



News From First Presbyterian Church

TOWER TIME

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Mark Your Calendar

3rd Monday Women's Bible Study

Monday, March 18th, at 2 p.m. in the church chapel to continue our study of women of the Bible: Rebekah, wife of Isaac (Sarah's and Abraham's son).

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in Kleberg Hall.
Dinner provided.

Easter

Sunday, March 31

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31 following worship

Church Office Closed

Monday, April 1



The Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event in the history of the world. When Jesus walked out of that tomb fully alive, he proved that he really is the Savior. Come celebrate the Resurrection at First Presbyterian.

Palm Sunday

"The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him crying out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!'" (John 12:12-13)

Sunday, March 24th at 11 a.m. we will join to shout praise for Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as we begin "Holy Week."

The children will be invited to parade the palm branches as we sing. This begins "Holy Week."

Maundy Thursday

The Maundy Thursday Communion Service is one of the most important and moving of the year. Without the arrest,

trial, crucifixion, and burial of Jesus, there would be **no** Easter to celebrate.

This year the service will begin at 6 p.m. on March 28th in Kleberg Hall. We will share a meal together, celebrate the Lord's Supper around the table, hear the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial, and spend time contemplating our own sin that Jesus went to the cross to bear. We will end in darkness and leave in silence. This service is the best way to prepare to celebrate the Resurrection on Easter.

Easter Sunday

He is Risen; Indeed, He is risen. We will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with song and prayer on Sunday, March 31st at 11 a.m. The music will be enhanced by the brass ensemble.

This observance represents the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament and the revelation of God's plan for all humans.

This is a joyous day to praise Jesus and triumph over the defeat of death and the hope of salvation.

WALK TO SILOAM

by Matthew Anderson

John 9:25 ...One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.

Thursday, February 22nd through Sunday the 25th, Tony Reyes, Chip Blackshear, Ryan Barbato, and I participated in the 19th Walk to Siloam at beautiful Camp Zephyr on Lake Corpus Christi. Tony developed this retreat some 19 years ago and continues to organize the walk each year; Chip served as a Clergy leader while Ryan and I served on the “inside team”.

So, what is Walk to Siloam? The purpose of Walk to Siloam is to build up the Church in the context of homeless ministry. The Walk to Siloam Community believes that this ministry will build up the church in these ways: (1) encouraging homeless individuals to make life-long commitments to following, serving, and knowing Jesus Christ; (2) creating communities of disciples in homeless shelters so that homeless persons can minister to and encourage each other as they follow Jesus Christ; (3) breaking down walls of pride and prejudice that keep homeless persons separated from local church bodies and (4) creating a community where various individuals and organizations that have been called to minister to the homeless can work together to experience Christ.

My experiences from this weekend are difficult to put into words. Thursday evening 13 Pilgrims stepped out of two vans, nervous and completely unaware of what was in store for them over the next 3 days. In all honesty, the same could be said for myself.

We welcomed them with rally towels waving, along with whooping, and hollering. As a

member of the inside team, I was assigned a “new best friend”.

I nervously waited for Rudy’s name to be called. When it was, I welcomed him with the love of Christ, took his bag, and helped him to get settled in.

As the weekend progressed walls came down, and we were chosen for each other, to share in true discipleship. We dined together, worshipped together, went through the low ropes course together, sang together, danced together, learned together, created together, celebrated together, confided in each other, and took communion together. Rudy taught me more than I could ever teach him. I made friendships that will last a lifetime.

Music... We sang and we sang, and we sang! Robert our music team leader prepared and led 98 songs over the weekend!

Food... We ate so well! Every meal and in between every meal.

I also experienced Agape love like I have never had before. The sacrifices were abundant from supporters that we have never met. They provided for our walk: letters of encouragement, food, clothing, prayers, and all those who showed up for the candlelight service on Saturday night. Thank you to our Church family.

This was a life-changing event. If you are interested in Walk to Siloam #20, contact Tony, Chip, Ryan, or me. I hope to never miss one.

God is not done with me or you!



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, Susan Anderson, Roy Daniels, Milt Kostner, Maribeth Pierce, Bill Quinton, Linda Pinion, Liz Ramon, Dale Stewart, Norris Stricker, Cliff Taylor, April Vaughan, Robert Vaughan, Mark Wemer, Sarah Gill, Thomas Cameron, Clayton Johnson, and the family of Jennifer Escalante.

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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02/11/24.....	98
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It really makes a difference when you’re here!



- 4/2** Keith Smith
4/6 Kaylie Hodges
 Chastidy Rodriguez
4/15 Brad Hoover
 Rebecca Pinion
4/18 Karen Henny
4/22 Matthew Anderson
4/25 Gina Robbins
4/26 April Vaughan
5/9 Damean Duncan

Committee Meetings

- 3/5** Worship
 4:30 p.m., Pastor's Office
3/12 Building & Grounds
 5:30 p.m., Pastor's Office
3/26 Session
 5:30 p.m., Chapel



March 10th begins Day Light Saving Time. This means you will spring forward and move your clocks ahead one hour.

You will lose one hour of sleep and the mornings will be slightly darker. However, the good news is that it is light longer in the evenings.

Remember to set your clocks **ahead** one hour Saturday night so you will be in Sunday School and Church Worship Service on time.



The church will be adorned with the beauty of 30 lilies as we joyously celebrate Easter Sunday on March 31st. You may purchase a lily and dedicate it to the honor of or in memory of a loved one.



The annual Easter Egg hunt will be on Sunday, March 31st, in the courtyard directly following Easter

A form will be available in the bulletin and in the Narthex beginning on March 3rd. Include the name of the person honored as well as the names of those honoring them. Please turn your form in to the church office by Tuesday, March 25th. The cost of the lily is \$10 for the 6 -inch pot.

You may also contact the church office to provide the information. If paying by check, please indicate "Lily" in the memo. Following the Easter Sunday service, please take your lily home.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday worship. This is for children ages birth - 5th grade.

Please bring a basket for your child. We will have extra baskets for visitors if they wish to participate.

If you would like to donate candy or small items to put in the plastic eggs, please bring them to the church office. No chocolate please. Contact Amy Smith for more information.

PI SUNDAY

by Cathy Bowlin

Circles are some of the most beautiful and versatile shapes in nature. Each year we have looked forward to Pi Sunday. Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant π (pi).

The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of mathematics and its role in shaping our world, as well as to promote the beauty and relevance of mathematics to a wider audience.

Pi Day is observed on March 14th (the 3rd month) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant figures of π .



We celebrate it a little differently by having everyone **bring their favorite PIE** to share for fellowship following worship. This year we will celebrate on **March the 10th.**

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT EVENT AND EXCUSE TO

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH.

In anticipation, be thinking of a good memory from your past that involves the pie and be willing to share the story.



SERVING COMMITTEE GOOD SAMARITAN PROJECT

The Serving Committee begins 2024 with a project to help the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. Toiletry Bags are needed year-round but especially now with more homeless requesting help.

Plastic bags are available in a large basket in the Narthex. We need covenant partners to fill with much needed items.

Basic **travel sized** items needed are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar of soap, shampoo, conditioner, and deodorant. You may select a bag designated for either male or female.

If you would like to add additional travel sized items, you may include: disposable razors, shaving cream, Q-tips, feminine hygiene products, and small packages of Kleenex.

All completed bags need to be returned to the church by **March 17th**.

Good Sam demonstrates their love for their neighbors by caring for their needs. We may also help our community of less fortunate by providing basic hygiene needs.

