



First Presbyterian
Church on the Square

MAY 2024 GRAPEVINE

May, 2024

Dear FPC Members & Friends,

One of the miracles that we experience every day is Christ's call of ordinary FPC members to be his representatives in a world that is filled with so many needs and opportunities. The Apostle Paul reminds us of this when he writes:

“But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” 2 Corinthians 4:7

There is classic story about a celebrated Italian violinist named Paganini who captivated audiences in the 1800's. One evening Paganini came out before his audience to begin his concert and discovered, just as they welcomed him with enthusiastic applause, that there was something wrong with his violin. A quick look told him that it was not his famous violin, but an inexpensive substitute.

Paganini stepped back behind the curtain to get his own violin but discovered that it had been stolen. The inexpensive violin that had been substituted in its place. After taking a few moments to pull himself together, Paganini stepped out in front of the audience and began to play the substitute violin with great skill and passion. His music thrilled the audience and they responded with thunderous applause.

In the hands of the greatest virtuoso of the time, an inexpensive violin played music that the audience would never forget.

One of the great joys of being a follower of Jesus it to see how God uses ordinary Christians to make a lasting difference in the lives of people all around us. As we pray, work, worship, fellowship, and serve God together, the Holy Spirit leads us to share the “treasure” of the Savior with the world that God loves. God's grace continues to transform all of us as we give and receive in Christ's name.

With Thanks & Easter Blessings,

Pastor Karl

Sources: Duncan, King. “Dynamic Preaching.” (July-September,2015); “Paganini.” (Wikipedia.org)



ANNOUNCEMENTS!



- All submissions for Grapevine and the monthly calendar should be sent by email (fpcathens@fpcathens.org) or by phone (256-232-0122) by the 20th of the month.
- Directories are now available in the church office!
- Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 9am - 1pm.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

**PW Circle will meet on May 7
at 1 pm in the Rogers Center.**

**Hostesses: Julie McNeese
Program: Randi Harbin
Devotional: Pat Booth**

Attention FPC Children and Youth: Join us for SHINE

Shine meets the 4th Wednesday of each month from 6-7 pm at Revival. Shine is open to all kids K-5th grade. Each meeting will include a light dinner or snacks, verse of the month, lesson and related activity. Free play will be at the end of the meeting.

"IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN." -MATTHEW 5:16

**Please contact DeAnna McNeill for additional information at
deannahmcneill@gmail.com or 256-497-5020.**

Special Sunday of Worship and Fellowship

Join us on May 5, 2024 at 2pm to honor all our older Presbyterians. Communion will be served. This will begin in the Sanctuary and continue in Rodgers Center. Please make plans to attend to honor and appreciate these wonderful members.

SAVE THE DATE

VBS on June 11th, 12th, and 13th

3:00 – 5:00

June 13th from 

3:00 – 6:00

(Program and Pizza dinner at 5:00)



PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Welch (Home)
Dean Steele
Susie Fogg (Home)
Sharon Massey
Rene Brown (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)

Bonnie Chambers (Home)
Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Stephen Toney (Home)
Jac Catlett
Diane Lynn (Health)
Gale Cottles (Healing)
Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army
Adam Naves - Marines
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed

Sean Miller - Army
Damien Williams - Army
Michael Ress - USAF -AZ
Jay Tulley- Middle East

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Kierra Anderson (Friend of Gale Cottles)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Steven Smith (Healing cousin of Jan Ruth)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Maggie Ruth Naves (Healing, great granddaughter of Hazel White)
Jessie Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother-in-law of Sean Harbin)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Dawn Long (Healing, mother of Brittney Hicks)

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 FELLOWSHIP 10AM WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION 2PM WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION FOR OLDER PRESBYTERIAN	6	7 PW Circle Rodgers Center 1:00 PM	1 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	2	5 OFFICE CLOSED	1
12 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 FELLOWSHIP 10 AM WORSHIP	15	11 Mission Shower Day Stated Session Meeting 6:00 pm Revival	8 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11
19 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 FELLOWSHIP 10 AM WORSHIP	20	21	22 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	16 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18
26 9AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 FELLOWSHIP 10 AM WORSHIP	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28	29 9:00-1:00 PM The Potters Hand Pottery Studio SHINE FPC Children K-5th Revival	25	21 OFFICE CLOSED	25
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MAY BIRTHDAYS 2023

2nd Chris Hilgeman

2nd Walker Shindorf

6th Gale Cottles

8th Marlee Averitt

8th Kay Baugher

12th Larry Burlingame

16th Susan Kling

18th Mac Baugher

18th Peggy Christensen

19th Elijah Hand

21st Bonny Noel

24th AL Munroe

30th David Clem

30th Roberta Ress

30th Mary Elizabeth Hand