

# COMMUNIQUE

# NOVEMBER 2023



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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

It seems as if I am having more conversations these days about the situation in this world of ours. Let us face it, our world is a changing, dangerous, and uncertain place. Many people are looking for security in wealth, relationships, and power. These things, however, are not guaranteed from one day to the next. Watching the news provides enough proof that any of them, even life itself, can be taken away at any moment. No wonder there is such confusion, despair, and fear.

For believers, thankfully, reality is not based on what we see or hear. Nor is our foundation found in this world. We build our hope and trust in the Lord, and we believe the truth in His Word.

Therefore, amid all the battles, and turmoil and trials, we have the assurance that our lives are in the ever-present and loving hands of Almighty God. We can rely not only on His love and presence but also on His faithfulness, and perfect care. As you prepare to gather around your Thanksgiving table, do so knowing that, amid the chaos and uncertainty of these days, you are secure in the love and presence of God.



Pastor Woody



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# **CHURCH REPORTS**

## **SESSION REPORT-OCTOBER 2023**

### **October Stated Session:**

- Christian Education will begin a middle school Sunday School class.
- The church directory is being updated.
- The phone system has been updated. A new message is on the phone giving pertinent church information.
- Stewardship has written a new letter to send to members regarding giving. A minute for mission will be given on October 29th.
- Hanging of the Greens will be done on November 26th, following the church service and a light lunch.
- FPC Athens will join the Episcopal Church for Lessons in Carols on December 17 at 6:00 p.m. at FPC Athens. Next year it will be hosted at the Episcopal Church.
- FPC will present its Cantata on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Ward, Clerk

# Prayer List

AS OF 10.30.2023



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

### Those In Our Church Family

Kenneth Ferris, Sharon Chasey, Bob & Dolores Herrington, Karen Brack, Sofia Yarbrough, Carol Morton

### Those Who Are in Need of Our Visits & Prayers

Arabella Assisted Living: Don Geddie

Lakeland Assisted Living: Fred Davies

Oak Wood Assisted Living: Fran Jones (Hospice), Susan Underkofler, & Mark Carlson

### Those Who Are Grieving

Family of Tina Wright

### Prayers For Those Serving In The Mission Field

Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee – Missionaries in Korea

### Prayers For Church & Country

Our church and its leaders, Our community and its leaders  
Our nation and its leaders.

### Those We Love Needing Prayer

Evelyn Jackson (cousin of the Lively's)  
Joe Ed, Becky & Del Young (neighbors of Martha McSweeney-Sandy Perkins sister)  
DeeDee Manton (friend of Sandy Perkins)  
Beau Justice, Rachel Wimberly (friends of Susan Sparkman)  
John Baggett (friend of Ann & Elliott Boyles)  
Connie Hanes (friend of Kenn & Shirley Hornbeck)  
Vicki Grady, Steven Helf, Randy Daniel, Jim McPherson, Sebastian (Sebe),  
Zoe Martir (friend of Chloe Wright)  
Laurie Woods Granlund (friend of Mamie Downing)  
Jessica Rodriguez (friend of Kara Davis)  
Nation of Israel

### Those We Love in the Armed Forces

Si Robson, U.S. Army Ranger, Missouri

### Those Away at School

Chloe Wright  
Madison Rhodes  
Tate Elfarr  
Alex Elfarr  
Heidi Davis

Elaine Hendrickson  
Hannah Davis  
Toby Rhodes  
Olivia Whatley

### Session Members

Mike Babler – Member of Christian Education Committee  
Margaret Breedlove – Chairman, Witness Committee  
Kim Scott – Chairman, Worship Committee  
Lolly Smith – Chairman, Congregational Life Committee  
Scott Cruce – Chairman, Communications Committee  
Kathryn Hendrickson – Chairman, Christian Ed. Committee  
Rick Stroupe – Chair, Building & Grounds Committee  
Kara Davis – Co-Chair, Community Concerns/Missions  
Claire Grant – Co-Chair, Community Concerns/Missions  
Joan King – Congregational Life Committee  
Stephen Yarbrough – Chairman, Personnel  
Donna Ward – Clerk of Session

*The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them from all their troubles.  
~ Psalm 34:17 ~*

Please let the church office know of anyone that is sick and could benefit from receiving soup, courtesy of Sally's Soup Ministry.

