



First Presbyterian Church

EPISTLE

**Our Mission: Connecting with God and sharing the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the community.**

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From your Session

September generally finds us with children back in school, high school football teams eager to prove their abilities, and hope for cooler weather. Not this year, however, though the return to classrooms is drawing near. Schooling may mean a classroom or a computer at home. Football may be played but perhaps without fans. Major changes in our lives. About the only thing we can count on is that the weather is hot but there is still hope for a cooler September!

In the past six months, we've been asked to make a lot of changes in our lives. Even at church, we've seen changes. Some of us need to be safe at home and attend via Livestream or Zoom while others are able to come in person following certain guidelines. Through it all, one thing never changes and that is the love of God for us, his children, and our love for Him. We know He will see us through this.

Part of knowing that God will see us through this is knowing we have a commitment as well. We know that following Jesus doesn't necessarily require a church building or acreage or a large congregation. Where two or three are gathered in my name, says the Lord, I am with you. But, and it's a pretty big one, we do happen to have a building and property we need to maintain. When we promised to love the Lord our God with all our heart and mind, we weren't perhaps thinking of painting or paving or mowing. Nevertheless, they are there. Some we can do ourselves and others we need to outsource.

In the past year, I'm sure you noticed,

the sanctuary has been repainted, the lighting throughout all buildings changed to LED, the roof repaired, etc. We also work hard to keep our technical resources performing at their best. As Marna noted in a recent article, there is a team in place working to improve the Livestream broadcast. Just now, as you know, the parking lot is being repaired. The project was started about two weeks ago and after the repairs began, it was determined we needed to do considerably more than initially planned. As a result, the cost increased from \$13,400 to \$21,800. In this year's budget we allocated \$10,000 toward parking repairs and have raised another \$5,000 toward the cost. We made a request for donations toward the \$3,400 initially but that request has grown to \$6,800. If you are so inclined to make a contribution toward parking lot repairs, please do.

Another project about to happen is a new electronic sign which will replace the large sign along the Wheatland Road portion of our property. The new sign will be electronically controlled through the office and will mean a big improvement not only in the sign itself but in the messages that appear. No more climbing up the ladder to change the message! Funds for both the sign and the installation of it were donated to the church. The sign has been ordered and once received will be installed. There is a "sign" team in place to coordinate all the details, both physical and technical.

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From your Session (continued from first page)

Along with major improvements, such as the above, come the routine care and maintenance of the buildings and property just as we have with our own homes. We have some wonderful folks who volunteer time outdoors mowing and trimming and watering. When a recent downpour caused water to enter the CE Building, volunteers quickly assessed the situation, determined the problem, and repaired it permanently. Others volunteer as needed at special times for specific chores. Over the past six months, volunteers have assisted with specific responsibilities to make sure our buildings meet the health requirements for COVID 19. There are lots of different opportunities!

As a result of all the work of volunteers, whether it be through your physical labor or your monetary donations, we are able to keep our buildings and property in good condition. That's not only good for us but good for the community. After all, we want to be a member in good standing of our community. We've done this in the past through our involvement in major community events and currently through our Parking Lot Prayer Ministry. Additionally, because we do maintain our facilities, in August, there were three events (one wedding service and two memorial services) where our facilities were utilized by others outside our church family.

So, you may consider this a plea for whatever type of contribution you would like to make -- your time or service or funds -- as well as an enormous THANK YOU to all of you for what you currently do!

Jocelyn



What shall
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to the LORD
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PSALM 116:12, NIV

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September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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6 10:30 AM Worship Service in-person and ONLINE	7 (Office Closed) <i>Happy Labor Day!</i>	8	9	10	11	12																																																																																											
13 10:30 AM Worship Service in-person and ONLINE	14 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal on ZOOM Happy Birthday, Pastor Ginger!	15  Newsletter Articles Due!	16	17	18	19																																																																																											
20 10:30 AM Worship Service in-person and ONLINE	21  7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal on ZOOM	22	23	24  7:00 PM Session Meeting	25	26																																																																																											
27 10:30 AM Worship Service in-person and ONLINE	28 The Sandwich Project Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal on ZOOM	29	30	<div> <p>Aug 2020</p> <table> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div> <p>Oct 2020</p> <table> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1 2 3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table> </div>			S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1 2 3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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He leads me

beside still waters. He restores my soul.

Psalm 23:2-3, ESV

**Worship Volunteer Schedule
September 2020**

September 6	Tellers	Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis
September 13	Tellers	Joan Brown & Teresa Reed
September 20	Tellers	Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova
September 27	Tellers	Brenda Everett & Linda Simons

When I look at the night sky
and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in
place—

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name
fills the earth!

Psalm 8: 3, 9 (NLT)

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
Impact Youth
Fearless Youth Group

— 5:30 p.m.
 — 6:30 p.m.

Christian Education
Worship Service
 — 9:15 a.m.
 — 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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September Birthdays

If we've missed your birthday and you would like us to include it in this "birthday" section of the newsletter, please contact us at (972) 298-3043 or info@fpcd.org. Thank you.

Charlotte Fithian, Sept 1	Caden Thorpe, Sept 21
Cyleigh Kezar, Sept 7	Sharon Ingram, Sept 22
Billy Doyle, Sept 8	Beau Gaskins, Sept 26
Ana Ortiz, Sept 11	Aiden Gaskins, Sept 26
Ginger Hertenstein, Sept 14	Marlene Skinner, Sept 26
Jack Pegues, Sept 14	Margaret Lewis, Sept 28
Edelmira Ruiz, Sept 19	Gary Malone, Sept 30
Tori Favors, Sept 20	



2020 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
July	\$15,764	\$21,080
Jan - July	\$140,375 + \$28,541*	\$152,296

*PPP loan from government