

# *The News*

The monthly newsletter of  
First Presbyterian Church Arlington



*“He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside quiet waters.  
He restores my soul.”*

*- Psalm 23: 2-3*

March 2026

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# “Remembering You In My Prayers”

During worship on Feb. 22, I read an email I received soon after the New Year. I think it is worth sharing here as well 1) for those who were in worship and might have missed a detail or two, and 2) for those who were not here.

It came at a time when I was getting lots of spam emails from all kinds of people selling stuff and programs. And so when I saw what was kind of a generic subject along with a name that vaguely rang a bell, I hesitated opening it or just sending it to the trash.

I am very glad I opened it and I believe you will be blessed by reading it. (By the way, I did get the sender's permission to share this.)

Howdy Pastor Campbell!

I'm Clint and a while back in the latter half of 2024 during my study exchange in Arlington, I happened upon First Presbyterian Church during my stay there. I remember attending the services and being very warmly welcomed by the community which in hindsight, I believe is a testament to the worldwide unity of the church in Christ who strengthens us :).

This is a very overdue message but I was reminded of my time in FPC and the very first sermon I remember attending there; as my church is currently covering Ephesians and thus I was reminded of your sermon where you referenced the 1934 NFL “Sneakers Game” which really stuck with me (as a Singaporean who has never experienced NFL culture ).

I just wanted to write this because I think my time spent at FPC (albeit short) really helped spark a fundamental change in the way I was moving in the faith. I had recently come out of a few hard, heart-breaking situations then and my exchange was largely spent moping around and trying to enjoy the worldly pleasures instead of seeking out God.

But during those Sundays, I believe that the Spirit was

working in the people I met there and it helped me realize that the joy I felt going to church really did something that the things of the world could not.

So now, about a year and a bit more later since I've been back home, I've been a lot more active in my church's community and serving with a heart that seeks to serve others, not because I chose to, but because God showed me what a community who serves sacrificially and in love does for Him, and I want to bring others to know what joy God brings to all of us.

I would like to quote Ephesians 1:15-16 as a prayer and a thanks to you and all of the wonderful staff and church members whom I met during my stay in Arlington.

*"For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."*

- Eph 1:15-16 ESV

Thank you, happy new year, and God bless!

With the fullest heart,  
Clint Lim

# Community outreach

Visit the  
Outreach  
Missions  
tab under Ministires at  
[firstprestexas.org](http://firstprestexas.org)

## Arlington Life Shelter Needs:

### • Food

**Donation Pick Up Helper:** We need someone who can travel to food establishments in the area to pick up food items and deliver them to the shelter.

• **Provide a Meal:** Grab a team, faith group, or your family and friends and cook a meal for residents. We need Food Team Volunteers to purchase, prepare, and serve meals. Email [alice.morris@arlingtonlifeshelter.org](mailto:alice.morris@arlingtonlifeshelter.org) for meal guidelines and available dates.

• **PALS:** Partners of Arlington Life Shelter is an auxiliary group that raises funds for the shelter and provides special events such as birthday and holiday parties for the residents.

For more information on how to volunteer, please contact [alice.morris@arlingtonlifeshelter.org](mailto:alice.morris@arlingtonlifeshelter.org).



## Mission Arlington Needs:

Community Service volunteers are a blessing to Mission Arlington, and they form a substantial team to help us accomplish what we do here every day. Visit [missionarlington.org](http://missionarlington.org) for specifics.

Our hours are Monday through Saturday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. No appointment necessary. Please come in whenever it works best for you. You will be working with the administration of food, clothes, household items and furniture – sorting, separating, carrying, and distributing.

Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and come with a flexible spirit, ready to work wherever you are needed.

# Prayer ministry



## The Mirror, the Mercy, and the Maturing Heart

In 2 Samuel 12, Nathan confronts David with a story of injustice so compelling that David burns with anger – until he realizes the story is about his own heart. Scripture reminds us that moral clarity about others is not the same as spiritual maturity within ourselves.

Ephesians 2 deepens this truth. Though humanity is prone to “gratifying the cravings of our flesh,” Paul anchors this diagnosis in “the incomparable riches of His grace.” God reveals the truth of our hearts not to condemn but to restore, forming us into “a dwelling in which God lives.”

Psalm 12 widens the lens. David laments a society

marked by flattery, manipulation, and divided hearts. His anger reflects a longing for integrity, yet the Psalm points us back to God’s unchanging character and our call to humility and reverence.