# SUNDAY



# SCHOOL

All are welcome! Please join us; you'll be glad you did! Call the church office at 903-675-3530 with any questions.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Disciples Class

The **Disciples Class** makes use of "The Wired Word" or similar materials, which blends national or world events of the previous week and relevant Bible verses to guide our discussion.

Come join us. Our class encourages enthusiastic discussion and is led by four different teachers.

**Disciples Contact Person:** Lacey Ward

### **Rotation of Teachers:**

Carol McNatt, Sheri Robson, Lacey Ward & Linda Horton

**Location:** Conference Room in the Main Building

**Time:** 9:45am Sunday morning

### Friendship Class

The **Friendship Class** is currently discussing the book "How to Study the Bible Through the Jesus Lens" by Michael Williams. Come join us if you want to explore more of God's Word.

For more information, please contact Donna Meredith at (903) 286-2085 or [donnafoftermeredith@gmail.com](mailto:donnafoftermeredith@gmail.com).

**Friendship Leader:** Mike Babler

**Location:** Main Church Building, Friendship Classroom

**Time:** 9:45am Sunday morning

### Seekers Class

The **Seekers Class** is currently studying, "The Case for Faith: A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity" by Lee Strobel. This bestselling book is for those who may be feeling attracted to Jesus but who are faced with difficult questions standing squarely in their path.

We would like to invite you to join us during our time of study and fellowship.

**Seekers Contact Person:** Steve Grant

**Location:** Main Church Building, Upstairs east side.

**Time:** 9:45am Sunday morning

## Toddler and Baby Nursery Open in the Main Building

***Sunday Nursery remains the same for Older Children in the Children's Building.***

In order to accommodate our younger families and visitors with infants and toddlers, the crib and toddler rooms in the main church building are open and staffed with two workers.

In addition, we will continue to staff the Children's Building with two workers for children ages 3 and up.

Nursery workers are available during both worship services as well as during the Sunday School hour.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Ages 3 and up**

**Teachers:**

Kathryn Hendrickson  
& Susan Sparkman

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Youth ages **6th - 12th grades** meet for Sunday morning classes in the Youth House located by the Main Parking lot.

**Teachers:**

Steve & Claire Grant and  
Steven & Lolly Smith



# CHILDREN'S MUSIC CLASS

Come make a joyful noise unto the LORD  
and we will have fun doing so!

Children of ALL ages are invited!  
Every 3rd Sunday in our Children's Building  
from 9:30-10:00am  
Children's Sunday School Immediately Follows




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**NEW**  
opportunities for  
Children of ALL ages!

If you have any questions,  
please contact  
**Kathryn Hendrickson**  
**903-681-2887**

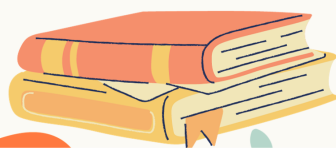


# Beginning in November

Middle School & HS Youth  
Sunday School Class

Held in the Youth House  
Sunday November 5th and 19th  
9:30am-10:30am

Teachers: Steve & Claire Grant and  
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## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT...



Presbyterian Children's  
Homes and Services<sup>SM</sup>

**CARE AND SUPPORT** for  
children & families in need.

## **PCHAS is Celebrating their 120th Anniversary!**

**You can read more about their history by visiting the following link:**

[Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services | History of PCHAS Magazine](http://www.pchas.org/history-of-pchas-magazine)  
[www.pchas.org/history-of-pchas-magazine](http://www.pchas.org/history-of-pchas-magazine)

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**With faithful support from individuals, churches and foundations, PCHAS serves nearly 4,500 children and families across three states every year.**

**As stewards of this trust and support, PCHAS follows these tenets of excellence to ensure families achieve self-sufficiency and children are placed into loving, permanent homes.**

