

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:

September 6: Bowyers

September 13:

September 20: M. Knight

September 27:

October 4:

October 11: Bowyers

October 18:

October 25:

November 1:

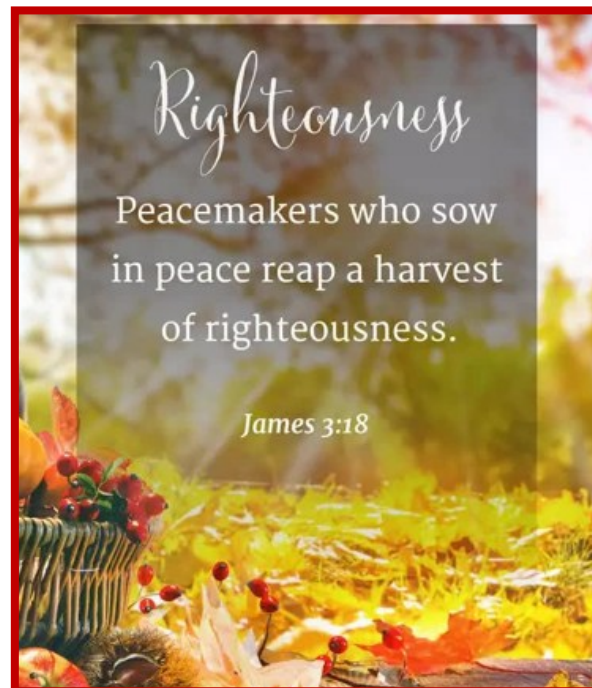
November 8:

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!



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:



The Presbyterian Press

September

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Biff's Blog:

"Small Acts, Big Blessings"

Opportunities abound for us to do small acts of service that can turn into big blessings for others. Cheryl and I brainstormed some of the small acts that we have experienced in the last few years that have generated amazing blessings for us and others. Here is the list that we came up with:

Cheryl and I went to the Beach in August. One day, it rained hard. After parking the car, I grabbed one of many umbrellas Cheryl always has in her car. To get to the Hotel, I had to cross an intersection. A mother was standing there with her husband and 2 teen boys. They were getting soaked, so I stepped up, covered the mother with my umbrella, and said, "Sorry, Dad, you and your boys will just have to tough it out. Mothers always come first." We walked across the crosswalk laughing, and the dad and mom said that they really appreciated my small act of service.

As Cheryl and I drove back home from the Beach, we stopped at a Waffle House for lunch. During our meal, someone played the Christian song entitled, "Nobody" by Casting Crowns. The chorus says: "I'm just a nobody; Trying to tell everybody; All about Somebody; Who saved my soul; Ever since You rescued me, You gave my heart a song to sing; I'm living for the world to see Nobody but Jesus." When the waitress walked by, I asked her if she knew who played that Christian song on the jukebox. She said that our restaurant manager always plays songs like that one. The manager overheard her and turned around and told us that she likes to witness for Christ when she can, even at Waffle House. We told her to keep up the good work.

Cheryl was at Walmart 2 weeks ago, and when she stepped up to the self-checkout counter, a black college aged young man was trying to get his card to work, but it wouldn't go through. He told her that he was trying to buy some new slacks for college. He was extremely polite, respectful, and apologetic. After several tries, Cheryl handed him enough cash to pay for his slacks. He said, "Ma'am, I'll go to the service desk and get your money back." Cheryl said, "No. I just want you to do something nice for someone else when you can and pass on a little of God's kindness." The young man thanked her profusely and promised to pass on her kindness. Opportunities for acts of kindness are everywhere. All we have to do is notice them.

Cheryl went to Lowes a couple of months ago and noticed that several carts were sitting in the middle of parking spaces. It was irritating because the spaces could not be used. She pulled into an empty space, got out, and moved all the carts to the nearest cart return area. As she started walking toward the Lowes entrance, a man got out of his truck, stopped her, and said, "Ma'am, I saw what you did, and I want you to know how much I appreciate it. Some people are so lazy and inconsiderate. I wish we had more people like you in our world. Thank you for being so caring."

When I was at Covenant a few years ago, our choir sang a beautiful anthem during worship one Sunday. One of our choir members had a touch of the Flu but really wanted to help sing. Unfortunately, when the anthem ended, she leaned forward directly behind our pulpit and threw up. A couple of ladies in the choir helped her leave the Sanctuary. What she left behind the pulpit was not a pretty sight. In fact, it was so uncomfortable to look at that no-one wanted to clean it up. When our service ended, I grabbed a roll of paper towels, a trash bag, and a can of Lysol and did the unexpected - I cleaned it up. Our music director told Cheryl, "I have never had as much respect for your husband as I do right now. I could have never done what he did."

Even our son, Chase, has learned from us to do kind acts of service when they present themselves. Once, Chase was on his way home and noticed a lady broken down on the side of the road. He stopped to help her and discovered that she was one of Covenant's members, the daughter of a charter member. He got her car working properly and off she went. That afternoon, her mother called Cheryl and said how much she appreciated Chase helping her daughter. Every time we offer small acts of service they always multiply.

Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve." Always stay safe, but when opportunities present themselves, I hope you will pass on the love of Christ through simple acts of service.

Grace, Peace, and Love to All of You, Biff

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Congregational Life: Nancy Marshall

Worship: Bret Henderson

Property: Marlene Mathis

Elder of the Month for September:
Nancy Marshall

September Birthdays:

Frank Bowyer 9th
Wayne Howell 21st
Nancy Marshall 27th

People who need spiritual support:

- 1) Rosalie Rohrer (Margeret's mother) - She is having a difficult recovery from her recent surgery; please keep her and Margaret both in your prayers.
- 2) Marc & Athelyn Buttrill (Cheryl Coker's parents) -minor health issues
- 3) Price Coarsey - Great-nephew of Butch Coarsey -recovering from an accident
- 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 Stage 2 colon cancer
- 7) Melissa Hughes - (Niece of Marlene Mathis) is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 metastatic bone cancer.
- 8) Stacy Jones (our pianist)- recovering from surgery
- 9) Donnie Sumner - several health issues
- 10) Pray for those who have unspoken prayer requests that they find the answers and comfort they need.



Presbyterian Ladies Lunches:

- Sept. 3: Ophelia's -formerly Giggles (11:20 am)
Sept. 10: Chicken Salad Chick (11:20 am)
Sept. 17: Taco Loco (6:30 pm)
Sept. 24: Pit Stop (11:20 am)



Olivia Cody joined us a Charles Seafood and enjoyed a lemon.



Two special girls joined us for lunch at Mi-Lady Bakery.

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.

August 16, 2026

Since you have been preaching to us about the Beatitudes ...



Some of Biff's Misfit bulletins:

