



A SUCCESSFUL SESSION RETREAT!

On Saturday, January 25, 2020,
your entire Session gathered at the Broadax Ranch (near Tivoli)
for a Spiritual Retreat
in order to pray and plan for the spiritual vitality of
First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas
as our church continues its worship and
its service to one another and the Victoria community
in a Christ-honoring manner.

We opened with prayer,
we closed with communion,
and, in between,
we enjoyed one another's fellowship and

the hospitality of our hosts
while we worked hard to discern the
way forward for our church
as guided by the Holy Spirit.

We focused on many topics that we believe are near and dear
to the hearts of our congregation:
an enhanced music ministry;
increased attention to our home-bound members;
greater involvement of young people in our Sunday worship;
and greater efficiency in our committee system
to lead the work of our church in God's kingdom.

Plans are wonderful of course,
but it is action that matters.
Just as you prayed for the Session
to have a successful Retreat (which we did!),
please continue to pray for the church's leadership
as we seek to test our plans,
try out new ideas,
and discern what is effective and what is not.

As you pray,
please also be prepared to help us,
to be patience with us,
and, most importantly,
to bring us your own good ideas
as how best to move our church forward
in growth and service to the Lord.

Nowhere in the Bible
do we find that
God's work is clear and failure-free.
We do, however, find Christ's promise
in Matthew 11:29-30:

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

As we move into a New Year,
full of enthusiasm and promise,
let us take up Christ's yoke
and learn from him.
We have no other choice.

MEN'S VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE AND FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON!

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

11:30 A.M. (AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE)
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



Unless someone has an industrial kitchen (like the one shown above),
we are not expecting confectionery perfection (like the one shown above).

But we are asking all the men in the congregation to break out their aprons
(or borrow one, if you need to)
and bake the cake of a lifetime for the love of your life
(mothers, wives, daughters, granddaughters, nieces--
everyone qualifies for this designation).

After worship service on Sunday, February 9, 2020,

we will have a pot-luck luncheon in
Fellowship Hall,
following which we will auction off
whatever the men have baked
(cookies, cakes, pies, you name it!).
All proceeds will go into our
Buildings & Grounds Budget
for further enhancements to our property.

Toques will be available in the coming weeks
for our chefs to decorate and to enhance
the value of the baked goods they will be
auctioning off to our generous congregation.
We hope everyone will join us and bring
a pot-luck dish to spread the fellowship.

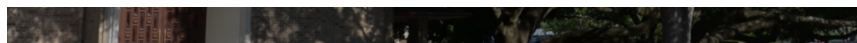
LATE BREAKING NEWS!!

Pam Oakley has agreed to
be our auctioneer (as she has in years past!)
You won't want to miss this; we are really going to have some fun!

HAVE YOU VISITED THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE: *WWW.FPCOFVICTORIA.ORG?*

If not, you are missing out on a handy new means
by which to learn about our church's activities
and to keep track of future events.

When you go to the website,
you will arrive at our "home page"
as shown below:



Welcome

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas— one of the oldest churches in
Victoria and the fifth oldest Presbyterian Church in Texas.

We strive to be a congregation of loving, caring Christians, deeply concerned with the welfare of
our community, our nation, and the world. If Victoria is your home, or even if you are just visiting,
we invite you to join us in worship and service where we are called daily to renew minds and
redeem lives with the steadfast love of Jesus Christ.

What's Happening at FPC

View the calendar



Click on “What’s Happening at FPC”
and you will be directed to
pictures and information about the
church’s recent activities,
like this:

Children’s Chapel Resumes at PDS



[Read More](#)

Also, from the home page,
hover your mouse over “News and Events”
and a drop-down menu will appear.
Click on “Calendar” and see the church’s
past and future schedule at a glance:

First Presbyterian Church
OF VICTORIA

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Date

Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5 Worship Service 10:30 AM "Communion"	6	7	8 Kids for Christ 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM	9	10	11
12 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	13 Session Meeting	14	15 Kids for Christ 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM	16	17	18
19 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	20	21 Worship Committee Meeting 5:00 PM	22 Kids for Christ 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM	23	24	25 Session Retreat @ Brasada Ranch 9:00AM-3:00PM
26 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	27	28	29 Kids for Christ 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM	30	31	1

If you hover your mouse over a particular activity,
even more information will appear.

We want to encourage three things:

- (1) that all church activities be reported

as much in advance as possible
to our Office Administrator,
Tasha Wolf (361.575.2441; info@fpcovictoria.com),
so that she can place them on the calendar;

(2) that you check the calendar often
to learn what's going on at FPC; and

(3) that you tour around our website
and also encourage your friends and neighbors
to do the same in order to learn more about us.

