

The Bridge

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury

February, 2019

Evangelism: Let's invite others to church

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Mt. 28.19-20) It's the *Great Commission*. The resurrected Jesus instructs the disciples to share the word, spread the love, baptize the people. These verses are often used to remind us that part of our role as Christians is to grow the community of faith, the church. It's our job to share the *good news*, euangelion (ευαγγελιον) in the Greek. It's where our word *evangelism* is rooted. The Great Commission.

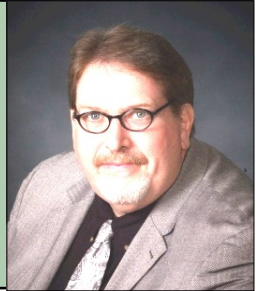
Sometimes we Presbyterians have been chided about our skills as evangelists. We're not generally known for our prowess at inviting others to the faith. Some have suggesting jokingly, but with an element of truth, that Presbyterians practice this command as the “Great Omission.” Those are the same folks who intimate that Presbyterian evangelism is “to ring the doorbell and pray no one is home.” Well, that's harsh!

Point is, part of our responsibility as followers of the Christ is to tell the story of God's love and to invite others into the compassionate fold of believers. We can do that in a myriad of ways. Sometimes it is simply the actions we undertake on behalf of others that invite them to come.

Kindness in the name of God is a powerful purveyor of the faith. Other times we are called upon to speak a word of faith, to converse about what it is we believe, in order to share the story. It's not an either/or

From the pastor

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proposition.

Mary Oliver, the Pulitzer Prize winning poet who died this past month, once wrote this about the faith: “Instructions from the Lord: Pay attention, be astonished, tell about it.” I like that.

Seems to me that's a pretty good definition of evangelism, of sharing the *good news*. It's word of mouth. It's activity of lives. It's a sharing of what we have found astonishing and compelling. It's an invitation.

Our community is growing, as is the surrounding county. Our Session believes we can grow with it. I have heard so many in our congregation tell of how Dorothy Campbell was a major reason that they joined the church. This past week when Ray Kelly died, I heard others say the same thing about Ray and Joyce. The invitation of hospitality matters when folks are looking for a place to practice their faith.

How do people decide where they will attend? Recent surveys indicate that 2% join because they have seen advertising, another 6% join because of organized visitation on behalf of the congregation, another 6% indicate that they joined because of the pastor. That leaves 86% of the folks unaccounted for.

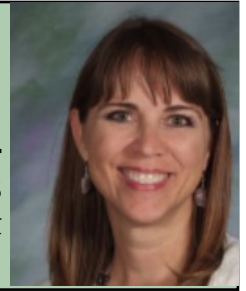
Why did the rest, the 86%, join a particular church? **Because a friend or relative invited them.** Think about that a bit – that means the best invitation we can make comes from you.

We can do this. Let's get to work.

See you Sunday,
Drew.

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Kathleen Moore
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The Cove at Lake Granbury
Jim Bandy
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Maddie Reed
Jean Teal

Quail Park
Ruth Garrett
Pete & Nancy Pauley

Our church family

Emily and Tony Graham are expecting their little boy in March. We “showered” them with blessings on Saturday, January 26 in Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon.



Ray Kelly died Sunday, January 13, 2019. His service was Friday, January 8. Our church extends prayers of sympathy and support to Ray Kelly’s family and friends.



Dutch Wilkinson died Sunday, January 27, following injuries sustained in a ski accident. Our church extends prayers and sympathy to Brenda and all of their friends and family. Service date and time is scheduled for Sunday February 3rd at 3:00 PM with reception immediately following in FH.



Our extended family

Shanna Adkins’ father, Dwayne Eby, had work done on his neck due to some collapsed vertebrae. We pray for a speedy recovery.

