

First Presbyterian Church of Alvin



Press Bytes



To the Saints at First Presbyterian,

Greetings. The month of May is an exciting month for a lot of people and their families. It's graduation month for all the students who have reached that goal in their academic studies. From high school all the way to college and other pursuits of learning, the long journey is over, at least for that period of study.

I remember all my graduations. High school is a little dim since it was in 1961. LSU was perhaps the greatest since I didn't know if I would actually graduate. I had to pass my 4th semester classical Greek final. It was really frightening. Two years of a foreign language was required for the BA degree. Classical Greek is extremely difficult. There were only two of us in that 4th semester. Other students had the sense to get out! I passed and I almost wept. I would graduate!

Seminary was a relief after 3 years and an intern year in Birmingham, AL. My doctorate came after 10 years of off an on studies. Church demands were always there and time to study and spend two weeks a year on campus wasn't always possible. One year on dissertation was agonizing but it all happened. Loved my doctoral studies at Union Seminary in Richmond, VA.

Education has always been something I have always sought. I love to learn, for there is so much to learn. Ignorance isn't bliss. Knowledge without Wisdom isn't bliss either. Wisdom comes from God. The book of Proverbs has a lot to say about wisdom and knowledge. It is God centered and comes from God.

I say all this because I am very concerned about the "wisdom" of so many people today that are attacking knowledge and the institutions of learning. Kindergartens through colleges are being attacked by misinformed people who want to suppress knowledge or blame universities for what they claim to be liberal and socialistic institutions. Books have always been targets of people who want them removed from libraries. Books like Huckleberry Finn, To Kill A Mockingbird, Catcher I the Rye, and a long list of other really good books. Denying students from being informed about realities in life is wrong and dangerous. We humans do a lot of bad things by being uninformed of the realities of which we face. It's like, "don't confuse me with the facts, my mind is made up!"

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Ongoing Prayers Kristy Myers, Henrietta Meyer, Jill Wheatley, Evelyn Robison, Patty Costanzo, Mary Loreda, Sara Pannell, Rachel Flores, Eleanor Del Basso, John Shaw, Ayla Busscher, Kaye McDonald & her son, the Family of Dr. Nancy Hughes, Katie Ayres, Brittany Elliott, Betty Montgomery, Rachel Grimmett, Linda Allen, the Mills Family, Abbie Farris, Faye Steckert, Brenda Griffith, Bob Skeen, Keith Davis, Sandra Ivey, and the People of Ukraine.

Immediate Concerns : The Family of Anastasia Miller.

Please call the church office with updates.

Elder of the Month: Buddy Ruskey

Refreshments: Buildings & Grounds

An uninformed society is vulnerable to being controlled by those who want to withhold the truth and dictate whatever information they choose to perpetuate. Tyrants who are trying to overthrow a government, or take over anything, go after intellectuals, teachers and institutions of learning to secure their dominance. Propaganda and lies and distortions of the truth lead to social control. Free thinking and free speech are eliminated. Democracy is shattered. Totalitarianism is instituted,

Jesus was perpetually speaking the truth about God’s plan, who God was, and how we should be, that was a challenge to the present way of thinking in his time. It didn’t fit the way folks saw God. He even said he was the Truth. Listen to him. We didn’t and he was crucified instead on false charges and lies.

Being created in God’s image we have the ability to seek the truth and believe what we choose to believe. Suppressing the truth or denying one the right to the search for truth leads to ignorance and bad or wrong decisions.

I hope all graduates will continue their educational journey all their life and continue to learn and grow in knowledge and wisdom. We Presbyterians are very big on education. Ministers, after mandatory college and seminary, have a two-week built-in continuing education clause in their contracts with churches to go to seminars or work on a degree. Learning never stops.

God has something to teach us every day. I hope we all continue to grow in knowledge and God’s wisdom.

Peace,

C.O.

“As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you.”

Isaiah 66:13



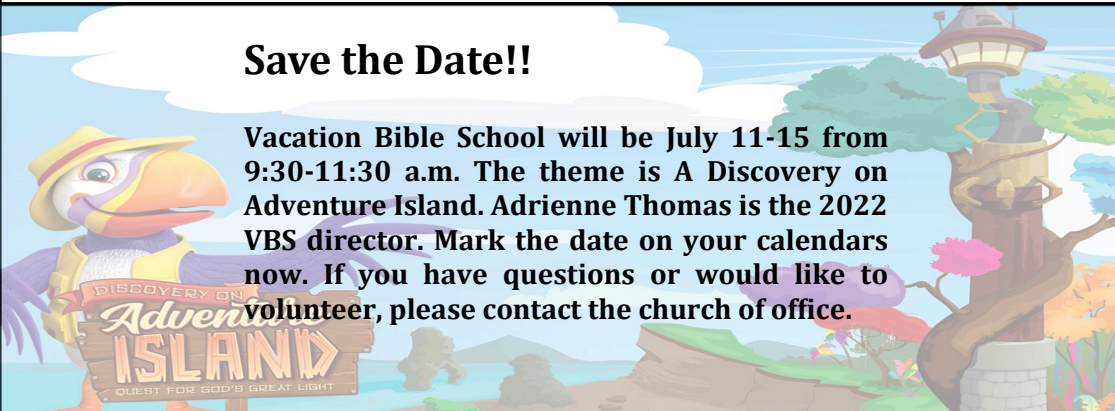
Nursery Volunteers Needed

The church is in need of members who are willing to volunteer in the nursery. A signup sheet is in the church narthex. Please prayerfully consider our need for it will help those who are already volunteering. If you have any questions contact the church office.



Save the Date!!

Vacation Bible School will be July 11-15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The theme is A Discovery on Adventure Island. Adrienne Thomas is the 2022 VBS director. Mark the date on your calendars now. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the church of office.



Education Committee Announcement

On Sunday, May 22nd, during our morning worship service we will honor our 2022 graduates who will be graduating from Alvin High School on Wednesday, May 26. We hope you can be there to congratulate them on their graduation and wish them well on their future endeavors.

“God has a great plan for you.”

Jeremiah 29:11

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 2 | Wendy McGhee | 3 | Betty Montgomery |
| 11 | Alyssa Wells | 11 | Diane Dallas |
| 15 | Lucy Pannell | 19 | Zach Thomas |
| 20 | Matt Ober | 27 | Phillip Escobedo |
| 28 | Belinda Busscher | | |



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