



First Evangelical Presbyterian Church 1219 8th Street • Levelland, TX 79336 • (806) 894-3022



Gideon Sunday

Earl Gerstenberger will be our Gideon speaker on Sunday, November 15th. Please make plans to be here to support this tremendous ministry of spreading God's Word to the world.

Harvest Festival Dinner

We will be having our Thanksgiving/ Harvest Festival fellowship dinner on Sunday, November 22nd after the morning service. Lynn Hale will prepare the turkey and dressing and all attending are asked to bring salads, vegetables, and desserts. Please make plans now to join us in this time of thanksgiving for all our many blessings.



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Return Service Requested

 Like us at First Presbyterian Church, EPC-Levelland

The **Blessing Box** located on the northwest corner of the church property is an excellent way to minister to the needy **anytime of the night or day** by simply adding items to the box for those in need. All non perishable products are perfect for adding to the contents of the box. The need is great in these days of high unemployment.

You may attend the worship services in person if you are willing to practice social distancing and all other safety measures to protect everyone's safety. You may send your tithes and offerings by mail to 1219 8th Street here at the church.

Please visit our new website at fpc-levelland.org





The story of the prodigal son has been told from every possible angle, but I submit that there is a worthwhile alternative way to look at the story. Everyone in this story, the father and both his sons were orphans. Perhaps not orphans in the typical sense, but they had an orphan mentality. Their lives were characterized by lonely striving. In life they felt they always had to make it happen, alone with no help.

In order for sons to stop living as orphans they had to join their father. In order for the father to stop living as an orphan he had to welcome the sons home. The father had to welcome the sons home into his heart, into heart to heart relationship with each other, so they would no longer be orphans.

You and I live in a world that is a factory for orphans. Every institution of every kind, including the church, places the burden on individuals to make it happen as a condition for relationship. We say to each other, as long as you carry your load and carry it well enough you will be accepted. So we live under constant pressure to make things happen on our own. Our lives are therefore filled with lonely striving. We are orphans and we train our children to live like orphans too.

The good news of the gospel is that our heavenly father has made a way for us to come home and join him in a heart to heart relationship. He offers us a kind easy yoke that binds us to him. We no longer have to live like we have to make things happen; and we can join with our heavenly Daddy and our spiritual brothers and sisters to make the will of the Father happen together as a body.

This is what eternal life is all about : making things happen with the Father as a part of His body. This is what healthy life is all about in any context, making things happen together in marriage, in family, in church, in a company, in community of every kind. When we come together we declare we are not orphans. Our loving Father and our brother have saved us. We are bound together in the family of God by the power of the Spirit.

During this month we have a national election and a national Thanksgiving holiday. Both major events have the potential to either create orphans by breaking relationships or heal brokenness and bring orphans into the family. Whether we create orphans or heal them depends on the level of loving commitment we have for one another. As Christians we already have the loving commitment of our heavenly Father. We can come home to a heart to heart relationship with our Lord and then invite others to join us. The ability to come home to the heart of God is truly worthy of Thanksgiving. May God bless you and yours richly as you celebrate all He has given you!!

Jon



Church Vitality Seminar 2020

This seminar will be held on November 4th can 5th hosted by our church. The purpose of the seminar is to equip disciple makers of the Lord who seek to build vitality in their lives and ministries. Please be in prayer for this seminar that needs will be met in lives to better go out and bring the lost to Christ.



- Audra Methvin—5th
- Sarah Adams—6th
- Chad Lawson—9th
- Elena Young—9th
- Skyler Smith—10th
- Sturling Stephens—15th
- Luis Martinez—17th
- Pat Lightsey—18th
- Dorothy Douglas—23rd
- Hagan Scott—23rd
- Joy Keefer—24th
- Dustin Altman—25th
- Shelby Corbin—29th

Opportunities to minister:

Thank you for your support with contributions of food items for Bill's Back Pack for the past few months. **Thank you for your contributions! We will be giving breakfast bars for November and pudding cups for December.**

You may bring your contributions and leave them in the church office. If you desire to make monetary contributions, you may do so by making checks out to Bill's Back Pack. These contributions help these students so much and are greatly appreciated!



Dear FEPC,
We are blessed to have your donation to Meals on Wheels! Thank you!
God Bless!
Shelly Baigen
Hockley Co. Senior Citizens



Ken & Leslie Williams -11th

Thank You

Dear E. P. C. Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent me after my hip replacement. It still looks pretty days later. It is nice to be remembered in such a special way. Thanks also for all the food and prayers.

Love,
Dorothy Douglass