

First Presbyterian Church of Alvin

Press Bytes



To the Saints at First Presbyterian Church:

Greetings. As we experienced the horrors of Uvalde, 14 more shootings have occurred since in less than a week. We are drowning in a sea of weapons and a lot of very innocent people are being killed. We have created a society where no one or no place is safe. More and more guns are not making our world safer. It's making it worse.

What has caused this shift in society where before, we had reasonable laws concerning weapons and fewer people were shot to the present attitude that anyone no matter who you might be can just walk in and get any weapon you want. It use to not be that way.

It seems to me to be a shift in our relations with each other. We have built up a fear about our neighbor and believe arming ourselves is the answer. That has caused major divisions in our society and an angry, fearful society.

One of our creeds, The Confession of 1967, which is in our Book of Confessions was written to deal with the division in our country during the upheaval of the 60's. The theme of the confession is Reconciliation. It is very relevant to us today. Let me share just a few parts of this confession. I will be drawing from several parts of the written statement.

"Jesus is the eternal Son of the Father, who became man and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and completer his mission." Christ is the reconciler from God to complete God's mission to reconcile all humanity to Him. Christ was sent to do this.

"In God's reconciling work Christ exposes the evil in men as sin in the sight of God. In sin, men claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and their fellow men and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair and isolation."

"The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of man on cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when those same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than man's schemes will finally prevail"

"To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his born of this hope reconciling community. The community, the church is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation."

Finally, "God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of man's life: social, cultural, economic, political, scientific, and technological. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world."

Reconciliation is the answer to all the fear and violence. As Presbyterians we are bid to be agents of reconciliation. That is a mission of the church and who we are by God's spirit. If we are to arm ourselves, arm ourselves with God's love

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“Shout joyfully to God, all the ear; Sing the gloty of His name; Make His praise glorious.”

Psalm 86 1-2



and grace to our neighbors. Violence, weapons, hate, fear will only lead to destruction of our society and nation. Look at what it has already done in our world today. The way of our Lord is the only way for those in Christ.

Peace,

C.O. Magee



A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Our mission team has chosen Upbring Head Start to receive our 40%.



Summer Mission Sale

Donations are now being accepted for the Summer Mission Sale that will take place on Saturday, July 23rd, 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 June 24th. 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, Relay for Life, 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.



July 23rd
8am-2pm



Ongoing Prayers : Kristy Myers, Jill Wheatley, Evelyn Robison, Patty Costanzo, Sara Pannell, Rachel Flores, John Shaw, Ayla Busscher, Kaye McDonald & her son, Katie Ayres, Brittany Elliott, Betty Montgomery, Linda Allen, Abbie Farris, Faye Steckert, Bob Skeen,

Keith Davis, Sandra Ivey, Judy Benson-Boren, Jim & Connie O’Neal, and the People of Ukraine.

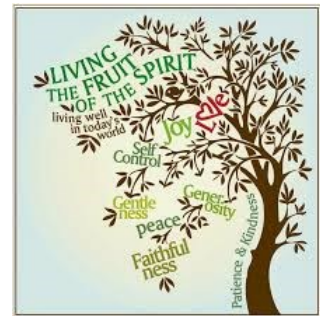
Immediate Concerns : The family of Henrietta Meyer.

Please call the church office with updates.

Elder of the Month - Buddy Ruskey



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 22	Samantha Lewis
June 23	Adrienne Thomas	June 24	Randy Phipps
June 25	Rhonda Newell	June 25	Geoffrey Lewis
June 25	Melissa Pounds	June 26	Braiden Anderson
June 27	Barbara Lewis	June 30	Sue Kelso