**First Presbyterian Church-Athens provides school supplies for middle and high school students, Christmas presents to families located in the East Texas area as well as family baskets. The family baskets contain games and activities to promote family togetherness.**

**Members also attend the PCHAS Annual Meeting located in Dallas during the month of November.**

**Would you like more information?**

**Visit the PCHAS website at [www.pchas.org](http://www.pchas.org) or contact Claire Grant, the FPC Athens liaison at [clairewgrant@aol.com](mailto:clairewgrant@aol.com)**

# CHURCH MINISTRIES

## Sally's Soup Ministry -

**We will not meeting during the months of November & December.**

Are you new to our church? Have you heard about Sally Soup Ministry and want to know what it is all about? We would love to have you join us!

If you are not a new member, but haven't had the privilege of joining us in the past, please pray about joining us as we get back to the work of this ministry.

### Questions?

Please contact Claire Grant at [clairewgrant@aol.com](mailto:clairewgrant@aol.com) or Steve Sparkman at [srsparkman@yahoo.com](mailto:srsparkman@yahoo.com) if you would like more information about this ministry or how you can volunteer.

## 821M, The Rebecca Project

Each Saturday morning at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall volunteers prepare and deliver home-cooked meals to the elderly, shut-ins and homeless.

Delivery drivers, and others,  
are needed weekly.



### Questions?

Contact Jana at 903-880-2855  
If you are interested in volunteering.



## HC FOOD PANTRY

The Henderson County Food Pantry is always  
in need of donations and volunteers!

They are open from 9:00AM to 12:00PM on  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Food may be dropped off at the church office,  
or placed in the boxes located at the entrances to  
the Fellowship Hall and the sanctuary.

Contact Mamie Downing at 903-477-3010.

Email: [mamie.d.downing@gmail.com](mailto:mamie.d.downing@gmail.com)  
or call the church office for more information.



**Showing the love of Jesus to the homeless  
and poor in Henderson County**

FPC Athens provides a meal (overseen by Eric  
and Kara Davis) on the 4th Friday of each month.

Members of FPC Athens provide the needed  
items to make this meal possible and are notified  
through Sign Up Genius via the church office.

If you feel called to help supply the monthly  
items, please email Kelly with your email  
address to be added to the distribution list at  
[secretaryfpcathens@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfpcathens@gmail.com)

Thank you! **Questions?**  
Email Eric Davis at [ericbdavis35@gmail.com](mailto:ericbdavis35@gmail.com)

## Soup Kitchen

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***



Contact Sharon Chasey if you are interested in  
helping or would like more information.

903-292-1639 or 903-477-7498

Email: [skchasey@aol.com](mailto:skchasey@aol.com).

We are currently only serving 50-100 people  
on Tuesdays or Thursdays and providing  
"take-out" service of soup, sandwich & dessert.

Serving time is from 11AM-1PM



We would like to wish the following couples a very Happy Anniversary. We pray you are blessed with many more years together.

November 23rd-Dan & Kay Moore  
November 28th-John & Beth Miller

# DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023.

REMINDER: SET YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK BEFORE GOING TO BED ON  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023.



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AND 11:00 AM LATE WORSHIP.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**Submit your items for  
the Communique by the  
21st of each month!**

**Email news & photos to  
secretaryfpcathens@gmail.com  
or see Kelly in the church office.**



## MEN FOR HIM

Men for Him Chorus meets weekly and practices on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church.

The chorus sings four-part barbershop style religious music and is made up of men from area churches. If God has gifted you with a singing voice, you may want to consider using that gift with the chorus.

We invite and encourage you to visit and check us out. We have fun, create lasting friendships with men from other churches and share our witness through music.

If you would like more information, please feel free to call Ken Myers at 903-279-5065.

TO ALL VETERANS,

**Thank you  
for your  
bravery,  
service, and  
sacrifice!**

Honoring all who served



***Veterans day***

★ **NOVEMBER 11TH** ★



# Community Prayer Box



Please continue to spread the word about the community prayer box located behind the Cain Family Building.

If you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to ask for prayers from your church family & friends.

We are called to pray for one another.

