

The price of flowers from Murray's Flower Gallery has increased to \$75.

You can also purchase flowers elsewhere and bring them to the Church by Sunday morning.

Flower Chart:

October 4:
October 11: Bowyers
October 18:
October 25:
November 1:
November 8:
November 15:
November 22:
November 29- December 27: Advent

We are updating our website at
www.firstprestifton.org;
you can find Biff's misfit bulletins there!

Upcoming Events:

October 4th: World Communion Sunday
October 4th: Rise Against Hunger
October 18th: Fellowship Luncheon
October 25th: Kirkin "O The Tartans Service
November 1st: All Saints Day
November 15th: Stewardship Sunday
November 15th: Thanksgiving Luncheon
December 20th: Christmas Luncheon
December 24th: Christmas Eve Service

The church has a cell phone with the same phone number:

229-382-6730
Call or text!

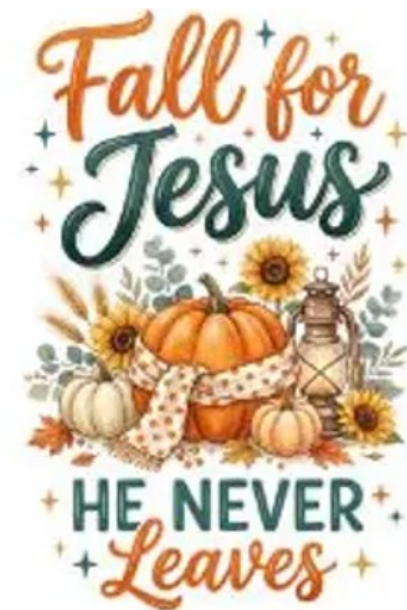
Our Church has an app!

Church Connect is a part of the new bookkeeping program we are using. The app is for connecting with everyone. Church Connect has our calendar of events and you can also view your giving report when create an account.

Scan the QR Code with your phone camera or go to the following website:

<https://open.churchtrac.com?code=2A3C6J>

Code: 2A3C6J



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Our Children's Policy

We wanted to make sure everyone is aware of our policy regarding children in church:
If your kids are loud, please still come to church.

If you're running late because getting everyone out the door was a battle,
please still come to church.

If your toddler won't sit still, please still come to church.

If your baby needs to eat, please still come to church.

If your child asks questions at the least convenient time, please still come to church.

If someone cries, drops a toy, needs a snack, or has to make their third trip to the bathroom,
please still come to church.

If your child doesn't know all the words, all the prayers, or exactly when to sit and stand,
please still come to church.

If you feel like you spent the entire service managing your children and heard approximately
12% of the sermon, please still come to church.

If Sunday morning feels messy instead of peaceful, please still come to church.

If you're worried your children are distracting the people around you,
please still come to church.

Because children do not learn how to be part of the Church
by staying home until they can sit quietly.

They learn by being here.

They learn the hymns by hearing us sing them.

They learn the prayers by hearing us pray them.

They learn to worship by watching us worship.

They learn that church is home because we make room for them here.

The wiggles, whispers, dropped crayons, crying babies, and little voices
are not interruptions to the life of the Church.

They are evidence that the Church is alive.

So bring the babies. Bring the toddlers. Bring the big kids. Come late. Sit in the back.

Sit in the front. Step out when you need to and come right back in.

Just come.

Children are not simply the future of the Church. They are part of the Church right now.....

We must invest in our young families...babies...toddlers...children and young people...

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
For the kingdom of God belongs to them "Matthew 19:14.....

Shared from Linda Price

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Your Session:

Moderator: Dr. Coker

Clerk: Doug Smith

Administration/Finance: Allen Boyd

Congregational Life: Nancy Marshall

Worship: Bret Henderson

Property: Marlene Mathis

Elder of the Month for October:

Bret Henderson



15 Commitments for Christ for 2026-2027

Vision – Always Be Christ's Disciples (ABCD)

Mission - To share how Jesus and His love are real through all Church Activities.

- 1) **Pray, Pray, Pray for Unchurched People:** Psalm 127:1 says: *"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain."*
- 2) **Halloween Trick or Treat for Canned Goods:** Instead of candy, we will collect canned goods for a food pantry
- 3) **Host A Concert for a Band:** We will plan a concert on a cool evening with a Band on the Deck.
- 4) **Trunk or Treat:** We will invite people to Trunk or Treat in 1st Pres parking lot.
- 5) **Marriage Conference:** We will host a Marriage Conference & follow up with a marriage series on Sundays.
- 6) **Appreciation Night:** We will invite First Responders and honor them and their families.
- 7) **Parenting Conference:** We will show parenting videos or bring in a professional counselor.
- 8) **Parents' Night Out:** We will have volunteers babysit & invite unchurched parents to have a Date Night.
- 9) **Holiday Food Baskets:** We will put together baskets of food for families in need & give out Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, etc.
- 10) **Trunk & Junk:** We will have yard sale in parking lot from car trunks/trailers with larger items on the pavement.
- 11) **Outreach.com Direct Mail:** We will have Outreach.com send postcards about Biff's Misfit Bulletins, being a lonely Longhorn, & the First Pres Culture of joy & laughter with a QR Code linked to videos from members about how special 1st Pres is to them.
- 12) **Give away bread:** We will give away Flowers Bakery bread in the name of Christ.
- 13) **ABAC student Dove Shoot:** We will have a Dove Shoot on September 5th, followed by a Golf Scramble and Burger Cookout.
- 14) **New Banner:** We will place a Banner on front lawn saying, *"Open for Prayer - All we need is YOU!"*
- 15) **Ladies Game Night:** We will plan a Game Night for Ladies to play Mahjong, Bunkco, Bingo, etc.

People who need spiritual support:

- 1) *Price Coarsey (nephew of Butch & Dela Coarsey)- was in a four-wheeler accident; Price is 11 years old and has been moved to Scottish Rites Children Hospital where he faces a long recovery.*
- 2) *John Barfield - minor health issues*
- 3) *Marc & Athelyn Buttrill (Cheryl Coker's parents) -minor health issues*
- 4) *Gail Dekle (the mother of Amyie Mathis) has been diagnosed with Stage 4 nonalcoholic Cirrhosis of the Liver. She is staying with Chad & Amyie.*
- 5) *Jim Hall (friend of the Cokers) - battling cancer*
- 6) *Shane Ferraro: (Bowyer's daughter, Peyton's best friend) has finished chemo for Stage 2 colon cancer and is awaiting scans.*
- 7) *Melissa Hughes - (Niece of Marlene Mathis) is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 meta-static bone cancer which has spread to her bones, liver and lungs.*
- 8) *Donnie Sumner - several health issues*
- 9) *Pray for those who have unspoken prayer requests that they find the answers and comfort they need*



Presbyterian Ladies Lunches:

- Oct. 1: Olive Garden (11:20 am)
- Oct. 8: Fancy Girl Farms (meet at Church 10:00)
- Oct. 15: Chicago's Pizza (6:30 pm)
- Oct.22: Chicken Salad Chick (11:20 am)
- Oct.29: El Jarocho (11:20 am)



Sometimes only two can make it to Thursday lunch with the ladies.

One of Biff's Misfit bulletins:

September 20, 2026



"This church bulletin should be safe.
I tried it on the crash test dummy."

