

# First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

September 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: Keith Brock

Some think that the buzz words in reformed theology is "our call". Presbyterians are big on call. Call is not particularly associated with becoming a Pastor, or Elder, or Missionary, but it can be. It is about fulfilling the work that God created you to do. We are all called.

St. Teresa of Avila spoke to people about their call, saying, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours; yours are the only hands with which He can do His work, yours are the only feet with which He can go about the world, yours are the only eyes through which His compassion can shine forth, on a troubled world. Christ has no body on earth now but yours."

As we begin a new school year, let us begin with "our call" in mind. Let us remember that no one else on earth is called to do what we alone are called to do, no one else on earth can give to the world what we alone can give through our gifts and talents.

Our calls are not necessarily related to our secular work but may be something entirely different, and our calls can change throughout our lives so, let us pray and focus on hearing God's call for us in this new season of our lives.

Blessings,

Kathy



## Dates to Remember

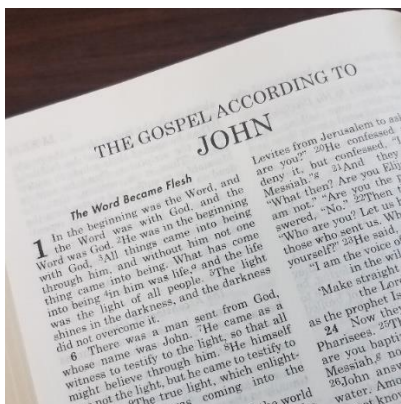
- 5 Hoyt Place Worship~ 9:00am  
Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship~ 10:45am Reverse Offering  
Communion Class of 2021
- 6 Church Office Closed~ Labor Day Holiday
- 12 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship ~ 10:45am
- 15 Session Meeting~ 5:30pm
- 19 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship~ 10:45am~ Youth Sunday  
All Children and Youth~ 5:00pm-7:00pm
- 26 Adult Sunday School~ 9:45am  
Worship~ 10:45am  
Noisy Offering  
All Children and Youth~ 5:00pm-7:00pm



Due to the climbing numbers of Covid, we are postponing Presbyterian Women until the first Wednesday in October, I believe it is October 6. I am so sorry, Miss you all.

Please remember to add to the Blessing Box when you can. PW is supplying to the box also.

Love,  
Boo



### **Adult Sunday School Class**

*9:45am in the Fellowship Hall*

You are invited to join us on Sunday mornings for Bible study, fellowship and there's coffee and usually doughnuts.

The Adult Sunday School Class is going to begin a study of John beginning Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> using the book John: Jesus, The Word, the Messiah, the Son of God. There will be study books available.

We hope you will join on this journey as we study the Word of God and share the experience of Jesus' love for us all.

### **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 Janice Gesin
- 5 Cathy Reed
- 7 Jarrod Gee  
Bill Stroman
- 8 Arleen Kennedy
- 10 Paula Huckabee  
Dorothy Stroman
- 11 Ty Crain
- 12 Landyn Rotan  
Mollie Bennett  
Larry Ludlum
- 13 Emily Hammit
- 15 Renee Crouch
- 25 Cayley Scott  
Gary Brown
- 26 DeeAnne McFarland
- 28 Tripp Maxwell
- 29 Keith Brock
- 30 LaVynda Montgomery

## *Thank You*

*Thank you very much for your prayers and thoughtful messages.*

*Love,  
Laverne Foy*



*"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*



### **Mission Opportunity**

Our Mission Committee is requesting diapers, baby wipes, stuffed animals, and gently used or new coats for donation to Nolan Nurture.

Nolan Nurture is a nonprofit organization created by Samantha Morrow and Aubra Faye to help provide every child removed from their home in Nolan County with a standard-size duffle bag in which to transport their belongings. Each duffle bag contains necessities and comfort items to help ease their anxiety associated with removal from home and family.

Nolan Nurture is in immediate need of diapers and baby wipes. Additionally, they are requesting gently used or new coats and stuffed animals. You may leave donated items in boxes located in the Narthex or Becky's Office.

For more information regarding Nolan Nurture, you may contact Samantha Morrow at 325-235-5469 or Aubra Fahy at 325-236-6691.



### **Women's Bible Study Opportunity**

*Bible Study Fellowship  
Matthew's Account of Jesus*

#### **Morning Groups**

Tuesday Morning~ Begins Sept. 21  
9:00am~ 4<sup>th</sup> and Elm Church of Christ

#### **Evening Groups**

Wednesday Evenings~ Begins Sept. 22  
6:00pm at Trinity Baptist Church  
(Childcare Available)

For more info: [www.bsfinternational.org](http://www.bsfinternational.org)

Donna Stewart~ 325-338-5410

for evening information

Judy Clayton~ 325-338-1204

for morning information



### **Invitation for All Women Women of Prayer**

Who: Women of Sweetwater &  
Surrounding Areas

What: Worship and Prayer

Where: First Baptist Church Sweetwater  
Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday, September 5th, 2021  
@8:00am-8:30am

Why: To enhance our community's focus on  
God and prayer.





Caleb Reed has begun classes at Trinity University in San Antonio. Below is his mailing address for those who like to send a card of greetings from home.

Trinity University  
One Trinity Place #2054  
San Antonio, TX 79212



Welcome back to school and back to our Sunday evenings together! I hope everyone is back to a great (and healthy) start! This month, we will meet on 2 consecutive Sundays. The times will be 5:00 - 7:00. Also, the children and youth will be helping with worship once a month. I will be anxious to see you all!

3 yr. old - 5th grade from 5:00 - 6:15 and middle school and high school from 6:00 - 7:00...but last year most of the kids stayed for both hours, which was great! They younger ones enjoyed the playroom and the older ones enjoyed the game room while I met with the other group.

**September 19:** Youth participate in the worship! This is always such a great Sunday that everyone enjoys!  
5:00 - 7:00pm Children and Youth

**September 26:** 5:00 - 7:00 Children and Youth

### Session Minutes

**Stewardship and Finance:** Financial Report was unanimously approved.

**Building and Grounds:** Keith Brock of the Building and Grounds committee will get a quote for construction of hand rails along the side of the pulpit area. He will get a quote for trimming hedges in the garden area. Gary Brown will ask a locksmith to work on two doors in need of repairs.

**Christian Education:** Lou Ann Cumbie of the Christian Education Committee reported that eleven youth attended the pizza and movie social at her home. The next Youth Sunday will be September 19<sup>th</sup>, and the youth will participate in the Worship Service.

**Mission and Outreach:** Paula Huckabee of the Mission/Outreach Committee introduced Nolan County Attorney Samantha Morrow who spoke on behalf of Nurture Nolan, a non-profit formed in 2020 to aid Nolan County children. There will be more information for the church members on how they can donate to this non-profit.

Paula Huckabee reported to Session members that personnel at the Nolan County Food Pantry were extremely grateful for the church's food donations each month.

**Worship Committee:** Session members agreed that the Worship committee will be responsible for purchasing Communion supplies each month. The Elder Class of the month will be responsible for setting up Communion and then cleaning up afterward.

**Moderator's Report:** The Moderator reported that the 150<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery will be a Zoom meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm



## August Activities



## Youth Kayaking at Lake Sweetwater





Movie/Pizza/Turtle Hunting/Outside Games  
Night at the Cumbie's



Peyton Gee, Harper Gee, Kaegan Forbes,  
Grayson Davis, Kinsley Heredia, Emily Hammit



Ryder Glass and Kreed Davis



Braxton Smith and Caden Wilburn