Together, these passages trace a pattern of faith: We recognize injustice around us/God reveals the truth within us/Grace invites transformation/The Spirit shapes us to reflect God’s heart.

David was morally perceptive, but it often took God’s “mirror” – His Word, His prophets, His Spirit – to help him see himself clearly. The same is true for us.

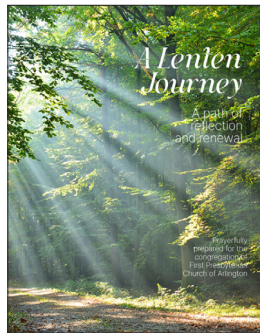
We need not wait for the consequences of self-will to understand what righteousness requires. God’s Spirit is always ready to expose our folly and reveal the beauty of His covenant faithfulness.

As we consistently come to God’s Word and into His presence, we learn to fear the Lord – not with dread, but with a reverent openness that allows Him to shape our hearts into His dwelling place. And in the seemingly “random” alignment of these readings, we glimpse how the Spirit weaves Covenant, Calling, Prophets, Preparation, and Ministry into a single thread on our journey toward the Cross.

# March news

## The Little Man books available

The Little Man series will be up on the wall by Fellowship Hall for a few more weeks, but you can also pick up a copy of the artwork (by Alison Chin) and inspiring words compiled into a booklet. Copies are available in the narthex for all ages.



## Pick up your Lenten Booklet

Lenten Journey booklets are available in the narthex, the church office, or by requesting a copy at [info@firstprestexas.org](mailto:info@firstprestexas.org).

## A Night of Music

Join us for an evening of music with Baylor's A Cappella Choir, the university's flagship vocal group March 28 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Admission is free.

**FPCA HOSTS  
A NIGHT OF  
MUSIC**

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington  
March 28, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Join Baylor's flagship student vocal group for an evening performance of contemporary and classical music.

**A CAPPELLA  
CHOIR**

## Special Offering during Lent

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering is received during the season of Lent at FPCA. This is one of four special offerings collected during our church year. Offering envelopes are provided outside the sanctuary or you can designate OGHS on the memo portion of your check. Presbyterians worldwide have participated in this offering for more than 60 years and give about as much as all other denominations put together. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. The offering gifts are divided between three programs: Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. For more information, see [www.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.pcusa.org/oghs).



## Mobile Food Market Dates

Arlington Charities is hosting mobile food markets twice in December.

Distribution lines form early and distribution ends when the food is gone.

- March 14 at 8:30 a.m. - St. Andrews United Methodist Church at 2045 S.E. Green Oaks Blvd.
- March 19 at 9 a.m. - Tarrant County College at 2100 Southeast Parkway.
- March 26 at 9 a.m. - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 1500 California Lane.

# Build connections

## Bible and book studies

(see full descriptions of studies on pages 8-9)

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study for Men and Women

- Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday Women's Bible Study

- Second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

### Men's Bible Study

- Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in room 204

### CWF Women's Bible Study

- Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

- HOPE Tutoring Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

## Church leadership

- Prayer Ministry Council March 5 at 1 p.m.

### Team meetings

March 12

Fellowship Team meets at 4:30 in room 210

Other teams meet at 7 p.m. All teams meet for ministry planning and coordination.

- Session meeting

March 26 at 6 p.m. in the Parlor

The Session meets to oversee the ministry of the church, worship, budget, and other matters.

## Music Ministries

### Ring of Praise Handbells

- Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m.

### Chancel choir

- Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Children and Youth Music Ministries

- Sundays at 12:45 p.m. with lunch provided at 12:15

## Fellowship and community groups

- Senior Flexibility Class Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Come get fit with us! We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Sarah Wright at 972.345.6402 for more details.

- Quilting group - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

This group meets on Wednesdays to quilt, sew, knit, crochet, embroider, and just enjoy being together. Bring your project and join in! Bring a sack lunch and join the ladies for lunch at noon.

- Saints Alive Luncheon We will meet Thursday, March 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. See page 9 for details

# February joys



1 and 2. FPCA had seven youth choir members participate in a choir of 75 youth to lead worship at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church at the annual Youth Cue event Feb. 22. Soprano Nora Sanders was selected one of the featured soloists. The group also participated in Bible study and fellowship.

3. Rev. Chris Campbell makes the sign of the cross in ashes on Debbie Richardson's head in Ash Wednesday service Feb. 18.

