



THE NEWSLETTER

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Memories

“Who was it that made this happen? Who has determined the course of history? I, the LORD, was there at the beginning, and I, the LORD, will be there at the end.” Isaiah 41:4

I find history fascinating. I enjoy the hunt of a long-lost ancestor. So, I've been looking at the bits and pieces of the history of this church that I can find. You may or may not be aware that the Register (the Saint Peter's Book) has not been kept current. That is to say that Ginny has kept it current, but there seems to be a period of time back there where the Clerk of Session didn't record all the new members, baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. So, we've been looking into what we can find.

According to the historical marker in front of the sanctuary building, the Presbyterians have been active in Brazoria since the 1830's. They worshipped with other denominations in the union church building which was built in 1853. Additional information was found in papers which Tami Brown brought us from Tarver Snedecor house after they cleared it out to sell it. I believe that much which I am about to recount is from a 1968 church directory.

“All records of whatever Presbyterians may have done in Brazoria before the turn of the century [1900] were lost with the old brick Union Church of Brazoria where they met prior to the devastating 1900 storm. Services during the early years of this century were held in the still-sumptuous Brazoria County Court House, vacated but a few years before when Angleton won the county seat.

“In the fall of 1913, an eight-day meeting led by the Reverend J.C. Johnson, an evangelist for Brazos Presbytery, climaxed with the reorganization of the First Presbyterian Church of Brazoria in the ‘new town’ then under construction nearer the tracks of the Brownsville Railroad. The new church opened with eleven charter members on September 14, 1913. The eleven members were: Dr. E.S. Weisiger, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hodgson, Mrs. J.G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Bennett, Mrs. Annie Rogers, Mrs. Julia Black, Mrs. W.J. Badge, and Mrs. Annie Lee Seiker. (All having been communicants of other Presbyterian churches were received upon reaffirmation of their faith.)

“For a few years services were held in a room over Smith's Store, where a Sunday School was organized with some fifteen pupils under Superintendent W.E. Hodgson. The new church, a wooden structure erected under the supervision of Pastor Johnson, was completed in 1916, and, by the time repairs and fresh paint were needed five years later, the debt was retired.”

The old directories can help a lot in finding birthdays and given names for people whose ancestors attended the church. If you happen to run across your Baptismal Certificate, your Church Membership Certificate, or would just like to stop by and give us information we might need in the Register, please let us know. The church register is a legal document. It can be used for proving your age, your marriage date and other reasons. We would like ours to be as complete and accurate as possible. We would also like it to record our congregation as far back as possible.

September 14th is a day soon approaching. The reorganized First Presbyterian Church of Brazoria will be 113 years old! That's something to celebrate.

Love, *Tracy*



What We Prayed For In August

Keep In Prayer:

J.J. Giddions, Gail Chrysler, Dwight and Janice Stahl, Jamie LeBouef, Shaun LaBreck, Sandra Clarke, Charles Brown, McKenna Buchanan, Jim and Sandra Barnett, Ken and Sandra, Gragert, Marilyn Shockley, Jan Weber, Katie Weber, Tommy Carter, Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Betty Thacker, Paul Erwin, Debbie Cole, Lowesa Terral, HuNoMi Rodda, Steve Pruett, Alvis Jacks, Nancy Oertli, Debbie Piantinada, Barbara Ferrel, Cindy Massingill, Nancy Boyd, Jeri Ann Jones, Chase Richburg, Vahnessa Kelly, Wayne Raska, Carol Reed, Pam Jurries, Heidi Walters, Nelda Gragert, Delry LeBouef, Maria Pedraza, Norma Peterson, Jr. and Nancy Olene LaBreck, Pryah Radar, Chris McNutt, Julie Taner, Lynette Williams, John Indian, Treney and Belinda Allen, Linda McAda, Jan Weber, Katie Weber

Comfort and Hope: Family and friends of Dwight Stahl (at his passing). Family and friends of Billye Riggs Downing (at her passing). Camp woods, Venezuela earthquake emergency workers, Families affected by extreme weather. Texas Hill Country, Peace of Christ for our country and the world

Other Prayers:

Gladys Patterson, Molly Molenaar, Chris Seth, Cole Buchanan, Kaydence, Emma Dodge and Harley, Margarita, Sandy Tinnon
our church, our families, education, arts, entertainment, social media...
Mission (Food Pantry, Blessing Box).

Sharing the Joy: But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

Isaiah 40:31



Prayer is a beautiful reflection of God's love interceding by lifting others up in prayer. Prayer provides encouragement for another and those we care about that God is with us in every circumstance. Our card ministry expresses the caring heart of our church and God.

You are invited to join our Prayer Group,

Tuesday, 10:-11:00 a.m.

Prayer Ministry Congregation Care

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you,,, Phillippians 1:3-4

Blessings,

Linda



During the month of August

We served 48 families during the month of August.

