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Ministers - The Members of First
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THE PRESBYTERIAN PROCLAIMER

September 2022

A Word From Our Pastor.....

As most of you know and recognize me as such, I am a pastor. I bear the glad burden of preaching the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I also bear the burdens of my own family—our dear daughter-in-law, Britney, who has fought the past five years against cancer. Even with setbacks, she seems to win. She always speaks candidly of her weaknesses but finds strength in her faith and walk with Jesus. My wife and I carry the burden of praying, watching, and supporting when we can, over a great distance, our son and grandson as they watch and walk with Britney, along with her family. The burdens that are ours, all families have; grandchildren growing, some happy times, some sad times, and all those in-between times. All that encompasses is left at the gates of heaven in prayer, so it is with our beloved church family. We carry those burdens as well. We try to move forward for Christ and help those wanting to go, but don't have the strength or vision to do so. God is always watching as we have our tough times, sad times, and happy times. It has been a good year even with those things that were tough to endure. Now, however, I get an honor I will not turn from; one that I will deeply embrace as a gift. It is a heaviness and a burden, but also a blessed time to be the pastor of this church. By the time you read this, we will have said all our formal goodbyes to the rock of smiles and laughter in our church, the wonderful Jug. When we were first introduced, I remember thinking, "How does one get a name like that?" Oh, I have come to realize there is so much to the man behind the name. The burdens of making sure all people, as much as possible, are drawn to renewal in Christ through preaching and pastoring are often long-term rewards. Satisfaction that may come years down the road. Moving folks from where they are into a new direction, no matter how much needed or recognized, is almost never a "let's all smile and sing Kumbaya" kind of thing. However, when Jug and Virginia where in the house, one could always count on smiling. Innumerable times my heart was lifted on Sunday mornings to see them,

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Committee Chairpersons for 2022

Building & Grounds - Doug Huebner
Christian Education - Karin Hill
Congregational Care – Debbie Dennard
Finance/Stewardship – Greg Westmoreland
Nominating - Greg Westmoreland and Doug Huebner
Outreach & Mission - Carol Petersen
Personnel - Jim Coe
Worship – Donna Baskin

Please Join Us in Prayer For.....

Jami Ruth Ahysen (Greg Westmoreland's sister), Hattie Andel (Marie Hestand's sister), Family of Caleb Anderson, Bradley Allan (bone cancer surgery), Peggy Badders, Donna Baskin, Charlie & Hubert Boeker, Ann Bond, Sharon Bumgardner, Chip Cordes, Dorothy Cunningham, Bonnie Davis, Flo Dreher, Laura Evans (Karen Trobl's sister), First Presbyterian Church Bay City & Growth, Robb Gentry, Adel Ghais & Family, Giovanni (Natalie Mullen's nephew), Family of Carl Green, Paul Hanna, Eric Hestand, Dr. Bob Kelly, Jeanine Kietzmann (Karin Hill's mother), Nancy Knapik, Ruth Leissner & Family, Sarah Leverett, Mark Longoria, Jim Matthes, Allison McGrath (Air Force, deployment to South Korea), Ed Miller, Felipe Montalvo, Cliff Mullen, Natalie Mullen, Martha Osina, Aryn Pena (Army, deployment to Middle East), Jeanetta Perry (Diane Matthes' daughter), Family of Mary Petersen, Zelda Regalado & Family, Family of Jug Rhymes, Nancy Ryman, Kirby Savage & Family, Rev. Frank Seaman, Ray Sexton, Pastor Charley, Britney & Zac Shurtz, Family of Claude Stephens, Mrs. Sullivan's daughter Marie, Karen & Joey Trobl.

All those who have suffered and been impacted by COVID.

Our local homeless community.

All students, teachers, and administrators for a great school year.

Development of Spanish class at our church.

Spencer Hill, Army, deployment to South Korea.

Our military, veterans, and law enforcement.

Uvalde community and all those affected by the tragedy.

Ukraine/Russian War and all those affected.

People of Afghanistan, Haiti, and our border crisis.

September 2022 – Lectionary Readings

September 4 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 OR Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1;

Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 11 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14 OR Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10;

1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 18 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9 OR Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113;

1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 25 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 OR Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146;

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

DIAPER DISCIPLES' DATES

September 10 & September 24

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 6: Louise Russell

September 7: Isla Regalado

September 9: Eric Varnell

September 14: Brenna Hodges

September 19: Zelda Regalado

September 20: Rachel Montalvo

September 23: Pastor Charley Shurtz

Brittany Kubena

September 25: Tula Regalado

September 27: Rebecca Huebner

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 18: James and Karen Trobl

September 30: James and Doreen Bounds

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

September 4: Ronnie Mullen

September 11: Doreen Bounds

September 18: Marc or Karin Hill

September 25: Linda Brown

SEPTEMBER USHERS

September 4: Ronnie Mullen, Teresa West, Priscilla Obermeyer, Jody Romine

September 11: Ronnie Mullen, Teresa West, Priscilla Obermeyer, Linda Brown

September 18: Nancy Knapik, Greg Westmoreland, Crayden and Debbie Dennard

September 25: James and Doreen Bounds, Will and Melissa Guynes

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION PREPARERS

September 4: Debbie Dennard and Linda Brown

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION SERVERS

September 4: Ronnie Mullen, Jody Romine, Teresa West, Priscilla Obermeyer

SEPTEMBER KITCHEN CREW

Marie Hestand, Teresa West, Linda Brown

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



On Sunday morning, September 11th 2022, the annual Bell Memorial to remember those who lost their lives on 9/11 will begin at 7:40 AM. We are looking for people to come and take their turn in assisting with the ringing of the bell. It will be rung once for each of the 2977

people who perished. You may ring the bell once or up to 50 times. Pastor Charley will be there to assist anyone who may need help. Please make plans to participate in this moving tribute to our fellow Americans.