At home and/or receiving treatment

Wayne Delyea	Bob Gadbois
Mary Skinner	Ed Smith
Ed Hughes	CH Tubbs
Catherine Lehmann	Stan Bowlin
Harley Murray	Howard & Martha Ferrill
Shirley McDonald	Eloise Pauli
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February birthdays



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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Sandy Haberkemp | 18 Vanessa Faulkner |
| 3 Jack Gilmore
Paul Holmes | 19 Hal Marlar |
| 7 Howard Hafner | 21 Trish Goller |
| 8 Ted Dolan | 23 Lloyd Sigrist
Maureen Walker |
| 9 Laneal James | 26 Beverly Williams |
| 11 Kathy Smith
Kelton Conner | 27 Drew Travis |
| 13 Linda Bowlin | 28 Bill Wood |
| 14 Wayne Delyea | |



February anniversaries

- 7
Frank and Carol Hengels
Christopher and Kathy Smith
- 8
Mark & Sheila Higgins
- 11
Dan and Shirley Crise
- 14
Robert and Betty Werbung
Nancy and Steve Wilmeth

Prayer of the Month



Marcia Sigrist

Prayer chain coordinator

This is our final issue with Marcia as our prayer chain coordinator. Join me in thanking Marcia for her years of leading us in such beautiful prayer. Moving forward, please contact Pat Collins at huhwhat777@att.net or call 817-280-0211 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 the February prayer of the month.

Father God,

The sun will be rising soon, and the day will unfold with...who knows what? Anything, anything could happen. Help us Lord, with whatever comes our way today. The plans we've made could change in a heartbeat by some unexpected thing, but whatever comes our way, you will be with us through that experience. Thank you for your constant presence and your loving patience with us. We are so very imperfect and we need you at every turn.

And Lord, the family and friends of Ray Kelly are feeling his loss. Be with them and remind them of your promises, and may they find peace in loving memories as they gather.

As we begin this new year, may we find our way ever closer to you. May we look deeper into our daily lives to see how we can follow where you lead us. Open our eyes to those things you want us to see, and to know, and to do. We see you at work in our world in so many ways and we are so grateful. We trust in your creation, your care and your love. Lead our paths and bless us all.

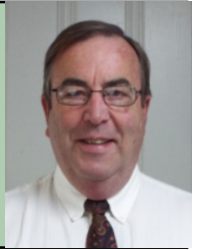
We ask these things in Jesus' name.... Amen

Presbyterian Women

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Presbyterian Women enjoy program on Stephen Ministry

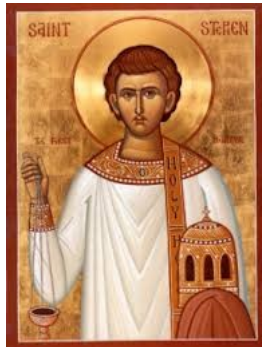
“Full of faith and the Holy Spirit”

On January 11, the
Presbyterian Women program
was provided by Ruth Ann
Collins – “Stephen Ministry.”

Drawing from her own
experience, she explained
exactly what Stephen Ministry
is and how it works.

In addition, she showed a
video which included
testimonials from various
people who described how
their lives were impacted by a Stephen Ministry
Leader, in a very positive way.

It was a very informative program.



In with the new and out with the stink

At long last: In the next few weeks the new roof
should be on the Sanctuary.

We think the bad smell in the Memorial Hall has
been solved, Hooray!

The Church Of Christ will be using five parking
spaces in our large parking lot on Sunday mornings,
so say hello to them if you see them.

We are extending the railing along the sidewalk
from the street to the building at the Memorial Hall.
Look forward to having that done soon.

Gather up for April church rummage sale

The Rummage Sale is fast approaching! The
dates are April 5, and April 6. It isn't too early to
start thinking about it.

We will start accepting items on Monday,
April 1. Start collecting those things that you no
longer use or need.

Decluttering is really a good thing.

It does all of these things:

- Improves sleep
- Reduces anxiety and depression
- Boosts creativity and productivity
- Reduces allergens in your home
- Creates self confidence

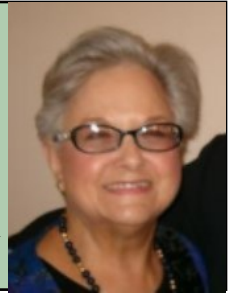
Who knew?!



Fellowship

Linda Allen, elder

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Soup and sandwich dinners with Lenten Study begins March 10

The first Sunday in Lent will be March 10. Plans have not been finalized at this date, but we do plan on having the soup and sandwich dinners on the Sunday evenings of Pastor Drew's Lenten Study.

