

First Presbyterian Church of Alvin

Press Bytes



To the Saints at First Presbyterian

Greetings:

One of my favorite people, in this world, was Gandhi. He was a very humble and smart person among other great qualities. He was a very simple man in his life style, but very structured and organized man in his intelligence. He saw human needs and injustices and went about changing the culture that produced them that led to human suffering.

We all know him for liberating his home nation India from British control using pacifistic methods of non-violence. It was amazing to see what could actually take place in a national struggle using his methods. We usually think violence and force accomplishes change; large armies and sophisticated weapons used against those we want to change. How could non-violence possibly accomplish those ends?

In struggling against the might of England, he simply refused to use violence. He used other means like economic methods that hit pocketbooks and personal suffering that evoked compassion in people's hearts.

He developed ways for people to make their own clothes instead of buying them from English businesses. He built a monopoly on salt that England needed and many other means to bring about change. At the same time he was in constant discussion with the political leaders of both nations. If that wasn't difficult enough, he had to balance power with the Muslims in India as he was Hindu. So much can be said about this great man. Volumes in books have been written, as well as a movie about him.

As he experienced life, he developed what he called "Seven Deadly Social Sins". Let me share them with you.

1. Politics without principle,
2. Wealth without work,
3. Commerce without morality,
4. Pleasure without conscience,
5. Education without character,
6. Science without humanity,
7. Worship without sacrifice.

I think about what life would be like in our country if we adopted these great principles. We have so many opportunities to make good decisions for ourselves and our nation. It seems though, we make the wrong ones that benefit just a few.

Before we change the world, we need to see if we need to change ourselves. That was the philosophy of my Grand Master in taekwondo. Our last pledge in class was to "build a more peaceful world". I think this is also Jesus' teaching for he offered folks a chance to change their lives. Repent means to "turn around", to go the other direction.

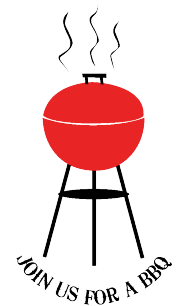
Gandhi was shot to death by a person who couldn't go along with Gandhi's philosophy. Jesus gave up his life also for the same reason: justice and righteousness.

It's never too late and we always have hope. God is indeed working His purpose out as one of our hymns describes, for God is the God of All nations and His will, will be done.

Peace,
C.O.

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Join us next month for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) Celebration!

To Mars and Beyond VBS invites Voyagers of all ages on a space travel adventure to explore where God's power can take them! Along the journey, Voyagers discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God!

Our voyage begins Monday, July 8th at 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and goes through Friday, July 12th at FPC. Come join the out of this world experience for children Pre-K through 5th grade. The adventure includes energizing music, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, delicious snacks, great games and more.

To be a part of all the fun, complete the registration form online at <https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/FPCAlvin>. You may also register by phone by calling the church office 281-585-3406. If you have any questions, please call the church office or Adrienne Thomas at 281-799-1468.

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at VBS. It will be a memorable experience!

Upcoming Events

June

- 2 - Ayla Busscher Bake Sale
Fundraiser during Fellowship
- 9 - Pentecost Sunday
(Please wear **RED**)
- 16 - Father's Day
- 22 - Church BBQ/Fun Day
10am-3pm

July

- 4 - Independence Day
- 8-12 - Vacation Bible School
- 20 - Mission Sale

August

- 18 - Genesis Sunday



- June 1 Helen Escobedo
- June 2 Janet DeLeon
- June 6 Faye Steckert
- June 9 Chris Pounds
- June 10 Caleb Petty
- June 12 Joann Froberg
- June 20 Marion Rowsey
- June 21 Louisa Vera
- June 23 Adrienne Thomas
- June 24 Randy Phipps
- June 25 Rhonda Newell
- June 25 Melissa Pounds
- June 26 Braiden Anderson
- June 27 Ingrid Holdorff
- June 30 Sue Kelso

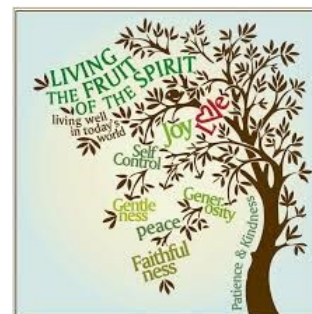
Vacation Bible School 2019 Needs your Help!!

Every year our congregation is most generous in their support of Vacation Bible School (VBS). We are so grateful for your assistance in making sure that VBS is successful year after year. A list of needed supplies or donations for VBS will start appearing soon in the church narthex. If you are able to help us, please take a moment to look over the list and sign up.



We are also in need of volunteers to help with VBS. If you are able to help one day, two days, just a few hours or the entire time, please sign up in the narthex or online at <https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/FPCAlvin> or contact the office or Adrienne Thomas at 281-799-1468. We are very flexible with any time you may give us.

Your help is much appreciated and will ensure that VBS will be a memorable experience for all the children. Thank you for your continued support of VBS!



