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Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences"*



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We are blessed once again to have a wonderful lineup for
pulpit supply. Come and worship!

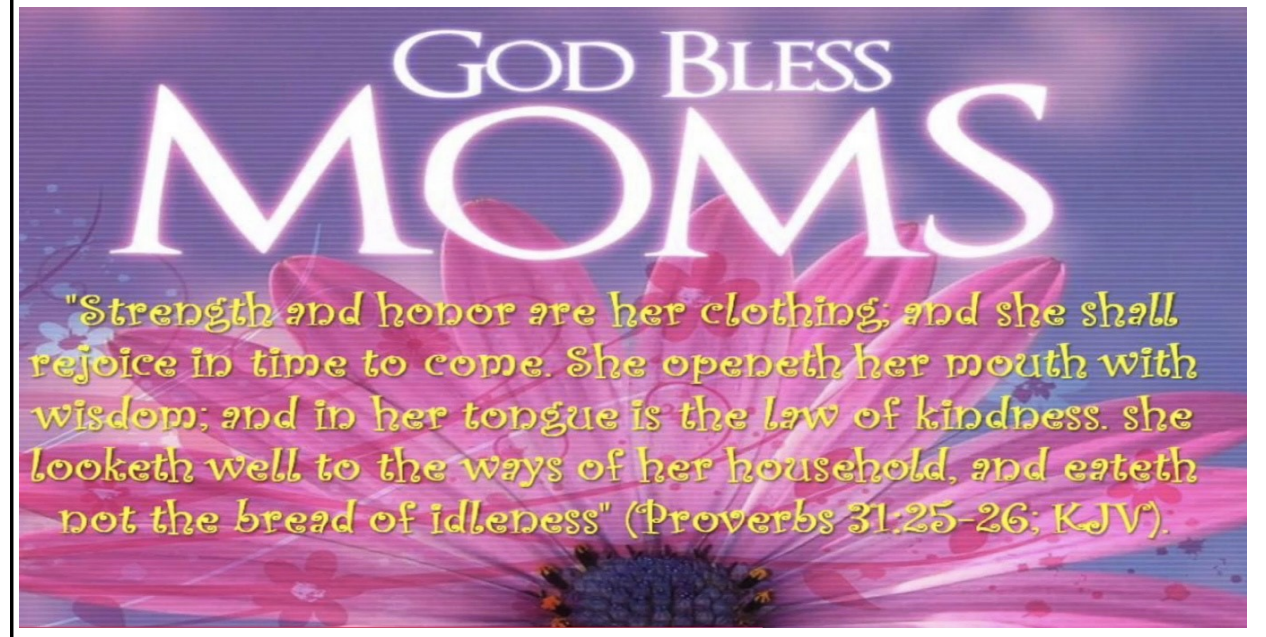
May 4 - Evan Dolive

May 11 - Jimmy Chapman. (communion)

May 18 - David Reeder

May 25 - Jim Dees

May 11 is also Mothers Day, so let's take a moment and
celebrate our Mothers. We will also observe communion on the 11th.



Gilmont Summer Camp

Gilmont invites summer campers to grow closer to God, creation, others, and themselves. Campers grow in character, faith, and community in response to being valued and accepted for who they are. This year’s theme, *Growing Edges*, takes an honest look at where we can grow as kind friends, responsible stewards, and loving children of God!

At Gilmont Summer Camp, Campers...

- Belong to a safe, nurturing community,
- Grow in confidence, self-worth, and independence.
- Reconnect with God’s creation,
- Learn more about God and strengthen their faith,
- Explore how faith can be lived and applied throughout the day,
- Discover team values such as communication, cooperation, and listening skills,
- And of course, Have Fun!

Learn more & register at www.Gilmont.org/camp

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Scan for info & to register



OUTREACH

Thanks to everyone who donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Outreach decided last year to make the rest of the donation requests for local needs. That being said, Gilmont is holding a capital campaign. Did you know that when the Grace Presbytery decided to no longer support the camps Henderson First Presbyterian was one of seven congregations that decided to keep the camp open. The camp support has grown to over 30 congregations which means they need to enlarge. You can find more information in the narthex. Please consider making a donation or pledge.

The **Hustle Kindness** group will provide sweets for the Henderson ISD board prior to the board meeting on May 13. Anyone who wishes to participate is welcome. Please let me know if you will join us at 4:45 and what sort of finger sweet you would like to contribute.

Our next meeting is May 5 at 1:00 in the church parlor.