Information will be sent out soon.

Easter Sunday is April 21.

Eat, chat and get to know each other at small group dinners

One of the most enjoyable ways to get to know fellow church members is to join in the Small Group Fellowship Dinners.

The Spring round of dinners will start in February. If you want to be a part of these dinners and did not get a chance to add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex, just call or email Linda Allen at lindaallen33047@gmail.com or 432-290-3506.

F.U.N. Circle

Peggy Losher, F.U.N. Circle coordinator



Calling fashionistas! F.U.N. Circle will host style show Feb. 27

At 10:00 A.M., February 27, F.U.N. Circle will host a fashion show put on by Becky Barton of Stuff n' Nonsense, followed by a potluck luncheon.

Everyone is invited. Come enjoy a festival of fun, fashion and food.

Administration

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Budget matters considered at meeting

While pledged giving falls short, other areas made up some of the difference

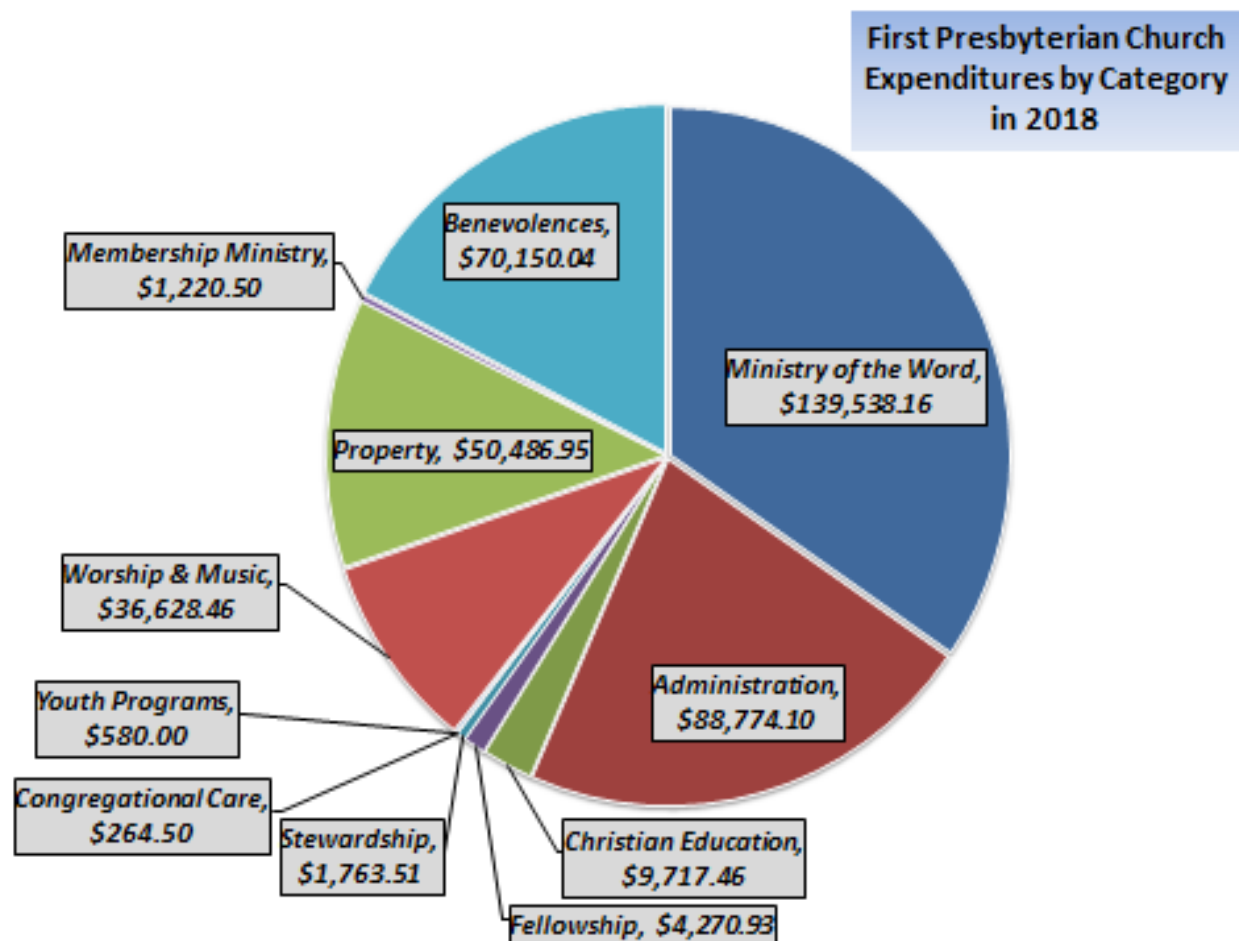
The beginning of a new year provides an opportunity to look back at how well we did in 2018. We closed out the 2018 budget with a \$39,902 shortfall in Pledged Giving, but were able to improve overall income by receiving \$15,766 over estimated Non-pledged Giving.

