

First Presbyterian Church Sweetwater, Texas

April 2016

*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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From the Pastor's Pen

Dear Everybody,

What a glorious Easter we have enjoyed together! Thank you to everyone to was a part of our Easter worship. I am always thankful for your many contributions of song, prayers and blessing. God is good!

I want to invite each of you to two very special Walking to Thee worship services. On April 10 at 6:00-6:30 (Chapel) we will have a Service for Wholeness. We all have places of brokenness within our lives. Come, receive the anointing of oil and the healing of our Lord and Savior.

On April 24 at 6:00-6:30 (Chapel) we will enjoy a Lectio Divina worship service. This is a contemplative worship that will bring scripture alive! Come, receive Christ in the Word and find blessing for your weary soul.

Remember, love is a choice. Choose to love one another!

May many blessings come your way,

Kary

Dates to Remember

- 3 Hoyt Place Worship ~ 9:00am-9:30am
Sunday School ~ 9:30am
Worship ~ 10:45am ~ Reverse Offering
Communion Class of 2017
All Youth and Parents~ Going Away Party
for Emerson Gesin and her Family~5pm-6pm
- 6 Presbyterian Women~5:00pm Business
Meeting 5:30pm Bible Study
- 7 Kary Ann's Clan~11:30am~ Pizza Hut
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 10 Sunday School ~ 9:30am
Worship ~ 10:45am
Little Ones~ 5pm-6pm
Service for Wholeness Service~ 6pm-6:30pm
- 12 Ministerial Alliance Pancake Supper
Fundraiser 5:00pm-7:00pm SHS Cafeteria
- 13 Committee Meetings~ 5:30pm
- 14 Kary Ann's Clan~11:30am~ Dairy Queen
Choir Practice~ 5:30pm
- 17 Sunday School~9:30am
Worship~ 10:45am
IBKs 5pm-6pm
- 20 Session Meeting~5:30pm
- 21 Kary Ann's Clan ~ 11:30am~ Big Boy's
Choir Practice~5:30pm
- 24 Sunday School~9:30am
Worship~ 10:45am~ Noisy Offering
Little Ones 5pm-6pm
Lectio Divina ~6:00pm-6:30pm~ Chapel
- 28 Kary Ann's Clan ~ 11:30am~ Schlotzsky's
Choir Practice~5:30pm

GREETER+

- 3 Mike Fry and Keith Brock
- 10 Donella Parker and Doug Richards
- 17 Ruthann Campbell and Lou Ann Cumbie
- 24 Patty Gesin and Richard Gesin



Birthdays

- 1 Jodie Aycock
- 3 Jordan Graham VonRoeder
- 4 Hunter Rotan
- 6 Caden Scott Wilburn
- 10 Boopsie Stanford
- Tommy Maitland
- 14 Makee McCollom
- 15 Billie Weston
- 19 Bradley Armstrong
- 25 Nick Nemir
- 28 Carroll Stroman
- 29 Emily Brock Ledesma
- Wesley Maxwell



All Women of the Church are invited to come for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study. Presbyterian Women will meet on Wed. April 6th There is a business meeting at 5:00pm and Bible Study with Kay Staton at 5:30pm.

**The study this year is
Come to the Waters by Judy Record Fletcher**



Walking to Thee Chapel Services

**April 10: 6:00pm-6:30pm
Service for Wholeness**

**April 24: 6:00pm-6:30pm
Lectio Divina Worship
Service**

Walking to Thee is an ambigram - in literature and in spirit. Turn this title around and see what it says when it's upside-down.

There is so much more to see when we stop and look.

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, hear the Word of God, and share Communion. Come join us in this wonderful Ministry of fellowship.



Lloyd and I want everyone to know how much we appreciate all the prayers, calls, cards, food and visits. 2015 and starting of 2016 have been trying for the Rasco family. We couldn't have made it without our church family. Just know we love each one of you. God is so good.

Lloyd and Linda Rasco

Ministerial Alliance Pancake Supper **Fundraiser**



The Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a Pancake Supper to raise funds for this ministry. It will be held Tuesday, April 12th from 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Sweetwater High School Cafeteria.

Donation to get in for the meal. There will also be a Bake Sale.

Volunteers are needed to work the meal: cook, serve, clean up etc. If you are interested in helping, set up will begin at 4:30pm.

They also need baked goods for the sale. If you would like to bake something, please have it to the cafeteria by 4:30pm that day and have it priced.



BUFFALO GAP PRESBYTERIAN ENCAMPMENT

Buffalo Gap Presbyterian Ministries, Inc.

The Board of Directors of Buffalo Gap Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. voted to conduct another campaign this year to raise funds for BGPMI. We are dedicated to seeing that the Ministry of BGPMI continues. We strongly believe that the Christian Summer camp is a valuable, spiritual experience for our children and youth.

We know that you are well aware of the cost of maintaining the campgrounds and facilities. We are requesting donations from all the individuals of the 14 member churches to continue this ministry.

The website for the camp is <http://www.bgpmi.org/index.htm> for more information. They also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloGapCamp>

All donations can be mailed to:
Buffalo Gap Presbyterian Ministries, Inc.
608 Litel Street
Buffalo Gap, TX 79508



April 3: All Youth and their families **5:00 - 6:00.** Going away party for Emerson Gesin and her family from 5:00 - 6:00. The Gesins will be moving to Florida. Hot dogs in the church garden for the kids and their parents. Please RSVP to LouAnn (338-6039) so that she will know how many to cook for. Please send her a text on how many will be attending. I hope you are all able to attend.

April 10: Little Ones (preschool - first grade) **5:00 - 6:00**

April 17: IBKs (2nd - 5th) 5:00 - 6:00

April 24: Little Ones (preschool - 1st grade) **5:00 - 6:00**

Session Minutes

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

Property Committee: *Lone Star Landscaping has fertilized the Garden and Lawn areas with pre-emergent fertilizers. Orkin has sprayed for bees located behind wall by light fixture located outside the front chapel entrance.*

Fellowship: *The final Ministerial Alliance Lenten Lunch will be held at Avondale Baptist Church at noon on Wed. March 23rd. Sandwiches and brownies, cookies will be provided by FPC.*

Mission and Outreach: *Offering envelopes will be available for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday.*

Christian Education: *Lou Ann Cumbie will lead the Easter Egg Hunt. Teachers are needed to lead Youth and Children's Sunday School classes this summer.*

Worship Committee: *Mitch Moore reported that two Apophatic Prayer Services will be offered for the Congregation:*

April 10 at 6:00pm-6:30pm in the chapel.

April 24 at 6:00pm-6:30pm in the chapel.

Reverend Fry explained that the Apophatic form of prayer is silent and reflective prayer. Kirk Stroman will play the piano for each prayer service. Each participant will have time for dedicated personal prayer.

Special Business: *Committee meetings will be held on April 13, 2016 at 5:30pm.*



**Middle School and High School Youth
prepare for Easter Egg Hunt**

**Katie Reed, Kiara Collins, Brandon Collins,
Aly Moore and Payton Moore**



Children Choir Sang on Palm Sunday

**Brandon Collins, Aidan Collins, Sophia
Collins, Nolan Collins, Layla Collins,
Kyler Toland, Kaden Moody, and Kash Coe**