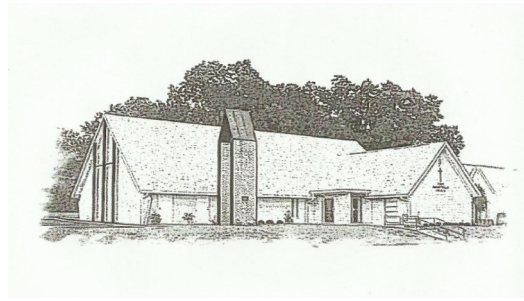




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May God bless you every single day
may His truth light your way.

May His plans for your life
pale in comparison to your strife.

May God’s strength you pursue
may His grace empower you.

May your soul be calm and still
may you strive to do His will.

May God’s peace rest upon you
may His Word encourage too.

May you seek with all your heart
His love and mercy upon each day start!

Deborah Ann Belka

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**Lamentations 3:22-23**  
King James Version

*“It is of the Lord’s mercies  
that we are not consumed,  
because his compassions fail not.  
They are new every morning:  
great is thy faithfulness.”*



Hello dear May—the month of expectations, hopes and wishes.

Speaking of expectations, it's no secret that we've been exceeding our own expectations for our Sunday services. We continue to affirm that we are a congregation driven church. We continue to fill our pulpit with people who join us in serving God, honoring creation and embracing differences and coupled with our musical ensemble --- our services are joyful and meaningful.



For May, we are pleased and honored to welcome to our pulpit:

- May 5 --- Rev. Kendal Land (Longview FPC). Join us for Communion
- May 12 --- Rev. David Reeder. Join us for celebration of Mother's Day
- May 19 --- Jimmy Chapman. Day of Pentecost- Remember to wear red
- May 26 --- Rev. Dr. Stuart Baskin (Tyler FPC). Trinity Sunday

Please come and enjoy fellowship and welcome these pastors as they share the words and wisdoms of God.

Peace be with us all,

**The Worship Team:** Mary, Jimmy, Joshua, Kathy, Lynn and Liz

### Council Actions

April 18, 2024

- ◇ Prayed and shared joys and concerns together
- ◇ Discussed the finances of the church
- ◇ Determined to leave funds in the Texas Presbyterian Foundation
- ◇ Discussed the need to upgrade audio of online streaming of church service
- ◇ Determined home communion elders for May 5
- ◇ Applauded the amount of One Great Hour of Sharing - \$855.00
- ◇ Discussed participation in Henderson Interchurch Ministry

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### FINANCE AT A GLANCE



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|-----------------------|----------|--|----------------|
| <b>March 2024:</b>    |          |  |                |
| IN                    | OUT      |  | <b>BALANCE</b> |
| \$11,608              | \$7,952  |  | \$3,656        |
| <b>February 2024:</b> |          |  |                |
| IN                    | OUT      |  | <b>BALANCE</b> |
| \$5,205               | \$12,391 |  | -\$7,186       |
| <b>Year to Date:</b>  |          |  |                |
| IN                    | OUT      |  | <b>BALANCE</b> |
| \$25,390              | \$30,751 |  | -\$5,361       |



## Congratulations to all Graduates

May 2024

Assane Ndiaye  
Host Son of Claudia Morgan-Gray & Weldon Gray  
Bachelor of Business Management,  
Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee

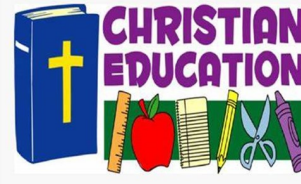


Braden Nathaniel Decuir,  
Grandson of Kathy Porter,  
University of Dallas,  
Bachelor's Degree in  
Theology

Brodie Elias Decuir,  
Grandson of Kathy Porter,  
Friendswood High School



Conner Fabbiani,  
Son of Cathy and Ricky  
Fabbiani and Grandson of  
Carol Scoggins,  
Henderson High School.  
During high school he was active in FFA and the Rusk  
County Youth Project Show and was the second baseman  
on the HHS Varsity baseball team. He plans to continue his  
education at Texas State University majoring in business.



The Sunday Adult class is now studying *The Making of the Bible: From the First Fragments to Sacred Scripture*. It is a thought-provoking read which leads to real discussion. We invite everyone to join us in the parlor for class at 9:45 Sunday mornings.

Our Gun Violence Overture, which was passed by the session last month, has been presented to the Presbytery for its consideration. Final action could come at the May 4 Presbytery meeting in Denton. Along this line, Friday, June 7, is Gun Violence Awareness Day across the United States. In addition to wearing Orange that day, we'll be putting plans together to mark this national cause locally. Please save the date.

The CE committee will meet next on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, in the Fellowship Hall after morning worship.

The CE Green Team invited congregation and friends to join in our Earth Day Service on Monday, April 22. We planted a beautiful blue hydrangea in honor of our Earth. We were pleased to share time during the service with members of Keep Henderson Beautiful.



CE Team – Jimmy, Steve, Lynn, Kathy, Liz and Claudia

## Gardening For Beginners

Peas don't like too much water.

Potatoes don't like tomatoes.

Potatoes don't like cucumbers.

Potatoes and cabbage are friends.

Do not plant beans with onions or beets.

Beans love carrots.

Beets love onion, cabbage, potatoes.

Tomatoes love carrots, peas.

Cabbage does not like radishes.