In addition, we exceeded earnings estimates

from investments by \$3,629.

Through close management of expenditures in 2018, we finished the year \$30,915 under budgeted expenses.

Additional budget performance numbers are shown below for 2018. Best wishes to all for a wonderful 2019!



Administration

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Budget Performance for 2018:

Budgeted Projected Income: \$466,518
Actual Income: \$446,011
Income shortfall: <\$20,507>
Budgeted Expenses: \$434,311
Actual Budget Expenditures: \$403,396
Expenditures below Budget: \$30,915
Total Income over Operating Expenses: \$42,615

Approved 2019 Budget:

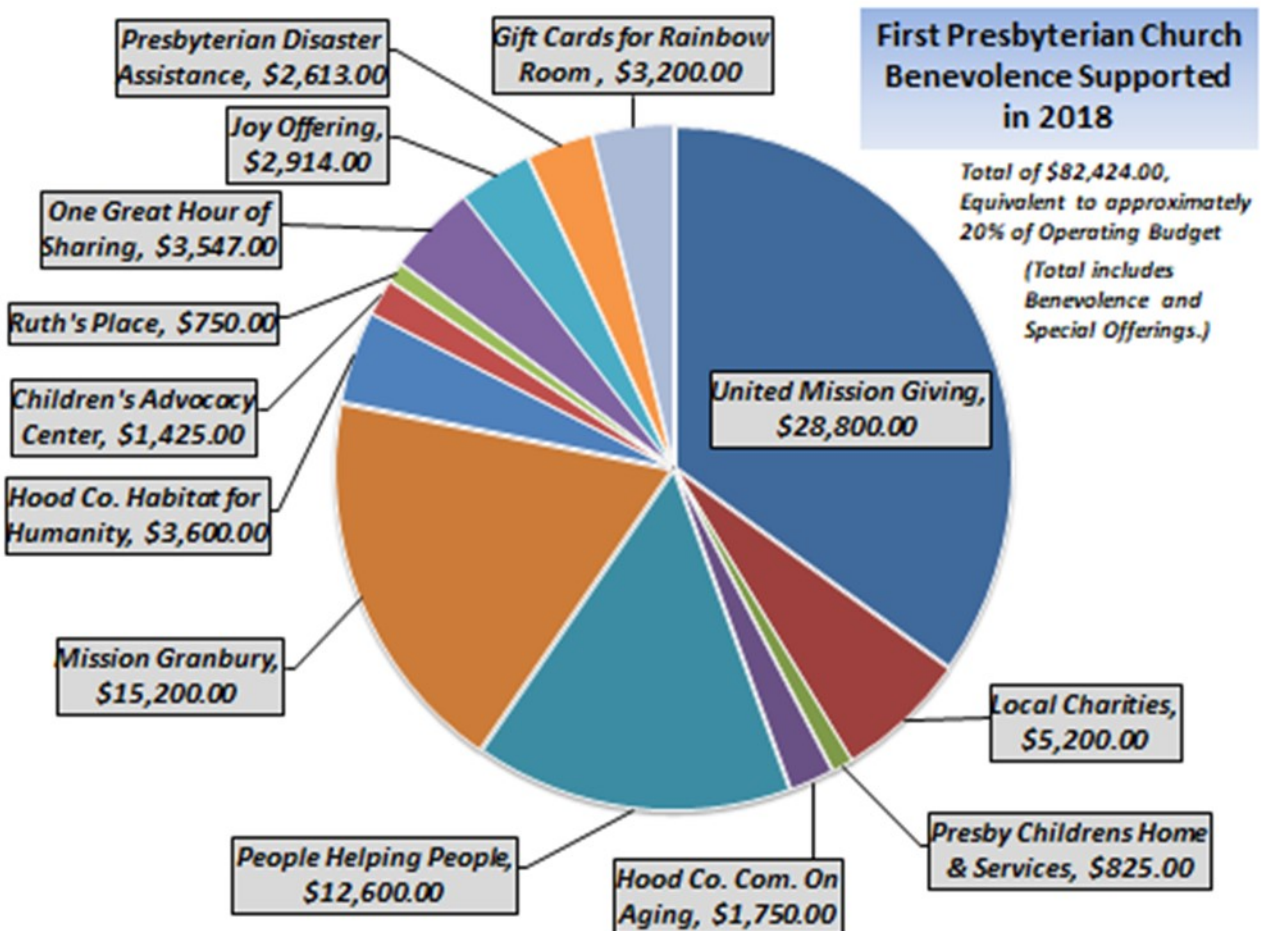
Budgeted Income: \$466,760
Budgeted Expenses: \$464,311 *(Includes 6 month salary for Associate Pastor)*

