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woven together *in God's Love*



A TAPESTRY OF DISCIPLESHIP AT FIRST PRES
STEWARDSHIP 2025



As we focus this Stewardship season on the many ways we are Woven Together in God's Love, members share their reflections on being part of the Tapestry of Discipleship at First Pres.

"As I was working full time when I joined First Pres, it was a challenge to see where I could serve. I was asked if I could knit... 'Yes'....and upon learning about the Prayer Shawl Ministry my journey began. God calls us to love one another, and a prayer shawl is that love in tangible form. Little did I realize the blessings I would receive in return for my handiwork. From thank you cards, emails, hugs in the hallway from folks I may or may not know...my cup surely overflows." - **Leslie McCoy**

"Growing up, I helped out with Vacation Bible School (VBS) at my church in Abilene, Texas, so when Ann Nielsen asked if I could help, I said 'of course.' Allison said she would help too. She was a group leader for older kids and I was station leader of the younger kids. I had a really good time!"

- **Thaddeus Komorowski**

"VBS was a wonderful experience. The very heart of God was reflected in each child that week. It was fun to watch their excitement and joy during each of our activities. Serving our church and community is a means in which I feel that I can personally sow into the kingdom of God."

- **Allison Komorowski**

"For me, serving as an acolyte has been a very enlightening experience. As a youth, having a direct role in the services helps me to feel appreciated and wanted in the church. Walking though the aisle of the Sanctuary and seeing the faces of those who care for me is something that makes me feel loved not only by our community but by God. Carrying the cross into the service for me is a representation

of God coming into our presence, and that is something I want everyone to experience... - **Noah Varnon**

"Setting up the space for our Room in the Inn (RITI) neighbors has been such a blessing to us and is just one of the many ways our church extends hospitality and care to others. By lovingly preparing a safe environment, nourishing food, clean bedding, and a mint on their pillow, we're extending the love of God to them. We're proud to know the time, treasure, and talent of our members makes RITI possible. - **Audrey Black and Judy Stricklin**

"Serving as an adult sponsor on the Cuba Mission Trip this summer allowed me to witness God's love through our youth. Alongside them I was able to play a part in deepening our relationships with our partner churches in Cuba. The hospitality and joy that the Cuban people showed us inspired our whole group and led to the formation of meaningful connections between our two communities."

- **Emma Henry**

"When you think of summer learning and worship experiences at our church, Mission on the Move is a family favorite. This week-long experiential program brings together children, youth, and adults who engage in missions supported by our church... This year's theme focused on caring for God's creation...In addition to service opportunities, each day included devotionals, prayers, scriptures, and time to build relationships with our Grandfriends and each other...Mission on the Move is an intergenerational tapestry of experiences that weave together learning, worship, mission, and friendship. The children love the opportunities to help in the community. They develop lasting relationships with the Grandfriends. Our children are inspiring. Learning with them is such a joy."

- **Anne Simpson**

Pastor's Letter



Dear friends,
I heard once that when FBI agents learn to identify a counterfeit bill, their focus is not what you'd think. Instead of studying the counterfeits,

they are trained to study and memorize the original. By immersing themselves in the real thing (i.e. holding, touching, smelling, seeing), they learn to detect the fake bills almost instantly, without having to stop and study them carefully. In a similar way, followers of Christ discover that it is better to get to know the real thing (rather than concentrating on all the issues we oppose and disagree with) in order to learn to identify and discern God's activity in the world.

Dr. Kenda Dean was one of my favorite professors during my time at Princeton Seminary. A while back, she wrote a haunting book entitled, *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church*. Among all else in this book, she teaches that our vocation as disciples "has always been more of a trust-walk than a belief system." She writes:

"In Christian tradition, faith depends on who we follow, and that depends on who we love. Believing in a person—having utter confidence in someone—creates a very different set of expectations than believing in "beliefs." For Christians, faith means cleaving to the person, the

God-man, of Jesus Christ, joining a pilgrim journey with other lovers and following him into the world. Christian formation invites young people into this motley band of pilgrims and prepares them to receive the Spirit who calls them, shapes them, and enlists them in God's plan to right a capsized world."

I love the words she uses to paint a picture of Christian formation: "prepares, calls, shapes, enlists." So very true.

