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February 2022 Issue

February 8, 2022

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Soup Lunch will be in Kleberg Hall on Sun.

Feb 13 immediately following worship. The elders will present the 2021 financial report and 2022 budget and we will vote on the Pastor's 2022 Terms of Call.

Please bring a pot of soup or dessert to share.

Family Night Dinner & Movie

Wed. Feb 16, 6:00 p.m.

"Unplanned" Movie

Sun. Feb. 20, Noon

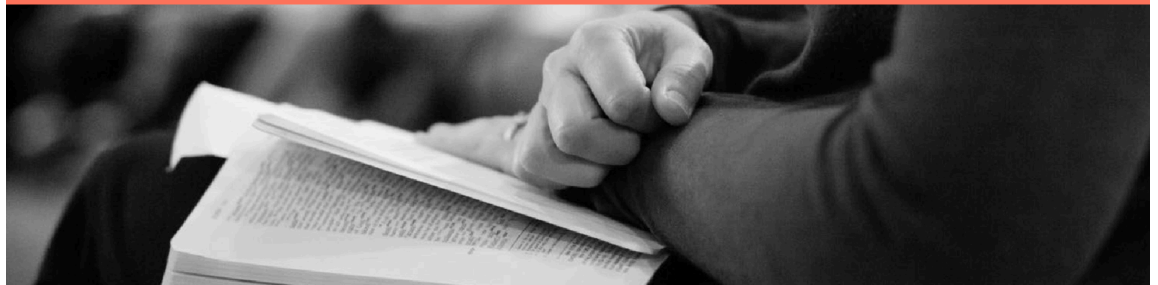
February Birthdays

6 Leslie Johnson
21 Ava Hodges



IF: GATHERING 2022

March 4-5, 2022



IF: GATHERING 2022

by Susan Anderson

Mark your calendars, ladies. It is almost time for the IF: Gathering 2022.

On Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th we will be gathering at First Presbyterian Church for fellowship and to learn how to navigate a Christian life in today's culture.

The Friday session will be from 6 – 9:30 p.m. The Saturday Sessions will be from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

IF: Gathering is a group of 37+ speakers and awesome worship music to ignite our relationship with God. It is a fabulous way to spend a weekend, and you will not be disappointed.

The live gathering is in Dallas, but First Presbyterian is hosting an on demand virtual gathering at the church. The registration fee for the basic pass is \$19, which includes access to the event all weekend and to one breakout session.

The full access pass is \$39 and includes the ability to watch the event the entire weekend plus the opportunity to view all the breakout sessions.

You can register online at ifgathering.com. Click on "Register for IF: Local." Select "Join IF Local", enter FPC Corpus Christi, and then enter your information. Please contact Leslie Blackshear at leslielw@att.net if you have any questions about the event or the registration process.

This event is for women of all ages. Food and drink will be provided.

Do you have a friend or family member that would like to participate? Bring them along! They will need to register online as well.

See you in March!



JEAN MATTHEWS

Jean Agnes Smith Matthews, 101 years old, passed away at home on Friday, January 28th, 2022. Jean was born on October 5, 1920, in Moline, Illinois

to Herbert G. and Marguerite B. Smith. She graduated from Augustana College & Theological Seminary with a degree in Education. She was chosen most beautiful and was featured in *Look Magazine* in June 1941.

Jean married William Dale Matthews (Bill/Baca) on April 26, 1942, in the Augustana Chapel. For the next season of her life, Jean was a devoted wife and loving mother to William Meredith, Susan Jean, Thomas Bryson, Patricia Linwood, and her brother Jerome Nelson Smith who joined the family in 1952.

Jean, Bill, and family were transferred to numerous Naval Air Stations in Illinois, Texas, Virginia, Florida, California, Japan, Washington, and Kansas. Jean managed the home front when Bill deployed to Okinawa for nine months and during long flight transports to India, Burma, and China.

In 1963, Jean began a second career in education. She taught 1st and 6th grades at Woodlawn Elementary School from 1963-1974 and set up a reading lab and taught reading at Tom Brown Junior High from 1974-1984.

Jean had many interests and hobbies. She loved to sew, quilt, and knit. She was an avid gardener and was a member of the Rose Society.