Where did we Spend our 2018 funds?

The first chart provides a graphic presentation of expenditures by budget category and the second chart provides the financial support to various charitable organizations from our church and members.

Church Attendance Report:

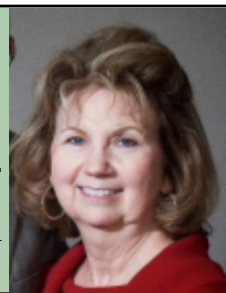
23 Dec: 159
24 Dec: 178 (Candlelight Service)
30 Dec: 106
6 Jan: 161
13 Jan: 129
20 Jan: 145



Membership

Brenda Staples, elder

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Meet members Diedrich and Sykes

New member Bret Diedrich was born in Detroit, lived in Corpus Christi, and graduated from high school in Victoria, TX.

After serving in the Navy where he was stationed on the west coast, Bret attended Colorado Aero Tech School for a year to receive further training as an airline mechanic.

He was employed in several places over the years as an airline mechanic, including San Francisco for 13 years for Western Airlines and in Los Angeles for three years. He moved up to management while living in Tulsa, OK and later at Alliance Airport in north Fort Worth where he retired after 38 years in the aircraft maintenance business.

Retirement took Bret to a condo near his sister in Tryon, North Carolina for several years, where he joined the Presbyterian church and also became a Stephen Minister.

Eventually he moved back to Texas and settled in The Gardens of DeCordova. Bret has always considered himself a Texan, and he loves Granbury's small town, low traffic atmosphere while still being close to his son Dale and his wife, along with his 15 year old granddaughter who lives in Fort Worth. Bret also has two step daughters, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren in California.

Bret's hobbies include golfing and travel. He has also bowled in a league in the past. His travels have taken him to Egypt with its pyramids and burial sites, as well as cruising the Danube River in Europe, and a trip around South America. He also loved Hawaii and found the small island of Fiji a very interesting place.



Bret Diedrich

Since joining our church, you'll often see Bret greeting and handing out bulletins at the early service. Welcome to our church family, Bret!

New member Tom Sykes was born into a ranching family in Fort Sumner, N.M. His family moved and bought another ranch in Balinger, TX where he graduated from high school.

Tom earned a physical education degree from Texas Tech, where he also met his wife Deborah. After many years of marriage, Deborah passed away in 2017 soon after they had moved to Pecan Plantation.

Tom ranched with his dad for ten years before becoming employed by Mueller Inc., a metal building and roofing products company. He has been with the company for the last 30 years and is currently their branch manager in Glen Rose.

He and Deborah had two children. Tom's son Tanner, his wife and three sons live in Houston. Tom's daughter Leslie, her husband and their son and daughter live in Glen Rose.

