

# the chimes

## Sunday Mornings

9:20am Church School | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary (*Childcare provided.*)

### ONLINE OFFERINGS FOR ALL AGES



Like us on Facebook!

(<https://www.facebook.com/FPCBryan>)

Our Facebook page is alive with several interactive offerings—fun and quirky educational videos, devotional times, and sharing in prayer as well as fun games and trivia.



Each day, our *Sermon on the Mount* devotionals are read out loud. These devotionals are just a few minutes each and provide you with a way to relax, breathe, and refresh in this Lenten season.

Rev. Béghin will teach us a new way to pray in color using Sybil Macbeth's *Pray and Color* book. Tune in to our Facebook page every **MON-WED-FRI** and grab some markers and paper to have an engaging time of prayer with God. *Pray and Color* can be purchased at: <https://tinyurl.com/uwxouy9>



Every **TUE-THU** Rev. Béghin invites you to hear an uplifting short story with beginner's yoga poses sprinkled in. This interactive activity is great for all ages and provides us a way to remember to move our bodies while we are at home.

The book Rev. Emily uses is *Story and Stretch: A Guide to Teaching Kids Yoga Using Seasonal Stories*. For those interested, the book can be purchased on Amazon at: <https://tinyurl.com/uqogwzc>

### CHANGES

A new day has dawned, or, more accurately, a quite different day, prompted by the COVID-19 spread. Please see the enclosed copy of the letter sent by email to FPC members on Tuesday morning, March 17. Our patterns are changing, at least for now. Most importantly, continue in prayer, outreach as possible, and good health practices!



Grace and peace,  
*Ted V. Foote, Jr.*

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received thru **EASTER, APRIL 12**. OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of

disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Projects are underway in more than 100 countries (incl. the U.S. & Canada). In 2019, FPC-Bryan's generous donations to this offering yielded \$1,725 which support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), and Self-development of People (32%). From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. At this time, your donations to this offering may be hand-delivered or mailed to the church. Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, OGHS currently supports programs in over 100 countries.

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## HOW TO HELP MY CHURCH FAMILY WHILE IN ISOLATION



Friends, as many stores are out of the bare necessities, some of our church families could use a loving hand from a neighbor. If you have one spare toilet paper roll or a spare can of beans or vegetables, please bring your donated items to the Indoor Patio so we might create our own COVID-19 Congregation Box. The love we can share with one another is more essential than ever, and we are grateful to have such loving church members.

## PERU MISSION TRIP CANCELED

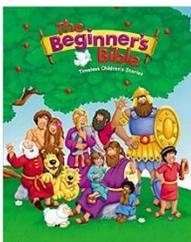
Due to the COVID-19 viral pandemic, FPC's eighth mission trip to Peru has been canceled. Thank for keeping in your prayers the continuing and growing medical needs of our Peruvian brothers and sisters during this time and in the days ahead.

## Walk By Faith

### Growing Disciples

Christian Education Ministries ([education@fpcbryan.org](mailto:education@fpcbryan.org))

## CHILDREN'S BEDTIME BIBLE STORIES



Every Sunday evening on Facebook, all are invited to enjoy a bedtime Bible story brought to you from our living rooms at home. As Pastor Emily says, be sure to wash your face, brush those teeth, put on that favorite pair of jammies, and snuggle up under those covers, and we'll enjoy a bedtime story with Jesus and a prayer before we drift off into dreamland. This is a great way to engage our children in Bible and prayer during this time. The book is available for purchase on Amazon at: <https://tinyurl.com/uqogwzc>

## FUN ACTIVITY PACKETS FOR ALL AGES!

Bible Brain Teasers and Coloring Packets are available at the church. They are also available in digital format to print at home throughout these next eight weeks. For a digital copy of a packet, please email Rev. Emily Béghin at [ebeghin@fpcbryan.org](mailto:ebeghin@fpcbryan.org).

## "STOCK THE PANTRY"

In late February/early March, Ken Telg delivered 71 lbs. of donated goods to the Brazos Church Pantry. Thanks to each of you for your generous donations! While we are not worshipping together in the sanctuary, the needs of The Pantry continue. All are invited to bring your donated items and infant/adult diapers to the church anytime M-F (8:30am-3:30pm).



FPC-Bryan focuses on personal hygiene items—soap, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrush (individually-packaged), deodorant, adult / infant diapers, and for the Homeless Blessings Box—single-use and pop-top canned goods (fruit, tuna fish, etc.) and healthy pre-packaged snacks!

Next time you're out shopping, pick up a few extras for our neighbors in need. *Your extravagant generosity is appreciated more than you know!*

## PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

by Cameron Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.  
May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.  
May we who have the luxury of working from home  
(*or not working at all*)  
Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.  
May we who have the flexibility to care for our children  
when their schools close  
Remember those who have no options.  
May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those who have no place to go.  
May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of  
the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.  
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.  
As fear grips our country,  
Let us choose love.  
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms  
around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God  
to our neighbors.  
Amen.

# YOUTH HAPS



Co-coordinators of Youth Ministries

(Julie Futch/Aaron Seay, [youth@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youth@fpcbryan.org))

Youth Family,

As we discussed during our Sunday FunDay/Easter planning, we knew that our future meetings may be looking a tad different. We are now aware that meeting differently is exactly what we should be doing and what we will be doing.

