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Mark Your Calendar

Independence Day Celebration

Tuesday, July 4

7:30 p.m.

Kleberg Hall/Courtyard

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Christian Women's Book Club

Monday, July 17, 10 a.m.
Chapel

Choir Summer Break

The choir will take their summer break beginning Sunday, July 9. They will return in August. We will be blessed with guest musicians to lead us in worship during their break.



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

By Cathy Bowlin

Join us Tuesday evening, July the 4th, in Kleberg Hall for 2023's celebration. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. Help celebrate on this day our religious freedoms. We have invited our friends from Southside Community Church to join us again this year. This is a great opportunity for YOU to invite a friend.

Come wearing your red, white, and blue. Did you know/remember that the red is for valor and hardiness? The white is for purity and innocence, and the blue is for vigilance and perseverance and/or justice.

It took Thomas Jefferson 17 days to write the Declaration of Independence. John Adams wrote his wife Abigail during that time that, "it will be celebrated by succeeding Generations, as the Great Anniversary Festival, and it should include Pomp and Parade, Games, Sports, Guns Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other".

We will have fun, food, and fireworks. First Presbyterian's lawn is the perfect viewing spot, so bring your lawn chairs.



This year will feature a dessert contest! The categories are: Best Chocolate, Best Fruit, Most Patriotic, Kid's Favorite, Old Man's Favorite, Prettiest, and Most Unique.

Bring your favorite dessert to share and maybe win!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Photo by Arcy Scogin

June birthdays were celebrated with a cake during Fellowship after worship in Kleberg Hall on Sunday, June 25th. Pictured from left to right are: Walter Scogin (June 26), Clay Harl (June 11), Ellie McMann (June 26), and Carolyn Harl (June 25).

Happy Birthday to all the June Birthdays.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ELECTIONS

The called Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Corpus Christi was called to order by Reverend Chip Blackshear on June 11, 2023, in the Sanctuary after the church service. The meeting also served as a meeting of the Corporation as a Texas Nonprofit Corporation.

The Slate of Officers was presented by Ryan Barbato on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

Nominations for Elders to serve on the Session for the Class of 2026 include Laura Holmgreen, Katie Hoover, and Jacob Mason.

Members nominated to serve as Trustees include Nancy Graves (to fill an unexpired term on Class of 2025), Calvin McMann, and Keith Smith (for the Class of 2026).

The congregational nominees to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2023-24 are Michael Smith, Sinae McMann, Rachel Reyes (*nominated from the floor*). Jacob Mason was nominated as an elder representative.

All were elected unanimously by the congregation.

ECO IS ON THE MOVE!

The main ECO office, currently in Goleta, California, will be relocating to Irving, Texas, conveniently located in between DFW and Love Field airports, with many hotels in walking distance.

The office space is currently being renovated and should be finished in July. Supplies from the California office will be moved over the summer and the staff will likely begin to use the new space as the official office in the fall.

Synod Executive Dana Allin says, "We are very excited about the move to Dallas and the ways in which it will

allow us to serve our congregations and leaders more easily and effectively. As you can imagine, there are also a myriad of challenges that are created with such a transition and we ask for prayers and grace as we move forward. As in all things, we pray that our new location will serve to help us help you abundantly flourish in your local church setting. We look forward to seeing what God can do in and through each of you as we work together for the flourishing of His Kingdom!"

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 120 people to worship each Sunday
- double our adult, youth, and kids Sunday School classes
- move our congregation to actively serve our community
- 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, Matthew Anderson, Doris Curtis, Roy Daniels, Julianna Duncan, Susan Hawn, Adam Klager, Jim Klager, Marilyn Kronk, Hank Nuss, Maribeth Pierce, Ann Richey, Elizabeth Ramon, Dale Stewart, Norris Stricker, April Vaughan, Sarah Gill, Jane Slabaugh, Thomas Cameron, 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, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another." Hebrews 10:24-25a

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It really makes a difference when you're here!



7/11	Bob Coffin
7/14	Amy Smith
7/16	Greg Graves
7/17	Connor Hutton Daniel Smith
7/19	Mike Guerrero
7/21	Kelsey Stice
7/26	Anne Lockwood Melinda Sword
7/27	Gary Uhlenhaker
7/29	Henry Shekels John Vaughan
7/30	Carrie Stice
8/1	Randy Finch
8/2	Tara Ducrest
8/4	Susan Anderson Brad Klager
8/5	Kaylee Glasscock

NEW FORMS

The Administration Committee has implemented a couple of new forms to help streamline building use and maintenance.

If you or your committee or organization would like to use one of the rooms in the church (or the whole facility), please complete a Building Use Request for and return it to the church office.

If you need the maintenance staff to take care of something – repairs or room setup – please complete a Work Request form. Both forms are available in the church office.

Opportunities to GROW



The Men's Fellowship Group met Saturday, June 24th in Kleberg Hall. They reviewed basic first aid response for emergency situations. The Annville Fire Department came and did a wonderful job instructing the group. They gave us hands-on training and told us which types of emergencies are most common, based on their field experience.

Emergency response is near and dear to my heart, and not knowing what to do in an emergency situation will definitely impact your life. You might ask, "could I have done something to make difference?"



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

By Ryan Barbato • Photos by Moses Camacho

With this training, participating church members are now better equipped to handle a medical emergency. Essentially, we have silent guardians ready to act if the need arises.

Ultimately, these are lifesaving skills that we all need to know, but hope we never have to use. We are making plans to offer this specific training to the whole congregation on a Wednesday night or Saturday morning at the church. Be on the lookout for more information!



LIBRARY NEWS

By Susan Anderson

Be sure to check out our new online public catalog at firstprescc.library.site (no *www*). You can type it into your browser or go to the church website where you will find a link.

We have approximately 5,000 books in our collection, and only 1,000 are in the system. Check back frequently because books are being added every day.

If you are interested in checking out a book, swing by the library anytime the church is open.

For right now, we are going to be checking out books the old-fashioned way by signing the card in the front of the book and leaving the card on the desk. Check your email in mid-July for instructions on how to obtain a library card and use the self-check-out kiosk that will be available in August.

None of the children's books have been entered into the public catalog yet, but please feel free to browse the library with your child and check out what interests them. Happy reading!



DIAPER DRIVE RESULTS

The Serving Committee would like to thank all who participated in the annual Diaper Drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide the Pregnancy Center with over 4,100 diapers. The diapers were delivered on June 24th.



BACK TO SCHOOL

By Kim Tucker

The Purple Door “backpack project” will be our July serving opportunity. Our goal is to provide 24 backpacks filled with basic school supplies for elementary age students. School starts early this year . . . August 9!

Due to the fact CCISD has implemented a required “**clear only**” backpack policy with certain restrictions, the church is ordering the backpacks from Amazon.

Our sign-up opportunity will begin July 2 and continue through July 16. Be on the lookout for the designated table in Kleberg Hall. The serving committee will be there ready to help. Monetary donations will also be welcomed to assist with the purchase of backpacks and/or supplies and will be a line item on the sign-up sheet. If you chose that option and pay by check, please make payable to FPC and note “backpacks” in memos.

If donating cash, please place cash in an envelope with your name and note “backpacks.” You may make your monetary donation at the time of sign-up or place in the offering plate on a Sunday.

Please have your items back to the church office no later than **July 23** as we will fill the backpacks in Kleberg Hall following worship on **July 30**. We would love your helping hands!

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Smith, Anne Lockwood, Nancy Hutton, Carrie Sheckells, or Kim Tucker. Thank you for your continued generosity in serving our community.