



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 Your Session

Earnestly keep praying. I believe that's a quote from the Bible in Corinthians, though I'll need to look up its exact whereabouts. It's what we want everyone to do. Come to God in prayer whether it's viewed as a conversation with God, joining with a friend or neighbor in prayer, sharing prayer together with the congregation, or taking a quiet moment alone with God. We have a big challenge in front of us and while there's more to do than praying to accomplish our mission, let's start with prayer.

Did you ever set out with a goal in mind and then somewhere along the way run into an obstacle or a difficulty that makes achieving that goal seem almost impossible? All of a sudden, you find yourself saying, "What am I doing here?" or "Why did I ever think I could do this?" Of course we have.

Sometimes all we need is a little encouragement to get back on track; sometimes we need to redefine the goal or challenge; and sometimes we need to take a step back and rethink the entire process. And that's not the way we planned it.

Unfortunately, discouragement and disappointment have a way of getting in our way. Of messing up our plans. But God doesn't want us to give up. He wants us to keep moving forward. We do have a challenge in front of us and it is a big one. We need to discern the best way to serve God here in this community (not just ourselves but our community) in a changing world. It's a challenge for all of us, not just a few. If you have an idea, a suggestion, a change, whatever, share it. We have had one meeting so far and another is planned for next week. Watch for notice of it.

As believers, we know that prayers aren't always answered exactly the way we expect. So, it's a rough row to hoe sometimes. Because of that, we need to support each other, encourage each other, work together, and then take it a step further

And earnestly keep praying!

Jocelyn



HELP WANTED

We are in need of someone to **deliver sandwiches to the Austin Street Shelter** once a month. The church provides sandwiches (perhaps 15 to 20 dozen) on the 4th Monday of each month and the sandwiches are taken to the downtown Dallas shelter that evening (at 7 p.m.) or the following morning (sandwiches are in the church refrigerators). The next date for sandwich delivery is Monday, August 24. As Dennis and Susan left on their next assignment in Asia August 3, **we need to find a replacement as soon as possible.**

If you are willing to volunteer for this opportunity to serve our church, please email the church office at info@fpcd.org or contact Jocelyn Bolles.

Thank you.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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DUNCANVILLE
CALENDAR

September 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5 9AM Men's Fellowship
6 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	7	8	9 6:45 pm Think Tank	10	11	12
13 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	14	15 7pm Session Meeting	16 Newsletter Articles for September Newsletter Due!	17	18	19 9AM Men's Fellowship
20 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship; Church Potluck after Worship	21 7pm MCT	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	28 Austin St. Sandwiches Due!	29	30			

September Volunteer Schedule

Sept 6	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Communion Service Communion Preparer Liturgist	Jocelyn Bolles Brenda Everett & Linda Simons Sharon Ingram & Connie Steger Nancy Bergman & Brenda Everett Nancy Bergman Brenda Everett
Sept 13	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Liturgist	Connie Steger Jocelyn Bolles & Margaret Lewis Christian Laurent & Nancy Bergman Youth
Sept 20	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Liturgist	Sharon Ingram Darlene Cowand & Teresa Reed Lori Glover & Lee Austin TBD
Sept 27	Greeter Tellers End of Service Prayer Liturgist	Beau Gaskins Connie Steger & Ingram Dub Guthrie & Brenda Everett TBD

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it
with thanksgiving

Colossians 4:2 (NKJV)

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.

Ana Ortiz, Sept 11	TJ Epperson, Sept 23
Jack Pegues, Sept 14	Aiden Gaskins, Sept 26
Lucy Akram, Sept 18	Beau Gaskins, Sept 26
Caden Thorpe, Sept 21	Marlene Skinner, Sept 26
Sharon Ingram, Sept 22	Margaret Lewis, Sept 28

		
2026 MINISTRY RECEIPTS UPDATE		
	Receipts	Expenditures
July	\$ 8,415	\$ 15,763
YTD	\$ 106,732	\$ 106,167

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Christian Education
Worship Service

— 9:15 a.m.
— 10:30 a.m.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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