

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

October, 2018

In gratitude, we discover that faith itself is a gift from God

From the Pastor

I have often thought that “gratitude” is the beginning of faith. It seems to me that the thing which most spurs folk to search for meaningful faith, and to understand why that faith is meaningful, is gratitude.

In gratitude, we discover that faith itself is a gift from God. Recognition of that gift causes us to respond in gratitude. In turn, faith itself moves us to respond to God in gratitude. It’s a complete circle.

It is not always easy to find those things for which we are grateful. I am envious of those folk who seem always to keep before them the things in life for which they are to give thanks. Such people seem to live their lives with a keen perspective on what life is all about. They seem happy. They seem fulfilled. They seem . . . grateful.

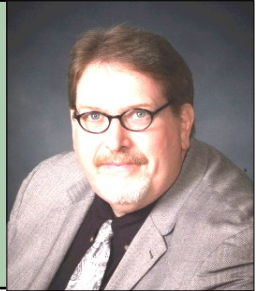
I do my best to maintain a posture of gratitude but I don’t always manage to do so. I have much for which to be grateful though at times I forget to live in the grace of that gratitude.

Counting one’s blessings is not a futile exercise – it is good to remind ourselves of our blessings. Very good.

One of my blessings is being your pastor. I am grateful

From the pastor

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to be in your midst. It is good to be here and it is good to live in your community and it is good to experience your company. Rhonda and I are grateful to be in Granbury. First Presbyterian Church is a place of ministry. Here we worship and we learn and we share the faith and we are part of the world about us.

I think what we do here is important and I am glad to share this ministry with you. We do it in the name of Jesus Christ and we do church together.

Your surprise celebration of our 5th anniversary in your company was a wonderful occasion. I had no idea that was coming. I thank you for the gift. I loved the gluten free cake (and I’m still eating on it). I have so enjoyed the cards that were written to both Rhonda and me. It was a good and special day for the both of us.

Thank you – for being the people you are and for being the congregation you are and for being the community of faith we are becoming. Rhonda and I are indeed grateful to serve in this place. It is a blessing. Thank you for that.

Here’s to five more years
doing ministry together.

See you Sunday,

Drew





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Care Facilities

Courtyards at Lake Granbury
Mary Skinner

Waterview at Lake Granbury
Kathleen Moore
Jean Teal
Howard & Pat White

The Cove at Lake Granbury
Jim Bandy
Eloise Pauli
Maddie Reed

Quail Park
Ruth Garrett
Pete & Nancy Pauley
Marilou Schairbaum

At home and/or receiving treatment

Howard White	Howard & Martha Ferrill
Bill Robertson	Edith George
Mary Skinner	Ed Smith
Ed Hughes	Marilou Schairbaum
Catherine Lehmann	Carolyn Llewellyn
Harley Murray	CH Tubbs
Shirley McDonald	Stan Bowlin
Jimmy Callahan	



Our Church Family

Sally Garland is having ongoing pain and needs our prayers as treatment options are considered.

Howard Hafner has completed radiation treatment for cancer and given a clean bill of health for another 15 years!

Claudia Southern broke 4 ribs and is recovering.

Bob Gadbois has been diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He and Carol need our prayers as they await results.

Billy Robertson has emphysema and COPD. He is on oxygen most of the time and would appreciate our prayers.

Our Extended Family

Carolyn Rudenske's friend, Sam Barr, had surgery last month and needs our prayers.

Kay McMillan, who has been worshipping with us, has an older sister, Carol Sechter, who lives in Ohio that has been diagnosed with cancer. They are treating it aggressively and she is responding very well.

Jamie Sanders' daughter, Erin Reese, for whom we have been praying, had a beautiful baby girl!

On September 18th Lee Shaffer joined the church triumphant. We pray for his wife, Shirley, their family and friends.

Lee will be missed by all.

October birthdays



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Janna Sullins

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Jack Dapogny
Jerry Althouse

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Dana Reinke

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*Jimmy Callahan

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Betty Smith

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Jane Seley

14
Christian Luersen
Joe Peters

17
Frank Hengels

18
Mary Hayden

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Margaret Gulinson

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Lachlyn McPhie Goody

25
Marjorie C Wherry
Roger Deeds

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Mary Hattox

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Virginia Conner



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October Anniversaries

2
Tim and Nancy Bennett

4
Nick and Laura Duecker

5
Howard and Martha Ferrill

15
Curt and Debbie Armstrong

Prayer of the Month

Marcia Sigrist

Prayer chain coordinator



Marcia is our prayer chain coordinator. Please contact her at msigrist824@gmail.com or call 817-279-1130 when in need of prayers. She writes beautiful, meaningful prayers to give the members of the prayer chain things to think about as they pray for specific things for our friends.