She was a lifetime member of the First Presbyterian Church (FPC) Garden Club and was president from 2006-2008. Jean and Bill worked in the Rose Garden every Saturday for many years. She was a calligrapher and created and maintained numerous church bulletin boards. Jean lovingly made Crismon ornaments to adorn the FPC Christmas tree. She belonged to Loving Hands and Circle of Love.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 66 years, William Dale, son, William Meredith (Bill) Matthews, in laws Jack and Virginia Matthews, and niece Merry Sassano.

She is survived by her brother Jerome Nelson Smith (Sharon); children Susan Matthews, Thomas Matthews (Nancy), and Patricia Magro (Sam); grandchildren Christian Matthews (Carrie), Thomas Escalante (Jennifer), Ashlee Matthews, Jennifer Adams (Brian), Andy (Kim) Casey, Diane Matthews, Polo Matthews (Kevin), Eva St. Surin (Vladimir), Tony Magro (Seanna), Will Magro (Mackenzie); nephews Brent Smith and Tony Matthews (Stephanie).

Great-grandchildren: James and Lauren Matthews, Darcy and Kennedy St. Surin, Evan and Miles Escalante, Brianna Eggett and Ashton Adams, William Matthews, Brandon Rubio, Devon Shockley, Sean and Zac Casey, Nico and Monroe Magro.



The Women of the Church will be showing the movie *Unplanned* to our church on Sunday, February 20th, immediately following the worship service in the Board Room. A box lunch will be available in Kleberg Hall for those attending the movie.

Susie Sullivan, President of the Board of Directors of Corpus Christi Right to

Life, will introduce and present the 2019 film based on the life of Abby Johnson, an employee of Planned Parenthood, who later became a pro-life advocate.

The movie gives a very graphic insight of the abortion industry and is not appropriate for young children, which is why childcare will be provided with reservations. The movie is R Rated; therefore, anyone under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

There is no charge for the lunch or movie. Please contact the church office know if you would like a box lunch or need childcare.

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

"...by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - Philippians 4:6

Please pray regularly and boldly that God will:

- draw over 100 people to worship each Sunday
- help us meet our budget
- grow our adult and kids Sunday School classes
- send 25 new Covenant Partners this year
- give **you** a desire to serve in the church and with the church in our community

Please include the following in your prayers: Luis & Julie Añil, Doris Curtis, Roy Daniels, Jim Klager, Marilyn Kronk, Herb Madalin, Hank Nuss, Maribeth Pierce, Arcy Scogin, Tom Stewart, Billie Jo Sword, April Vaughan, Sarah Gill, Hollis & Joyce Porcher, Jane Slabaugh, Philip Werner, Clayton Johnson, and the families of Doug Harl, Jean Matthews, and Charles Vasquez. Please try to call the church office at 884-4057#100 if you are in the hospital.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:24-25a

01/02/21	55
01/09/21	66
01/16/21	61
01/23/21	84
01/30/21	66

It really makes a difference when you're here but please stay safe!



ELDERS ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

The ordination and installation of two new Elders was conducted by Rev. Dr. Chip Blackshear at the service on January 9. David Henny, who was previously ordained as Elder, was installed.

Jacob Mason was ordained and installed as Elder. The Elder candidates were elected by the congregation on November 11 and passed Session examination on November 23, 2021.

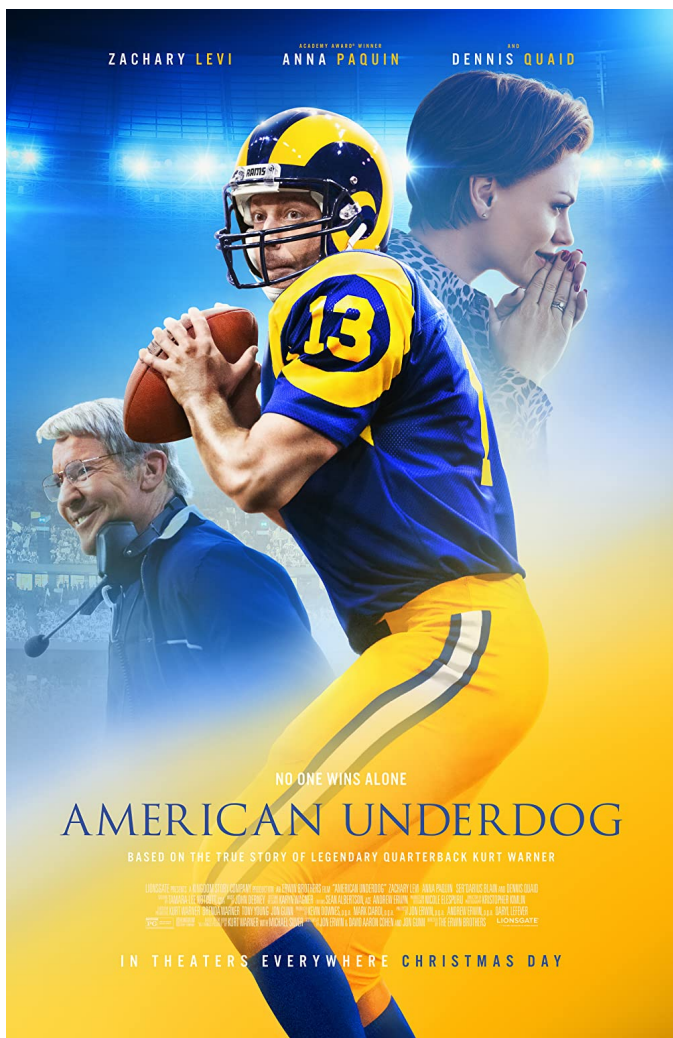
ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE



