

# First Presbyterian Church

## Tidings

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## BILLBOARDS FOR JESUS

An online search for “advertising fails” reveals some hilarious and cringe-worthy signs. Often the “fail” is due to an ad’s placement. For example, a billboard about childhood obesity appears next to one for a fast-food restaurant, and a promotion for *The Walking Dead* is posted near a mortuary.

As Christ’s ambassadors on earth (see 2 Corinthians 5:20), we serve as walking, talking billboards for Jesus and our faith. Despite our sinfulness — and



often “cringe-worthiness” — Jesus lives in us, whom he created to do good works (see Ephesians 2:10).

Even though we will never be perfect billboards for Jesus, let’s not cover up our message. Instead, let’s embrace the privilege of being salt and light (see Matthew 5:13-16), proclaiming the gospel in a dark world.

## LIVING PROOF

Have you ever realized that you can give things to God that are of value to him? Or are you just sitting around daydreaming about the greatness of his redemption, while neglecting all the things you could be doing for him? I’m not referring to works which could be regarded as divine and miraculous, but ordinary, simple human things — things which would be evidence to God that you are totally surrendered to him.

—Oswald Chambers

## Church Events

- **June 6<sup>th</sup> -Worship Meeting 10 a.m.**
- **June 10<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Luncheon after the Service**
- **June 17<sup>th</sup> – Father’s Day Service**
- **June 30<sup>th</sup> - Men’s Breakfast 8:30 a.m.**





Your Worship Committee met on Wednesday, May 2nd, with six members attending.

By the time you read this, the May 20th Sunday worship service will have come and gone. We hope you enjoyed it: the young people being baptized and becoming members of our church,

then they and their families enjoying cake and punch following the service. These are wonderful times at First Presbyterian Church!

The May 27th Sunday worship service will be no less exciting. It will include Memorial Day activities featuring our youth bringing the five military service flags into the sanctuary and plenty of special songs arranged by our fabulous music director. Let's fill the pews!

Then, at the June 3rd service, we will be

joined by Lou Ann Franklin, the chaplain at Harbor Hospice. She will display her beautiful singing voice and will also join Pastor Joe in a dialogue that will encompass the morning message.

Our next meeting is slated for Wednesday, June 6th, at 10 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is most welcome to attend.

Jay Walrath, Worship Chair



### My Compliments to the Creator

Dear God,  
I saw the Grand Canyon this summer. Nice piece of work!  
Love,  
Kyle (age 9)

## Music Program

*Let the godly sing with joy to the Lord, For it is fitting to praise Him. -Psalm 33:1*

Have you (or your family or grandchildren) ever wanted to sing a solo, play an instrument, play an organ or piano solo, read a poem or even sing your favorite hymn without a long term commitment to the choir? Then this summer is for you. This summer, while the choir takes its much needed break, there is a place for you. We can even

include the story of your favorite hymn or solo.

Just check with the office (327-8281) or me (329-6959) for open dates in June, July and August.

Rejoice,

Karlene Barker



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ryan Shields, who was one of two juniors at Livingston High School to be selected to attend Boys State in Austin June 11-16.

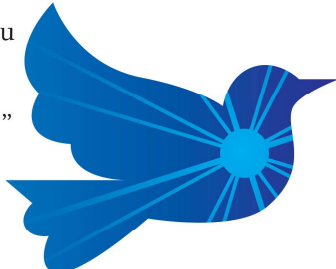
Also, check Ryan's devotionals on Instagram at ryan\_devotions every Wednesday.

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

"But just as he who called you is \_\_\_\_\_, so be \_\_\_\_\_ in all you do; for it is written: 'Be \_\_\_\_\_, because I am \_\_\_\_\_.'"

- A. righteous
- B. holy
- C. loving
- D. merciful

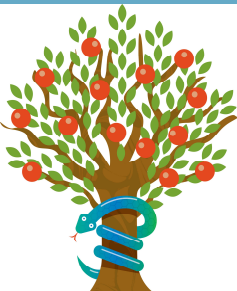


Answer: B (See 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV.)

## +Christian Symbol+

### Serpent

A serpent coiled around a fruit-bearing tree symbolizes humanity's first sin, when Adam and Eve, at the serpent's tempting, disobeyed God by eating fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Genesis 3 account is often referred to as "The Fall," and though it doesn't say so, the serpent is commonly understood as Satan.





