



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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

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From our Session

On December 29, 2022, my family suffered the loss of my Tio (uncle) Fredy Alvarado. I'd like to take the time to share about him and how his relationship with God continued to ignite my faith.

Over 2 years ago, my tio was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. And in the that time, he faced hardships such as going in and out of the hospital, chemotherapy, and the loss of his only daughter Yesenia Hernandez a year prior to his passing. The love for his family and his iron devotion to the lord strengthened him.

Despite all his trials and tribulations, his faith never wavered. I'd often ask my tio how he was doing, and he'd reassure me that he was blessed to be alive and able to share the word of the Lord. One day, he realized he had the tools necessary to make an impact on the community. He could not sit idly by and let it go to waste, so there were times that he would take a speaker and a microphone and go out into public places with his pastor to share the word of God. I remember a conversation I had with my tio when he had been admitted into the hospital for about a week.

He told me that it was like a vacation for him. He had a room with a view, he had people bringing him food and turning on the tv for him, and he got to rest in bed.

That was the kind of man he was. He saw the good in things even though I know he was uncomfortable with the fact that he had people poking him with needles, and having constant tests being done on him. He never complained and was still grateful for having the Heavenly Father in his life. The last time I saw him in the hospital, our family was aware of the fact that his time for being in this world was drawing near, so when I walked into the room, the moment my tio saw me he made an effort to sit up and hug me and tell me "Hi my Jimmy, my beautiful boy". I kissed his forehead and we shared a hug. As we were in the room chatting, he had a visit from his pastor, and I was happy to be able to have communion with him, and he said, "To be with God is the victory."

