

# the chimes

## Sunday Mornings

Adult Church School (via Zoom) | 10:45am Worship in Sanctuary (viewable at [www.fpcbryan.org](http://www.fpcbryan.org))

### SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 17 THRU NOVEMBER 14, 2021



Many have been introduced to the African song of faith, "We Are Marching in the Light of God." The First Presbyterian Stewardship and Finance Committee has adopted a variation of that song title as the theme for our consideration of stewardship of God's gifts together for 2022: "We Are Living in the Light of God!" As God's people, we often recognize and evaluate sacred gifts such as time, talents, relationships, and finances. An additional sacred gift we will consider as part of our human stewardship is change – as in "changing" situations and contexts. This emphasis of themes begins Sunday, October 17. Our dedication of gifts celebration in relation to the calendar year 2022 is scheduled for November 14. Together we give praise and pray for new insight and commitment as "we are living in the light of God!"

OCT 17 WITH TIME

OCT 24 WITH TALENTS

OCT 31 WITH RELATIONSHIPS

NOV 07 WITH CHANGES

NOV 14 WITH ASSETS

**"STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY"**

### *First Presbyterian Friends,*

Conversations in more than one First Presbyterian meeting this week have raised the topic of "when we might emerge" beyond the COVID pandemic's period of high positive diagnoses. I think the answer is, "We don't know." In the meantime, we care for each other, pray for all, and exercise the most conscientious, respectful mitigation practices possible.

As someone says, here are some "bits and pieces" of "goings on" related to FPC-Bryan's multiple ministries ...

(1) I was privileged to spend the Sunday evenings of September 12 and 19 with our Jr. and Sr. High youth (and with Youth Ministry Assistant Angela Criaco). What a rich experience that was – both Sundays!

(2) The "Blessing of the Animals" – in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi – will be held this Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. on the 31st Street lawn.

(3) FPC-Bryan's neighborhood hosting of a National Night Out gathering will be this Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Chef Ken Telg will be grilling the best hot dogs between Kyle Field and the Wickson Valley. Drop by to share this time with church friends and people in this neighborhood.

(4) The Mission Committee recommended and, on September 26, Session adopted FPC Foundation ministry disbursements of: (a) \$5,000 to Brazos Valley Voices for Children for training costs in orienting and certifying Court Appointed Special Advocates for children in foster care; and (b) of \$5,500 for the Anglican parish of St. Barnabas, in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, for the final costs of an audio-visual system in their classical Gothic sanctuary, in order to facilitate their live-streaming and to provide better hearing on-site, as this "re-building" congregation faces its own COVID and changing context and membership challenges. (Their parish priest has Bryan-College Station connections.)

Much else goes on, of course, but wanted to highlight at least these.

*Ted V. Foote, Jr.* (cell: 918.520.7820)

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# Twin city MISSION COAT & BLANKET DRIVE



You can help provide the gift of warmth for our Brazos Valley neighbors in need.

New or gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves (for all ages), and blankets are welcome!

A marked box in the Indoor Patio is ready to receive your donations thru **MON, NOV 15.**

## Growing Disciples

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

### KIDS' JOKE CORNER

Q: How do you fix a cracked pumpkin? (*see answer below*)

### FALL CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Fall Church School is starting out a bit different this year. RALLY DAY (originally scheduled for September) was rescheduled to **SUN, OCT 10**. About our church school classes:

- **LOOSE LEAF CLASS** is underway and will continue to meet via Zoom until notified otherwise.
- **SEEKERS CLASS** begins their fall study on **SUN, OCT 17**, and will meet in the Church Parlor.
- **THE WORD CLASS** began its fall schedule on **SUN, SEP 19**, and meets in Room 303 (hallway leading to Fellowship Hall).

Due to current COVID numbers, youth and children are not yet meeting in person.

Loving childcare provided for adult church school classes. (*See insert this issue for 2021 Fall Church School Schedule*)

A: With a pumpkin patch.

### HALLOWEEN BLESSING BAGS



The Congregational Care Committee invites you to participate in filling Halloween twelve (12) blessing bags for our place-bound members. Bags for these members, available on the Indoor Patio from October 8-29, await your contributions. Please add an item for each bag and feel free to add a personal note. Here's a list of goodies to prime the pump:

- Socks/slippers (anti-skid)
- Lip balm
- Hand lotion (travel size)
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)
- Wrapped candy (avoid sticky types)
- Notepad and/or Pen
- Puzzle book (large print)
- Nail files
- Individual, pre-packaged snacks/cookies
- Small paper art to hang in their room
- Cracker Jacks
- Kleenex tissue (travel size)
- Blank notecard/envelope & stamp
- Jumbo playing cards
- Mini flashlight
- Did we mention a personal note?

and you may certainly think outside the bag on this!

For more information about this project, please contact Nicole McKinley at [59mckinley@gmail.com](mailto:59mckinley@gmail.com).

Thank you for uplifting our fellow members!

**RALLY DAY**  
*Rescheduled to*  
**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 10, 2021**  
**9:20am to 10:20am**  
(the "church school hour")  
**Carter Creek Foyer**  
**LEARN ABOUT**  
**FALL CHURCH**  
**SCHOOL CLASSES**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**SERVED**

## A NOTE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is hard at work finding candidates for Session. Please consider how YOU might serve this congregation. We must fill twelve 2-year terms, but if serving on Session isn't in your comfort zone right now, think about where you might serve on a church committee. Our committees are operating with few hands, and the needs are great. Consider self-nominating, too! Pray, evaluate, and look at your gifts. There's no doubt they will find a welcomed place on Session or on a committee.