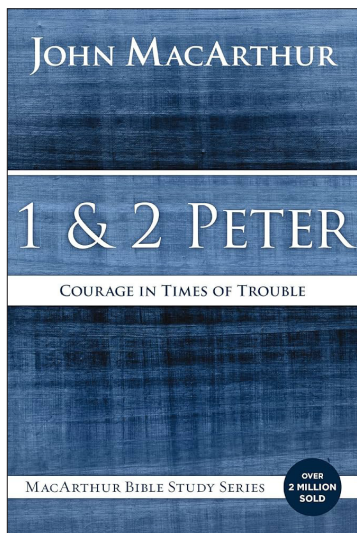
4. The Foundations Sunday School class enjoyed a time of fun and fellowship watching the Super Bowl together Feb. 8.



5. The Fellowship Team hosted the Souper Bowl of Caring luncheon after worship Sunday, Feb. 1 to kick off a canned food drive.

# Bible studies and groups

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study for Men and Women Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall



The new study is *First and Second Peter* by John MacArthur.

After a quick review of the history of the Bible, we will begin our study of first and second Peter by John MacArthur and video by David Guzik.

“In the first letter, Peter reminded believers of the many blessings available to them because of their sufferings,” MacArthur writes. “In the second letter, he warned them against false teachers who were invading their churches and teaching deceptive doctrines.”

Study guides are provided and available for purchase for \$8.

## Men’s Bible Study Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in room 204

The Men’s Bible Study group meets every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. in room 204. Men of all ages meet and enjoy a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. The group is currently studying *The History of Israel: Deuteronomy to Kings*. All men are invited to join this study.



## Registration open for Mo Ranch Men’s Conference Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3 Mo Ranch - Hunt, Texas

Join the FPCA tradition of gathering with other men for a time of encouragement, growth, and honest conversation at the Mo Ranch Men’s Conference Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3.

This year’s theme, “Holey, Holy, Wholly,” will challenge and inspire us to reflect on where we are, where God is working in us, and how we can live more fully and faithfully as men.

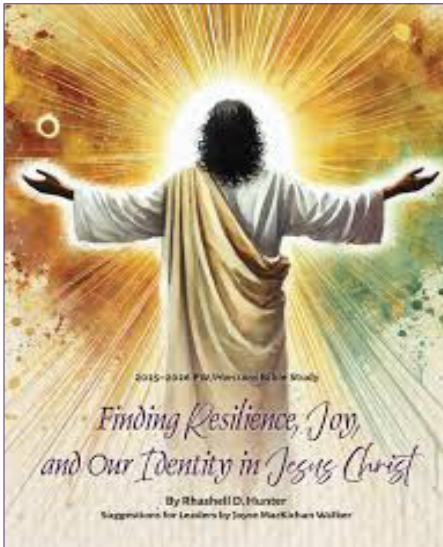
In addition to the main sessions, the conference will include engaging workshops and plenty of opportunities to connect with other men, eat barbecue, and be refreshed.

Scholarships are available.

If you’re interested or want more information, contact Rev. Chris Campbell or email [info@firstprestexas.org](mailto:info@firstprestexas.org).

# Bible studies and groups

## Wednesday Women's Bible Study Second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



The Wednesday Women's Bible Study resumes their Bible Study meetings. The study is the Horizon's Presbyterian Women's study *Finding Resilience, Joy, and our Identity*

*in Jesus Christ*. In this Bible study, we will explore resilience modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, and Jesus. The Bible study is also about finding joy in a chaotic world. Trusting in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We will also seek to rediscover our identity in Jesus Christ.

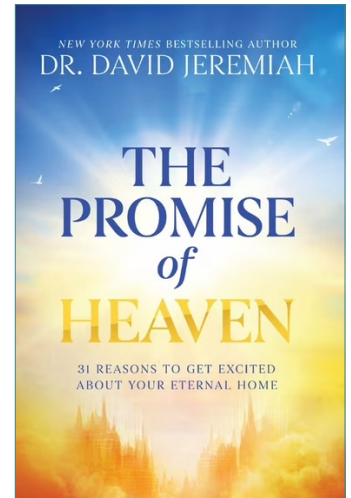
We welcome all women. The group meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Please reply to Debbie Richardson (817.675.2867) or der817@gmail.com or Sheri Quick (sheriq@aol.com).

## Friendship Sunday School Class Meets Sundays at 9:45 in room 214

You're invited to join us in studying *The Promise of Heaven* by Dr. David Jeremiah. Dr. Jeremiah answers our questions about heaven by revealing biblical scripture.

As you walk through this study with the Friendship class, you will find that God has not left us in the dark regarding our eternal home.