We believe that you, and they, will be
pleased to see what our church is doing.

Wednesday, January 29

6:00 PM Kids for Christ

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Sunday, February 2

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship



January 28 – Magdalena Kuykendall
January 30 – Kathleen McCameron

January 31 – Patrick Patterson

If you, or someone you know, has a birthday this week please contact the church office:

361.575.2441

or

info@fpcovictoria.org

Final Notes

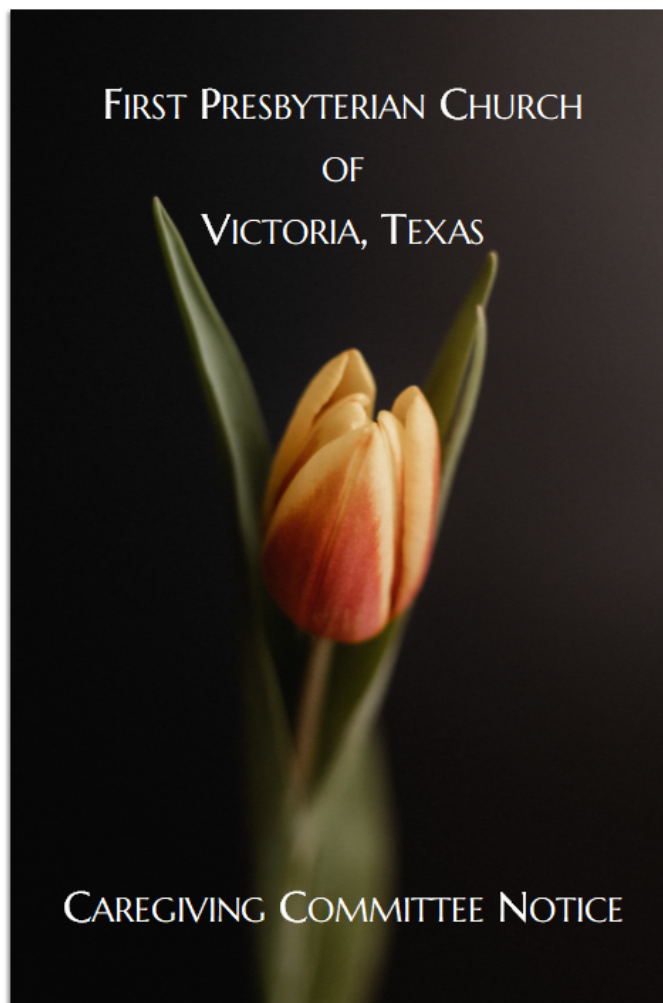
Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School



Are you interested in joining the Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School?

Come join us! All are welcome.

We meet before Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 AM.



*When you or a family member is in the hospital, facing illness,
or simply in need of prayer or care once a loved one has passed,
please call or email members of the Caregiving Committee.*

*Also, our team is seeking special people,
to pray, work, and to aid in the tasks involved.
Would you like to help? If so, please contact us at the info below.*

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*Each of these numbers can take messages,
or are actively receiving emails.*

** Due to the HIPPA Act, hospitals will no longer release
any information, unless we know you are there.
If you are hospitalized, please have a loved one or friend call the
church office so we may pray for your prompt recovery
and come visit you if you wish.*

*Are any among you sick?
They should call for the elders of the church
and have them pray over them,
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.
The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up;
and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
Therefore confess your sins to one another,
and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.
The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.
James 5:14-16*



The following publications are now available (free of charge):

These Days Daily Devotional

Hopes & Expectations

Austin Seminary Advent Devotional

Reserve your copies by calling the church office, or pick yours up in person!
Located in the hall in front of the church office.



Pray For

Please continue to engage in prayers for our extended church family.
If someone you know is in need of prayer, please contact the church office.

Kathryn Amsler
Gloria Aouelle
Kay Edwards
Doyle & Eileen Fowler & Family
Claire Heger
Leonard "Mac" McCameron
Roland Merrill
Rickey Ramseur

Shelly, Jenna, and Ty Hartmann
(Kids of Christ)

Angie Longoria
(Kids for Christ Volunteer)

Juliana Longoria
(Kids for Christ Disciple)

Eric and Kelli Mercer
(Parents of PDS Student)

Samantha Skaggs
(Niece of Roxanna and Henry Hauschild)

John & Jere Swoboda
(Prior FPC Members)

Carol Wisdom
(Lea Lenz's Daughter)

Submissions to the Weekly Calendar
can be sent to info@fpcofvictoria.org
or by telephone: 361.575.2441

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Office Hours

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday - Friday

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DON'T FORGET!

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