## YOUTH HAPS

Youth Ministries ([youth@fpcbryan.org](mailto:youth@fpcbryan.org))



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

OCT 3, 5:45pm

Meet on 31<sup>st</sup> St. Lawn near the cross. Bring your facemask. Youth will usher the Blessing of the Animals—a 30-minute service outside with family pets!! Please bring your pets (leashed or contained) or pictures of your pets for this service. The youth will be distributing dog treats and prayer slips, taking Insta-worthy photos, and directing each animal forward at their time for blessing.



## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (GR 6-12)

SUN, OCT 10 & 17, 5:00pm-7:00pm. "Jesus and Stress"

Meet in Carter Creek Foyer. *Dinner provided.*

## CARING & SHARING

*Friends,*

*It is hard to express the amount of gratitude that St. Barnabas PCC feel towards FPC Bryan for granting us this money (\$5,500). The amount of difference this sum of money makes to the project is incredible. Without these funds it would have left our church struggling at the end of the project to meet the full cost - without having a severe affect that is, on our critical financial reserves at the moment.*

*We will now be able to deliver to a wide audience a superb and professional modern webcast and very importantly, we will be heard clearly inside out the church by everyone who attends. This will surely broaden our reach and our appeal.*

*On the behalf of S Barnabas PCC, our heartfelt thanks to the mission committee for unanimously approving this grant.*

*Regards, Thomas Kempster, Church Warden  
The Parish Church of Saint Barnabas*

Congratulations to MENG "MAX" JIANG & DAVIS BUENGER who were married in our sanctuary on September 25. Davis is the son of VICKIE & WALTER BUENGER. They will soon be making their home in Austin.

*"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." —Ecc. 4:12b*

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

On September 26, the Session of First Presbyterian Church welcomed three new members:



**YESDEL BENITEZ POSADA** comes to us by reaffirmation of faith having been a member of Igelisia Presbiteriana de San Nicolas (Cuba). Yesdel is an ordained deacon and elder in the Presbyterian Church. Yesdel is the husband of Pastor Emily. He participates in The Word Church School class and is interested in learning more about and participating in all areas of the church, especially local mission opportunities. You can reach Yesdel by phone or email, 979.450.2205 or [YesdelBP89@gmail.com](mailto:YesdelBP89@gmail.com).



**MARGARET GUILLORY** comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. Margaret is an Instructional Designer with TEEEX. She is a member of Presbyterian Women's Circle VII. She makes her home at 8110 Butler Ridge Dr, CS 77845.

You can reach Margaret by phone or email, 979.704.0304 or [emargaretguillor@gmail.com](mailto:emargaretguillor@gmail.com).



**PATRICK MEECE** comes to us by reaffirmation of faith. Patrick is an attorney (Meece & Associates). He is the husband of Margaret. Patrick is interested in learning more about rehabilitation and witnessing to those in need of the Lord.

Patrick and Margaret live at 7585 Steep Hollow Rd, Bryan 77808. Patrick can be reached at 979.229.8005 or [cpatrickmeece@hotmail.com](mailto:cpatrickmeece@hotmail.com).

**WELCOME, YESDEL, MARGARET, and PATRICK!**



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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.



**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 09/30 Jenna Black      | 10/04 Michael O'Brien  |
| 09/30 Ed Funkhouser    | 10/05 Miguel Mora      |
| 10/01 Payton Foote     | 10/06 Mike Downey      |
| 10/01 Jacob Knight     | 10/09 Dave Lyons       |
| 10/02 Kathrine MacNeil | 10/10 Ruth Watson      |
| 10/02 Bobby Randolph   | 10/10 Lanelle Wells    |
| 10/02 Andrew Weichert  | 10/11 Janice Bradshaw  |
| 10/04 Bob Beals        | 10/11 Tabitha Curtiss  |
| 10/04 Bill Bielamowicz | 10/11 Ken Morris       |
|                        | 10/11 Donna Ness       |
|                        | 10/13 Carol Anderson   |
|                        | 10/13 Kaylee Martin    |
|                        | 10/14 Ruby Cole        |
|                        | 10/16 Jackie Zimmerman |
|                        | 10/17 Jerry Norris     |
|                        | 10/18 Taliah Gonzalez  |
|                        | 10/19 Oliva Swanzy     |



- ♥ Dave Burdett
- ♥ Velma Burnett
- ♥ Madison Hodges  
(granddaughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Sabrina Lopez  
(daughter of Peggy & Ken Telg)
- ♥ Frank Thurmond

- ★ Josh Kipp
- ★ Christian McKinley
- ★ Ryan Ratcliffe



**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE**

The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter, The Chimes, is **NOON, SUN, OCT 10**. This newsletter will be distributed **WED, OCT 13**, and cover news from **OCT 21 thru NOV 3**.  
 Submit content to: [office@fpcbryan.org](mailto:office@fpcbryan.org).

**ABOUT SUNDAY WORSHIP**

- OCT 3**  
 II Cor. 5:14-15
- OCT 10**  
 Mark 10:17-31
- OCT 17**  
 Psalm 90:1-6,13-17

