

First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

July 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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Bulletin Board by Jessica Bond



- 4 Kay Hamlin
- 5 Donella Parker
Elizabeth Hammit
- 10 Scarlett Whitteker
- 11 Stacy McCollom Belk
- 12 Blake Cumbie
Ethan Boswell
- 15 Remelle Farrar
- 17 Judy Byrd
- 18 Dylan Bennett
- 20 Bill Shirley
- 24 Jim Gesin
- 26 Dorian Westacott
- 28 Becky Brock
Kirk Stroman
- 29 Pat Beall
- 31 Reece Whitteker

Dates to Remember

- 3 4th of July Parade~ Meet at 9:30am Ash Street
- 4 Hoyt Place Worship~ 9:00am
Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am Reverse Offering
Communion Class of 2022
- 5 4th of July Holiday~ Church Office Closed
- 6 All Children and Youth~ Abilene Zoo
Meet at LouAnn's at 8:00am
- 8 Presbyterian Women~ Lunch at Biggs~ 11:30am
- 11 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship ~ 10:45am
- 18 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am
- 25 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am
Worship~ 10:45am



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We appreciate the volunteers who worked at The SHOP this summer. Thanks to Doug Richards, Boo Nemir, Kathy Monroe, Sherie Alldredge, Jim Gesin, Jeannette Bryant, and Judy Byrd.



Dear My Church Family,

I just wanted to say thank you and I appreciate all of yalls love and support! Thank yall for all the graduation gifts, I really appreciated everything you gave me and I appreciate all of the wise conversations about life in the future!

Thank yall and May God bless ya'll!

Ethan Boswell



The Life House has classes starting in the Fall. Jobs for Life starts August 30th and Faith & Finances begins August 31st. The registration deadline for both of these classes is August 16th.

Classes are free to attend but registration is required. Interested participants can register by stopping by the Lifehouse at 1208 Hailey St. Monday-Thursday between 9AM -4PM.

Also Needed:

Volunteers are crucial to our semester courses and determine the number of students we can accept. If you or any of your church members might be interested in serving in one of these volunteer positions, please have them call the Lifehouse at 933-4015.



Alan and Paula Carmichael
2002 Country Club Dr.
Sweetwater

We welcome new members:
Joseph and Renee Crouch
PO Box 368
Sweetwater, Tx. 79556



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July 6 to the Abilene Zoo!

It opens at 9am, so let's meet at LouAnn's at 8. Parents are welcome to come or take your own car, or I can take your kids. Let me know so that I'll have plenty of room. Bring money to get in, snacks, drinks, money to feed the giraffes, maybe even a quick lunch if everyone is starving. It's going to be fun!

Lou Ann Cumbie

Session Minutes

Stewardship and Finance: Financial Report was unanimously approved. Session members approved the Treasurer's financial Report as of June 14, 2021. Audit Committee members Keith Brock presented Session members with a report that stated "the records of the church are in good order and the financial statements fairly represent the financial position of the church for the year ending December 2020."

Building and Grounds:

Building and Grounds Committee members Keith Brock and Jim Gesin discussed the possibility of adding hand rails to the pulpit area. Keith will get bids for this and bring the information to the next Session Meeting. Session members discussed the addition of the outside planters to the sanctuary entrance. The committee members will work on this project.

Christian Education: Lou Ann Cumbie of the Christian Education Committee reported that the youth activity night was held at her home on June 15th. Twelve adults and nine youth attended, and everyone enjoyed the activities.

Fellowship: Fellowship Committee member Gayle Biggerstaff reported that the May 23rd Senior Sunday lunch in the Fellowship Hall was attended by about thirty people. Graduating Seniors included Ethan Boswell, Aly Moore and Caleb Reed.

Mission and Outreach: Paula Huckabee of the Mission/Outreach Committee will deliver church collected supplies to the Food Pantry at the Courthouse. She reported that the outside Blessing Box was being utilized by the neighborhood. Presbyterian Women purchased 100 small New Testament bibles that will be placed in the Blessing Box at various times.

Worship Committee: Jim Gesin of the Worship committee reported that Hoyt Place Worship Services had begun again and that FPC will lead the service the first Sunday of each month.

New Business:

Session members voted to accept the transfer of membership for Joseph and Renee Crouch from a Presbyterian Church in Sulphur Springs. The next Session Meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2021

Stewardship

Malachi 3:10

Bring your full tithe to the Temple treasury so there will be ample provisions in my Temple. Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams.

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2021 Financial Report			
2021 Budget \$144,494.42		Plate & Pledge Needed Monthly \$11,766.00	
Month	Plate & Pledge +	Dividends and 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
May	\$13,935.00	\$1,221.00	\$10,042.64

2021 Noisy Offering	
Designated to the Ministerial Alliance	
Received Year to Date	\$1,758.66

2021 Food Pantry	
Designated to the Nolan County Food Pantry	
Received Year to Date	\$410.00

Katie Reed~ Buffalo Gap Encampment
Camp's 100th Anniversary



June Activities
Golf and Swimming Country Club





Sundaes at the Cumbie's



Lou Ann Cumbie, Carla Lambert, Brandie Gee,
Cayley Scott, David Scott, Beth Hammit,
Dustin Hammit, Dennis Cumbie,
Scott Lambert,
Jarod Gee, Doug Richards



Owen Hammit, Harper Gee, Averi Moody,
Brynlee Scott, Emily Hammit, Mackenzie
Lambert, Peyton Gee



Earl and Lucy Stewart's Visit



Earl drove from California to Waco for a continuing education meeting. He then drove to Dallas to pick up Lucy at the airport and together they drove to Sweetwater.

They are going to Iowa to visit a country church where he was interim at one time and then to Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and then Houston.

Earl is 84 years old and still preaching. He retired twice. He is at a church that has 160 members.



Irene Ludlum, Dorothy Stroman, Gayle Biggerstaff, Paula Huckabee, Donella Parker, Lucy and Earl Stewart, Boo Nemir and Dennis Cumbie and Lou Ann Cumbie

