



Press Bytes

To the Saints at First Presbyterian:

Greetings. They say things will get worse before they get better. The Middle East is on fire and it is effecting us here in the good 'ol USA. We see demonstrations for and against the two forces at war. The middle east war is now in our neighborhood.

This is an ancient war that has been going on for centuries. Originally, the middle east was home for Jews and Christians. Mohammed tried to unite the Arab countries against the West but couldn't do it politically. So he received these gold tablets that was to become Islam. The religion united the Middle East and Islam began to take over the entire region. One had to submit to Islam or leave or be put to death. Not much room for dissention. The great capital of Eastern Christianity was Constantinople. It fell also and name was changed to Istambul. The Islamic conquest continued into Europe and was finally stopped in Spain. Islam has an agenda to make the entire world Islamic. That's the goal of Hamas. There is no room for anyone but Hamas Muslims in Israel. Genocide is their goal, complete annihilation of Jews and anyone else who isn't converted.

When Israel was formed after the two world wars, an attempt was made to establish a Palestinian state. The middle east countries vetoed the idea. They didn't want a Palestine state. They aren't helping the Palestine people even today. Sending weapons to kill Jews isn't helping the people there. Hamas hides their weapons in hospitals, schools, neighborhoods so when their enemies come to eliminate them, innocent people are killed. They don't care.

All this puts us Christians in a tough spot. We pray for peace but like Jeremaih, you cry peace, peace but there is no peace. I'm not sure where all this will lead, but I think Israel will do all it can to totally eliminate Hamas who after being elected to lead the Palestinians, became ruthless and non-caring of the very people who elected them.

We will continue to pray for peace, but there is evil in our world as we know. There will always be evil but God has overcome evil with Jesus who brought peace and the way we can live together. It's all up to us to make the right decisions. May the Holy Spirit help us to make those right decisions and may peace come to al of us around the world.

Peace,

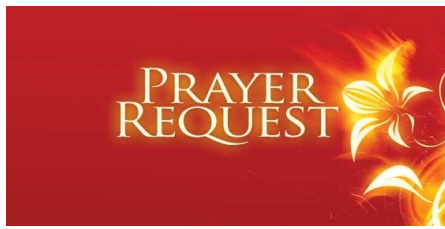
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Ongoing Prayers

Kristy Myers, Joe Martin, Irene Peltier, Jerry McGehee, Bill Pannell, Trevor Lemoine, Mary Bassett, Kathryn Wilkerson, and Margie Hill.

Immediate Concerns : The Family of Chad Simpson, the Family of Wade Vance, the Family of Mary Del Basso, the Family of Vincent Sorrentino, and the Family & Friends of Ralph Slavey.

Please call the church office with updates.

Elder of the Month - Randy Phipps
Refreshments - Mission & Outreach

Pumpkin Carving Fun



Thanks to everyone for participating!

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

Psalm 30:11-12



A Time of Remembrance



Sunday, November 5, 2023 is All Saint's Sunday

During the morning worship service we will have a time of remembrance for those church members, and those close to our church members, who have passed away this past year.

Members:

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| Pamela Bates | Betty Faulkner |
| Gladys McKissick | Lucy Pannell |
| Evelyn Robison | Wade Vance |

Those close to us:

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| Paylen Alaniz | Gene Calkins | Brandy Carlson |
| James Conner | Mary Delassandro | |
| Nolan Garrett | Brandy Johnson | Alex Jones |
| John Landers | Terry Lynn Reyes | |
| Cindy Roberts | Mary Del Basso | |

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

Daylight Savings Time ends November 5TH



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Debbie Nance**
- 2 **Barbara Bennett**
- 4 **Max Gondesen**
- 4 **Scott Gondesen**
- 6 **Morgan Stanley**
- 8 **Rhonda Ashcraft**
- 9 **Clayton Ruskey**
- 14 **Lisa McCalla**
- 16 **Sara Pannell**
- 21 **Annette Williams**

ALVIN FOOD PANTRY

The first Sunday of every month we ask for a donation from the congregation for the Alvin Food Pantry. The next two months 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!

