

First Presbyterian Church of Alvin

Press Bytes



To the saints at First Presbyterian:

Greetings. Ever wondered where we got our worship style and our order of worship? Reformed worship was inspired by Isaiah 6 where Isaiah had his vision of being taken up into heaven and placed in the presence of God. The order in which he experienced that event is where we get our order for worship, begin by glorifying God, then in God's presence, confessing our sins, then being forgiven and then responding to God's call, whom shall I send.

While following this order of responding, almost all protestant worship follows the Roman mass. Parts of the mass are adopted and either redone or rejected. Worship and theology evolve as world events determine its different aspects. Our book of Confessions was written over many years of societal development and situations. Like the Bible which was put together depending if you were Catholic or Protestant. Even the 10 commandments are different. These states that want to put them in classrooms will need to decide if they will be Catholic, {protestant or even Jewish versions. It would be better just to live the commandments rather than putting them on walls I think.

To illustrate theological development of different churches, I want to list the development of the Roman church as it evolved. Both Protestant and Catholic churches went through evolution to its present state. You might find this development interesting.

In 431, the cult of the Virgin was developed.

In 594, Purgatory was invented.

In 610, the title of Pope was invented.

In 955, the meaning of kadosh (set aside) was changed to saint.

In 1079, celibacy of priests is imposed. A totally Catholic word.

In 1090, the Rosary was imposed.

In 1184, the Inquisition was perpetuated.

In 1190, indulgences were sold.

In 1215 confessions were imposed on priests.

In 1216 Pope Innocence III's ill tale of terror of bread, (a god in Greek mythology) which turns to human flesh, was invented.

In 1439, the non-existent Purgatory was dogmatized.

In 1854, the immaculate conception was invented.

In 1870, the infallibility of the pope was established.

Very interesting at how all these things were developed. All for good reasons I guess.

The Presbyterian motto from the Reformation is "once reformed, always reforming." We remain a "work in progress." That's what it means to be led by the Spirit of God. Change will always be part of our church evolution. We may not like it or even understand it but we trust it's of God's doing. We will never be bored, after all, the church is the Bride of Christ!

Peace,
C.O. Magee

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July Calendar



“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God.”

1 John 3:1

find
JOY
in the
ORDINARY



Ongoing Prayers : Patty Costanzo, Jill Wheatley, Jack Barker, Leticia Delgado, Orlando Ramirez, Tammy Robinson, Stephanie Elkins, Greg McGhee, Roger Hawkins, Marilyn & Dan Thomas, Irene Peltier, Geri Ebert, Wayne Williams, Jill Wheatley & Family, Kathryn Wilkerson, Darrin Scopel, and Colton Rogers

Immediate Concerns:

The Hunt Family, the Family of Rick Wells, the Mallet Family, the Family of Mona Carter, and the Family of Oscar Voigt. .

Please call the church office with updates.

July Birthdays

7 Lucas Meystedt
11 Chloe Davis
Lucile Beasley
Owen Wilson
13 Brandi Bowers
Mandi Odom



16 Edith Rockwell
17 Scott Thomas
20 David Williams
26 Raia Stanley
27 Lily Bower

Mission Sale

Donations are being accepted for the **Summer Mission Sale** that will take place on Saturday, July 20th, 8 am - 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Accepted items should be gently used and may include tools, kitchen ware, household objects, toys, bags and purses, and small electronics in working condition.

In addition to clothing and shoes, we are no longer accepting books, DVD's, and VHS tapes.

You may donate your treasures Monday - Thursday, 9:00a - 3:00p. If you need any assistance, please call the church office, 281-585-3406, before dropping off your donations. Remember that the proceeds from this sale will supplement the offerings collected for our local and world outreach efforts. These include Clothing Outlet/School Supplies, Heifer Project, American Cancer Society, the Women's Center of Brazoria County, Joy Gift Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Christmas families, Peace and Global Witness Offering, and Pentecost Offering. Thank you for your help.





School Supplies 2024-2025

As you might know, every year we partner with Alvin ISD, the Alvin Area Retired School Personnel, LS Church, and many other community organizations to provide thousands of Alvin ISD students in need with backpacks and school supplies to start off their academic year ready to learn.

This year, we will be sorting, stuffing, and distributing the backpacks and supplies at the **Lewis Lane Center located at 7400 Lewis Lane. Manvel, TX 77511** and we need volunteers to help us accomplish these tasks.

We need volunteers on these dates:

Week of Jul 29 - Aug 1-sorting supplies, stuffing backpacks

August 6th - DISTRIBUTION DAY (Drive thru event)

An online registration link will be provided after July 8th. Please let Mandi know if you are interested in helping on any of these days. She will make sure you get the link or assist you in registering to assist with either event.