The Food Pantry could use the following:

Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, box or bag Cereal, Juices, Pancake Mix, Syrup, eggs (egg cartons), can chicken or tuna, 1/2 gal milk, Mayo. Miracle Whip, oil
For more information please call Nelda 979-799-7681

WORSHIP NEWS



Attendance	Total	Elders	Facebook
August 2	22	6	70
August 9	18	5	39
August 16	18	6	32
August 23	19	6	43
August 30	19	6	28



You are invited to study God's word on Sunday, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome (all ages). A light breakfast is provided.



*** TREASURER REPORT ***

June Income	\$6,426.00
June Expenses	\$6,433.84
July Income	\$4,118.01
July Expenses	\$6,589.89



Blessing Box

The Blessing Box needs:

Water

Easily opened canned soups, Ravioli, Spaghetti...

Vienna sausages, Beanie Weenies

Tuna packets

Crackers

Anything that is easy to open.

THEY CAN PREACH!!

And preside at the table!!

Congratulations to Anita Glisch, Robin Harrington, and Richard McLaren. For becoming authorized to preach the word and preside at the Lord's Table. They are now the first members of this congregation authorized to do either.



Online giving to our church is now available through a program designed by the Presbyterian Foundation. Our online giving page can be accessed by clicking on the Give Now button on our website. When you click on the button, it takes you to a secure webpage OR you can scan the QR code below.





September Birthday

9/4 Austin Tinnon
9/10 Katherine Davis
9/15 Kylo Levesque
9/16 Linda Seth
9/17 Mary R. Rhodenbaugh
9/17 Gabriel Herrera
9/18 Michael Cammack
9/19 Mike Humphery
9/20 Madeline McNeill
9/23 Delores Ward Thompson
9/24 Tami Brown
9/28 Jamie LeBouef
9/28 Sherry Evans

Anniversaries

9/24 Richard & Nancy McLaren –
50th Wedding Anniversary



October 3rd from 10-4 will be our October Festival. We will need people to help bake things for the bake sale, donations for the silent auction, workers in the kitchen to serve food and volunteers to help set up and take things down. Figure out where you can help out and volunteer to participate. We will have our 1st meeting Sept 1st at 12:00pm. I will announce further meetings in the church bulletin. Just let me know if you have any questions or how you would like to help.

Robin Buchanan Harrington



In September we are starting a Bible study about The Great Ends of the Church on Tuesdays from 11am until noon. We are also continuing our monthly Horizons Bible study on the fourth Sunday after worship. This year's study is *"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians."*

Ginny Raska

CHURCH DINNER

Thank you to everyone who participated in our "Back to School salad lunch" last month. We enjoyed many yummy salads and delicious desserts. Also thanks for participating in the colorful seating game, I don't know about you but I learned a lot about my table companions.

This month's lunch held on September 20th, will be a regular potluck, but it may have a special seating surprise! Let me know if you have any questions,

Robin Buchanan Harrington

Mission & Outreach: Food Pantry, Clothes Closet & World Communion

During the month of August, the food pantry served 48 families and 29 families in clothes closet. All families were greatly appreciative.

Beginning in September, we will be changing the hours for food pantry and clothes closet. We will no longer have the clothes closet open on Thursday afternoon. The new hours will be 10am–4pm for both food pantry and clothes closet on Fridays. It seems our clients like to shop both at the same visit. I will try to be available if someone has a need that cannot be addressed on Fridays.

Thank you everyone for your wonderful donations of food, clothes and time. All is greatly appreciated.

September is the beginning of World Communion month. There will be envelopes available for your donations to help people throughout the world. World Communion will be celebrated on October 4th. “Remember that no matter how larger or small your donation makes a difference.”

It is hard to believe, but the holidays will be upon us before we realize it. Once again, we will be doing food baskets for families that could use a helping hand for Thanksgiving and or Christmas. These baskets could use foods such as cranberry sauce, pumpkin, green beans, corn, stove top, chicken broth, canned sweet potatoes, instant potatoes, turkeys and or ham. I will send out a full list next month. We also want to not forget the children at Christmas.

God Bless,

Nelda

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.Sauerkraut Salad By Robin Harrington

Put the following in a bowl

1 can kraut drained

1 cup chopped onion

1 cup chopped green pepper

1 cup chopped celery

small can/jar pimentos

Stir together and pour over the above

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup vegetable oil

1/4 cup apple vinegar

Refrigerate overnight

September 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Every Sunday 9:15 am Break-fast 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:30 am-Worship	Every Tuesday 10 am-Prayer Group 11am-Bible Study 6pm-Game Night	1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Church Dinner Session	21 International Day of Peace	22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25	26
27 Horizon Bible Study	28	29	30		Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 10am-4pm Friday's	