Graduating Seniors

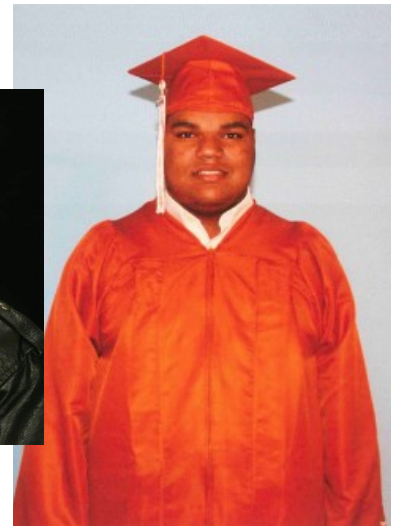


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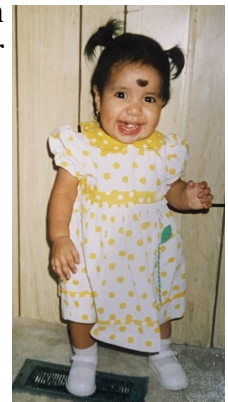
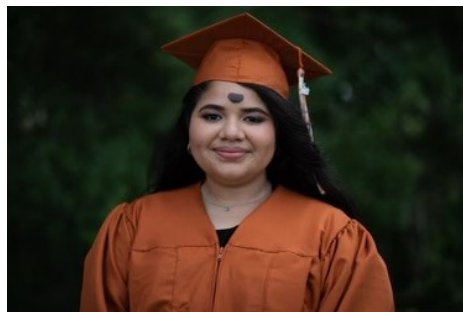
Madeleine Rose Geiman, daughter of Brandy and Scott Geiman and granddaughter of Martha and Randy Phipps, graduated top 12 in her class from Alvin High School on May 26. She was All State Academic and top 10%. She was a member of National Honor Society and a four-year varsity soccer player. Maddie plans to attend Sam Houston State University majoring in Education and Kinesiology.



Andrew Hunt, son of Brandi Bowers and Bishop Hunt, graduated from Alvin High School on May 26. While attending AHS he received his Culinary Arts certification. He was a member of the Gaming Club and Sewing Club. He plans to attend Alvin Community College for his basic courses and to work to save money to attend art school in California.



Natalie Limon, daughter of Natalie Limon and Ramiro Limon, graduated from Alvin High School on May 26 with thirteen years of perfect attendance. While attending AHS she earned her certification as a Veterinary Assistant. She was vice president of Student Council, historian of Hispanic Leadership Organization (HALO) and class of 2022 representative of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Club. She also was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, HOSA, Jackets Against Vaping and Addiction, Upward Bound with Alvin Community College and Dog Training with JB Hensler College and Career Academy. Natalie accumulated 400 community volunteer hours helping at the Clothing Outlet, Alvin library and other community programs. She plans to attend Texas A&M Kingsville to pursue a career in veterinary medicine by becoming a veterinary technician or a small animal veterinarian.





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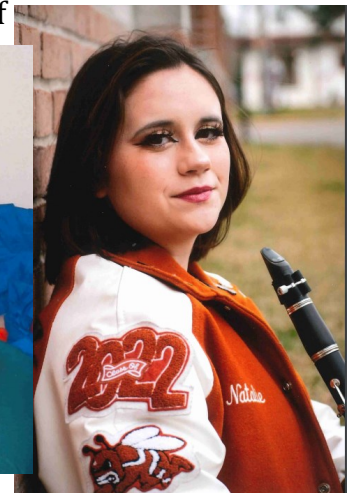
Raia Hope Stanley, daughter of Mandi Odom and Jeremiah Stanley, graduated from Alvin High School on May 26. She was a member of Color Guard for two years and participated in Junior ROTC. Raia plans to start her own cleaning business. She enjoys helping other people clean their “tough stuff” so she wants to create a business doing it.



Ashlynn Looper, daughter of Angel Pesak, graduated from Alvin High School on May 26. She was a member of National Honor Society, member of Color Guard for 3 years, and a Theatre Thespian. Her future plans include attending Alvin Community College in the fall to complete her basic coursework then apply to a university with an excellent psychology program and major in psychology. Ashlynn plans to continue working at a daycare to build a future career with children.



Natalie Aparicio, daughter of Mary and Jose Aparicio and granddaughter of Jo and Herb Myers, graduated from Alvin High School on May 26. She was president of Book Club, vice president of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and went to state for Fashion Design. She played clarinet in the AHS band and served as a section leader in the band. She worked with NASA to make items that are sent into space. Natalie plans to attend Stephen F. Austin University in the fall majoring in Marketing with a minor in Fashion Merchandising.