Especially for our new members, know that we have this group of prayer warriors, among a variety of other things we do for our congregation. If in need or are in doubt about what we do, just call us!

Here is Marcia Sigrist's prayer of the month.

Father God,

Thank you for the refreshing and much needed rain! For many of us, the beauty of the cloudy gray skies was wonderful to see, and the rain that fell was a blessing to the very earth, and us as well.

Our prayers go to those who may be facing difficult situations. For all kinds of reasons... for those reasons we are aware of and those we are not... we ask you lean close to them and be the strength and support they need.

You know their needs as our prayers rise to you We ask you give them the hope of this day, the assurance of the love and care you have for them and walk with them through the many decisions they may face. Open possibilities and options for them and give them the clarity they need to see them.

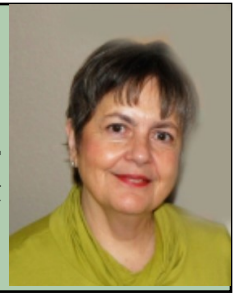
In the quiet of the long nights, grant them healing rest. May they feel your grace surround them and their families.

Thank you for the coming dawn, and for all your gifts to us. Thank you for the peace of this moment and the promises you have for all of us. In Jesus' name we ask these things... Amen



Worship

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We will observe World Communion Sunday on Oct. 7

I'm sure everyone is getting settled back into our fall routine of two services by now!

We will be observing World Communion Sunday on October 7. World Communion Sunday is a Christian celebration observed on the first Sunday of every October. The celebration promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation and focuses on the Eucharist. The tradition was started by Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933, and was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936. World Communion Sunday subsequently spread to other denominations, so that we might know the importance of the Church of Jesus Christ and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

The Bell Choir of First Presbyterian Church Granbury will play on October 14. Don't miss this wonderful part of our Music Ministry!

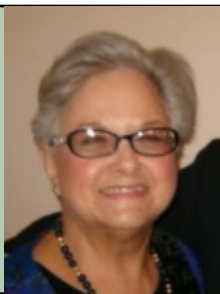
Reformation Sunday will be observed on October 28. Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds their faith on Reformation Sunday, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This year marks 501 years!

We are very pleased to have Robert Silvestri playing bagpipes on Reformation Sunday.

First Presbyterian has a lot going on!

Fellowship

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Arts and Crafts Show set Sunday, Oct. 28

First Presbyterian Church's Arts and Crafts Show will be Sunday, October 28 after the first and second service.

If you enjoy painting, knitting, woodworking, quilting, jewelry making, or any other art/craft, we would love to see your talents on display. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Light refreshments will be provided between services and after the second service.

F.U.N. Circle

Peggy Losher, F.U.N. Circle coordinator

Administration

Roy Shoeneman, elder
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It's show and tell for F.U.N. Circle

On October 24, the F.U.N. Circle will gather at 10 AM in Fellowship Hall. We all have items from the past that we love to show, so please bring them and plan to tell us a bit about them.

Contrary to what I put in the Event Calendar, we will share potluck lunch. Come all, bearing treasures and food.

Church Attendance Report

26 Aug: 131

2 Sep: 110

9 Sep: 150

16 Sep: 128

Giving and budget need

Year-to-date Giving: \$286,299.09

Year-to-date Budget Need: \$296,373.38



Some choir notes

The summer has quickly passed and the new choir season has begun. But, before we forget, we had a tremendous summer of special music from many talented musicians, by both church members and church member relatives and friends. We want to thank all of those who participated – you were

Choir

Marty Gump, choir director
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great – can't wait until next summer.

Believe it or not, we are already starting to prepare for the Christmas season and the annual Choir Cantata. We would like to invite any who like to sing to come and join with the choir for this special seasonal event. Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses, all are welcome and needed.

Of course, if you would like to sing with the choir on a regular basis, that would be even better.

Give me a call or an email or trip me in the hallway, I'll get you the details.

