

# First Presbyterian Church *Tidings*

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## DAILY REMINDERS OF BAPTISM

One way Satan attacks Christians is by reminding us of our sins, both of commission (wrongdoing) and omission (neglecting to do right). And one way we can fight back is by remembering our baptism. The reformer Martin Luther recommended pondering that sacrament daily, whenever we wash our face, because "in baptism sins are drowned."

Getting dressed can serve as another frequent reminder, Luther says, because baptism is the "daily garment ... the

Christian is to wear all the time." He writes, "Christ instituted

holy baptism ... to clothe you with his righteousness. It is tantamount to his saying, 'My righteousness shall be your righteousness; my innocence, your innocence. Your sins indeed are great, but by baptism I bestow on you my righteousness; I strip death from you and clothe you with my life.'"



## MAKE IT COUNT

This is our time on the history line of God. This is it. What will we do with the one deep exhale of God on this earth? For we are but a vapor and we have to make it count. We're on. Direct us, Lord, and get us on our feet.

—Beth Moore

## Special Dates

- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - World Communion Sunday, Service 10 a.m.; Peace & Global Witness Special Offering
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – Evangelism and Education Meeting, 12 p.m., FH; Administration Meeting, 1 p.m., AB
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Luncheon after the Service
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Presbyterian Women Circle Meeting, 1:30 p.m., FH
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> - Session Meeting, 4 p.m., FH
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - *Tidings* articles due
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - Reformation Sunday

 **Elders**   
of the Month

*October:*  
Karen Palmer  
Ann Wilkins

# Education and Evangelism

*1 Thessalonians 2:8 8 So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. (ESV)*

There are many references to evangelism in the Holy Bible. It is not an option. Evangelism is a command. Evangelism isn't yelling out on a street corner to come to Jesus and be saved. Evangelism is sharing the Gospel of Jesus with those who don't know Him.

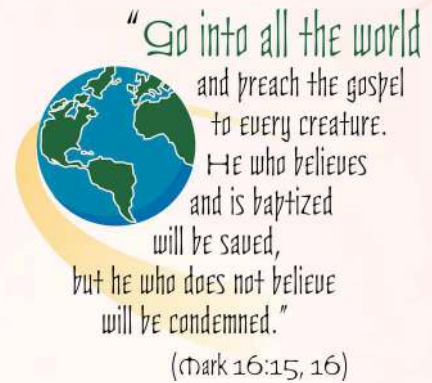
The easiest kind of evangelism we can all do is Friendship Evange-

lism. We encourage each and every person who considers this church their home church to commit to participating in friendship evangelism. First think of someone you know who doesn't confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Then start praying for that person by name each and every day, asking the Holy Spirit to begin

His work in opening their mind and heart. After a period of time in praying every day, start reaching out to that person as a friend. Gradually, as the friendship grows, and after asking God for wisdom, you will be able to start having a conversation about what Jesus has and does mean to you in your life. Let's all reach out to someone

this week and continue to do so until we see that person become a member of the family of God.

Daily devotions at:  
[ginrich.wordpress.com](http://ginrich.wordpress.com)



## Bible Quiz

Hebrews 11 is called the Hall of Faith because it's a partial list of ancestors who lived out their belief in God. Who is named in this chapter?

- A. Adam, Eve and Seth
- B. Abel, Enoch, Noah and Sarah
- C. Moses' parents, Moses and Rahab
- D. Deborah, Bathsheba and Huldah
- E. A and B
- F. B and C
- G. C and D



Answer: F

## Christian Symbol

### RAINBOW

The Rainbow represents God's pardon and his promises. It also symbolizes his reconciliation to faithful Christians. After the Flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never destroy the earth that way again (Genesis 9:12-16). A rainbow can also represent the throne of Christ, as well as his glory and final judgment.



## Fellowship Committee

We are in the process of updating our emergency contact cards.

Please take the time to update your card or fill one out if yours is not on file.

Our Fellowship Luncheon is on October 10th. Again, we will be following all the COVID-19 protocols.

Patty Harrell, Fellowship Chair





# Mission Report

Your Mission team met on Sept. 13th and wants you to know that we will be doing shoeboxes for the Port of Houston seafarers again this year. We will place the shoeboxes in the Narthex for you to pick up and fill at home during the months of October and November, with delivery in early December. We also hope to fill some boxes after the Nov. 14th luncheon if COVID allows.

This year we will have two tracks using the supply list found elsewhere in this newsletter: **first**, take a shoebox home and fill it with assorted items then wrap it and return it; and/or **second**, donate empty shoeboxes and needed supplies to place in the shoeboxes at church in November where we hope to fill and wrap.

Mission team members are Susie Nobles, Doug Palmer, Beverly Davidson, Edna Melton, Bonnie Laverty, and Chuck Davidson. Donations for the above may also be given to any member.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

It was so good seeing so many PW members in September back for the start of a "New Year" with new lessons. Even with threat of Hurricane Nicholas, 12 members plus 2 new members were there for that first lesson by Bonnie. For those not able to make that meeting we still have bags that our study guide fits into nicely, so as not to get misplaced at home. At the future meetings there will also be paint pens and stencils that can be used to personalize your bag. Come make your bag or complete the one you already started in September.

Our next meeting will be October 11th at 1:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, for Lesson 2: *What My Grandmothers Taught Me* – Tamar.