THE BAY AREA CHORUS OF GREATER HOUSTON PRESENTS

A Simple Gift of Music: Honoring our Veterans

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 7 PM
UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 | 4 PM
GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH



Tickets at bayareachorus.org
Veterans and active duty military admitted free
Adults \$20 | Seniors 65+ \$15 | Students \$15

THE BAY AREA CHORUS OF GREATER HOUSTON PRESENTS

The Joyful Sounds of Christmas

Saturday, December 2 | 4 PM
South Main Baptist Church Pasadena

Sunday, December 3 | 4 PM
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



TICKETS AT
BAYAREACHORUS.ORG OR USE
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Season of Advent

We will begin this festive season in preparation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ during worship on Sunday, December 3rd. The sanctuary will be adorned with the beginnings of the seasonal decorations, and we will complete the decorating with our Hanging of the Greens throughout service. It is a joyful time when we, as a church family, decorate the tree with Chrismons and remember and honor loved ones with the poinsettias. Be sure to be a part of these services.

We will continue with the Advent worship services each Sunday as we approach Christmas.



UPCOMING DATES !

Mark Your Calendar

- November 17 Session Meeting
- November 20 Have your Poinsettia Sponsored
- December 3 Hanging of the Greens
- December 9 Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

SHARING OUR TIME, TREASURE, AND TALENTS WITH THE MISSION & OUTREACH TEAM

during this Season of Love, Peace, Joy & Hope

Christmas Families

We would like to help families for Christmas again this year. You may chose a from the church wall or give a monetary donations in anticipation of helping at least 4 families. We will be collecting toys and/or money through December 10th. This is an awesome opportunity to bring joy to those who would otherwise do without at this time of the year. Thank you!



Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Our congregation has committed to stand beside the Salvation Army red kettle in front of the Alvin Walmart and ring the bell on Saturday, December 10th, between 2:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm. in shifts of one hour. The sign-up sheet is available in the church narthex. Sign up as soon as possible to guarantee that you get the time slot you want. Thank you for committing one hour of your Saturday for this outreach ministry.



Joy Gift Offering

Over the recent months we have seen first hand the real hands-on things that our special offerings do and the people they help! As a church family we responded to the Peacemaking & Global Witness Offering with commitment. Now as we approach the Season of Advent we focus on the Joy Gift Offering.



VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Ring a bell...help change a life

WHAT DOES THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING DO?

SUPPORT OUR PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

***“Moses said, ‘Show me your glory, I pray.’”
Exodus 33:18***



November - Alzheimer's Awareness Month

In October, both the City of Alvin and the City of Pearland proclaimed the month of November as Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

The Alzheimer's Association states: 10.7% of people over 65 have Alzheimer's and 8% have Mild Cognitive Impairment.

FREE Memory Screenings
County Libraries (Alvin, Angleton, Brazoria, & Lake Jackson)
November 13th - 18th 10:30 am - 5:30 pm



Presentation of Bibles

Each year we give a bible to our 3rd graders. This year bibles were presented to Sarah Thomas and Gavin Pearce on September 24th by Ruth Frerking. We love you and can't wait to see your journey with Christ.



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:

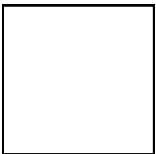
Monday 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday 6:00pm - 8:00pm

This year, you will be able to sponsor poinsettias to remember and honor your loved ones. Instead of asking for a specific price, we're asking for a love donation. This year the proceeds from the poinsettia sales will go to the Ron McClendon Camp Fund. A form is included in this newsletter for your convenience. Additional forms can be found in the Narthex. The completed form, along with the donation in the form of a check or cash in an envelope, can be placed in the collection plate or taken to the church office during office hours. The poinsettias need to be ordered by November 20th.



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Address Service Requested

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



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organized to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in our
community and world."*

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