



June 2021

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Sunday Service Hours:

Adult Bible Study: 9:00 am
 Worship Service: 10:00 am

Office Hours:

Monday: office closed
 Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
 Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 The office closes from 12:00-1:00 for lunch

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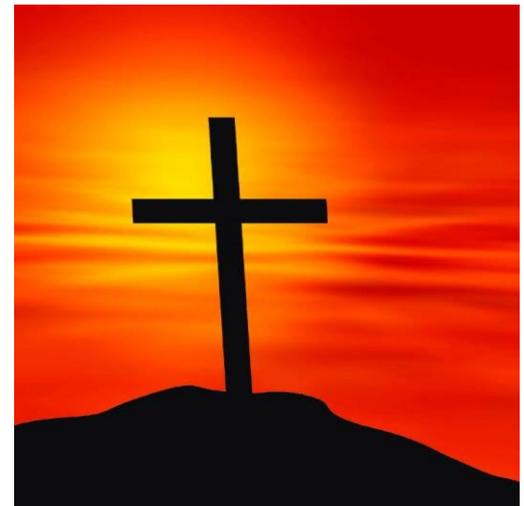
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Around the Church

Monday-Friday: Mother’s Day Out and Preschool
Tuesday: Soup Kitchen 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Gillespie Bldg.
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Prov. 23:12, *Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.*

My college mentor would often tell me, tell us, “always be teachable.” For him that was a non-negotiable in the life of a disciple. We can never learn enough, and if we stop learning, in a very real sense, we stop living.

I’m in a place of learning again, being taught. Learning different ways of doing things, learning different systems and traditions. This isn’t exactly what I was expecting after I turned 50 in March! But here I am, eager and ready...being teachable.

As we enter into this new season of ministry together, all of us as a church family, I want to encourage you to remain teachable as well. Be willing to explore differing options and don’t always settle for status quo. I once heard that the last 7 words of a church are “we’ve never done it that way before”, let that not be said of us!

When we are younger we are anxious to be teachable, to some extent. We can’t wait to learn to read, write, do this and do that. But even then, our “I can do it” attitude would quickly pop up. Or the polar opposite of giving up and saying, “I just can’t...” as well.

We don’t really lose that as we age, do we? We just settle in and accept the old adage of “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks”, and in doing so, we choose to not be teachable. Don’t fall into that trap!

So, here on some tips I have found for being teachable, that all of us might need to implement:

1. Keep an Open Mind: Have that willingness to explore and discover!
2. Check Your Ego: Nope, none of us know it all, and someone might actually know better. This is where humility comes into play.
3. Ask for feedback: Sometimes the best thing we can do is ask someone, “Well, what do you think?”
4. Be respectful: The Gospel tells us that people matter. “With all due respect” is often followed by anything but.
5. Ingest and Implement: Take it in and think about it, seriously consider what you have learned. It might require a major change, or it might require a slight adjustment. We don’t know until we spend time with what we have learned.
6. Be thankful: The ability to be teachable is proof that God isn’t done with us yet. He continues to do a new thing (Isa. 43:19), and we will miss out if we aren’t willing to be teachable.

I’m excited to learn more about FPC-O as well as our denomination in the coming months and years. I’m also thankful to be alongside you for this journey! And who knows, we all might just learn a thing or two!

Be God’s!
Bobby

Thank You

Brigitte and I would like to thank our First Presbyterian Family for the amazing and loving welcome we received last weekend! Even Regan was pleasantly surprised by the way we were welcomed into our new community of faith!

It was a long wait for us, as well as for you, for last Sunday to finally take place, but it was well worth it. And we are excited this week about what God has in store for us all in the future.

Thank you again for the love you have shown!

be God's,
Bobby and Brigitte



Darren Hoyland celebrates 15 years of being a faithful servant as FPCO's Music Director. We would like to take a moment to acknowledge all the time and effort put forth by Darren. Many of you may not know the extent of his work. You see and hear the fruit of his labors on Sunday Mornings but may not have a clue what all the Pastor and staff really expect from our Music Director. Darren's work provides us another avenue for worship and helps build our relationship with the Lord.

Especially during this past year, Darren has taken on the crucial role to implement our online services on Facebook and the website. This is done tirelessly above and beyond his usual duties of serving our Congregation. We must recognize the effort and quality put forth by him; the time and effort hidden from sight, the hours of practice, the days of preparation, and the moments where improvisation is the only option. Please take some time to praise him for his valued work at the church.

Thank you Darren ~ we are blessed to have you as our Music Director and as a member of our congregation.

DAY SCHOOL

The Presbyterian Day School in Orange moved its dedication ceremony for a special tree planting indoors Friday because of the rain. The day school has been working with children in Orange since 1948.

Mindi Vandervoort the director of the Presbyterian Day School said the tree will represent growth for the school and the community. “The tree is representative of how resilient we are, having been through a tough year with COVID, and hurricanes, and ice storms, and one thing after another, but we keep hanging on, and we keep coming back, and we’ve got a lot of great new things happening, so a lot of new growth,” Vandervoort expressed.