"Follow me" is the challenge Jesus asks of his disciples. We hear this in the Bible as well as in our own relationships with Jesus. I don't know about you, but I am fascinated by his approach. Jesus does not ask us to sign off on a set of beliefs and values before we formally become disciples, nor does Jesus offer a reward or incentive for following him. Instead, Jesus gives us one piece of advice, one instruction: "Follow me." And, of course, it is advice that is just as simple as it is complex, just as easy as it is challenging.

What does it mean to you that God *prepares, calls, shapes, and enlists* you and your fellow Christ followers? I'd love to hear from you about this. I'm thinking about it too. See you Sunday.

Keep on keepin' on,

Rev. Dr. Josh Stewart
Associate Pastor - Youth

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First Presbyterian Church's Session

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Jane Mathis
J.B. Smithson
Jay Stepp
Brian Wharry

September Session Highlights

First Presbyterian Church's Session met on Sunday, September 15. Highlights from that meeting included the following items:

- Robyn Michalove shared highpoints from her time on sabbatical.
- Approved calling the Congregational Meeting on October 6 for the purposes of electing officers (elders and trustees) and the Nominating Committee members at large, approving the 2025 Pastors' Terms of Call, and hearing an update from the Board of Trustees.
- Approved First Pres Commissioners for the Grace Presbytery meeting in Waco on September 21.
- Heard an update on the Stewardship campaign starting this month.
- Received a report on the Youth Trip to Cuba this past summer.



Each month we'll highlight First Pres staff team updates, including new hires, anniversaries, and more.

OCTOBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

We celebrate the following members of our team on their years of faithful service with First Pres:

October 9: Deneice Allen, Ministry Assistant, 7 years

October 13: Jasmine Davis, Assistant Teacher (1s), 3 years

October 26: Liz Martinez, Assistant Teacher (1s), 1 year

October 27: Pam Burkholder, Director of Communications, 27 years

October 29: Heath Brosi, Director of Hospitality & Food Service, 6 years



Below are some highlights of special events happening in October. For a complete calendar, visit fpcfw.org.

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 8 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
- 9 a.m. Worship in the Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Church School for all ages
- 10 a.m. Bible In-Depth
- 11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary & Livestream
- 11:20 a.m. Younger Children's Choir
- 1:30 p.m. Grief Support Group
- 2 p.m. Spiritual Formation: Shalom
- 3:30 p.m. Youth Choir
- 4:30 p.m. High School Bells
- 4:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 6 p.m. Middle School Bells

MONDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9 a.m. Formula & Diaper Ministry at Community Crossroads
- 9 a.m. Hot Breakfast & Choice Pantry at Community Crossroads
- 10 a.m. Wellness: Tai Chi
- 11:30 a.m. Clothing & Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads

WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 10:45 a.m. Bible In-Depth
- 11:30 a.m. Food & Clothing Ministry at Community Crossroads
- 11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads
- 5:30 p.m. WOW! Worship and Dinner at Community Crossroads
- 6 p.m. Grace Notes Rehearsal
- 7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. High School Bible Study

THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER

- 11:30 a.m. Food & Clothing Ministry at Community Crossroads
- 11:30 a.m. Sack Lunch Distribution at Community Crossroads

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 9 a.m. Circles of Christ Circle Up for Coffee
- 2 p.m. Young Adult Paintball Social

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 3 p.m. Youth Kids Against Hunger Meal Packing Project

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 7 a.m. Team First Pres: Tunnel 2 Towers 5K Walk & Run

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

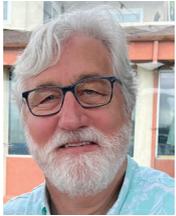
- 10:30 a.m. PW Tuesday Together & Lunch
- 6 p.m. Boomers Dinner at Joe T's

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 7:30 a.m. Solar School at First Pres

Nominees for Elder Class of 2027

This issue of The Penn Street Letter includes the annual publication of biographies of members nominated for the next class of Elders, as well as at-large members of the Nominating Committee and at-large Trustees. There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 6, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing officers (elders and trustees) and the Nominating Committee members at large.



Mark Beasley (Elder) re-joined First Pres in 2021. He is already an ordained elder, having served on the Session at his previous church, First Central Presbyterian in Abilene. Mark currently serves on the Adult Work Group of our Christian Formation Committee. Mark loves the genuine welcoming spirit that pervades this community, the loving compassion for those in our broader community and beyond. He has an ongoing fondness for the faith community at First Pres. In the late 1990's Mark and his wife Margaret were engaged members of the church before departing for Abilene in 2001. Upon returning to Fort Worth in 2020 they reconnected with this faith community and have "felt at home" since their return. "Our recent Mo-Ranch Retreat experience with our granddaughters already stands out as a fond memory. And our new relationships formed over time will continue to create fond memories." Mark is a retired university professor, and now enjoys spending his free time with his wife and his daughter's family of three delightful grandchildren.



