



First Presbyterian Church

The Cross and Crown



September 2019

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Ahhhhh..... September. A month that promises a future with hope. After a long, hot Texas summer, September may begin hot as well but it usually brings cooler weather sometimes during the month and leads us to October where the cold fronts can finally begin to break through and conquer the heat again for months to come. You may enjoy the hot weather but I am always glad to see it go.

I enjoy autumn very much. It is my favorite season of the year. I think that is because autumn speaks of renewal, even as nature responds with the changing of leaves from green to gold or red or simply just dying and dropping. Renewal comes about as something new takes the place of something that exists. So, even in the act of dying, renewal is waiting to happen.

School has begun once again and with it comes new schedules, new events, events that we can remember from past days that are being repeated, but even the schedules or classes that existed last year are made new with different students or colleagues being a part of them. Each year fans attend football games with high schools playing each other during the season. The schools represented are the same as last year but the games are not the same each year because different students are playing football and band members are not all the same and the people attending the games vary. It is old but it is also new.

"So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!" (II Cor. 5:17) Paul wrote this to the church at Corinth that had been having strife in the church. He was urging them to put the past behind them and to focus on what has become new for them in Christ. It is a new creation. Everything is made new through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The seasons change and each season brings something new to take the place of what has been. The colorful leaves of fall will give way to barren trees and cold winter winds. Winter will yield to spring and

flowers will bud and leaves will appear again. It is the cycle of life on earth and we are a part of it too. We change and become different year after year but we know that in the face of change we are rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ that will keep us always, even when all around us may change.

Noisy Offering

**Iglesia Maranatha in the town of Salama,
Guatemala**



General Fund Summary - Jan - July 2019			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$35,063.43	\$35,729.15	\$665.72
Expense	\$ 39,662.84	\$46,702.44	\$7,039.60
Net	(\$4,599.41)		
Note: Bank balance 7/31/2019 was \$47,976.50. Restricted funds totaled \$15,915.67, while unrestricted funds totaled \$32,060.83. Uncleared checks total \$690.85, leaving \$31,369.98 available for normal bills.)			

Sermon topics for September:

September 1
Pentecost 12
Luke 14: 1, 7-14
"Humility and Hospitality"

September 8
Pentecost 13
Luke 14: 25-33
"The Cost of Discipleship"

September 15
Pentecost 14
Seminary Sunday
Guest Speakers

September 22
Pentecost 15
Luke 16:1-13
"Discerning Wisely"

September 29
Pentecost 16
Luke 16:19-31
"Seeing the Need"

September birthdays & anniversaries:

(Please notify the office if I do not have your birthday)

2 Doris Carpenter
3 Annv. Kettleson
8 Carolyn Hylton
9 Annv. Poe
15 Elizabeth Drennan
23 Hurschel Thomas
26 Katelyn Drennan
28 Molly Lennon

Attendance:

July 28—27
August 4—30
August 11—31
August 18—29
August 25—24



Jane's Journey

Beaven and I just got back from two weeks in Europe where we saw some of the great Gothic cathedrals. We saw the Notre Dame in Paris in her muted glory, preparing for her reconstruction. Her spire was gone and I could tell parts of the outer walls had been power-washed after the tragic fire. But they had built a sturdy metal wall that completely surrounded the cathedral. They were prepared for a long and methodical period of bringing "Our Lady" back to her former glory. We spent some time in the Normandy town of Bayeaux where we saw their own cathedral, built on a smaller scale, yet in the same style- with tall walls and ceilings meant to convey the glory of God. In this church I found an actual worship service in progress up at the front—in a roped off section-- while tourists politely tiptoeing in the back, whispering questions about architecture. Then, in Barcelona, Spain we went to the

cathedral that Debbi Elmer, our old friend from this church had excitedly told us we just HAD to see. And she was right. The Sagrada Familia ("Holy Family") is still under construction and expected to be finished in 2026. The inside is finished but the outside, especially the twelve towers (that's right—12) are still under construction with the main tower being the "Jesus Tower." You might want to Google the whole thing; it's just too much to go into here. Let me just say the architect, Antonio Gaudi is where the word "gaudy" comes from, except in his case it really is beautiful.

But here's the thing I noticed about these cathedrals: they are beautiful offerings to God, for sure. But they are more tourist attractions than places to worship God. In fact, I noticed that at the Sagrada Familia, the facilities they have built to accommodate the tourists are more permanent and actually very nice while the pews in the cathedral are plain—and appear to be a second thought. It's like the cathedral was built not for worship but as a work of art. A work of art dedicated to the glory of God, for sure. But not to be used to worship.

I came home appreciating our sanctuary even more. And the first time I sat in my home church after I got home was a memorial service to thank God for the life of Marianne Wilson. We filled every pew with people who loved her. We filled the air with songs she loved and scriptures. The pews held our bodies and supported us from underneath and behind as they had Marianne and her family for so many years. They surrounded us like a great cloud of witnesses. We fit our building: we had just enough room, no more and no less than we needed.

Then we went into the Reid Building and fed Marianne's family and again there was enough food and enough room. Just the right amount.

This church will never be a tourist attraction. And it was not designed to be. We are about the ministry of Christ. Thanks be to God for this ministry. May we always be allowed to minister to each other. May we always understand what Christ wants us to do. Amen.

Notice to Congregation

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 8 in the sanctuary immediately following worship to elect a nominating committee. The purpose for the nomination committee is to nominate a slate of two people to serve on the Session and one person as Trustee for the class of 2022. As per our church's by-laws, two elders have been designated by the Session to serve on this committee one of whom will serve as moderator. On Sept. 8, church members will elect three additional persons not currently serving on the Session to serve on this committee. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Please consider serving on this committee. As per the by-laws, "Members of this committee are to be elected annually, and no member shall serve more than three years consecutively." (So it's really just a one year commitment unless you want to continue to serve!)