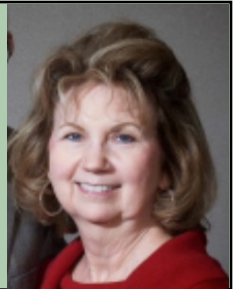
Christian Education

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Membership

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Don't be shy: Invite, invite!

New members become interested in visiting and joining our church in many different ways. Some are already Presbyterian when they move to Granbury and automatically come check us out. We have done a great job in making visitors feel welcome.

We are making ourselves known by placing articles in the Hood County News Hometown Welcome brochures going out to new people in Hood County. We are participating in Housewarmers, which also delivers monthly a welcome bag of gifts and coupons to new residents, including a notepad and advertisement specifically from our church. You will also see an invitational ad from our church in the Showcase Magazine.

However, each of us has the capability of being a highly effective way to bring new members into our church by simply asking our neighbors and friends if they are seeking a new church home. Then sharing with them what you love about our church. As our Lord said to us in Matthew 22:9, "Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." So don't be shy. Invite, Invite!

Our church will be showcased Dec. 8 in Candlelight Tour

Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner? If Facebook is to be believed, it's only 13 Fridays away!

This year we are hoping to have a full afternoon of entertainment for the Saturday of the Candlelight Tour Dec. 8. Here is the lineup so far:
2 p.m. Nancy and her Friends Christmas Show

For all ages, followed by snacks and crafts.

4 p.m. Granbury Civic Chorus

5 p.m. Madrigal Singers

6 p.m. FPC Handbells

7 p.m. Granbury Saxophone Quartet

There will be opportunities for you to help with refreshments and children's activities, so watch the newsletter and bulletin for further updates!

Sunday School continues with two studies in Fellowship Hall, one led by Tim Kidd and one led by Jimmie Johnson. We hope to see you there.

Church rummage sale

Prep:

Monday through Thursday.

Rummage Sale:

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

Join us for fall yoga classes

Floor Yoga - Mondays at 9:00 am in Memorial Hall
Chair Yoga - Thursdays at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall

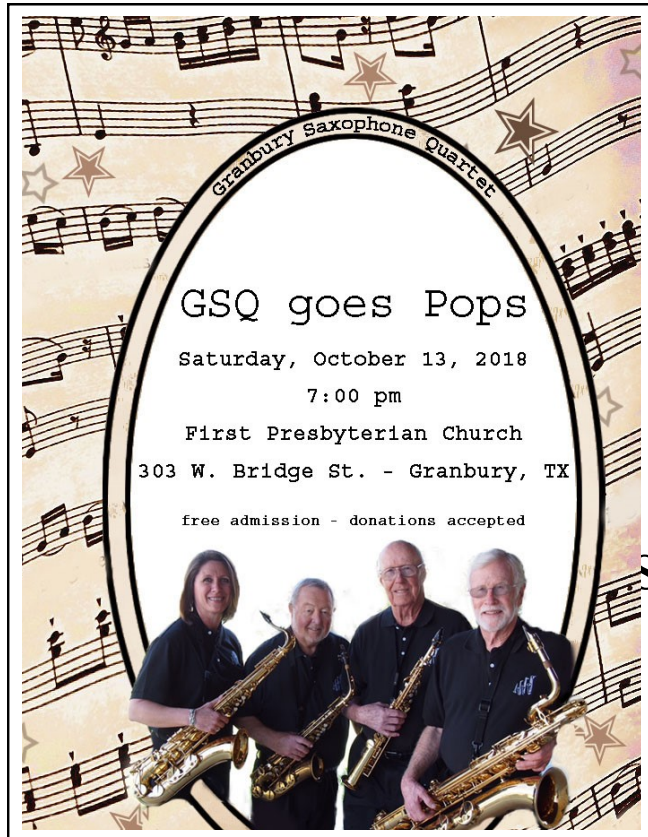
\$7.00 per class.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:45 AM First Service 10:00 AM Church School 11:00 AM Second Service	1 prep for rummage sale 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Strings Practice 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM AI- Anon	2 prep for rummage sale 1:45 PM - 3:00 PM Trinity Mission Birthday Party	3 prep for rummage sale 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Study 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell Choir Practice	4 prep for rummage sale 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Melody Belles	5 Fold Bulletins & Prep Church Rita Hart 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Fall Rummage Sale	6 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Fall Rummage Sale
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2018 First Presbyterian, Granbury Elders

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