Leah Boom (Elder) became a member of the church in 2020. What Leah loves about First Pres is "the community!" When she moved to Fort Worth for work, she knew no one. She was looking for a PCUSA church with a young adult program, hoping to meet friends. She reached out to First Pres and attended one of the Young Adult events and was immediately welcomed and included by everyone. "I left that night knowing this was the church for me." In her time at First Pres, she has been active in Young Adults, served on the Convene & Celebrate Committee and as an Usher, and is a member of the Mary Magdalene Circle in PW. She works during the week as Manager of Support Services at Texas Health Southwest and Clearfork Hospitals. Outside of church events and activities, Leah is a member of the Junior League of Fort Worth, plays cello in the Fort Worth Medical Orchestra, and takes weekly horseback riding lessons.



Cesar Chavez (Elder and Trustee) joined First Pres in 2021. He has served as a liturgist and usher and currently serves on the Mission Outreach Committee. Cesar and his wife Janet and their daughter Emma have also attended the Mo-Ranch Family Retreat. When asked what he loves about First Pres, Cesar says "there are too many to place on paper." He for sure loves the people, the fellowship, the focus on outward missions – our work in the community through Crossroads and WOW, Habitat for Humanity, and the list goes on. He says the care for our members is also

evident. Cesar's day job is in the airline industry, but his free time is spent with the family, playing in their den, and he likes early morning jogs by the river and weightlifting.



Judith Kinser (Elder) has been a member of First Pres since 1970. She has previously served on the Session in three separate terms – in the Classes of 1993, 2002, and 2013. Judith has served on the Board of Trustees and on the Nominating and Congregational Care Committees. She is also active in Presbyterian Women. Judith loves the wide variety of opportunities to serve and the friends to serve with. She also loves how getting away from routine life often provides opportunities for truly spiritual experiences – the Choir Scotland trip, the Civil Rights pilgrimage, and Circles of Christ retreats are wonderful memories among many, many special times. Outside of her church involvement, Judith likes spending time with her new grandson, walking, and being with friends and family.



Ashli Smick (Elder) joined First Pres in 2009. Ashli says that First Pres feels like coming home, and she is truly grateful to share beliefs with a supportive and giving congregation. The fondest memories of her life in the church are getting married at First Pres and the baptisms of their children here. She loves all the opportunities for service and mission outreach that are available. She treasures her time teaching Sunday School and helping with VBS, learning with the PW Mary Magdalene Circle, enjoying the close bonds formed with the West MOMS Group ladies, and serving the community through the Community Crossroads Clothing Room and Room in the Inn ministries. She has served on the Engagement and Outreach Committee for 6 years and currently chairs the Communications Work Group within the committee. She was also a founding member of the Wellness Committee in 2015. In addition, she's a member of the Growing Families of Faith adult class on Sunday mornings. When not working for Aetna Health as a Data Project Manager, serving the church, or raising three children with her husband, Ashli enjoys sewing quilts, reading, or listening to podcasts.



Judy Stricklin (Elder) joined First Pres in 2012. She is a retired high school teacher and coach. In her and her spouse's first visit to the church, they were in awe of the warmth, friendliness, and sincerity of everyone they met. Judy says volunteering on various committees and church outreach has been a joy, and being married in our

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beautiful Chapel is an especially fond memory! For Judy, all this defines what she loves about First Pres... knowing they're not just members but part of a church family. In her spare time, Judy likes reading, working crossword puzzles, doing yard projects, watching sports, and traveling.



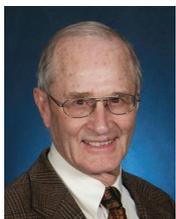
Burch Waldron (Elder and Trustee) has been a member of First Pres since 1966 and has served previous Session terms in the Class of 2003 and the Class of 2014. He was on the Board of Trustees in both his terms and has served on the Personnel and Worship & Music Committees. Burch has served as an usher on Sunday mornings, participated in Men's Retreats and is a former Stephen Minister. His work outside of the church includes investor/rancher/attorney. Burch loves the church and how we are... "inspiring disciples, engaging the world." Among his fondest memories are serving on church committees and being with his Sunday School class. He spends his free time golfing and traveling with Lisa, his wife and best friend.