We understand that we will hear from Tamar herself! So don't miss hearing from this special guest.

You can also bring pictures of your grandmothers for our display at each meeting.

Hope everyone now has their book for this new study. If not contact Bonnie (713-557-0410) or Jamie (832-541-5967). Cost of the study book is \$10.

-Beverly Davidson

# Administration Team Report

The Team met on September 2, 2021, in the Activity Building at 2:15.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The sub-team that is working on updating the church membership roster is progressing well.

Our office supplies are adequate and office machines are functioning.

Mark and Jay are meeting weekly to update and revise the Manual of Operations. They are about 50% finished and hope to get the completed manual ready for session approval at the November or December meeting.

We are working on our 2022 budget. We are planning to finalize the administration budget at our next meeting.

We closed with prayer.

Our next meeting will be in the Activity Building on October 6th at 1 p.m. If you would like to join our team, please come to our meeting.

Submitted by Co-Chairman for Administration,  
Karen Palmer



**Food Pantries supported by FPC, Livingston.**

Center of Hope (COH): open T & Th (8 times per month)

Revival (Onalaska): open T & Th (2 times per month)

COH	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Families Served	633	630	608	543	465	437	491	517				
Individuals Served	1743	1834	1673	1504	1263	1158	1417	1431				

Revival	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Families Served	160	148	133	145	157	141	146	181				
Individuals Served	542	491	431	468	516	449	478	597				

**Total families:** 793 778 741 688 622 578 637 698

**Total Individuals:** 2285 2325 2104 1972 1779 1607 1895 2028

## Time to hit delete?

If we really have too much to do, there are some items on the agenda that God did not put there. Let us submit the list to him and ask him to indicate which items we must delete. There is always time to do the will of God. If we are too busy to do that, we are too busy.

—Elisabeth Eliot

## Port of Houston Seafarer's Shoeboxes

*Please pack a shoebox full with new items for men such as these:*

Hairbrush / Comb	Band-Aids (fabric)	Baseball Caps (new)	2022 Calendar
Magnet Clips	Dental floss	Cotton or Leather Work Gloves	Disposable Razors
T-shirts (new)	Knit Stocking Caps	Mechanical Pencils and Pens	Lotion
Nail Clippers	Gold Bond Powder	Gold Bond Cream	Shaving Cream
Q-Tips and Kleenex	Deodorant	Water Based Hot Chocolate Mix	Soap & Shampoo
Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Gum & Hard Candy (No Chocolate)	Key Chains
Pocket-size notebooks	Lip Balm	Needle & Thread Sewing Kits	Playing Cards
Popcorn	Socks	Flashlight w/ batteries	Texas Souvenirs
Earbuds / Headphones	USB Flash Drives	Word Search/ Sudoku/ Fill-in books	Personal note or card

*Wrap box as one unit in Christmas paper (if possible); no bows or plastic boxes.*



# Property Report

*All Christian belief must culminate in service or else the belief itself will wither away. Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16); again, in giving His parting instructions to His disciples, He commanded, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations (Matthew 28:19,20). "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead" (James 2:17). -Henry T. Sell*

## Special items:

1. Had to replace Security light on Fellowship Hall, damaged by rain.
2. Replaced osmosis filters in Activity Building kitchen.



## Audio/Sound

The camera package has been ordered.

*"Give and it shall be given unto you"...This verse in God's word is surely true. He blesses us richly as we reach out; teaching us what giving is all about, and we find it's not hard at all to believe, "It's better to give than it is to receive." Lord as we live each day and in you abide, keep us I pray, on the giving side. -Anonymous*

Glenn Drumm, Chair

# Lord Help Me Be a Better Man

by Tommy Fluker

Whenever I pause and start to pray  
There's always one thing I have to say  
If I try hard enough I know I can  
Lord help me be a better man  
Let me hurt not with words or deeds  
Satisfy my own not others' needs  
Let me praise and never condemn  
Pause to act and not on whim  
'Tis as easy to smile as is to frown  
May laughter be my joyous sound  
As I journey through life's toil and strife  
I fear not with God in my life  
May I seek meaningful not the mundane  
If I take and give not what shall I gain  
Avoid evil and never go near it  
Make me strong with your loving spirit  
I shall not dwell on looks or fashion  
Show not anger instead compassion  
I must make allowance for aged and youth  
Seek out wisdom and always truth  
Be not ashamed to shed a tear  
Or show affection for someone dear  
When the race is over be not an also ran  
Lord help me be a better man

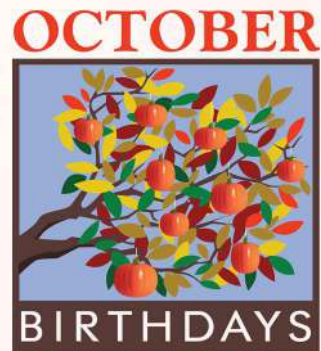




# Celebrate!



- Tommy & Joan Fluker, 10/05



- Tommy Fluker, 10/01
- Ann Wilkins, 10/05
- Paul Laverty, 10/08
- Gavyn Heredia, 10/13
- Barbara Neal, 10/13
- Jim Meyer, 10/15
- Sean Sessums, 10/26
- Pam Stoops, 10/29

## Photos from our Guatemalan Mission



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**Our Sunday Schedule**  
Adult Bible Study - 9 a.m.  
Sundays - 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study - 11 a.m.