2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNIZED



Caden Petty
Friendswood High School

Activities: Theater
Baseball

Plans: College to be a baseball Coach

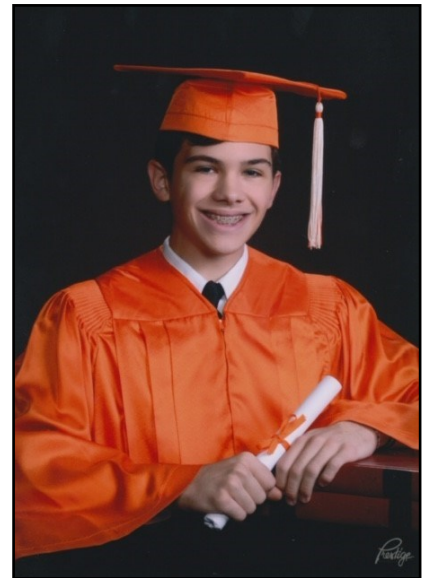


Bryce Pannell
Alvin High School

Activities: Photography
AP Design

Art into the Contemporary
Arts Museum in Houston

Plans: Alvin Community College
Bigger College to Major in Sociology



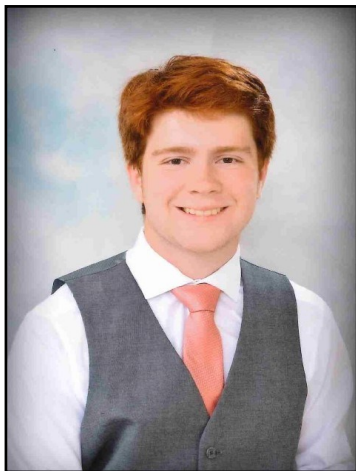
Ethan Elkins
Dickinson High School

Activities: Certified Nurse Assistant

Lettered in Marching Band - Clarinet 🎵
Member & Former Officer of the VFW
Auxillary

Plans: College to become a Registered Nurse





Jake Rich
 Friendswood High School
 Activities: Varsity Football
 Plans: Degree in Communications



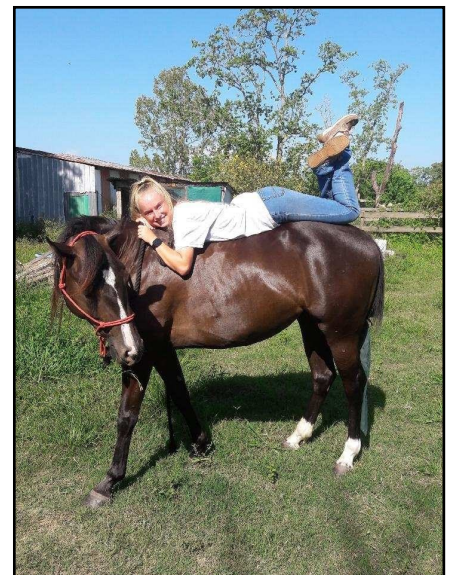
Haley Stevens
 Alvin High School
 Activities: Skating/Roller Derby
 Art & Sewing
 Straight A's for 3 years
 Plans: Alvin Community College



Sara Rose Costanzo
 Alvin High School
 Activities: Track
 Volunteering
 Work Part-time
 Plans: Alvin Community College



Aleathia Rakowitz
 Alvin High School
 Activities: FFA
 Training Horses
 Work for Habitat for Horses
 Loves to play Volleyball
 Plans: Attend West Texas A&M
 for an Equine Science Degree





Ongoing Prayers Kathryn Wilkerson, Belinda Busscher, Barbara Passmore, Lewis & Edith Rockwell, Bill Pannell, Louisa Vera, Cathy Gross, Joe Rossano, Dave Powledge, Nancy Williams, Ralph Varenkamp, John Shaw, Cody Langley, Brandy Brooks, Candice Strong, Pat Carpenter, Linda Estes, Janette Arterburn, Cheryl Martin, Margie Martin, Maurdine Moffet, Roy Case, Genie Hayes, Margaret Gibson, Shirley Brothers, Ashley Burns, Avery Jones, and Alan Gray.

Immediate Concerns : Johnnie Martin, and Joan Rossano

Please call the church office with updates.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

☪ June 9th is Pentecost Sunday, we are participating, along with many churches from several different denominations. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, you are helping to provide opportunities for young people to grow and share their faith in Christ.

40% stays with our congregation to develop and support programs for young people in your own church and community. 25% supports Young Adult

Volunteers (YAV). This provides opportunities for young adults to serve communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% goes to Ministries with Youth to help guide our youth by uniting them in Christ and lifting them up as leaders and messengers of God's word.

10% advocates for at-risk children by supporting vital ministries helping to improve education and provide safe havens for children.

As always, we thank you for your generous support.

☪ On the first Sunday of the month, we receive **non-perishable food items** which are given to the Alvin/Manvel Food Pantry.