# zoom

With that being said, Julie and I are exploring different ways in which

we can have youth group. ZOOM is one of our best bets! This will give us all an opportunity to meet “face-to-face” over the screen. So, if y'all could start downloading that and becoming familiar with it, that would be a big help!

We will also be exploring different ways in which we can spread some light through through scripture, a message, and possibly song through social media. Watch for details on FPC's Instagram and Facebook! Be sure to share them with your friends. We can all use more positive messages during this time!

Church Family, if you know of any teenagers that would be interested in watching these devotionals, let them know that they can follow us on the church Facebook page or the youth Instagram page (the username for the Instagram page is “fpcbryan\_youth”).

We will miss each of you tremendously the next few weeks but are excited to see how we are able to carry out these new forms of ministry. Again, please include your friends on this too! Let's spread as much of God's light as possible.

Always remember that even if we're not able to meet as a group in person, we are still the Church! We love each of you and know that this ministry will be stronger than ever.

Blessings,  
Aaron & Julie

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will continue via email. Please check your inbox for assignments and digital content.

## YOUNG ADULTS | FAMILIES

by Rev. Emily Béghin,  
[ebeghin@fpcbryan.org](mailto:ebeghin@fpcbryan.org)

Are you between the ages of 21 and 45 and looking for social and fellowship opportunities? Contact Rev. Emily Béghin, [ebeghin@fpcbryan.org](mailto:ebeghin@fpcbryan.org) to join our contact list today!

Find “FPC Bryan Young Adults” on Facebook!

# Notes

David Kipp, *Director of Music Ministries* ([music@fpcbryan.org](mailto:music@fpcbryan.org))

**Concerts on CARTER CREEK** Due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) viral pandemic, our previously scheduled Concerts on Carter Creek for **SUN, APRIL 5**, featuring **The Cavatina Duo**, has been canceled at this time with a reschedule date and time to be communicated at a later time.

**STAY CONNECTED!** with others in this community of faith at Church Updates—FPC-Bryan's online tool for church-related announcements, ways to serve, and current prayer needs. This online tool is “**REAL TIME**,” and users receive a weekly reminder email on Thursdays to view new posts.

Login and create your password-protected account at <https://fpcbtx.churchupdates.org/login>.  
For more information, contact Karen in the church office, 979.823.8073 or [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).

## BE AN EASTER LILY SPONSOR



While we will not be all worshipping together in the sanctuary, Easter morning worship will be videoed in the sanctuary. You are invited to beautify the sanctuary with lilies for Easter morning, April 12. The cost is \$15<sup>00</sup> per plant. Please write “for lilies” on your check and make it payable to FPC-Bryan. You may wish to sponsor one or more lilies in honor of or in memory of loved ones, or another designation of your choice. To indicate your desire (how many and designation), please contact Karen in the church office, [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org) or 979.823.8073 by **SUN, APR 5**.

Thank you! The Worship Committee

## CARING AND SHARING

Congratulations to **KAITLYN NACHLINGER** and **ANTHONY BATTLES** on their marriage in our sanctuary on March 14. Kaitlyn is the daughter of **KATHRYN & JIM NACHLINGER**.

*“A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”*—Eph. 4:12b

*Dear Friends, Thank you so much for coming to my birthday party and your expressions of love and wishes in word and writing. It really makes one feel humble! God bless you! With love, Marguerite Van Dyke*



Please notify the church office at 979.823.8073, when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is in the hospital, is scheduled for admission, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, please list First Presbyterian Church, as your church affiliation. If you would like to be visited by one of our hospital visitors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them of your needs.

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



- 03/28 Wayne Gay
- 03/28 Harrison Wood
- 03/29 Preston Dempsey
- 03/30 Karon Mathews
- 03/30 Terri Sue Pratt
- 04/01 Fan Cloud
- 04/01 Temper Maly
- 04/01 Jane Wert
- 04/02 Catherine Ezzell
- 04/03 Becky Alter
- 04/05 Heather Jobling
- 04/07 Melanie Wertz
- 04/08 Carmella Edwards

- 04/08 Jenna Harrison
- 04/08 BJ Hendler
- 04/08 Glenn Mathews
- 04/08 Brad Vinson
- 04/09 Sarah Hendler
- 04/10 Haven Curtiss
- 04/10 Tom Davison
- 04/10 Bill Rogers
- 04/10 Andrea Young
- 04/11 Aubrey Byrnes
- 04/11 Avery Cravatt
- 04/11 Bailey Cravat
- 04/11 Matt Miller
- 04/11 Amanda Moehring
- 04/12 Jim Moreno
- 04/12 Lynn Ruoff
- 04/14 Cheryl Moreno
- 04/15 Lennon Dempsey



- ♥ Bob Anderson
- ♥ Dave Burdett
- ♥ Velma Burnett
- ♥ Madison Hodges  
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Bob Leslie (*Pastor Emeritus*)
- ♥ Marjorie Wright

- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe

**MEMBERS & FRIENDS  
IN THE  
MILITARY**

**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is **NOON, SUN, APRIL 5**. This newsletter will be distributed **WED, APRIL 8** and cover news from **APRIL 16-29**.  
Submit content to: [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).

**ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**APRIL 5 (PALM SUNDAY)**

Matthew 7:7-11

**APRIL 12 (EASTER)**

Matthew 6:19-21

