



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP  
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, The Third Sunday of Easter, at 10:30 a.m. Our Scripture readings will be Psalm 4:1-8 (Answer me when I call, O God of my right!) and Mark 10:46-52 (“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”). A copy of the bulletin can be found here: <https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-4-14-Bulletin-PDF.pdf>

***A Special Worship Note***

This Sunday we welcome Johnnie Fogle to worship with us! Enjoy some fun facts he shared with us.

I have celebrated being Married to my wife Debbie for 50 years this past January. We have two married Children and 4 grandchildren.

I am an Aggie and both of my Children are Aggies.

I am the Lay Leader of my Church: First Methodist Gonzales, A Global Methodist Church and have been a Lay Minister for 34 years. I served as a Delegate to our United Methodist Annual Conference for 31 years and have been a Delegate to our Global Methodist Conference for the last 2 years after we disaffiliated.

I am very active in my Church, sing in the Choir, and participate in most Committees.

I am a retired CPA and Cattle Rancher but still have two trucking company businesses that I run.

I Love the Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior and enjoy filling in as pulpit supply when I have the opportunity. Besides several area Methodist Churches, I have preached at two other Presbyterian Churches as well as a Baptist Church.

I look forward to being with you this Sunday.

---



Submitted by Donald Anderson

**“God Invites Us to Silence”**

*When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
Wonder it on your beds, and be silent.*

Psalm 4:4

In seminary, my class on spirituality involved a twenty-four-hour silent retreat. Traveling to the retreat site, my classmate and I were filled with anxiety about this time of extended silence. It seemed a waste of time in our busy lives

as students, wives, and mothers. Afterward, I described it like learning to touch the bottom of the deep end of the pool. It was hard the first time, but it got easier each time I practiced silence as a spiritual discipline.

Extended silence is necessary to still our minds, our hearts, and our souls. Extended silence invites us to pour out to God all we have to say and then gives us space to truly listen and hear God. Silence is a gift for the beloved children of God!

#### Prayer of the Day

*Almighty God, when I am full of thoughts and feelings, help me to practice silence that I might hear you and know you. Amen.*

These Days, Maria Shupe, Joshua, Texas

---



Submitted by Donald Anderson

### **City of Victoria Bicentennial Celebration**

A group made up of Martha Tarkington, Henry Hauschild, and Katheen Carey met on Thursday, March 28, 2024, to discuss how First Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Texas, Victoria's second oldest church, can participate in the City of Victoria's bicentennial celebration. Progress has already been put in place for us to have a covered dish luncheon following worship service on Sunday, April 14, 2024. A presentation of the history of FPC is being developed to acknowledge the many members of FPC that have contributed to our area's growth both financially and spiritually.

Please bring your favorite meat, vegetable, or dessert and share with your friends what is planned to be a fun time on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Thanks goes out to Becky Richter and the Fellowship Committee for taking the lead on the covered dish luncheon.

**VCAM**



**The following is an update about the activities of Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM). Our continued support is appreciated and very much needed. Drop off your goods in the shopping carts in the Narthex and office hallway.**

VCAM needs staple items: canned fruit & vegetables, packaged rice & beans, small canned tomato sauce for our pantry. Items for the homeless such as: easy-open canned meats, nutrition bars, bottled waters, fruit cups.

Other items needed: small toiletry items, washcloths, towels & blankets.

For those of you not aware, VCAM has a laundry card program in place for our homeless, that allows them to wash what clothing they do possess. Monetary donations are welcome to target this program.



### **Paw Bites – Meals on Wheels**



Our congregation continues to hear the call. The ladies at Meals on Wheels are excited and grateful for your contributions. We need to keep it up. Our contributions have diminished over the past several months. Please

renew your commitment to this important outreach.

We are reminded they take all of the donations and food they buy to support the over 200-mobility restricted senior citizens they serve that have a pet living with them. The food is partitioned out in bags of 5 lbs. for cats and 10 lbs. for dogs. This is overwhelming.

Your support of this important work of God in our community is being felt in the lives of many. We do this in the name of Jesus Christ.

### **Christ Kitchen**

Christ Kitchen continues the amazing task of feeding over 200 mouths every day except Sunday. The Kitchen, as some call it, is also a wonderful place to share time with other volunteers. It is a fun place to see how our community continues to respond to the needs of those that are less fortunate than we are. They need you to volunteer. Contact the church office, Billy Leske, or Frances Miller about how you can spend 2-4 hours a week helping a community just across our fence. We are all created in the image of God and each person that graces The Kitchen each day are seen as the same whether one is a volunteer or one is hungry for a fresh, hot meal.

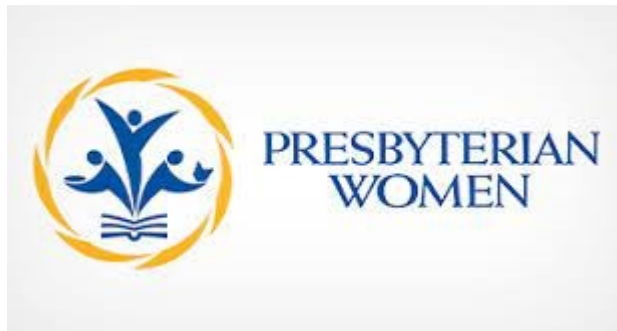
---



Submitted by Becky Richter

### **COVERED DISH LUNCHEON!!!**

Don't forget to bring your favorite dishes to church this Sunday April 14. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship as we welcome this beautiful season of spring!



Submitted by Frances Miller

Presbyterian Women's mission focus for April is The Vine School. The Vine School has requested donations of:

- \* Batteries (size AA and AAA)
- \* Baby Wipes (Hypoallergenic / Sensitive Skin)
- \* Nitrile Gloves (sizes Med and Large)
- \* Paper Towels
- \* Disinfecting **WIPES**
- \*Lysol **SANITIZING** Spray

Presbyterian Women should bring their donations for The Vine School to the April Women of Faith meeting. Any donations from Church members can be left with Erica in the Church office. April is Autism Awareness Month, so it is appropriate that First Presbyterian Church support this school "where individuals with special needs can grow their potential."

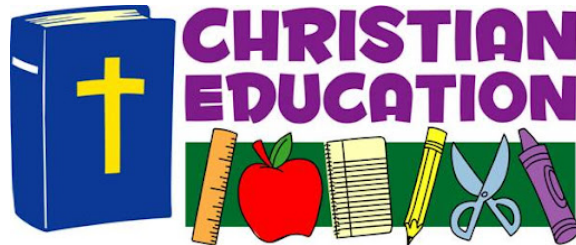


Submitted by Dawn Neel

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Nellie Hudson Sunday School Class

The Nellie Hudson Sunday School class will not be meeting for the next several weeks. We hope to resume in late May dependent upon family health issues. Please be watching the newsletter for its return and upcoming course of study. We will greatly miss gathering together and look forward to anyone who would like to join us when we resume.



<b>SAVE</b>	<b>VBS PLANNING MEETING FOR VOLUNTEERS</b>
<b>TUES, 16 APRIL @ 4PM</b>	<b>THE</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL</b>



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these". Matt 19:14

Submitted by Leila Galvan

We will be back this Sunday 4/14 with our lesson on Rahab and the spies. It's sure to be an exciting lesson, so if you know some little ones please bring them to our class. We love having new friends.

Our lessons are multi-sensory – so we read, craft, sing, dance, and snack during each lesson! If you know a child between the ages of 5-12, invite them to join us for some fun!

Contact Leila Galvan at 956-367-2234, or the church office, if you have questions or would like to participate.