Carrots and onions do well together.

Marigolds can help repel pests.

The sprouting homestead

Join us for a vibrant summer journey - A season of sharing stories and lives.

**Proclaiming Boldly** that we all belong to God and each other.

**Loving Intentionally** and creating a sanctuary—  
a **Beloved Community** where every voice belongs.



**WORSHIP –**

**Sundays at 11 AM**

Join us for these special Sundays

Mother's Day May 12

Pentecost May 19

PRIDE Sunday June 9

Father's Day June 16

Find your community here every week!



**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS



Step into a summer of vibrant worship and community engagement at First Presbyterian Church, Henderson, through our Summer Worship Arts series,

**"Beloved Community: Proclaiming Boldly, Loving Intentionally."**

From the fiery proclamation of Pentecost to the celebration of Pride Sunday, we boldly declare love and inclusion. Join us as we ignite the flames of Pentecost, sharing stories ablaze with the Spirit's presence, creating a sanctuary where every person finds their Beloved Community.

Greetings from the Building & Grounds Team!

What a difference a day and a downpour make. The flowers all around town are blooming, the grass is greening up and the trees are spreading their branches of leaf-beauty. WOW- God's creation is in bloom and vibrant-color!

Before it gets too warm, now is a good time to do (or have done) a few chores around the house as we do around the church. Check your gutters – with all the recent rain they may have some debris; it's a good time to mulch your plants and flowerbeds; good time to trim away any dead branches or limbs; and, as you might be restarting your sprinklers, good to check for leaks and proper rotation. Inside, check to make sure thermostats are on Auto and cool and not heat and adjust the stay at temperature; check and change air filters and make sure your air conditioning is ready!



**"I see trees of green, red roses too**

**I see them bloom for me and for you**

**And I think to myself, what a wonderful world"**

**The Building & Grounds Team**

Steve, John T., Tom, Weldon, Charlie, Michael D, Kathy & Claudia

Memorial Gifts have been received in Memory of:



Laura "Lolly" Allen, Joshua's mother

and

Lynda Stroud

*"Both in life and in death, we belong to God."*

# Henderson For Health Run/Walk

& Healthy Snack Drive benefiting  
the Boys and Girls Club



**Donate prepackaged healthy snacks to participate**  
(granola bars, whole-grain crackers, dried fruit, nuts, etc)



**5K & 1-Mile Run/Walk**  
**May 18, 2024 | 8:30 AM**



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## With Outreached Hands

Our hearts are full!

We continue as the only volunteer deliverers of Meals on Wheels – we are the Friday crew. We’ve welcomed a new member to our team-Rick. Rick joins Lynn, Kathy, Kelly, Mary and Claudia on our schedule.



Stay tune for our next scheduled Adopt A Block in June.

This month, we will be **“Hustling Kindness”** with the Rusk County Pets Alive. Besides being a wonderful organization in our community, Pets Alive is also an organization that several of our members and friends are devoted members and volunteers. We’re coordinating a date with them so we’ll let you know in case you want to Hustle Kindness with us.

We’re so excited to have Jan back on our Outreach Team. She has gotten back full swing and we’re grateful.

We invite each of you to share the grace of God with all you meet. The Outreach Team invites you to join us -- there’s always room for more helping hands and open hearts.

As always, peace be with you.

Claudia, Liz, Mary, Kathy, Lynn, Louise, Jan, John, Kelly, Jimmy, Weldon

Such a welcome time of the year. So much celebration and acknowledgments in May – Graduations, Mother’s Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.



We are working to put some group outing opportunities together and will get information to all. We will also be providing a little special something for all our mothers during our May 12<sup>th</sup> church service.

Always know, that each of you are with us always in mind, body and spirit even when we’re not together in person.

**The Fellowship and Member Care Team:** Claudia, Mary, Lynn, Kathy, Chris, Suzanne

# May 2024



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|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                        |    | 1  | 2                                                   | 3<br>Meals on Wheels                          | 4                                            |
| 5<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship/<br>Communion with<br>Kendal Land<br><b>Home Communion</b>                                                                            | 6                                                                                                                                      | 7  | 8  | 9                                                   | 10<br>Meals on Wheels                         | 11                                           |
| 12 <b>Mothers' Day</b><br>9:45 Sunday<br>School <br>11:00 Worship<br>with David Reeder       | 13                                                                                                                                     | 14 | 15 | 16<br>2:30 L.E.A.N. Meeting<br>6:00 Session Meeting | 17<br>Meals on Wheels<br>Connections Deadline | 18<br>8:30 am 4-H 5k<br>Henderson for Health |
| 19 <b>Day of Pentecost</b><br>9:45 Sunday<br>School <br>11:00 Worship<br>with Jimmy Chapman | 20                                                                                                                                     | 21 | 22 | 23                                                  | 24<br>Meals on Wheels                         | 25                                           |
| 26 <b>Trinity Sunday</b><br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11:00 Worship<br>with<br>Stuart Baskin    | 27 <b>Memorial Day</b><br> <b>Office<br/>Closed</b> | 28 | 29 | 30                                                  | 31<br>Meals on Wheels                         |                                              |

Duty Elder for May:

Mary

Liturgists for May:

5-Kathy

12-Jimmy

19-Suzanne

26-John T.



May Birthdays:

1-Jay

7-Liz

13-Patsy

18-Bert

18-Mary

21-Mike D.