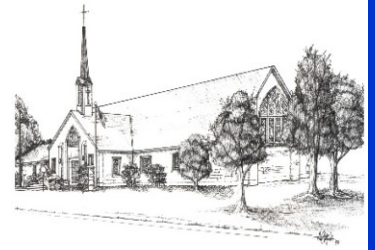




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From the Pastor's Desk



Honoring Veterans

Recently, Bruce and I had a pleasant surprise we never anticipated could or would happen. A call from a long-time friend advised me he and his wife were in Waco and would like to stop by for a brief visit. These are people who are adopted family to me and my family, enjoying church life and personal celebrations for over 30 years together. We met at the Oak Cliff, Dallas congregation shortly after the gentleman retired from an illustrious career with the Air Force serving several tours in Vietnam and winding up his long service to God and country at the Pentagon.

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COMMUNITY TALK (Taking Action Lovingly ([K]now)

The Final Answer

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21



A Stated Meeting of the Session was held on October 19, 2021.

Highlights include:

- The Session passed a budget for 2022 as presented by Treasurer Fulton Jones. It has a relatively small deficit, containing salary increases for our paid staff.
- Rev. Kathy plans on offering a Bible Study on Thursdays from 11:30 am until 12:30 after the beginning of the new year. Participants can bring a brown bag lunch and come study the Bible.
- The Session is looking at the possibility of updating our church brochure for distribution to new Belton residents via Chamber of Commerce packets as well as having it available for visitors.
- An estimate to repair the church steeple was approved.
- The Session elected our Treasurer and Clerk of Session for 2022 - Fulton Jones and Penny Worley will serve in those capacities.

Monthly Town Hall Meetings will continue on Sunday, November 21, as we move to the next phase of our mission redefinition and planning for the future at FPC Belton. A mission statement reflecting a general intention and targeted tasks with an implementation strategy will be presented and refined. January is our new initiative target date.

Thank you to all who helped to clean the Church!



The Arts and Crafts Group will meet at the church on Tuesday, November 23 at 10:30 am. All are welcome.

FINANCIAL DATA JAN - NOV 7

Total Income	\$79,838.29
Total Expense	\$51,551.02
Net Income	\$28,287.27



Movie Night
Will be Tuesday November 23
at 6pm
Featuring The Chosen - Part 2
Snacks Provided
(Location depends on weather)

Pastor's Desk (cont.)

"The Col." as we call him was lost in civilian clothes. We became fast friends as I helped him adapt to his new life. Ultimately, our beloved friends moved closer to family in Utah. This week he sent me this picture amongst others as a reminder of those valiant men and women who stood for us at home and on foreign soils and fought for our freedom but did not return. I am grateful for people like our friends who have served in the military and in congregations across the world wherever their service takes them. We will recognize the members of the armed forces of the United States on November 14, Veteran's Day weekend. Please invite other veterans to join us in worship that day that we may know them and show appreciation.

The last two months of 2021 are action packed with special services and dinner. Please consult the church calendar for the dates of coming events and be invitational – ask anyone you meet or know to become part of this worshipping community even if for the short term as we celebrate our Lord's Advent. Christmas Eve will mark the end of our waiting for Jesus with a traditional service of Lessons, Carols and Communion. The service on the Sunday following Christmas, Dec. 26 will be a casual family carol sing at the normal hour of 11:00.

In preparation for these celebrations and observances, the Property Committee has been hard at work on the building and grounds. The lights in the entire building have been replaced and upgraded to LED lights creating a bright, welcoming environment for years to come. Parts of the steeple which were decaying are being replaced this week.

On the work-day, all of the pews and chancel furnishings have been cleaned and polished along with the windows. Ceramic tile flooring has been cleaned. The outside of the building has been power washed, especially the port cochere. The kitchen cabinets have been

labelled making it easier to replace items removed. And bushes and trees have been trimmed. I am amazed at what people will do for a doughnut.

Many thanks for the workers in this vineyard on this Thanksgiving! See you in church,
Kathy Vineyard

JOIN THE



CHORAL OR CHIME OR BOTH

CHIME IN! For Our Fund Raiser

\$5,000

OUR GOAL



The Session has approved a fund to purchase new chimes that will be ours.

Please consider contributing to our fund so that we can make beautiful music for worship. Our ultimate goal is \$5,000, which will purchase a full 4-octave set of chimes.

