



The Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church Family:

I want to share a very exciting update. Beginning September 1st, Cheyenne Kirkpatrick will be our Director of Christian Education (DCE). The session has hired her for this next school year, with the possibility that her time on staff may extend beyond that time frame. Cheyenne's responsibilities will focus on youth and children, but her role will also involve coordinating and overseeing matters related to adult Sunday School and Christian formation.

Cheyenne is a well-known face at FPC. She grew up in our church. She's been very active in all aspects of church life, including, but not limited to, youth, Tenebrae, and handbells. Furthermore, she comes to this role with an abundance of gifts that are well suited for this kind of ministry, and, as importantly, she comes with a heart and love for our church and for forming disciples of Jesus Christ.

As you know, we've been searching for an associate pastor. Some of you may be wondering how this hire impacts that search. The answer is it doesn't. The associate pastor nominating committee (APNC) is still responsible for identifying and nominating a candidate. Should the APNC nominate a candidate to the congregation before the end of Cheyenne's contracted time, the session and Cheyenne will work out a plan that is in the best interest of both. While Cheyenne is our (DCE), she will have general oversight of Grace Notes, while Missy Leppert and Jo Little remain co-directors.

Personally speaking, I am very excited to have Cheyenne on board. I've been encouraged by what I see as a fresh wind of vibrancy and forward momentum in our life together as a Christian community. Please keep Cheyenne in your prayers as she takes on a more involved role here at the church. If you see any opportunity to support her ministry, please jump right in!

Gratefully,
Will





Notes from the Session

The Session held it's Regular Stated Meeting August 23, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The meeting began with a devotion & prayer.

Clerk's report:

* Communion was served July 2, 2023 by intinction in the sanctuary during worship.

Pastor's report:

* Will reported on the recent Gorman-Niles wedding, and the funeral for Gail Grisham.

* He told the Session about his recent vacation to Wisconsin, and having a cool, relaxing time.

* Will called for a meeting before worship on Sunday August 27, 2023 in his office to accept a new member.

Administration

* A motion was approved to hire Cheyenne Kirkpatrick as halftime DCE with benefits. She will take a certification class at Austin Presbyterian Seminary.

Stewardship-Budget

* The track of land of 146.07 acres from the Monnye Jean Trust has had a recent price change request. A motion was approved to accept the new offer of \$2600 per acre, which will total \$379,782. It is now due to close on September 15, 2023.

* Jan Wylie shared the closing procedure of the recent sell of the building from the Monnye Jean Ross Trust. It was negotiated through Coldwell Banker, therefore a 6% commission had to be paid.

C. E.-Missions

* The following Sunday School teachers were approved for 2023-2024: Adult Parlor Class, Maryanne Harris, Debby Leppert (Sub.), Men's Class, Jerry Camp, Young Adults, Ryan Griffin, 1st-5th Girls, Sarah Garasic, Beverly Russell, Carolyn Martin (Sub.), 1st-5th Boys, Andy Bates, 3-5 yrs, Amy Bates, Josie Atchley.

Property

* Braswell Paint will return to complete the



Tithes and Offerings for Month of July

Anticipated Tithes/Offerings	\$ 33,500
Actual Monthly Tithes/Offerings	\$ 29,109
Actual Monthly Expense	\$ 40,945
Overage/ (Deficit)	\$ (11,836)

For the Year 2023

Anticipated Tithes/Offerings	\$ 402,000
Actual YTD Tithes/Offerings	\$ 228,205
Actual YTD Expense	\$ 308,499
Overage/ (Deficit)	\$ (80,294)

Thank you for your tithes and offerings!

Without your faithful giving, ministry and missions would not be possible.

outside cleaning of the building in the back; new front doors will be installed in Sept.; The sprinkler system has been repaired; dead plants were replaced in front; the church bus was repaired and new tires put on; the hot water heater pump was replaced.

New Business

* A request was made to the Property Committee to look into replacing the carpet in the choir room.

Old Business

* After discussion, a motion was approved to change the meeting dates for the Session to the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship.

The Consent Agenda was approved, which consisted of the June and July minutes, and the financial report for July.

Session members shared joys and concerns, and prayed together for those on the prayer list, and members of our congregation.

