

First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

June 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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"You didn't choose me, but I've chosen and commissioned you to go into the world to bear fruit!" John 15: 16a The Passion Translation

As I have enjoyed the wildflowers the past two weeks, I thought of them as part of God's wondrous creation, with unparalleled beauty. I wondered if he was partial to them as I am....

Think of God as being partial to a wild flower. The difference between a wildflower and a rose is "staying power." A rose is beautiful and smells amazing, but it's fragile, can only grow under the most moderate of circumstances, and dies very quickly. A wildflower will grow in the cracks of the concrete, the side of a mountain, or on a rocky hillside. A wildflower has no one to tend to it or shelter it. God, alone, calls forth the wildflowers. And He supplies all they need to grow strong and have "staying power," even in the worst of conditions and the oddest of circumstances.

More than the wildflowers, God is partial to us. God's own Word says: He chose us and commissioned us. God loves us more than all creation. He could have made you a small flower that grows in rocky places. When God created the earth, He could have chosen for you to bloom in a lush garden, next to a babbling brook. But He didn't. He planted you to grow where He thought you would bring the most beauty. Right here in the garden that is Sweetwater, Texas. Let's do Him proud and bring God glory and honor through our fruit, the fruit that bears His love to the world we live in!

Kathy

Dates to Remember

- 3 All Children and Youth~ 6:00pm Golf & Swimming Sweetwater Country Club
- 6 Hoyt Place Worship~ 9:00am-9:30am
Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am Reverse Offering
Communion~ Class of 2021
Commissioning Service of Sara Core
4:00pm~ FPC 2712 Ave. R Snyder
- 7 The SHOP~ 11:00am-2:00pm
- 12 "Lift Every Voice" Concert~ 7:30pm
Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium
- 13 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship ~ 10:45am
- 16 Session ~ 5:30pm
- 20 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am
Carlo Sosa will preach.
- 23 All Children and Youth~ 6:30pm
Outside Games & Sundaes at the Cumbie's
- 27 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am
Grace Sosa will preach.
Noisy Offering

Hoyt Place

*We are excited to lead worship every
first Sunday of the month at Hoyt Place,
from 9:00-9:30 a.m.*

*We will sing and hear the Word of God.
Come join us in this wonderful
Ministry of fellowship.*



- 1 Dayla Graham
Tatum Maxwell Hill
- 8 Kirsten Elliott Burson
Amanda Wilburn Fullwood
- 9 Alice Westacott
- 10 Brandie Gee
- 11 Jody Moody
- 13 Shelby Cason
- 14 Lloyd Rasco
- 17 Hilary Brennan
- 19 Paula Carmichael
Doloras Berryhill
Ryan Moore
- 20 Doug Richards
- 21 Guy Bond
Michelle Boswell
- 23 Jo Thompson
- 29 Matt Gesin
- 30 Peggy Elliott
Tiffany Rotan



Presbyterian Women Brick Project

The PW Brick project is an ongoing fundraiser project. 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.

There are order forms in the church office.

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

**We will send in the next order in July.
Please have your orders turned in by June 30th.**

Thank you!



We need volunteers to help serve at The SHOP on Monday, June 7th from 11:00am-2:00pm. If you can volunteer, please call or email the church office: 235-5491, fpcsweetwater@gmail.com



Aaron Cockrill and Jessica Bond

Reminder to Contribute to The Blessing Box

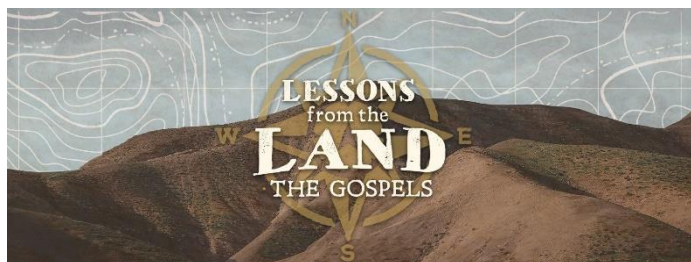
The Blessing Box is inspired by the Parable of the Goats and the Sheep found in Matthew 25. It is another project of our very active Presbyterian Women.

The concept is simply "take what you need, leave what you can." Think of it as a mini-Goodwill store that is open 24/7/ Items are left in the Box to be available to strangers. Items may include clothing, shoes, toys, games, puzzles, books, DVD's, can goods, dog/cat food, bottled water, toilet articles, etc.

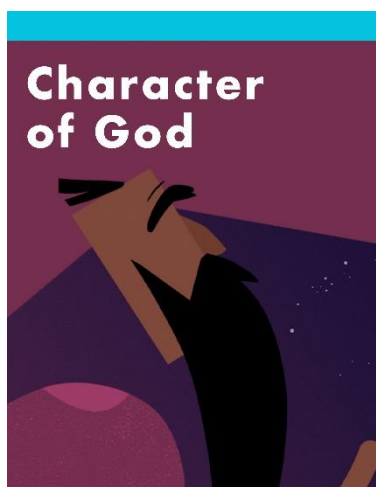
The Blessing Box is located outside the garden fence on McCaulley St. Place items in the box.

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Some newly added videos to the First Presbyterian Children and Youth Channels.