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FINANCE AT A GLANCE



March 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$8,650	\$14,064	-\$5,414
February 2025:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$8,020	\$5,085	\$2,935
Year to Date:		
IN	OUT	BALANCE
\$22,807	\$25,414	-\$2,607

DID YOU KNOW?

Celebrating Our Earth Care Congregations

Earth Care congregations connect members through a grassroots network of people seeking to keep the sacred at the center of Earth Care, advocacy, and action both inside and outside the walls of the church. They equip members with resources, ideas, and information for a shared journey toward a healthier planet by growing and sharing theological understandings and perspectives on eco-justice issues. These congregations also inspire members through stories of individuals and groups who have responded to the sacred call to care for the earth – stories told person to person at events, and by newsletter, email, social media, and devotions.

We are proud of our Earth Care congregations: Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Bedford; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Denton; **First Presbyterian Church, Henderson**; St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Hurst; Trinity Presbyterian Church, McKinney; Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, Richardson; First Presbyterian Church, Richardson; St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church, Richardson; First Presbyterian Church, Waco.

~Grace Presbytery, e-news



C.E. Green Team



Memorial Gifts were received this month in Memory of Patsy Reynolds

To the Church Triumphant

Patsy Reynolds

May 13, 1933 - March 21, 2025

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

~ Romans 14:8

FELLOWSHIP WITH A TWIST OF MISSION

With a delicious meal catered by Henderson's own Say Graze Restaurant and Catering and Kenny Rigoulot's program on Camp Gilmont's Strengthening Roots, Stretching Branches, our first fellowship luncheon of 2025 was a success!

The chicken spaghetti, salad with homemade dressings, rolls, strawberry and coconut cakes started the afternoon off with lots of satisfied tummies after a sermon from Kenny Rigoulot based on Matthew 13;1-9, 31-32 filled our minds.

Matthew's parables about the four soils and the mustard seed set the theme for the after-lunch presentation on Camp Gilmont's financial campaign, Strengthening Roots, Stretching Branches, where we learned about the ministry and opportunities, to all ages, Camp Gilmont provides.

Kenny thanked our congregation for being one of the seven original churches in our area to support the camp through the years.

Since 1940, Camp Gilmont, located near Gilmer and Longview, has been providing space for amazing experiences, activities and events for youth, college students, adults and families. Their mission statement states " At Gilmont's core, we cultivate a safe, sacred space where all are invited to grow closer to God, creation, others, and themselves. Our ministry strengthens faith, fosters connections, deepens relationships, develops leaders and leaves people connected in Christ".

The current campaign underway is to tap individual church members to consider a financial gift before the end of 2025, in order to reach a goal of \$1.6 million and thus meet a matching reward from a generous donor. Kenny showed drawings of the new state of the art facilities overlooking the property pond, to house more camp participants to prepare for growth, which is the ultimate goal.

Information, in the form of brochures and giving forms, are in the church narthex and you are encouraged to take these home as you consider what you can do for "one of the best camps around" and right here in East Texas. You are also encouraged to visit their website. www.Gilmont.org. A monthly gift over a period of time or one-time gifts are all accepted. Please consider supporting Camp Gilmont as they seek to glorify God by improving how they serve their overnight camps, day camps, family camps, events and retreats for men and women.

Let's help change lives for good! ~Jan Pennal

COMMUNICATION

Remember... the submission date has changed for the newsletter. So if you have something to submit, the deadline is the fourth Monday of each month. Please send e-mail submissions to Liz and Louise. Your Communications Committee remains resolute, excited, devoted, and honored to serve the congregation.



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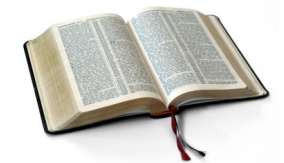
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4 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship w/Evan Dolive HIM Donations	5 11:00 Worship Mtg. 1:00 Outreach Mtg.	6	7	8	9 Meals on Wheels	10
11 Mothers' Day 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship & Communion with Jimmy Chapman Home Communion	12 11:00 Worship Mtg.	13 4:45 Hustle Kindness	14	15 2:30 L.E.A.N. Coalition Meeting	16 Meals on Wheels	17
18 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with David Reeder	19 11:00 Worship Mtg.	20	21	22	23 Meals on Wheels	24
25 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship with Jim Dees Session Meeting	26 Memorial Day Office Closed 11:00 Worship Mtg. Newsletter Deadline	27	28	29	30 Meals on Wheels	31 Presbytery Meeting in Weatherford



Liturgists for May:

4– Liz

11– Lynn

18– Jan

25– Kelly



May Birthdays:

1– Jay

7– Liz

18– Bert

18– Mary

21– Mike D.

26– Tela