As many of you know, Spencer Hill has been deployed to South Korea for nine months. If you would like to drop him a note, I know he would love to hear from you! His mailing address is:

Spencer Hill
16BEB Unit 15916 Box 4
APO AP 96224

From the Music Stand.....

Friends, I've had a grand time doing research on how contemporary Christian music has evolved. Remember, "contemporary" is another word for "modern" music of the day. We saw the progression of artists who moved and created with the times, which artists used the Christian format to push their own agendas, and which ones God touched throughout the years.

With the coming of the 1990's, Christian contemporary music continued to evolve. The music became more scripture based instead of having a "hook" to get the listener pulled in. Artists such as Chris Tomlin ("How Great is Our God"), Michael W. Smith ("Place In This World"), and Mercy Me ("I Can Only Imagine") were prominent. The availability of videos has heightened our worship experience. These performer/composers have helped us to continue to worship our God with songs that lead us to the very heart of worship which is defined as: "The inner essence of worship is to know God truly and then to respond from the heart to that knowledge by valuing God, treasuring God, prizing God, enjoying God, being satisfied with God above all earthly things."

As the century turned to the 2000's, Big Daddy Weave ("Every Time I Breathe", "Redeemed"), Third Day ("God of Wonders"), and Stephen Curtis Chapman ("All Things New") are continuing to give us songs of worship and praise. The use of studio and video tracks being made available to the public has allowed church members to be able to lead solo and congregational praise songs.

We are now into the 2010's and we continue to have the same performers bring new songs of worship to the forefront. Sometimes, the older hymns we grew up with are merged together: Shane & Shane ("Come Thou Fount"/"Above All Else"), Chris Tomlin ("O Worship the King"/"You Shine in the Light") and Matthew West ("Blessed Assurance"/"My King is Coming"). These updates allow us to sing the songs of our faith incorporated with newer songs that blend seamlessly.

In the present 2020's, we have almost come full circle and are "recycling" some of our 70- and 80-year-old songs of worship with a more contemporary soundtrack which appeals to a younger age group of worshipers who are "discovering" songs of faith. The bottom line, my friends, is that when we sing, we are praising and worshiping our Heavenly Father. Remember, we are to praise with our lips, with harp, tambourine, and instruments. Our God wants to hear from us in all situations; I believe He truly enjoys our songs of praise.

Your sister in Christ, Donna Baskin

SEPTEMBER'S IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday School for Youth and Adults:	Every Sunday at 9:15 AM
Worship:	Every Sunday at 10:30 AM
Children's Church:	Every Sunday at 10:45 AM
Prayer Group:	Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM
Bible Study:	Every Tuesday at 10:30 AM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal:	Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM
PW Council:	Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 4:30 PM
Spanish Class:	Saturday, Sept. 10 at 9:00 AM
Second Sunday Lunch:	September 11 following worship
Sunday Circle:	September 11 following lunch
Worship Committee:	Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 1:00 PM
Afternoon Women's Circle:	Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 1:30 PM
Outreach & Mission Committee:	Monday, Sept. 19 at 11:45 AM
Congregational Care Committee:	No Meeting in September
Newsletter Deadline:	Thursday, September 15
Christian Education Committee:	Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 3:00 PM
Diaper Disciples:	Saturday, September 10 & 24 10:00 AM – Noon
Session Meeting:	No Meeting in September
Wednesday Night Supper:	September 28 at 6:00 PM

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS AMAZING!

A huge "THANK YOU" goes out to everyone who participated in our VBS program, "You Are Loved!" Depending on the night, there were 30-40 people in attendance. The "family style" format has been well received two years in a row now; I believe we have a winner! In addition to the great fellowship and learning, \$22.56 was raised for our Diaper Disciples ministry in a love offering. All the photos capturing the fun are available on our Facebook page and on the church's website. Thank you again to everyone involved, volunteers and participants alike! It was truly a great time!



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together, smiling, and to hear the joy of life coming from such a good man. Oh yes, I will miss him dearly, for such a person is a rarity—he always was an encouragement. I will pray for his amazing wife and hope the best for her as she continues on. I will continue to look out and see his smiling face sitting just over there. Jug helped me out in a number of ways that many folks don't know about, and that's ok, but his personality was all too often a boost to what the rest of you got in those particular Sunday sermons. He was likable from the moment you met him and grew on you from there. He is now joking and visiting with Jesus and Stefanie. May we take some of what he gave to us and give it to others as a memorial of who he is, now in eternity. Amen

Quieres aprender español?

In other words, do you want to learn Spanish?

Lorena Campos, a student in the English as a Second Language class that Linda Brown teaches three mornings a week at our church, is offering free Spanish classes beginning on Saturday, September 10th from 9:00-10:30 AM in Marc Hill's Sunday School classroom. If you have any questions about the class, please call

Linda Brown at (979) 240-0319.



Do you like to sing along to the radio? Do you like to sing in the shower? Well, there is a perfect place just for you! The choir has a seat reserved with your name on it. All are welcome!

Psalm 98:4 says, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."

School Supply Drive!

It's that time of year again, Back to School! The women of the church are currently collecting school supplies and late summer is when school supplies are at the lowest price of the year. Most campuses get an influx of supplies at the beginning of the school year, so we distribute our school supplies in January when many children are running low on necessary items. Make a difference in the lives of the children in our community. Donate some school supplies today!

OUR SESSION

Class of 2022:

Donna Baskin

Karin Hill

Doug Huebner

Class of 2023:

Jim Coe

Debbie Dennard

Carol Petersen

Class of 2024:

Greg Westmoreland