Grab your Bible and pack your bags for adventure as Barry Britnell takes your kids on a journey through to the Bible lands! Visit the places where Jesus lived and taught: step inside a first-century synagogue, take a boat across the Sea of Galilee, and walk through the busy streets of Jerusalem. Each video is packed full of great visuals and thought-provoking applications. Lessons from the Land is your children's ticket to the Bible lands - no passport required!



Explore the foundational description of God's attributes as described in Exodus 34:6-7:

- Compassionate
- Gracious
- Slow to Anger
- Overflowing with Loyal Love
- Faithfulness

Remember you can still 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

'LIFT EVERY VOICE'
Concert
**Sweetwater
Municipal
Auditorium**

**Guest Artist -
Devlon Jones**



**SAT JUNE 12 AT 7:30
PM**



**Tickets \$20 Adults \$10
Students**



Happy Summer! It has officially begun. I hope everyone has lots of fun, rest, and relaxation!

We finished our school year/church year activities, and now it's time to move on to our Summer Fun activities.

Thursday, June 3:

6:00 We will meet for golf/and or swimming at the Country Club. For the ones who don't want to golf, we will swim. Golfers can join the swimmers after the golf game is over. The pool is open until 9:00. If anyone wants to order dinner by the pool, that would be great, too! Ask Lou Ann for more specific details.

Wednesday, June 23

6:30 outside games and sundaes at the Cumbie's house!

We hope to see you all at both of our June events.

Camp Time 2021

It's time to register your camper for in-person summer church camp at Buffalo Gap Presbyterian Encampment!



<https://www.buffalogapcamp.org/summer-camps>



www.moranch.org

Session Minutes

Clerk's Report: The Clerk read an invitation received from FPC, Snyder, to the Commissioning Service for Sara Core on June 6th. The Clerk also read a letter received from the Executor for the Estate of Doris Ann Turner. The Executor returned a 1926 FPC hymnal that was in the Turner Estate. The hymnal will be added to the church's collection of memorabilia.

Stewardship and Finance: Financial Report was unanimously approved. The Treasurer stated that it was time for the yearly audit of the church's finances. Keith Brock volunteered to do this.

Building and Grounds:

Building and Grounds Committee members Gary Brown, Keith Brock and Jim Gesin reported on plans for construction of the garden pavilion. They are working to finalize costs on the project which will include a 25 foot by 30 foot concrete slab. Gary reported that several downspouts were replaced and that rain gutters had been cleared of leaves. Session members approved allowing Aspen Electric to replace light fixtures in the Pastor's office.

Fellowship: Fellowship Committee members Hilary Brennan and Gayle Biggerstaff reported that a hot dog luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service on Sunday, May 23rd, to honor graduating seniors Ethan Boswell, Aly Moore and Caleb Reed.

Mission and Outreach: Session members discussed volunteering at The SHOP during their summer activities. Session members agreed to provide six volunteers for June 7th.

Worship Committee: Jim Gesin of the Worship Committee discussed serving Communion by passing Communion trays with individually wrapped small pieces of bread. Session members agreed to begin doing this on June 6th.

Stewardship

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

First Presbyterian Church			
2021 Financial Report			
2021 Budget \$144,494.42		Plate & Pledge Needed Monthly \$11,766.00	
Month	Plate & Pledge +	Dividends & Other Contributions +	Expenses -
January	\$11,270.00	\$4,239.66	\$12,774.42
February	\$6,883.00	\$136.35	\$11,048.92
March	\$5,698.00	\$1,333.57	\$12,223.45
April	\$8,093.00	\$4,060.96	\$11,143.30

2021 Noisy Offering	
Designated to the Ministerial Alliance	
Received Year to Date	\$1,555.29

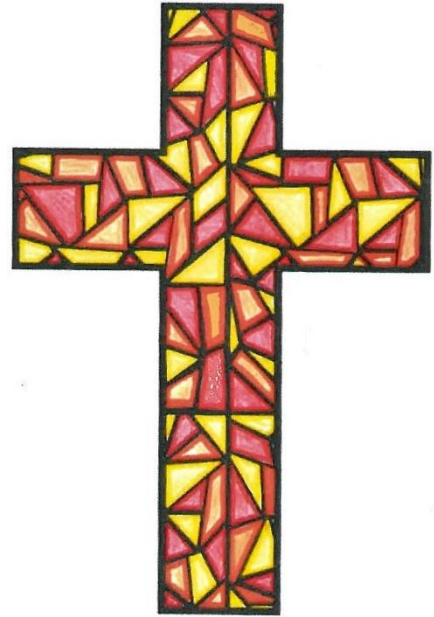
2021 Food Pantry	
Designated to the Nolan County Food Pantry	
Received Year to Date	\$325.00

May Activities



Caden Wilburn and Kallen Moody

Pentecost Sunday



Artwork by Katie Reed



Owen Hammit, Brynlee Scott,
Emily Hammit, Averi Moody



Averi Moody and Harper Gee~ Acolytes



Peyton Gee
Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession



Lou Ann Cumbie



Kallen Moody~ Scripture Readings



Jim Gesin and Pastor Kathy Monroe



Aly Moore, Ethan Boswell, Caleb Reed

Presbyterian Women presented Bibles to
graduating Seniors.



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Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

I appreciate so much the cards and gifts you gave me at the hot dog lunch on Sunday. Your gifts were very generous, and they will be very helpful to me this fall at Trinity University.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Caleb Reed