# SEW-----

*What can we continue to do? Help for Hechos Dos Mission Center*

During our sewing project in April, we made and included school supplies in 26 bags for Keith and Maria Becker to take back to Guatemala to help with their program of teaching the smaller kids at the Mission Center. What we learned is that there are now over 130 kids involved in their program of learning that are all in need of school supplies. We are going to continue to collect school

supplies and to sew more bags using donated material. Afterward we can get our group of "creative women" back together for another day of decorating bags and packing more school supplies. Watch for a date later this year!

We will keep a container in the Narthex to continue to collect school supplies and craft items for those young children.

## Property Committee

*Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.*

*Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.*

*Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.*

*Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.*

*Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.*

*Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD. -Psalm 150*

Mulching of the flower beds has been finished.

A wall partition is being built in the Activities Building restroom, replacing the folding divider.



In a few weeks there will be new signs on the Sanctuary/Activities Building restroom doors. Since both restrooms in the Sanctuary are the same in design, we are making both of them accessible to women and men.

Glenn Drumm, Property Chair

The Beckers also do Outreach with the children using small dolls and Match Box cars that we are also collecting to send over with our school supplies and bags later this year on a container going to Guatemala. Money from the April garage sale will help pay for the shipping of one of their containers.

For any questions, please contact Beverly Davidson, Pam MacDonald, or Bonnie Laverty.

### List of school needs from Maria:

- ◆ Crayons
- ◆ Colored pencils
- ◆ Washable markers
- ◆ #2 Pencils and ballpoint pens
- ◆ Erasers
- ◆ Glue Sticks
- ◆ Blunt tipped scissors
- ◆ Construction paper
- ◆ Wide-ruled notebooks or paper
- ◆ Tissues
- ◆ Match Box cars and small dolls or stuffed animals



Sewing Project in April 2018, benefitting Hechos Dos Mission Center



School supply bags made during April Sewing Project



## Words for Today, from 1968

For America, this marks the 50th anniversary of a turbulent year, which included high-profile assassinations, the Vietnam War and civil rights protests. Five decades on, turmoil still abounds.

May we take hope and inspiration from Robert Kennedy, who, on the night of Martin Luther King's death, replaced a presidential-campaign speech with these words:

"What we need in the United States is not division; ... not hatred; ... not violence and lawlessness, but ... love, and wisdom, and compassion toward one another; and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer within our country, whether they be white or ... black."

Kennedy added: "We will have difficult times in the future. ... But the vast majority of white people and ... black people in this country want to live together ... and want justice for all human beings. ... Let's dedicate ourselves ... to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world ... and say a prayer for our country and for our people."

## Mission Update

As of this writing, many of us plan on doing some landscaping work at the home of Carole Green's on May 26th, and we will have completed another Special Offering, Pentecost, of which 40% of donations will be used to supplement our Samaritan Fund. This fund is used by Pastor Joe to assist members of our church in need.

Our spring has been busy, yet productive, with the fantastic support by many of you. June begins our annual Kids Free Clothing Exchange focus, which ends in August with the luncheon and delivery of new shoes, socks, underwear, etc., to KFCE in Onalaska. Thus, time for you to pray and ponder on how you can contribute to this great cause.

During the summer we will continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Center of Hope, along with eyeglasses and craft items. We pray that the campers we have helped support enjoy their time at Camp Cho Yeh, and we look forward to seeing them afterwards at a church service.

The Mission team will not meet in June, thus giving some of our members time to recuperate/recover from various ailments and allow all to enjoy family and friends.

Chuck Davidson, Mission Chair

We Love Our  
Volunteers!

# Celebrate!



- Tom & Ruth Dominy, 06/03
- Jere & Sarah Hamilton, 06/08
- Ervin & Patricia Herrmann, 06/13
- Glenn & Georgina Drumm, 06/15
- David & Robin Sessums, 06/16
- Harry & Judy Bristol, 06/27



- Jamie Nixon, 06/01
- David Hancock, 06/03
- Jere Hamilton, 06/07
- Karlene Barker, 06/08
- Betty Baker, 06/09
- Sarah Hamilton, 06/13
- Carole Green, 06/18
- Shona Heredia, 06/22
- Patricia Herrmann, 06/23
- Jo Ann Hogg, 06/25
- Liz Shields, 06/26
- June Moore, 06/27
- Jay Walrath, 06/27

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Come and enjoy food and fellowship at our June Fellowship Luncheon, after the 10 a.m. worship service.



WE TRUST  
IN THE NAME OF THE  
LORD OUR GOD.



Psalm 20:7

### Our Sunday Services

Adult Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.  
Worship -10:00 a.m.

Nursery available for children ages  
infant through 4