Tom's interests include hunting and golf. He claims he is not all that great at golf, but he likes how it takes his mind off other things.

Tom is a lifelong Presbyterian, even serving on a PNC (pastor nominating committee) when he was still in high school. He has been a deacon and an elder in the Presbyterian church several times while living in Balinger. He has also served as church treasurer.

We welcome Tom to our church family!



Tom Sykes

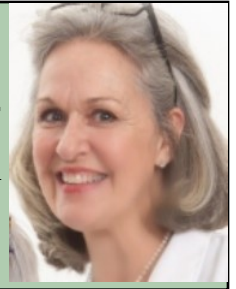
Library

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Author draws from diaries, newspapers

“In the Garden of the Beasts” by Erik Larson is a non-fiction book set in Germany in the early 1930s. William Dodd has been appointed ambassador to Nazi Germany.

This book is taken from diaries, newspaper articles, government documents and many other sources. We read the background of the Mr. Dodd and his family and all of the events which occur during his time as ambassador.

The U.S. at the time was suffering from the depression and Germany, is of course, in the early years of the Hitler regime. Unlike novels of the era, it doesn't try to solve the problems, merely point out the many events happening during those years—in America as well as Germany.

While not a quick, easy read, it is worth the reading, so check it out from our church library. While in the library, look over the many other books, fiction as non-fiction.

Check the cart for books

Remember, the library always keeps a cart in Fellowship Hall with a few books for your scanning. These selections change approximately monthly.

Prison Ministry

You can help send books, cards and letters

The Education Committee, together with the library committee, have begun a new prison ministry. We will be sending books and cards and writing letters to prisoners who do not otherwise have a support system.

We will not be sending money or adding to inmate's commissary accounts at this time.

Would you like to help? Here's what you can do: commit to sending cards for birthdays and holidays or writing letters if you like. We will provide inmate's addresses and very basic information.

You can receive return letters to the church office rather than your personal address. You may certainly send cards anonymously or with just your first name if you like.

Books must be sent through our committee, but in the coming weeks we will be ready to gladly take your used books. We need to get set up for that first, and we'll let you know when we're ready.

We would also like unused cards and stationary of all types and stamps. These may be taken to the church office.

If you would like to help on this committee, would be willing to write or send cards to an inmate or can offer other help, please contact Nancy Worcestor at nancybw@gmail.com or 817-578-0478.



Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you so much for providing such a lovely funeral and reception for Ray and his family. The choir sang sweetly, Drew had a funny and delightful homing, and the women provided a feast for our friends and family. Your love + prayers will help us in our time of need.

Roy Kelly family.

First Presbyterian Church of Granbury, Tx,

Thank you for the box of cookies! We enjoyed the cookies during our Family Game Night, and the kids were surprised by all the different flavors! Thank you again.

92 Military Police Company
700 Military Police Detachment (MWD)
CPT Mackenzie Dec., Commanding

Dear Nancy & First Presbyterian friends,

I cannot express how much your generous gift of shoe gift cards was appreciated. I also cannot express how embarrassed I am that this acknowledgement is so past due. We got our wires crossed and I thought a thank you card had been sent months ago. I'm so sorry about that.

We gave over 100 cards to children at the beginning of the school year. We are keeping the rest in stock and giving out as needed. They are a wonderful and much needed resource.

I know our families are very appreciative and richly blessed by your giving.

We couldn't do what we do without help from good people like you and we truly appreciate and need your support.

I am so thankful our little angel Tiffany told you about us. You are an awesome and amazing partner.

Thanks again and much love,
Brigitte Eichler, Rainbow Room Board
and the kids we love.

Brigitte

Thank you



Dear Nancy & First Presbyterian Church,

A very past due thank you but we want you to know how much we appreciate your giving of 2 air conditioners in August.

I know it very literally could have been a life saver for our client family.

I cannot imagine a Texas summer without air conditioning and I am so thankful we were able to help this family by your donation and support.

Thanks Again and Much Love,
Brigitte Eichler, Rainbow Room Board,
CPS staff and the kids we love.

February 2019

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