# CHURCH LIBRARY

Fall is here! Do you need a new book to lose yourself in or maybe revisit one you haven't read in a long while? Then, we want to invite you to visit the church library and take one home. The library is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and on Sunday from 8:30 am to Noon.

Easy book check-out instructions are posted. We welcome suggestions for new books, videos or CD's to order, and book donations in honor or in memory of someone special.

For questions or help, contact Kim Scott (kscott7938@aol.com).

The library is located in the church office area, past the front desk, 2nd door on the right.



"CASA of Trinity Valley provides independent, highly trained volunteer advocates for children in the custody of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in Anderson, Cherokee and Henderson counties.

We empower volunteers to advocate for the children's best interests, to ensure that their needs are met, and to secure a permanent, safe, and nurturing home as soon as possible."

**FPC-Athens provides financial support and the use of its Fellowship Hall, as a meeting place for the CASA staff each month.**

To find out more information on becoming a CASA advocate or volunteer visit their website [www.casaoftrv.org](http://www.casaoftrv.org) or contact FPC Athen's CASA Liason, Emily Heglund at [emilyheglund@gmail.com](mailto:emilyheglund@gmail.com)



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

What  
child  
is this?

THE PERFECT GIFT.



The  
perfect  
gift.

Through the Christmas Joy Offering, we come together to support past, present and future leaders, embodying God's perfect gift to us, Jesus Christ.



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE  
DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 24

# CHRISTMAS BENEVOLENCE PROJECT

## MINISTRY OF FPC-ATHENS

- PROVIDES LOW-INCOME FAMILIES FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS
- PROVIDES EACH FAMILY WITH STORY BIBLE
- PROVIDES EACH FAMILY WITH A BROOKSHIRE'S GIFT CARD.

Here we are quickly approaching the Christmas Season and with that comes the Christmas Benevolence Project. Many of you are already aware of how this project affects our community, but for those who are not familiar, here is a brief summary.

Each year letters are sent to local elementary schools, requesting names of families that are in need of a "little extra help" at Christmas. Volunteers then contact the family they are assigned to and set up a time to go shopping with them. This is when the real blessings begin, because we have the opportunity to not only meet "Christmas Wishes" but also have the opportunity to engage with the parents of these children and pray with them and for them all year long.

If you have not volunteered in the past, please pray about it this year.

We would love for you to be included and to witness the many blessings that are received.

For questions or for additional information, please contact Penny Endsley at 903-288-1129.



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Let's take time to appreciate  
the big and little blessings  
we have.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE IS  
CLOSED NOVEMBER 23RD & 24TH.**



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## HANGING OF THE GREENS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023**  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER 11:00AM SERVICE

Soup and cornbread will be served for  
lunch and then we will decorate the  
church sanctuary and fellowship hall.



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8:30 AM EARLY WORSHIP, 9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND 11:00 AM LATE WORSHIP.

## MDO NEWS

It is that time of year again!

Mother's Day Out will have **SHARING BOXES** located in the Children's Building & in the Church to collect canned food and/or non-perishable items to be given to the local Food Pantry.

We will deliver the boxes on **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.**



Please contact Brenda Tarter if you have any questions at 903-681-0769



## WE ARE MOVING

Estate/Moving Sale  
November 3rd and 4th  
-Starting at 8:00am

Too many items to list!

**EARL & JUDY LOCKE**

1108 LONNIE DRIVE  
ATHENS, TX 75751

Contact Info:  
903-675-7280

### Ladies Bible Study Thursday Mornings at 9:30AM



Thursday Morning  
Ladies Bible Study



A NEW Bible Study will begin soon.

If you are interested in joining us on Thursday mornings or have questions, please email Kim Scott at [kscott7938@aol.com](mailto:kscott7938@aol.com)

We meet in the upstairs classroom in the main church building.



ANNUAL



*Chili*  
COOK-OFF

Bring your  
favorite chili,  
toppings &/or  
desserts.

JOIN THE FUN!

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 15, 2023

6:00PM IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

RSVP BY  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023

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## Agape Quilts

Winter is coming and sleeping bags are ready! Terry picked up 2 dozen on October 16th to take to the Soup Kitchen. "The Team" will be off the week of Thanksgiving. Happy Holiday!

