

February 2023 Issue February 9, 2023

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday Night Dinner & Studies

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Young Adult Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 12 5 p.m. at Moses' home 222 Jackson Place

Youth Group Picnic

5th-12th Grade
Saturday, February 18,
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cole
Park. Bring a sack lunch,
a blanket or lawn chair,
and any games you want
to play. Parents
welcome.

Christian Women's Book Club

Monday, February 20 10:00 a.m., Chapel

Pregnancy Center Banquet

Thursday, March 23

Women's Retreat

Saturday, April 15



CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE

Focusing on what unites us rather than what divides us was the theme for the Ecumenical Prayer Service held at First Presbyterian on January 22, 2023. Six churches joined to share songs, prayers, and Bible verses.

Congregations from the Corpus Christi Cathedral, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, the First Baptist Church, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox, and the First United Methodist Church were hosted by our covenant partners. Choirs from each joined voices to sing hymns along with the anthem, "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall".

Readings from Ezekiel 37:15-28 and John 17:1-21 focused on Christian unity as did the message from Dr. Chip Blackshear. This is the third prayer service for the downtown churches.

Fellowship in Kleberg Hall continued after the 50-minute unity service.













DEARDORF BAPTISM



Covenant partners Audra and Bret Deardorf presented their two children for baptism. The Sacrament of Baptism represents Jesus at work in our lives. It is the sign and seal of justification by God.

Keller Walter, age 5, and Lucille Gail (Lucy), age1, were both baptized on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

DINNER FOR EIGHT

by Cathy Bowlin

Our maiden voyage into Dinner for Eight was quite successful. We had 3 groups, and it was well attended and the food was wonderful. This gave us time to get to know one another and share in a more meaningful way than the usual church activities, which always have an agenda. But Dinner for Eight has no agenda except to have fun and relax.

In our group, we shared a lot of ideas, laughs, recipes, faith stories, gardening, camping, hiking, to name a few subjects. And oh, the stories!!!

Each group decided on their next meeting - the where, the what, and the when that fit their particular group. Ours will have a Valentine theme. If you missed out on this session, we promise there will be more offered later, you won't want to miss it.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Attention all ladies! Please join us on **April 15th** for the Women of the Church Day Retreat. Debbi Byrd will be leading the event. Free Childcare will be provided by request. To RSVP, please contact Susan Anderson at fpwomensretreat2023@gmail.com.

JAY PHILIP WERNER

Jay Philip Werner passed away on January 10, 2023, at 90 years of age following a long illness. He was born February 11, 1932, in Corpus Christi.

Philip was predeceased in death by his father Philip G. Werner and his mother Fern Ward Werner.

Philip had a long career in banking, most with Mercantile Bank, which became part of Kleberg Bank.

He was a long-time covenant partner of the First Presbyterian Church of Corpus Christi where over the years he served as a deacon, an elder, and a trustee. He joined the church on March 3, 1965 but had attended with his mother as a child before they moved to Woodlawn Presbyterian.

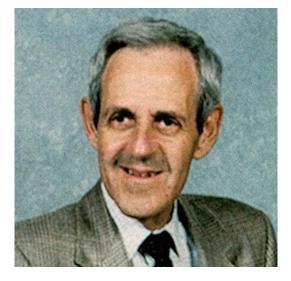
He was a member of the men's group, the Romeos.

Philip loved music and collected records from the 1930's-1970's.

He is survived by his cousins Laura Mobley Greenwood from Kerrville, Lisa Gutierrez (Jacob) from Selma, TX, Samantha Perryman, Alvord, TX, and John Brown (Gloria) from Odem.

The family wishes to thank Ruby Navarro, Philip's caregiver and dear friend, and Caraday of Corpus Christi (Nursing Home) for taking such good care of Philip. They also wish to thank longtime friend Carl Garski.

A memorial service was held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, January 25 followed by a reception in Kleberg Hall. Burial was at Seaside Cemetery.



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:

- send 30 new Covenant Partners this year
- eliminate our budget deficit
- double our children's Sunday School (again!)
- provide additional children's Sunday School teachers
- 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, Dewitt Alsup, Matthew Alsup, Doris Curtis, Roy Daniels, Susan Hawn, Adam Klager, Jim Klager, Marilyn Kronk, Kathy Littlefield, Hank Nuss, Maribeth Pierce, Ann Richey, Elizabeth Ramon, Dale Stewart, Norris Stricker, April Vaughan, Sarah Gill, Jane Slabaugh, Thomas Cameron, and Clayton Johnson

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

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01/08/23	136
01/15/23	131
01/22/22	114
01/29/23	106
It really makes a differe	nce
when you're here!	



