

First Presbyterian Church of Alvin



Press Bytes



To the Saints at First Presbyterian:

Greetings. As I write this message, it is Maundy Thursday, a significant day in Holy Week. To get to the resurrection, one must go through several agonizing events. Maundy Thursday is one of them followed by Good Friday and finally Easter and the empty tomb where Jesus was buried for three days before resurrection.

Easter is the foundation of the Christian faith. Resurrection is what significantly makes us Christian. If every doctrine of our faith was removed, resurrection would have to remain if we are to be who we say we are. Resurrection is what we are about. It is why we worship on Sundays. Sabbath is Friday and three days later is Sunday, resurrection day.

Ann Weems has written a book entitled, Kneeling in Jerusalem. She has a poem about Holy week and Easter. I'd like to share some of it with you.

She writes: "Holy is the week...Holy, consecrated, belonging to God... We move from hosannas to horror with the predictable ease of those who know not what they do.

Our hosannas sung; our palms waved, let us go with passion into this week. It is time to curse the fig trees that do not yield fruit. It is time to cleanse our temples of blasphemy... It is time for preparation. The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us. The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent. Eat, drink, remember. On this night of nights, each one must ask, as we dip our bread in the wine, "Is It I?" And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand beneath the tree and watch the dying if we are to be there when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday. Only then will the alleluias be sung: only then will the dancing begin."

I can't really imagine what it would be like to be crucified. It is truly a terribly horrible death. Jesus wasn't given the dignity of a Roman death. Only the lowest of society suffered the cross.

Jesus paid the full price of our salvation. We can live because Jesus died, took our place. Our relationship with God was sealed. While this Easter, we come to church as we have for many years, Easter never loses it's meaning.

I hope this Easter will be a time of renewal and recommitment to our resurrected Lord. From death came life. It's out pilgrimage too.

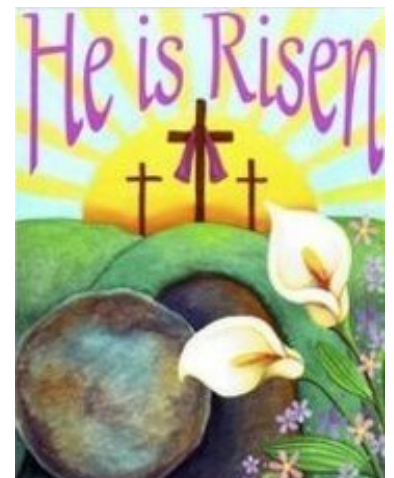
Peace,

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Ongoing Prayers: Kristy Myers, Patty Costanzo, Geri Ebert, Howard Pittman, Brandi Bowers, Wayne Williams, Nancy Williams, Barbara Williams, Audrey Roles, Joseph Morales, the , Amy, and Taylor Bear.

Immediate Concerns: The Family of Dan Stinson.

Please call the church office with updates.

Elder of the Month ~ Janet DeLeon
Refreshments ~ Education

April Birthdays

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| 1 Alana Andreas | 11 Audrie Gondesen |
| 3 Sheila Follmar | 14 Alan Ruskey |
| 4 Brenda Magee | 17 Jo Myers |
| 5 Amber Bennett | 19 Ruth Frerking |
| 8 Natalie Aparicio | 22 Eric Grimmatt |
| 10 Christopher Odom | 23 Shirley Brothers |
| | 29 Jim Dallas |

SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual Mission Sale will be Saturday, July 20, 2024

Donations are now 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 any time before July 16th. If you need any assistance, or need to drop off your donations please call the church office, 281-585-3406. 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.

“We love Him
because
He first loved
us.”

1 John 4: 9-10



Save the Date!!

Vacation Bible School will be June 17-21 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. The theme is Camp Firelight. Adrienne Thomas is the 2024 VBS director. Mark the date on your calendars now. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.



Register @

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Vouchers are available for those with needs such as job changes, homelessness, fire at home or relocation.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED ANYTIME

Hours of Operation

Mornings:

Wednesday	9:00am - Noon
Saturday	9:00am - Noon

Evenings:

Monday	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday	6:00pm - 8:00pm



Do you have a child or grandchild graduating this school year? Please let Mandi Odom or Barbara Bennett know as soon as possible.

Thank you!!

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Brenda's 60TH BIRTHDAY Party

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH ~ 3PM-7PM
TOPWATER GRILL - COVERED PAVILLION
 Beach Theme

RSVP
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“Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”

Romans 12: 11-12



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