Security 6.2%	3,969.00
Substitute Employee	2,000.00
Treasurer	4,725.00
Total Personnel	\$ 98,379.20
Total Expenses	\$ 143,931.25

Amended 2022 Budget

Increase in Pastor's Medicare and Medicare Supplement

January 2022 Activities





Kallen Moody, Averi Moody,
Harper Gee, Peyton Gee



More pictures are available on the photo page
of the website, www.fpcsweetwater.org.