2/2	Linda Barbato
2/3	Erick Walton
2/6	Leslie Heilbronner Dan Robbins
2/12	Sarah Vaughan
2/21	Ava Hodges

2/25

3/2

YOUNG ADULT SUPER BOWL PARTY

Lesa Uhlenhaker

Addilyn Smith

by Moses Camacho

On February 12 at 5 p.m., we'll be gathering at my home (222 Jackson Pl) to watch the Super Bowl! We'll have nachos and a great time! Who is welcome to come? You and your friends

Our group is slowly growing in our church. Some of us are out of high school and in college; some of us are starting or already are a little bit into our careers. Some of us have entered new phases of life like marriage and parenting; some of us have no idea where we're at, looking for community, wondering what phase of life we're leaving or entering (which is okay, by the way). Whoever you are, this community is about seeing the work of Christ in each of our lives and how the church can come together to be a light for one another and for those beyond our immediate community.

Questions? Coffee or Lunch on me? Call me at 321-948-0345 or email at moses@firstprescc.com.



We are so excited to have such great participation from our Youth Group in both our Wednesday night studies and Sunday School. Based on the way our Wednesday nights are structured, Youth Group will be looking a little different!

Wednesday nights after dinner and worship, 5th-8th graders and 9th-12th graders will split into different age-appropriate classes. This

GRADES 5-12 SUNDAY SCHOOL/ YOUTH GROUP

by Amy Smith

time will look more like a "traditional Sunday School" lesson.

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on the third floor is when the big fun "traditional Youth Group" will be happening! We will start with breakfast and games, and finish with a Bible lesson.

If you are interested in providing breakfast to our youth, please contact Amy Smith.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the congregation was held during a luncheon of delicious soups, salads, and desserts in Kleberg Hall on Sunday, Feb. 5 following worship. A wide variety of soups and salads lined the head table – all brought by members.

Each table was challenged to address three questions and provide feedback for the topics: 1. What did we do well this

past year; 2. What could we have done better; and 3. What are our goals for the future of the church. Each table reported the main point



their group discussed.

The budget for 2023 was presented by Dr. Blackshear, who explained the potential income and the projected deficit (\$149,955) for 2023, and answered questions. The Terms of Call for Dr. Blackshear were unanimously

passed. Cathy Bowlin introduced the Committee chairpersons. The Annual meeting was closed with prayer.

KITCHEN CLEAN UP

by Cathy Bowlin

A lot of "elbow grease" went into cleaning up the kitchen following the renovation of the air conditioning system.

About 16-man (woman) hours later, it was usable again. All the counters were free of clutter, and we were ready for Sunday.

Hats off to Rebecca Pinion, who is a demon with a steam cleaner; Nancy Graves, who really knows how to clean and organize; and Veronica Phillips, who looks beautiful in bright yellow utility gloves. There is a whole lot more that could be done so if you are available next clean-up day, I can promise you a lot of fun and sense of accomplishment.

Connecting committee is responsible for congregational care, dinners, funeral receptions, retreats, etc. If you are interested in getting involved, I promise I can find a job for anyone, just let me know you are interested. Contact Cathy Bowlin at 765-426-9640.



PREGNANCY CENTER BANQUET



Our church is excited to again be hosting a table for the Pregnancy Center's Annual Banquet to be held March 23 at the American Bank Center. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m.

The Pregnancy Center is delighted to announce their guest speaker, Kirk Cameron, who is known by many as "Mike Seaver" from the 1980's sit-com, *Growing Pains*. Since then, he has invested his energy into faith and family. His recent film, *Lifemark*, with the Kendrick Brothers is about the value of life in the womb and the beauty of adoption. He and his wife, Chelsea, have been married for 31 years, have six children, and host an all-expenses-paid summer camp for terminally ill children and their families called Camp Firefly.

The Pregnancy Center will also share exciting news about how our amazing God continues to work through the Center and how many precious lives are saved each year. 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 **only** by the generous gifts of individuals, churches, businesses, other non-profit organizations, and foundations.

For more info on the mission of the Pregnancy Center please visit their website: <a href="https://hitt

Contact Kim Tucker at 361.563.6373 or ktucker@hartlinebarger.com to reserve a seat, or if you can't make this event, please consider a donation. Thank you!

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