Sarah Camp

Clerk of Session

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Sat. Bread John & Debby Leppert
3 <i>Communion</i> 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Choir rehearsal 5:00 <i>Paint Night</i> Fellowship Hall	4 Labor Day	5 9:30 a.m. P W Coordinating Team - Parlor	6 3:30 p.m. Grace Notes 5:30 p.m. Staff mtg	7 6:00 Handbells	8	9 Sat. Bread St. Paul's Episcopal
10 9:30 <i>Rally Day</i> <i>Brunch</i> – F.H. 10:30 Worship 11:30 Choir <i>prac.</i> Session mtg - F.H.	11	12 12:00 Noon Circle Parlor 5:30 Property Mtg Parlor	13 3:30 p.m. Grace Notes 6:00 Night Circle Parlor	14 6:00 Handbells	15	16 Sat. Bread Bill Terrell
17 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20 3:30 p.m. Grace Notes	21 6:00 Handbells	22	23 Sat. Bread Forest Home Baptist Presbytery Mtg Preston Hollow, Dallas
24 9:30 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27 3:30 p.m. Grace Notes	28 6:00 Handbells	29	30 Sat. Bread Jim Griffin



Thoughts and prayers

Family and friends of FPC

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| * Raymond Bazinet | * Mac Blackstone |
| * Gary Boyd | * Joe Brown |
| * Charlene Campbell | * David Castles |
| * Elizabeth Collins | * Shauntell Copeland |
| * Linda Curkan | * Susie Pelham Davis |
| * Carly Faulkner | * Kenny Ferro |
| * John Fout | * Laura Guzman |
| * Ashley Haden | * Chester Hardy |
| * Guy Harrison | * Lucy Harrison |
| * Mike Holbert | * Kenzie Hyatt |
| * Zoe Kelt | * Cheyenne Kirkpatrick |
| * Rita Knox | * Nikki Lafitte |
| * Shirley G Latham | * Michelle Lemming |
| * Jason Lopez | * Dianne Lyle |
| * Donna Marshall | * Carolyn Martin |
| * Alea Mata | * Mike McCollum |
| * Ward McCollum | * Rex McCubbin |
| * David McElroy | * Carla McKnight |
| * Abbi Melton | * J Mitchell |
| * Dayne Neal | * Doris Newton |
| * Larry Perkins | * Amanda Presley |
| * Katie Ramo | * Jerry Richardson |
| * Margaret Roberts | * Ken Rucker |
| * Vivian Sharp | * Chris Spinks |
| * Katie Wylie Stovall | * Henry Thompson |
| * Cindy Venable | * April Watson |
| * Ann White | * Stewart White |
| * Larry Willis | * Linda Willis |

In Service to our Country

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| * Jacob Conner | * Robert Gray |
| * Stone Smith | |



PW News



Wow! September is here and it's time to start Presbyterian Women 2023-2024!

Our PW group met on Sunday, August 13, after worship to enjoy a salad luncheon and fellowship. Jan Wylie installed our new officers for 2023-2024. We also revealed our Honorary Life Membership award to Elaine Hall, who is always faithful to our church, PW, and our Lord. Congratulations are in order!!!

The PWCT (known as Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team) will meet Tuesday, September 5, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor, to make decisions for the year. Our Circles will begin the next week with the **Noon Circle** meeting Tuesday, September 12, at Noon in the parlor. **Libby Laird** and **India Stroope** are the Circle Co-Chairmen. The **Night Circle** will meet Wednesday, September 13 at 6 p.m. in the parlor with each member bringing her Brown Bag choice. Night Circle Chairman is **Jan Wylie (903-987-1097)**. Please watch for announcements in the Newsletter, Sunday Bulletin, emails and texts.

Our Study Guide for this year's lessons is available for \$10.00 from your Circle Chairmen. Please bring a friend and see what a great group of women are in our church. We have food, fellowship and great lessons!

Blessings to all!

PW officers 2023-2024

Moderator	Jackie Fout
Vice-Moderator	Elaine Hall
Secretary	Nancy Smith
Treasurer	Jo Little
Historian	Lsha Stanley
Personal Faith & Family Life	Elaine Hall
Christian Community Action	Ruth Anne Camp
Leadership / Resources	Nancy Smith
Night Circle Chairman	Jan Wylie
Noon Circle Chairmen	Libby Laird & India Stroope



ALL ARE INVITED
Paint Night!

FIRST SUNDAY

FELLOWSHIP

SEPTEMBER 3

5:00-7:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

PLEASE RSVP!

**TO CHURCH OFFICE OR
CHEYENNE KIRKPATRICK**

Monthly Missions



**BOYS & GIRLS
CLUB**

of Kilgore





FPC

FULFILLING

BRUNCH & BLESSINGS
for
Rally Day

JOIN US
TO START
A NEW YEAR OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL!
MEET YOUR CLASS,
EAT A LIGHT BREAKFAST,
& FELLOWSHIP.

Sunday, Sept. 10

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall



Fun at the
Ice Cream Social!



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Lily McBryde | 12 Patrick McBryde |
| 2 Kellen Murphy | 14 Jameson Gratton |
| 7 Betty Jo Mobley | 17 Cameron Jackson |
| 8 Terry Thrower | 22 Bob Florence |
| 9 Jack Florence
Bobby Sheffield | 24 Colin Covnet |
| 10 Bill Smylie | 29 Rob Schleier |