New Member Potluck Luncheon

On Sunday, July 14th, we will celebrate our new members with a Potluck Luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish to share with the congregation during Fellowship.

Welcome
New Members



"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8



IS YOUR CHILD IN NEED OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?

Vouchers for OPERATION BACKPACK 2024 will be available at every Alvin ISD Campus
July 8- July 26.

This year we will offer two distribution days:

MAIN DISTRIBUTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

**9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
OR
4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

**ALVIN ISD LEWIS LANE CENTER
7400 LEWIS LANE
MANVEL, TX. 77578
(OLD EC MASON ELEMENTARY)**



HUB DISTRIBUTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

**WITH HOUSTON FOOD BANK MOBILE
FOOD PANTRY
(ONLY FIRST 800 STUDENTS)**

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

**GRACE EPISCOPAL
200 W LANG STREET
ALVIN, TX 77511**

In order to participate:

1. Go to any Alvin ISD campus
2. Request a School Supplies Voucher from the front office.
3. If you have multiple children, you need to get **ONE VOUCHER FOR EACH CHILD** (You may pick up all vouchers at one campus) -
4. The day of the event, bring the voucher(s) to get the backpack and supplies.

VOUCHERS MUST BE PRESENTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION DAY

Event organized by



ALVIN ISD
Each student, every day.

In partnership with local community organizations

¿NECESITA ÚTILES ESCOLARES PARA SUS HIJOS PARA EL PRÓXIMO AÑO ESCOLAR?

Los cupones para la
OPERACIÓN MOCHILA 2024
estarán disponibles en cada
escuela de Alvin ISD del
8 al 26 de julio.

**Este año ofreceremos dos días
de distribución:**

DISTRIBUCION PRINCIPAL

MARTES, 6 DE AGOSTO, 2024

**9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
O
4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

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DISTRIBUCION SECUNDARIA

SABADO, 3 DE AGOSTO, 2024

**CON DISTRIBUCION DE COMIDA -
HOUSTON FOOD BANK
(SOLO PARA 800 ESTUDIANTES)**

**9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.
GRACE EPISCOPAL
200 W LANG STREET
ALVIN, TX 77511**

Para participar:

1. Vaya a cualquier campus de Alvin ISD.
2. Solicite un cupón de Útiles Escolares en la oficina principal.
3. Si tiene varios niños, debe obtener **UN CUPON PARA CADA NIÑO** (puede recoger todos los cupones en un solo campus) -
4. El día del evento, traiga los cupones para recibir la mochila y los útiles.

LOS CUPONES DEBERAN SER PRESENTADOS EL DIA DE LA DISTRIBUCIÓN.

Evento organizado por

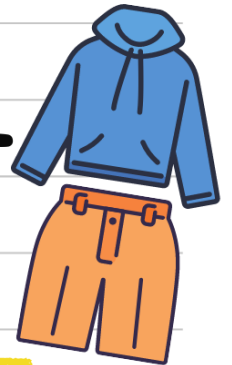


ALVINISD
Each student, every day.

En colaboracion con organizaciones comunitarias locales



BACK TO SCHOOL CLOTHING GIVE AWAY

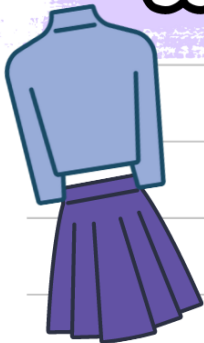


Monday, July 29th 4pm-6pm

Wednesday, July 31st 4pm-6pm

Friday, August 2nd 9am-12pm

Saturday, August 3rd 9am-12pm



**302 South Johnson St
Alvin, Texas 77511
In the Clothing Outlet**



**School Starts
on August 2024**





DONATE YOUR BLOOD,
**SAVE A LIFE
TODAY.**

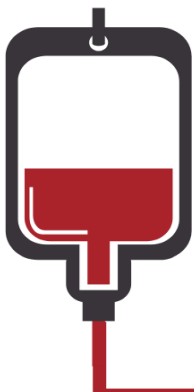
Your blood can save lives.
Let's make a difference.

**Fellowship
Hall**

**Sunday
August 18th**

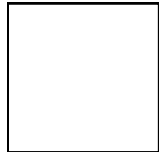
**9:30a-
2:00p**

**Register Today @
Schedule my appointment
or Call 281-585-3406**



GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Giving blood is crucial to
save people's lives & make
sure blood is available
when it's needed



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Address Service Requested

**Please notify the church office
of any change of address or
telephone number.**



Elder of the Month — Jason Elkins

*"The First Presbyterian Church of Alvin has been called by God and organized to
share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in our community and world."*

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