## CWF Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. online

The CWF Women's Bible Study group meets virtually every Wednesday at 7 p.m. except for the last Wednesday of the month when the group meets at FPCA in the parlor.

## Saints Alive Luncheon Thursday, March 26 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Come one, come all: Please come and join with us for Saints Alive! We will have a Saints Alive potluck lunch and fellowship Thursday, March 26. Saints Alive is a bring-your-favorite-dish luncheon at 11:30. (Come early if you'd like to visit before lunch.)

# Finance update



## FINANCE UPDATE

### General Fund for January 2026:

	Monthly	YTD
Income & Funds Released:	105,685	105,685
Expenses:	(69,227)	(69,227)
Variance	36,458	36,458
Donors Income:	102,014	102,014
Budget:	75,338	75,338
Variance	26,676	26,676

### Comments:

We are always so grateful for your generous donations. Because of your support, we were able to:

- begin a journey through our sermon series where Jesus reveals something unique about him and his character through some of his "I Am" statements.
- take joy in the ordination and installation of new officers - an exciting moment in the church's life, and exciting for the kingdom.
- enjoy fellowship with our sisters in Christ in a Women's Ministry-sponsored event called New Year, New Beginnings, exploring how to begin the new year right and learning about the discipline of service.
- launch a New Member Class, learning what it means to be a part of the Presbyterian tradition and connecting with the ministries of FPCA.
- celebrate 2025, which was an excellent year in many ways, as we heard and read more about that at our annual meeting.

As of January, our Capital Campaign fund balance is \$162,447.

We are doing well and, because of you, we can carry out the ministries that are calling to our FPCA family. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at [jeanne@firstprestexas.org](mailto:jeanne@firstprestexas.org).

# Children's Ministry



how Jesus surprised everyone by talking to a Samaritan woman by the well and showing her love and kindness. Jesus crossed every barrier to love others, and now we can, too, because we're invited to love like Jesus does.

**March 15:** The Bible passages are John 9:1-41 and Psalm 34:1-8. This week, we'll see how Jesus gave sight to a man born blind, showing God's power in a way that no one could explain. While some people re-

fused to believe, the man celebrated what Jesus did, reminding us that we're invited to experience Jesus' miracles.

**March 22:** The Bible passages are John 11:1-45 and Psalm 121:1-8. We'll hear how Jesus helped Lazarus and his family when they needed him, showing how deeply he cared for them. Even when the answer didn't come right away, Jesus revealed his power and love, reminding us that we're invited to ask Jesus for help.

**March 29:** The Bible passages are Matthew 21:1-11 and Psalm 118:19-29. This week, we'll see how people celebrated Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, shouting praises, and laying down palm branches to worship him as their king. Jesus deserves our worship not just for what He's done but for who He is, reminding us that I'm invited to worship Jesus.

## March KFC overview

Getting invited to a party is one of the best feelings, and being left out is one of the worst. But there's good news: Jesus never leaves anyone out! He invites everyone to spend time with him, experience his love, and share it with others. This month kids will learn that Jesus' invitation is always open, and we're never too far away to join the party!

## Weekly Curriculum Summaries

**March 1:** The Bible passages are John 3:1-17 and Romans 10:9-13. This week, we'll hear how Jesus welcomed Nicodemus' questions and helped him understand what it means to believe in God's plan through Jesus. Just like Nicodemus, we can bring all our questions and discover that I'm invited to believe in Jesus!

**March 8:** The Bible passages are John 4:5-42 and I John 4:7-12. This week, we'll learn

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## *Prayer ministry*

### **Prayers for those with health and other concerns:**

Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Jimmy Chefor, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Lisa Landolt, Margaret Landolt, Shawn LeBlanc, Pat May, her son Tim Karnes, and her son-in-law Coleman Rabourn, Richard Price, Carole Ray, Judy Reck, Debbie Richardson, Lisa Scrobeck, Tonya Scrobeck, the family of David Spencer, Drew Stephenson, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

### **Prayers for family in the armed forces:**

Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Wolfgang Van Wie, Christopher Young

### **Prayers for our home-bound members:**

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Judy Crowell, Margaret Fite, Bobbie Fowler, Lila Glenn, Jay and Susan Graham, Teresa Hanson, Ann Scarr, Becky Speck, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Biddie Walker

### **Pray for those who do not know Christ!**

If you have any congregational care needs, please contact either Pastor Chris Campbell or Parish Pastor Jim Shroyer at 817-274-8286.