

First Presbyterian Church of Alvin

Press Bytes



To the Saints at First Presbyterian:

Greetings. Hope all of you are staying as cool as possible this summer. Looks like it will be a rough one with terribly high heat. Global warming is certainly taking its toll on planet earth. Both the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico are very “hot” according to meteorologist and folks who study things like this. That means the hurricanes will be very large. Growing up we had categories 2-3. Don’t really remember anything larger. Today they are category 4-5. Oceans are too “hot”. Really need to get a grip on how we humans are part of the problem.

As we move through the summer, the Session has made available a form all of you need to examine and fill out. It’s a form that will tell the Session and all of you what qualities you desire in your future pastor. You will have several choices but unfortunately it may all boil down to finances. Installed pastors are a lot more expensive than Stated Supply’s. The reason being that installed pastors are connected to the Board of Pensions and that means retirement and medical expenses goes through them. Don’t know if there is an option to adjust these requirements. That’s something I will check out. The person who represents the Board is a personal friend. I don’t know if one can be installed for a part time call and avoid the full Board of Pensions requirements.

The main difference besides finances and time committed to church is that an installed pastor is called by the congregation and is usually full time. A Stated Supply is called by Session and can have different time commitments. I am committed to a 20-hour week. Over 20 hours I will need to go through the Board. Also, Social Security payments stop over 20 hours. Gets kinda crazy.

All these things will be worked out and you will have a clear path to what you might want and need for your next pastor.

As Stated Supply, my only job was to fix any problems the church might have, don’t do anything new, “hold down the fort” and work to get you a new installed pastor.

Covid and budget strains pretty much changed that process. I really enjoy being here with you but it’s not about me. I will be with you though until you have decided and called a new person. That process might take awhile. 8 churches in the Presbytery are seeking new pastors. All but one is a part time commitment. I suspect finances are playing a large part in their search. All these churches did have full time pastors.

Don’t be discouraged though. You have so much to offer a new person. I really don’t think you will have a long search, but I don’t know what it’s like “out there”. I haven’t been on the Committee on Ministry in a long time.

Our Lord will let all of us know when the time is right and who will join you in future ministry. Until then, let’s be the people God has called us to be. Live, Love and Rejoice in God’s providence. The future awaits!!

Peace,

C.O.

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July Calendar



Ongoing Prayers : Kristy Myers, Kathryn Wilkerson, Brooklyn Palavicini, Ron DeWalt, Kaye McDonald, Alice Ledet, Sissy Gross, Barbara Passmore, Margie Hill, Mike Luedde, Ampano Valdez, Nolan Cernosek, Cole Pitts, Buddy Ruskey, Margie Hill, and Lucy Hatherill.

Immediate Concerns: The Family of James Conner, and the Family of Betty Faulkner .

Please call the church office with updates.

July Birthdays

- 5 Ashley Burke
- 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 22nd, 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.

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

1 John 3:1

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School Supplies 2023-2024

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 and times:

Week of July 24 - July 27-sorting supplies, stuffing backpacks-10am-12pm or 4pm-6pm

August 1st - DISTRIBUTION DAY (Drive thru event) 8:15am - 12pm or 3:15pm - 6pm

Please take a moment to fill out the form below to indicate what day and time you will be volunteering. Please make sure to leave us accurate contact information in case we need to notify you of any changes in the schedule.

[OPERATION BACKPACK VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

If you need assistance signing up, please call Mandi in the office. 281-585-3406

Food Pantry

The first Sunday of every month we ask for a donation from the congregation for the Alvin/Manvel Community Food Pantry. Please remind yourself to bring a few items from your pantry to help fill this need. Items can be canned meat, cereal, canned vegetables, or peanut butter. Monetary donations may also be given.

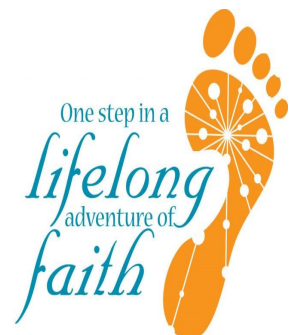


Thank You!



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

Romans 5:8



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"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."

Elder of the Month — Marisa Pearce



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

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