

First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

June 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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Our Call from Scripture

Galatians 6: 9-10

⁹ We must not become tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time if we do not give up. ¹⁰ When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers. NCV

The major theme of Galatians is that we are saved by faith, and not by works. Yet what I do as a believer is important. True salvation is not just accepting Jesus into my heart with an eye toward heaven in the future. It is an ongoing relationship with Jesus as my Lord. And that is what is reflected in this closing instruction in Paul's letter to the churches of Galatia. Do not become weary in doing good to all. Especially to other believers. We are [called to do good](#). But what does it mean to 'do good'?

'Doing good' is not the same thing as doing no harm. Doing no harm is a passive activity. But doing good is active. It is something that takes effort on my part. Something that I could grow weary of and something that is directed toward other people.

Doing good means that when I see an opportunity to help another person, I take it. It may be something simple and with little cost. Or it may be more costly and time consuming. Doing good simply means that I do what I can to help you.

This instruction to do good has all people in mind. Even those who are not believers. And even those that I may not get along with. If we can do good for someone, we should.

With Me

I told the Lord, "This journey's long,"
He said, "I know the length."
I told Him, "But I'm faint and weak."
He said, "I'll give you strength."
No matter what my words—God heard;
He listened patiently.
But what has meant the most is this,
my Father walks with me.
-Anne Peterson

Blessings,
Kathy

Dates to Remember

- 2 All Children and Youth
Swim Party at the Country Club 5:30pm-7:30pm
- 5 *Day of Pentecost*
Hoyt Place Worship
Worship~ 10:45am Reverse Offering
Communion Class of 2022
- 6 The SHOP~ 11:00am-2:00pm
- 12 Worship ~ 10:45am
Amberly Strebeck will preach.
- 15 Golf~ Middle & High School & Parents
6:00pm~ Country Club
- 19 *Happy Father's Day*
Worship~ 10:45am
Dennis Kiker will preach.
- 26 Worship~ 10:45am
Noisy Offering
- 29 Session Meeting~ 5:30pm
The Adult Sunday School Class will not meet
during the summer.



- 1 Dayla Graham
Tatum Maxwell Hill
- 7 Macy Newberry
- 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
- 29 Matt Gesin
- 30 Peggy Elliott
Tiffany Rotan

Sweetwater Baccalaureate Service

The vision of Macedonian women serving at Baccalaureate turned into two very kind men. God surprises us sometimes in our planning. A big thank you goes out to Ben Monroe and Jim Gesin for showing up and helping with decorating and setup of refreshments for the 2022 Baccalaureate service. They were a very big help. Thank you also to the ladies who brought cookies for the reception. The crowd appreciated them so much.



Committees

As we move toward a more normal place in the life of the church, we invite the congregation to sign up for committees. We will resume Committee meetings that had to be put on hold through pandemic closings. This is especially important now since we will be hosting Presbytery in September.

It has been many years since First Presbyterian, Sweetwater has hosted a Presbytery meeting and we are excited about it. We do need everyone on board to help. There are jobs for each of us no matter how we fair physically. There are many seated jobs as well as on your feet work! Please do not hesitate to sign up!



CHURCH Update
DIRECTORY

Doris Nelms
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Opportunities to Give

1. Blessing Box
2. Noisy Offering~ Ministerial Alliance
3. Reverse Offering~ Nolan County
Food Pantry
4. Clothes Closet~ Highland Heights
Methodist
5. Nurture Nolan~ Diapers, Wipes,
Stuffed Animals
6. The SHOP~ Donations can be mailed to: The
SHOP PO Box 117, Sweetwater, TX 79556



Thank you all so much for all you do for our community. We here at the Sweetwater House of Peace- The SHOP could not do the things we do without your support. We are beyond gracious for all the ways the First Presbyterian Church serves our neighbors. We love you all, and most importantly, Jesus Loves You All!

Sincerely,
Becky Acuna



Thanks to each of our church families for the prayers, cards and phone calls during my recovery. Think I am on the road to getting back to walking.

Love to each of you,
Linda and Lloyd



Summer Fun is here! School is out! Let's relax and have some fun!

June 2 (Thursday) Swim party at the Country Club Pool from 5:30 - 7:30. The church has offered to pay for our church members, but guests will be \$10. Bring your towel, some sun screen, and we will see you there!

June 15 (Wednesday) Middle School and High School Golf for parents and kids at 6:00! Yes, parents...let's see if you can beat the kids!

Session Minutes

Stewardship and Finance: Financial Report was unanimously approved.

Building and Grounds: Gary Brown of the Building and Grounds Committee reported that repairs had been made to a refrigerator. He also reported that the pew repairs should be completed by June 1st.

Fellowship: Hilary Brennan of the Fellowship Committee reported that approximately 40 people attended the May 15th Senior Luncheon for Katie Reed.

Mission and Outreach: Paula Huckabee of the Mission/Outreach Committee reminded members that FPC will be providing volunteers at The SHOP on June 6th.

Moderator's Report: The Moderator informed members that she had received a planning guide from Presbytery to help FPC plan for the Presbytery Meeting to be held September 30th and October 1st. She will put information in the church newsletter to inform members of activities that will require volunteers.

Session members approved changing the next Session Meeting to June 29th.

Stewardship – Genesis 45:1-5

(Joseph offers forgiveness to his brothers)

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So, there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

The Joseph novella in Genesis, chapters 37-50, provides a beautiful case study in modeling generosity. Joseph is mistreated by his brothers and sold into slavery. He rises to become Pharaoh's vizier. His brothers come to Egypt in the midst of a famine and Joseph shares generously with his brothers, giving them not just food but forgiveness. This story reminds us that we have received so much from God: food for our bodies and forgiveness to heal our spirits and our lives. Therefore, we are called to respond generously, just as Joseph responds generously to his brothers in their time of need.

First Presbyterian Church	
2022 Financial Report	
2022 Budget \$143,931.25	
Year to Date Totals	
Plate & Pledge	\$38,645.00
Dividends and Other Contributions	\$4,045.12
Expenses	-\$48,937.14
Total	-\$6,247.02

2022 Noisy Offering	
Designated to the Ministerial Alliance	
Received Year to Date	\$403.69

2022 Food Pantry	
Designated to the Nolan County Food Pantry	
Received Year to Date	\$325.00

May Activities



Lou Ann Cumbie, Brynlee Scott,
Pastor Kathy Monroe



Senior Sunday

Sherie Alldredge presenting Bible from
Presbyterian Women to Katie Reed