Marianne Wilson
March 14, 1957- August 15, 2019

Marianne Wilson of Como, Texas passed away on August 15, 2019 at her residence. She was born on March 14, 1957 in Beaumont, Texas to Dr. B.C. Darnell and Mary Ruth Darnell.

Marianne attended Lamar University in Beaumont, worked in bookkeeping, nursing, but most importantly worked as a great caretaker for her family.



She was a past member of the Como-Pickton school board and a current member of the First Presbyterian Church of Winnsboro.

Marianne married Danny Wilson on March 1, 1980, and she and Danny enjoyed 39 wonderful years together.

She was preceded in death by her father Dr. B.C. Darnell. Mrs. Wilson is survived by her husband Daniel Wilson, son Jacob Gene Wilson, mother Mary Darnell, brother Dr. Andrew Darnell and wife Judy, sister Margaret Moses and a number of other family. A celebration of life for Marianne will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday August 24th at the First Presbyterian Church Winnsboro with Dr. Jerry Carpenter officiating.

September 2019 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

12th Sunday after Pentecost-September 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

13th Sunday after Pentecost-September 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

14th Sunday after Pentecost-September 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

15th Sunday after Pentecost-September 22

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

16th Sunday after Pentecost-September 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



Margaret "Peggy" Ann Miller

SEPTEMBER 23, 1924 – AUGUST 18, 2019

Margaret (Peggy) Ann King Miller was born in Ranger, Texas on September 23, 1924, and died at the age of 94 on August 18th, 2019 in Austin, Texas.

Lord Byron must have had Peggy in mind when he wrote, "She walks in beauty like the night of cloudless climes and starry skies..." Peggy was admired for both her inner and outer beauty. She loved her family with all her heart and served God in all she did. After growing up in a family that constantly moved to follow her father's work opportunities, she was happy to finally settle in Dallas, Texas, where she attended Sunset High School. She participated in the dances sponsored by the USO during World War II, and met her future husband, Bob. Legend has it that she spotted him in a crowd and quickly informed her best girlfriend that he was "hers!" They married soon afterwards and remained married for 63 years until his passing. In fact, she wrote that of all her accomplishments, she was "proudest of being a wife."

Peggy had a highly developed aesthetic sense. She saw beauty in all God's creations and she used her talent and eye to create paintings, museum-worthy needlepoints, clothing and food. She could wear a hat like nobody's business and she saw the potential for artwork just by noticing someone's eye color or the way the light came through a window. She loved beautiful music and was a voracious reader of everything from the Bible to Jane Austen to poetry.

For a woman who chose to work in the home, Peggy had an impressive resume from her community activities. She was an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Irving. While there, she designed and helped execute church banners, lead the project to decorate a Christmas tree with 450 ornaments, started a committee that made over 6,000 stuffed animals for the Irving Hospital, and organized a "Women of the Bible" pageant that was presented to many churches over a five-year period. She also started a "Clown" ministry with other women of the church and presented it to schools, churches, and hospitals. Peggy served as President of the Irving Hospital Auxiliary and Latin American Auxiliary, as President of PEO in Mineola Texas, as President of the Friends of Mineola's Memorial Library, and as a Girl Scout and Boy Scout Leader. She was recognized as "The Good Neighbor" in a contest sponsored by the Irving's Daily News Texan in 1963. But she was convinced she had done some good in life mainly because of her three children who she cherished.

She and husband Bob were members of First Presbyterian Church-Winnsboro. Bob was head of the committee that remodeled the church as it is today.

Peggy was a member of University Presbyterian Church in Austin. A Memorial Service in her honor will take place on September 28, 2019 at 2:00 pm at 2203 San Antonio Street.

Survivors include sister Judybeth Hagerty; children R. Bruce Miller, Pat Miller (Kate Miller), Maggi Miller; grandchildren Grey Miller, Morgan Miller, Kendra Robertson, Leah Robertson (Jim Eno), Belle Miller Goss (Joe Goss), Jackson Miller, Molly Miller, Travis Allen, Cody Allen, Maria Arthun (Brock); great grandchildren Drew Eno, Mia T. Goss, Finn Eno, Iris Miller, and Maggie Lyn Goss; and nieces and nephews Doug Jones (Katherine), Lesa Jones (Mikel Olsten), Peter Jones, (Anne), and Doug Conkling (Barbara).

She was predeceased by her parents, Frank King and Beula Leona King; her sister, Francine King; her husband, Robert (Bob) Miller; her son-in-law, Daniel Robertson; and her niece Robin Jones.

Peggy's family is grateful to the staff at Legacy Oaks and Capitol Hospice who shared in caring for her.

Peggy requested that in lieu of flowers, she be remembered with donations to St. Jude's Research Hospital online (www.stjude.org) or at 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

September 2019

First Presbyterian, Contacts, Holidays in United States

Sep 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 Doris Carpenter Labor Day Office closed	3 Annv. Kettieson	4	5	6	7 12pm - Al-Anon
8 Carolyn Hyllon Congregation Session	9 Annv. Poe 2pm - Bible study	10	11	12	13	14 12pm - Al-Anon
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pastor on vacation						
Elizabeth Drennan Hazel Taylor Seminary Sunday- Session	2pm - Bible study					12pm - Al-Anon
22	23 Cross & Crown Hurschel Thomas 2pm - Bible study	24	25	26 Katelyn Drennan	27	28 Molly Lennon 12pm - Al-Anon
29 Noisy Offering	30 2pm - Bible study	1 Olivia Holloman	2	3	4 Billie Bennett	5 12pm - Al-Anon