Janie Lesok (Youth Elder) joined First Pres through the Confirmation Class of 2023. She is a student at Trinity Valley School and an active member of the Youth Group. What Janie loves about First Pres is "the community." Her fondest memories are the youth group activities and especially getting the opportunity to go to Cuba to connect with other kids her age in another country. When not at church or school, Janie likes to spend time with family and friends.



Andrew Michalove (Youth Elder) went through Confirmation and joined the church earlier this year. He is a student at Paschal High School and a born-and-raised Presbyterian. Andrew loves the connections he has made with his church family and with our mission partners and neighbors. Over the years, Andrew has participated in Mo-Ranch events, Mission on the Move, VBS, WHAM, Youth Civil Rights trips, and has been an Acolyte. As far as a fondest memory in his church life, he says there are many, but the Cuba trip this past summer was his favorite. He especially loved their time on that trip at the El Fuerte youth retreat in Matanzas. When he's not busy with church life, Andrew likes to play guitar and write songs.



Bill Knight (At-Large Trustee) became part of our First Pres family in 1987. He is already an ordained elder of this church and has served twice on Session in the Elder Classes of 1993 and 2003. He has also previously served on our Board of Trustees. Bill loves the infectious enthusiasm of the members here. His fondest memories include social gatherings in small groups outside of the church setting. During the week, Bill is a banking and investment manager in a family office. But he likes to spend his free time implementing conservation

measures on the family ranch which, according to Bill, really means that he is "the farm hand."



Leonard Wheeler (At-Large Trustee) joined First Pres in 2016, he and his wife, Debbie. Leonard is part of the men's Monday morning Bible study group and has served on the Stewardship Committee since 2019. He warmly greets people at our 9 a.m. worship service, and he and Debbie are part of the West/Parker County Care Team. Since retiring from the workforce, Leonard loves being involved with the people and outreach ministries of First Pres. His fondest memory of his life in the church was when he and Debbie were welcomed into the church here after the closing of John Knox. Outside of his church life, Leonard loves traveling, driving and working on his old cars, and volunteering at Community Crossroads.



Liz Stepp (At-Large Trustee) has been a member at First Pres since 2011. Here at the church, Liz loves the warmth of the people and the humility of their service; as well as First Presbyterian's commitment to serving the community with our time, talents and resources. She describes her fondest memory of her life in this church when she was so warmly welcomed into church membership by Martha Zaborowski, our Discipleship Coordinator at the time. Liz has previously served as a Trustee as well as on the Finance and the Communications committees. She is also active in Presbyterian Women and has served as a Circle Chair and as PW Treasurer. When she's not spending time on church work, she enjoys traveling, reading, art projects, taking long walks, and being "Gigi" to two adorable grandsons.



Adam Bartek (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 2015. He and his wife Marguerite have been active ever since. Adam is a member of the Children's Christian Nurture Committee for six years running, and he is a Pre-K Sunday School teacher. Adam says he loves how service focused First Pres and the congregation are in the community. "What a great expression of God's love for everyone." A fond memory of church for Adam is when they surprised his mom one year at the church's Christmas Eve service by playing a hymn with his dad and two brothers (on piano, violin and saxophones). They managed to keep their practice sessions a secret – what a beautiful surprise it was! Adam is the Manager of Technology Services at BNSF Railway. When not working, he likes watching the TCU Horned Frogs, reading, and playing board games with friends.



Raymond Daniel (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 2003. What he loves about First Pres is how we respond to the least of these in our community – through

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Room in the Inn (his favorite ministry), our support of Habitat for Humanity, and the many services we offer at Community Crossroads. Raymond's favorite memory at our church is when he and Kathi were married in the Sanctuary before a couple of hundred family and friends. Raymond has spent his years here at FPC serving on the Session, as Clerk of Session, and on many committees – Mission and Outreach, Nominating, Evangelism, and Communications. Outside of his church work, Raymond enjoys reading history, watching baseball, and attending the theatre. Spending time with the grandchildren, however, is at the top of his list.



Mary Margaret Floyd (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 2002. When asked what she loves about First Pres, she responded with, "What I love about First Presbyterian is a long list! I love the people! Recently we sang 'They'll know we are Christians by our love,' and there is love all around and beyond in this church." Mary

Margaret's fondest memory of her life in the church is being a part of the Chancel Choir – it's a "constant joy." She describes working with fellow volunteers at Community Crossroads as a gift to her of enlightenment and inspiration. In addition to her love of music, when not at church or Community Crossroads, Mary Margaret loves gardening.