☪ Our Summer Mission Sale will be held on Saturday, July 20th in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently collecting donations. Please contact the church office about dropping off your gently used treasures. **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 and VHS tapes. Please call the church office, 281-585-3406, before dropping off your donations.



PENTECOST

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS



Bible Pathway Adventures

BIBLE QUIZ

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

Match the question with the answer on the right.

Questions

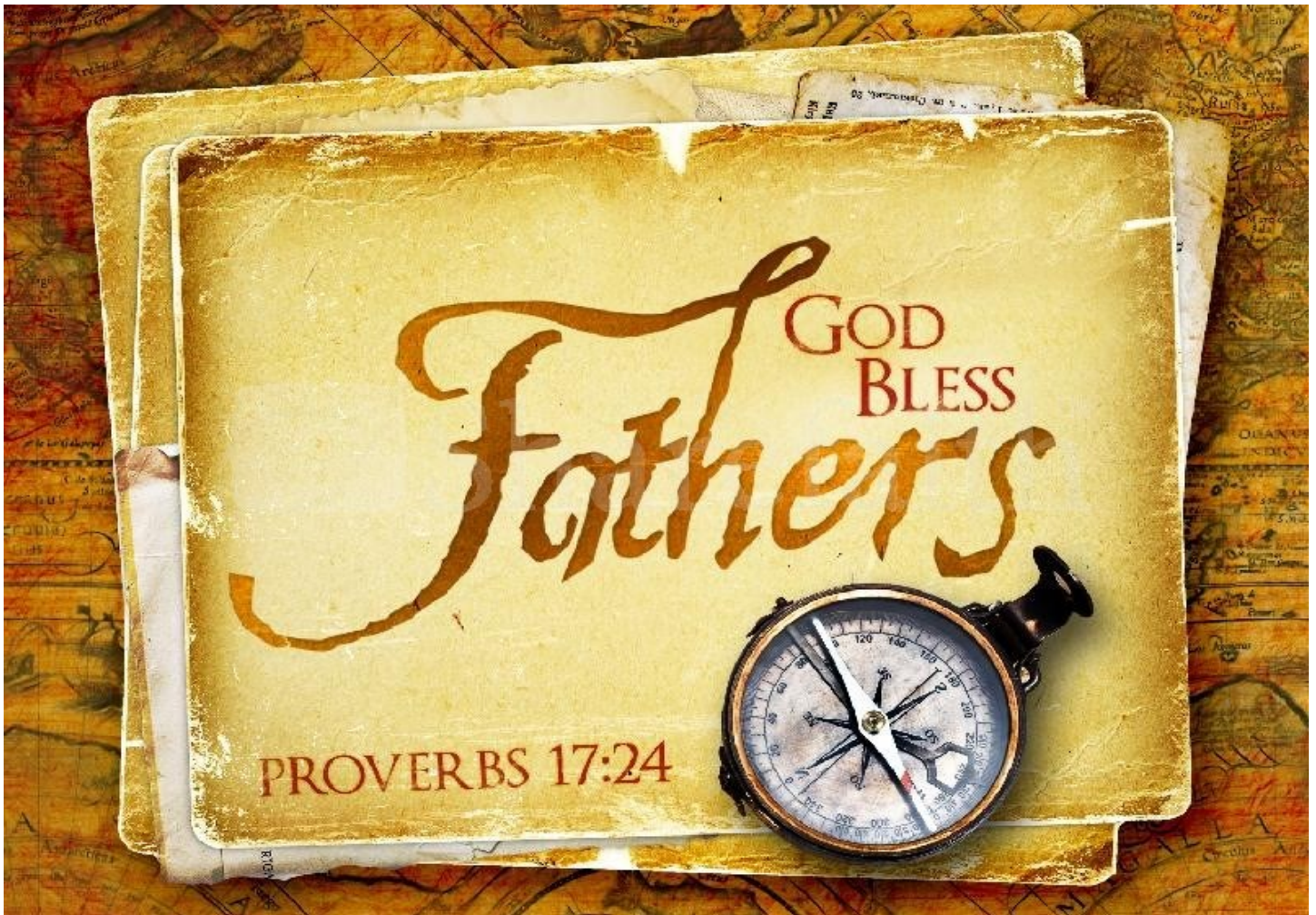
- ___ Who was the father of Abraham?
- ___ Whose father was so pleased to see him that he killed a fatted calf?
- ___ Who was the earthly father of Yeshua?
- ___ Which father asked Yeshua to help his daughter who was dying?
- ___ Who stole her father's household gods?
- ___ What nationality was Timothy's father?
- ___ Who was the father of John the Baptist (Immerser)?
- ___ Who was the father of Solomon?
- ___ Whose father was prepared to sacrifice him on an altar?
- ___ Which commandment says to honor your father and mother?

Answers

1. Fifth
2. Isaac
3. Greek
4. Terah
5. David
6. Rachel
7. Zechariah
8. Jairus
9. Joseph
10. Prodigal son

Elder of the Month — Jason Elkins

Refreshments for — Education



"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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