### Needs/Wish List:

Please continue to make donations.

Quilts, bedspreads, blankets, fleece throws, sheets, etc.

Donations should all be washed and in good condition to piece together for sleeping bags.

Thank you so much, Sofia and her partners.

For more information contact, Sofia Yarbrough at 720-936-5225.

Sofia  
♥



This collegiate ministry is located adjacent to Trinity Valley Community College, here in Athens, TX.

Volunteers are on campus weekly to connect with students by having lunch with them and offering a designated space where they can come with questions or just conversation.

Bible study is offered twice a month on Fridays, and final Fridays have a structured event which includes a meal.

If you would like to know more about this wonderful ministry or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jolene Taylor, our liaison to The Ark.



# NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 All Saints' Day</b> 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC) 5:30pm Christian ED Committee Mtg. (FC)	2	3	4 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH) 
<b>5 *Communion Sunday*</b> <b>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:30am MS/HS Sunday School Class (YH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary)	<b>6</b> 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	<b>7 ELECTION DAY</b> 4:30pm Worship Committee Mtg. 5:30pm Community Concerns & Missions Committee Mtg (FC) 6:30pm Men for Him (FH)	<b>8</b> 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC) 6:15pm Session Mtg. (FHC)	9	10	<b>11</b> 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH) 
<b>12</b> <b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>13</b> 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Men for Him (FH) <b>RSVP Due for Chili Cookoff</b>	<b>15</b> 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC)  <b>6:00pm Chili Cookoff (FH)</b>	16	17	<b>18</b> 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH)
<b>19</b> <b>25th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:30am Children's Music Class (CB- 3rd Sunday) 9:30am MS/HS Sunday School Class (YH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 1:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Men for Him (FH)	<b>22</b> 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC)	<b>23 Thanksgiving Day</b> Church office closed! 	<b>24</b> <b>Church office closed!</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am Rebecca Project (FH)
<b>26 Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday</b> 8:30am Worship Service (FH) 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary) <b>12:00pm Hanging of the Greens (immediately after 11AM service)</b> 1:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 9:00am AGAPE Quilts (CFB)	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Men for Him (FH)	<b>29</b> 12:00pm ETCADA (CR) 5:00pm Bell Practice (FHC)	30		

PW - Presbyterian Women   CFB - Cain Family Building   FH - Fellowship Hall   FHC - Fellowship Hall Classroom   CB - Children's Building  
 YH - Youth House   CR - Conference Room   FC - Friendship Classroom

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>We would like to wish the following congregation members a very Happy Birthday.</p>			1	2 Paula Lemmon	3	4
5	6	7	8 Paul Hartman Kay Moore Mary Lynn Smith	9 Russ Richardson	10	11 Judge Nancy Perryman
12 Kendra Gonzales Jeffrey Ward Olivia Whatley	13 Scott Heglund	14	15	16 Sharon Chasey	17 Lance Funkhouser	18 Temple Hendrickson
19 Ken Lemmon Traci Velvin	20 Kay Solomon	21 Shirley Ward Shannon Wilcher	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Lois Osorio	30 Dianne Neill		



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### **Join Us On Sundays**

**Worship at 8:30am**  
in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday School at 9:45am**  
see newsletter for locations or  
visit the church website.

**Worship at 11:00am**  
in the Sanctuary

**Child Care-Children's Building**  
(For both services & Sunday School)

### **Pastor**

Rev. Woody Meredith  
[woody@fpcathens.com](mailto:woody@fpcathens.com)

### **Director of Music**

Janis Capelle

### **Organist & Bell Choir Leader**

Mamie Downing

### **Music Leader**

Kara Davis

### **Business Manager**

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### **DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**

***Next Deadline: November 21st***

Email announcements, articles,  
information, etc. to  
[secretaryfpcathens@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryfpcathens@gmail.com)

## **We Are**

*A family of  
Disciples, touched  
by God's grace,  
called to share  
Christ through  
Worship, Ministry  
& Outreach.*