Wendi Gleason (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 2001. Wendi is a faithful middle school teacher on Sunday mornings. She also serves as one of the liturgists at 9 a.m. on Sundays. Wendi is a member of the 9 a.m. Fellowship Ensemble and rings bells with the Grace Notes Adult Bell Choir. Wendi has served on the Session

of this church (Elder Class of 2005) and at her previous church. In the public sector, Wendi is a retired Kindergarten teacher but currently tutors 1st graders. What she loves about First Pres, is the wonderful friends she has made within the church. And she loves the church's leadership, music ministry and children/youth programs. Wendi's fondest church memory is the recent choir trip to Scotland – specifically singing in the Royal Chapel of Stirling Castle. "It was amazing!" She also has a strong memory of her ordination as Ruling Elder at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC.



Kerby Haltom (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 1974. He is actively involved in the Youth Ministry of the church. Kerby serves on the Youth Work Group, has been a confirmation mentor, gone on multiple youth mission trips, and is a high school sponsor. His commitment to the youth of this church is incomparable. Kerby also

served on Session in the Class of 1996.



Barbara Martin (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 1999 and has spent her 25 years here involved in multiple ministries and programs. Barbara currently serves on the Engagement & Outreach Committee and participates in Room in the Inn, Presbyterian Women, as an usher, and sings in the Chancel Choir. She is an

ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church, has served as a Confirmation mentor, and previously been a member of the Nominating Committee. Barbara is a retired nurse and spent many years working with her husband Charlie in their pharmacy. What Barbara loves about First Pres is the great variety of opportunities to worship and serve. She also loves the sense of camaraderie here. A fond memory Barbara is currently forming at the church is being a part of the alto section of the Chancel Choir! In her earlier life, she fondly remembers church camp at Ceta Glen outside of Amarillo. When not busy with church work, Barbara enjoys reading and book clubs and dinner/lunch with friends or family.



Mary Salazar (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 1991. Mary's family is also part of the church family – her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Leti, and grandsons Alejandro and Santiago. Mary is an avid volunteer in the church, serving over the years in areas like Formula and Diapers and the food pantry at Community

Crossroads, VBS, a Party for the Blind driver, Stephen Ministry, and communion preparation. She has served on the Evangelism, Worship & Music, and Mission Outreach Committees. She was ordained at her previous church and has served on Session at First Pres in the Elder Classes of 2006 and 2018. She is retired from education and social work. When asked what she loves about First Pres, her answer is "fellowship, outreach, music, and inclusiveness." Her fondest memories are mission trips with young adults. Away from the church, she loves hanging out with friends, but it's clear that is what she loves about the church, too.



Melinda Van't Slot (At-Large Nominating Committee) joined First Pres in 1996. As a retired teacher, she spends much time serving First Pres. She has been active in Congregational Care ministries like bereavement meals, the prayer line, prayer shawls, and Stephen Ministry. Melinda has also worked in Missions as an ESL volunteer

and with the food pantry at Community Crossroads. In addition, Melinda is an ordained elder here at First Pres. It's obvious Melinda loves the people here and the opportunities to serve, and she says "being involved in this church has enriched my life." Melinda met her husband Peter here and was married in the Chapel. She has fond memories of baptism visits with families, mentoring confirmands, teaching Sunday School and going on mission trips. In her spare time, Melinda likes walking, reading, and playing Mahjong.

Joys & Concerns

The following prayer concerns are those we have received as of September 17. In an effort to respect the privacy of those listed below, names are only printed once permission from the individual is obtained. Are you in the hospital or dealing with an illness? Let us know by contacting Parish Associate for Pastoral Care Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz or Parish Visitors Matt McGraw or Rev. Lynda Dinsdale. Let us keep the following persons in our thoughts and prayers this month...

With joy we celebrate...

The birth of Liam Harris Kinser to Owen and Laura Escobar Kinser, July 26. Grandparents are **Judith and Kevin Kinser**.

The birth of Hardy Phillips to **Blitz and Austin Phillips** on Sunday, August 18. Hardy joins big brother, Heath

Our Loving Sympathy to...

Elise Jones following the death of her husband, Kenneth Jones, on Monday, September 15.