Jimmy



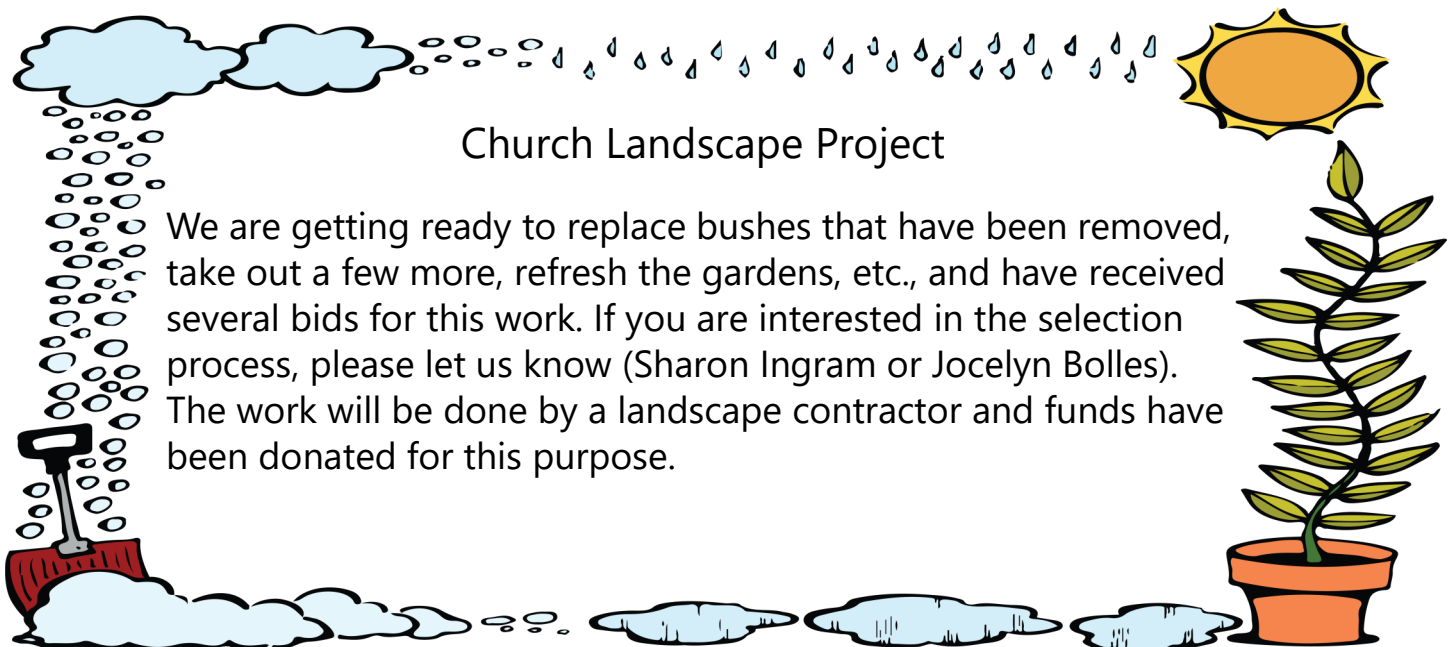
THANK YOU from PW

Thanks to one and all who helped make our online Christmas auction a big success. Whether you made it, baked it, donated it or bought it, you are a part of our overall success. Thanks also to those who set it up, kept it running and put it away. We couldn't do it without you. We raised \$1,900 this year which in turn is donated to the following charities:

- Heifer International
- Presbyterian Pan American School, Kingsville TX
- Presbyterian Women National Mission Fund
- Mission of Good Shepherd Children's Home, Belize
- Bridges Safehouse, Cedar Hill TX
- Duncanville Outreach Mission, Duncanville TX

Prayers Needed

Please add to your prayer list the children at the Mission of Good Shepherd Children's Home in Belize. Although Belize is a tourist destination with luxurious hotels and restaurants, behind the scenes are people living in poverty, with children suffering the most. Homelessness and hunger prevail. Please pray for these children for a better world in which to live.



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January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 AM Worship Service 	2 (Office Closed)	3	4 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	5  6:30 PM Worship Planning Meeting	6	7 Men's Fellowship 9 AM
8 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM Worship Service	9  7:00 PM Member Care Meeting	10  7 PM Women's Fellowship	11 Lifeline Screening 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14 Men's Fellowship 9 AM
15 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM Worship Service Newsletter Articles Due!	16	17	18 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	19 4:00 PM Parking Lot Ministry	20	21 Men's Fellowship 9 AM
22 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM Worship Service	23 <div> The Sandwich Project Bring your Sandwiches for the Homeless </div>	24	25 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	26  7:00 PM Session Meeting	27	28 Men's Fellowship 9 AM
29 9:15 AM Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM Worship Service	30	31	<div> <div> Dec 2022 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 </div> <div> Feb 2023 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 </div> </div>			

Worship Volunteer Schedule January 2023

January 1

Greeters

Tellers

End of Service Ministry

Sound Room Assistant

Sharon Ingram

Joan Brown & Teresa Reed

Jaime Cordova & Darlene Cowand

Jimmy Cordova

January 8

Greeters

Tellers

End of Service Ministry

Sound Room Assistant

COMMUNION Servers

Dudley Austin

Lori Glover & Jaime Cordova

Sean Russell & Brenda Everett

Jennifer McWilliams

Darrell Ingram, Brenda Everett

January 15

Greeters

Tellers

End of Service Ministry

Sound Room Assistant

Jocelyn Bolles

Brenda Everett & Linda Simons

Brittany Haywood & Dub Guthrie

Allen Conley

January 22

Greeters

Tellers

End of Service Ministry

Sound Room Assistant

Connie Steger & Joan Brown

Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis

Roy Watson & Joan Brown

Jennifer McWilliams

January 29

Greeters

Tellers

End of Service Ministry

Sound Room Assistant

Sharon Ingram

Joan Brown & Teresa Reed

Jimmy Cordova & Nancy Bergman

Jimmy Cordova

*Guide our feet
into the
path of peace.*

LUKE 1:79, NIV

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

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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January 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.

Jocelyn Bolles, January 1
Gwenn Guthrie, January 4
Jim Stahl, January 5
Brittany Haywood, January 7
Jeff Thorpe, January 10

Nyadia Thorpe, January 12
Jason Cordova, January 13
Connie Steger, January 16
Logan Russell, January 25



2023 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE

	Receipts	Expenditures
November	\$14,249	\$25,779
Jan - Nov	\$249,954	\$277,538