The Ecumenical Prayer Service for the Week of Christian Unity at the Corpus Christi Cathedral provided a unique opportunity to join others with music and prayer on Sunday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m. The service was a partnership between First Presbyterian, First Baptist, First United Methodist, Good Shepherd Episcopal, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox, and the Diocese of Corpus Christi. The pastors and choirs of all the churches participated. Bishop Michael Mulvey spoke on the need for unity among

Christian churches. Pastor Chip led a prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

We were represented with 17 of our members.



MOVIE NIGHT

By Matthew Anderson

Let's get together! Wednesday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m. We will have pizza, popcorn, and a movie in Kleberg Hall. Church-appropriate drinks will also be provided.

I am excited for us to witness together the inspiring, faith-filled story of Kurt Warner's journey from stocking groceries to becoming a two-time NFL MVP, Super Bowl champion, and Hall of Fame quarterback.

The movie runs for 1 hour and 52 minutes, so feel free to be out the door by 8 p.m. or hang out for a bit longer. Accompanying the movie are biblical, thought-provoking group discussions designed to help us in our discipleship of each other.

The cost for the dinner and movie - \$5 for individuals and \$15 for families. We need to know how much food to provide, so please let us know using one of the three options: 1) Notify Cheryl in the church office by phone or email office@firstprescc.com; 2) Email me at matt@republicturf.com; or 3) Write on the contact card Sunday and place in the offering plate.

If you need childcare, please let me know, and it will be provided at no cost to you.

As the trailer says: "No one wins alone." I hope to see you there!

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 3:35

Opportunities to SERVE



On Sunday, February 13, the youth will be stationed at the back of the sanctuary to collect the Souper Bowl of Caring offering. The idea started in a Presbyterian Church in South Carolina when the youth pastor prayed on Super Bowl Sunday for those in their community who didn't even have a bowl of soup. This simple prayer has led to a worldwide movement to "tackle hunger."

The money collected on Sunday will be used to purchase gift cards for the men who attend Mission 911's Walk to Siloam, a spiritual retreat for homeless men or men in poverty.

BE A GAME CHANGER!

By Kim Tucker

March 3, 2022 - Annual Pregnancy Center Banquet

Guest Speaker - Tim Tebow

Our church is excited to host a table for the Pregnancy Center's banquet this year. It will be held at the American Bank Center on Thursday, March 3 from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. The dinner is free.

The Center is excited to announce their guest speaker, Tim Tebow, a two-time national champion, first-round NFL draft pick and Heisman Trophy winner. Tebow is the author of four New York Times Best Selling books. He also serves as a college football analyst for ESPN. Prior to joining ESPN Tebow played three years in the NFL for the Denver Broncos and the New York Jets.

The Pregnancy Center is also excited to share the great things God is doing through there. Please join us for this hope-filled event and discover how we together can help mothers facing unexpected pregnancies and to save babies' lives.

This annual fundraiser is **mission-critical** to the Pregnancy Center's lifesaving work as the Center is a 501(c)(3) entity and is funded by the generous gifts of individuals, churches, businesses, other non-profit organizations, and foundations.

Please contact Kim Tucker to reserve a seat. (361) 563-6373 or ktucker@hartlinebarger.com

For more information regarding the mission of the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend, please go to <https://hifriends4life.org>