Congratulations
Graduates

Vacation Bible School

From a whimsical lighthouse on the tropical, enchanted Adventure Island, children (Explorers) begin their quest in search of five mysterious infinity lanterns that help light their way on the island. These lanterns are the light of Love, the light of Trust, the light of Faith, the light of Joy, and the light of Hope. WE LOVE HOW Discovery on Adventure Island encourages evangelism by teaching kids the ways God's great light shines in the lives of familiar Bible characters and shows them how the same light can be shining in their lives.

Discovery on Adventure Island addresses and represents the whole spectrum of people—ages, races, abilities, and stages of development. Each activity is developed, tested, and refined to be an engaging, age-appropriate experience to bring the word of God alive to every participant and volunteer. Discovery on Adventure Island is based on the Bible and the gospel of the living Christ.

Join Us

July 11th - July 15th

9:30am - 11:30am

Register today @ <https://forms.gle/Cqjn6fiqq8a8sWe9A>



In 1967, Grace Ward Harby had a vision to provide inexpensive, serviceable clothing to school-age children and their families. What started as a ministry in her car evolved into what is now the Clothing Outlet, located on our church campus. As it was back in Ms. Harby's day, the proceeds from the Clothing Outlet still provide school supplies for children/families in need.

Now, over 50 years later, this ministry is still going strong, and we have joined with the Alvin Independent School District, the AARSP (Alvin Area Retired School Personnel) and the Greater Houston YMCA, as well as others to better serve our community. This year, this combined group will host a drive through event at one of the AISD campuses.

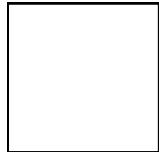
Which campus? Manvel High School. With this group effort, we hope to:

- * Provide school supplies to children who cannot afford them
- * Get the whole family involved in "serving others" in need
- * Make a difference in a child's educational experience by setting them up for success

In the past, you all were kind enough to provide glue sticks and bottles of 4 oz. glue. This year, we could use **glue sticks** (they're fairly inexpensive). Thank you!!

We will have more information regarding volunteering for packing bags as soon as it's available.

Blessings and peace.

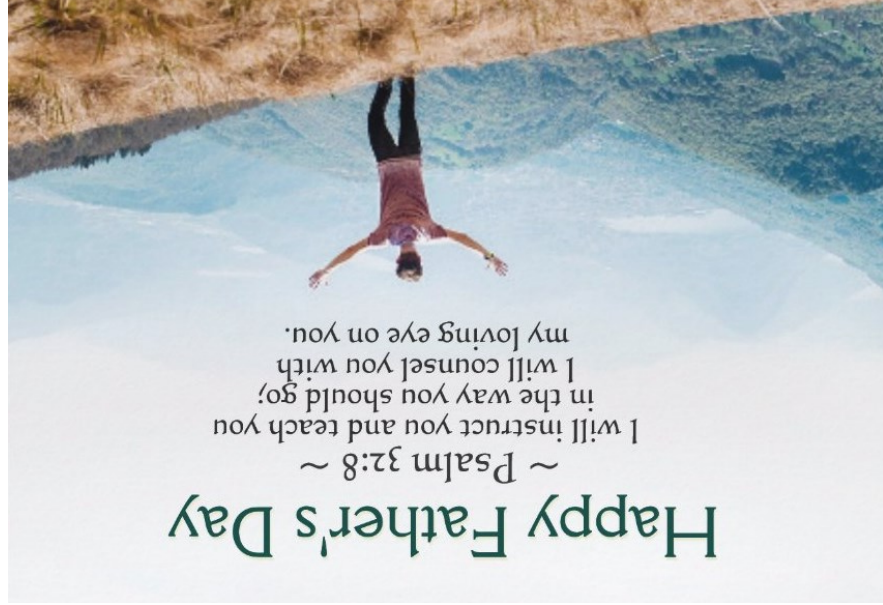


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