Family and friends of **Carol Sweeney** following her death on Monday, September 9.

Our Loving Thoughts and Prayers are with...

Pat Graham, Martha Brooks, Nancy Gillis, Jo Ann Johnson, Elizabeth McCartney, Ronnie Sherwood, Capt. Rolf Tilley, Pat Richardson, Gail Davis, and **Irene Howard**, who are recovering from surgery or injury. We also pray for their caregivers.

Dick Coffey, Robert and Dinah Riddle, Tad Delgado and parents **Emily and Bryan Delgado, John Patterson, Henrietta Bailey, Larry Kinard, Amanda Deitz, Levi Deitz, June Sprott, Fred Wilson, Frances Blake, Phyllis Propes, Chuck Sullivan, Susie Kuipers,** and **Karl Travis**, who are dealing with illness or undergoing treatment. We also pray for their caregivers.

Our Caring Prayers for Extended Family include...

Rebecca Montoya (mother of **Cheryl Mireles**), Lonnie Goolsby (father of **Kelle Tillman**), Lucy Redrow (daughter of **Leigh Ann and Grant Redrow**), Katie Loudon (sister-in-law of **Jaci Travis**), Anja Dangelimer (family friend of **Lauren Black**), Claudia Masser (daughter-in-law of **Carol Toombs**), Cameron Parmelee (granddaughter of **Sally and Bob Parmelee**), Jack Barber (son of **Liz Barber**), Andy Hedrick (brother of **Patti Bradley**), Jolie Paprskar-Mozingo (daughter of **Joy Paprskar**), Walter Williams (husband of **Rachele Williams**), Caleb James Baker (great-grandson of **Betty Tillman**), Terry James (nephew of **Rachele Williams**), Tahji Hoffman (great-niece of **Rachele Williams**), Paula Perkins (sister of **Susie Kuipers**), Audrey Hart (great-granddaughter of **Bob and Jane Trask**), Ann Welch (sister of **Andrea Frankenfield**), Nancy Hatfield (mother of **Sarah Haddock**), Lynn Prater (daughter of **Harlene Satterfield**); Bill Neil (uncle of **Kenda, Nancy, and Ron Love**), and John DeMore (son-in-law of **June Sprott**).

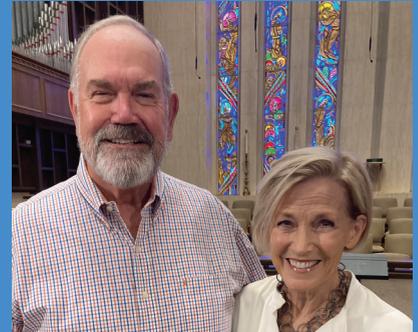
Prayers for the safety of Pape Russell (grandson of **Barbara Russell**), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of **Diego A. Saldivar** (son of **Becky and Renee Saldivar**), who is serving in the US Navy. Prayers for the safety of Nathan Gunter (nephew of **Russell and Vivian Norment**), who is stationed in Korea.

We pray for safety and peace for those affected by conflict.

We pray for our mission coworkers: Cindy Corell in Dominican Republic, Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru, Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez in Manilla. We pray for our partner congregations: Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist in Fort Worth and for the congregations of Buen Pastor, Resurrection, and Cidra Presbyterian Churches in Cuba.

Welcome, New Members!

Please join the Evangelism Work Group in welcoming these new members.



Diane and Tommy Duniven joined First Pres on Sunday, September 1. Diane and Tommy are both retired from sales and have recently relocated to Fort Worth to be closer to family. They have been visiting worship, and Diane is already involved in ministries at Community Crossroads.



Nancy and Cordell Parvin joined First Pres on Sunday, September 1. Nancy and Cordell are retired from the medical and legal fields, respectively, and have been visiting worship for a couple of months.



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Community Crossroads Fact Sheet

*This month we served...

1,503 Households groceries

298 Individuals clothing

818 Sack lunches

269 Households pet food

401 Hygiene & cleaning supplies

179 Cans of formula

604 Packages of diapers & wipes

218 New Neighbors

282

Volunteers

1,329

Hours Served



*These statistics reflect August 1-31, 2024



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Boomers Ministry

Boomers at Joe T's:

October 15 at 6 p.m.

Join the Boomers for an evening of dinner and fellowship at Joe T. Garcia's Mariachi Patio. The church will cover the cost of an enchilada dinner. Cash Bar.

**RSVP at
fpcfw.org/boomers**