Larry Spears, Jr. the Mayor of Orange opened the ceremony with a prayer. Former superintendent of the Little Cypress-Mauriceville School District Dr. **Pauline Hargrove**, a member of First Presbyterian Church, gave an inspirational talk to the students and parents attending the ceremony.

The tree was donated to the Presbyterian Day School by Sandra Hoke. Volunteer Kerri Norwood nourished and cared for the tree in preparation for the future planting of it. The tree was planted in the playground at the school on Elm and Eighth Street by **Ron Rehfuss** and **Dickie Colburn**. The tree is named Christian.



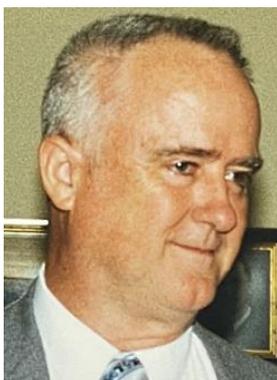
Photos by: **Dan Perrine**

PDS had a great end of the year! PreK 4 & 5 students that are moving on to kindergarten had a wonderful graduation ceremony in their cap and gowns. Three very important ladies, Mrs. Teresa, Mrs. Becky, and Mrs. Debbie all retired from PDS this year. We celebrated their years of service at the graduation ceremony. Their families were invited to surprise them for the special occasion.

We wrapped up a successful year knowing we overcame so many obstacles. Between hurricanes, ice storms, and a global pandemic PDS came out healthy and excited to start again in the fall!



Photos by: **Mindi Vandervoort**



Thomas Penn Johnson, 87, of Orange, passed away on May 2, 2021, in Port Arthur. A visitation was held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 7, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church in Orange with a Memorial Service following at 11:00 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church in Orange. A gathering of family and friends was held after services, with a lunch to remember the well-lived life of Thomas.

Born in Austin, Texas, on October 31, 1933, Penn was the son of Thomas Edward Johnson and Elizabeth (Penn) Johnson. His aunt and uncle operated the largest river boat in Texas on Lake Austin, and at the age of 14 he learned to pilot the boat, and was the youngest person licensed in the state of Texas to pilot a boat, quickly excelled in maneuvering it. Penn graduated college from the University of Texas. He worked for Levingston Shipbuilding Co. for many years as a structural engineer and designer. In 1976, he started Penn Engineering and was in business for 36 years. Even though Penn Engineering employed many people Mike Nies was the only employee from the beginning to end and was like a son to Penn. Penn was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Orange, where he served his Lord faithfully. He belonged to numerous professional organizations related to engineering where he developed and grew several friendships and served on numerous committees. Penn led a life full of hard work, dedication, and service and will be deeply missed by all those he came to know and love.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Johnson; loving wife, Jane Johnson; brother, Marion Johnson; sister, Sissy Lawshae; and grandchildren, Sarah Patten and Jack Penn Patten.

He is survived by his children, Cheryl Lynn Johnson Robertson and husband John, Scott Johnson, and Elizabeth Marie Johnson Cooper and husband Scott; grandchildren, Elizabeth Duhon and husband Erik, Laurie Echols and husband Colin, Jane Gaspard and husband Blake, and Thomas Cooper; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

FPC had a number of volunteers during the last carnival. We will be allowed to wear shirts with a **FPC** logo and are encouraged to do so.

The carnival this year will be 3 weeks: June 16-19, June 23-26, and June 30-July 3. Volunteers can work one or multiple days.

Please contact **Karl Wickham** at 617-8498 if you can help with a booth or ride during the carnival.



Church Services ~ Sunday Online Service and Sunday School

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM online as we let Jesus calm our troubled hearts. We will be on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/First-Presbyterian-Church-of-Orange-TX-130594343637984/> or you can watch the service on our website at: <http://www.firstpresorange.com/our-service>.

Father's Day

Father's Day ~ June 20

The history of Father's Day goes back to 1908 when a church in West Virginia held a sermon to honor 362 men who were killed the previous year in a coal mining explosion. This was the country's first-ever event to strictly honor fathers, but it was just a one-and-done thing, at least in that community.

The following year, however, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd started her quest to establish Father's Day as a national holiday. Dodd was one of six children raised by her single father and thought fathers should be honored in the same way as mothers. After a year of petitioning her local community and government, Dodd's home state of Washington celebrated its first official Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Over the years, the celebration of Father's Day spread from state to state, and after a long fight, it was finally declared a national holiday in 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed it into law.

Thank you to fathers, step-fathers, great granddads, granddads, uncles; and thank you to our Father in Heaven for watching over us and providing fathers and father-figures.

A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society. **Billy Graham**

Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of good dads, and everything that they do for us.

Help them to have patience when we're difficult, wisdom when we can't see the way, strength when we need comforting, and love at all times, so that, through them, we get a little glimpse of how You feel about us.

Amen.

