

PIPE CREEK PIPELINE

News, notes, and updates about our church family at Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church

From the Pastor's Pen

July begins with a "Bang" (ok, hopefully some fireworks) on the 4th of July!

However, on the day before, Saturday, July 3rd we will ride on the Little Rock Parade float in the Lakehills, American Legion Independence Day Parade. We will gather at the Lakehills Fire Department at 10am, parade begins at 11am and we should be done by noon.

Come and ride on Harry's trailer (we will have chairs), you can wave at the people and throw candy. It's a Fun time to celebrate our Nation's Freedom!

We have rescheduled Vacation Bible School to July 19 – 23 from 5:30pm – 8pm. Please let your family and friends know they can bring their children to learn about God and have some fun.

Come and be a part of the excitement of our church's life. There are many opportunities for worship and fellowship that will make your summer enjoyable.

God be with you and your family always!

Duane Manning



This photo is of Duane and Jackie at the 2019 4th of July parade.

Interested in riding on the PCPC trailer and throwing out candy? Contact Pastor Duane at 830-446-1193 or manning2@gvpc.com. Or come to the Lakehills Fire Department at 10:00 am on July 3.

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July Scripture Passages

July 4 Independence Day – Psalm 123;

Mark 6: 1 - 13

July 11 – Psalm 85: 8 – 13;

Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

July 18 – Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6;

Ephesians 2: 11 – 22

July 25 – Ephesians 3: 14 – 21;

John 6: 14 - 21

Theme for the Month:

God Chose Us, Feeds Us and Calls Us

Our July Sundays begin with celebrating our Nation's Independence (July 4th)! We will include readings from Jeremiah and Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we develop the theme that God chose us as His people.

Jesus sends the Disciples out into the villages to preach the Word. Isn't it interesting that He tells them not to take anything with them and stay wherever they are welcomed?

July ends with the story of the feeding of the 5000. As God's chosen people, we take comfort that God will provide for us. Let's continue our summer by gathering for worship and fellowship as we become the Church God has planned for us to be! Let us worship God together this month! Peace & Blessings.

Duane Manning

You are invited to Tuesday morning Bible Study when on the Tuesday prior to sermon Sunday we get together to discuss the scripture readings on which the sermon is based. Join us at 11 a.m, and bring a lunch for fellowship afterwards.

July Calendar of Events

Sat. July 3	4th of July Parade: 10 a.m
Sun. July 4	Celebration Sunday and Communion
Mon. June 5	Quilting Ministry
Tues. July 6	11 a.m. Bible Study
Sun. July 11	Sandwich Sunday
Mon. July 12	Quilting Ministry
Tues. July 13	11 a.m Bible Study
Sun. July 18	Salad Sunday Back to School Shoe Drop
Mon. July 19	Quilting Ministry VBS 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Tues. July 20	11 a.m. Bible Study VBS 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Wed. July 21	VBS 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Thur. July 22	VBS 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Fri. July 23	VBS 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Sun. July 25	Pot Luck Sunday
Mon. July 26	Quilting Ministry
Tues. July 27	11 a.m. Bible Study

The Mission of Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church is to share the joy and the comfort of God's love and His message of reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

A Time to Celebrate July Birthdays

- 7/1 Barbara Maxwell
- 7/2 Barbara Boalo
- 7/3 Duane Manning
- 7/5 Harry Maxwell
- 7/6 Laurie Williams
- 7/7 Ryeth Rasmussen
Raymond James
- 7/18 Ian MacDonald
- 7/19 Yolanda Sollinger
Martika Duperrault
- 7/23 Jaxon Caraway

July Wedding Anniversaries

- 7/4 Jackie & Duane Manning
- 7/20 Charlotte & Gerhard Retief
Terri & Don Haga
- 7/28 Ashley & Stephen Weller

GOD IN THE NOTES

Written by Esther Benedict

Last night as I was cooking dinner, the show America's Got Talent was on in the other room. I love this show as each night you see people with or maybe without much talent try their best to impress the judges. It is entertaining and fun to see people try their skills in front of the public eye and the four tough judges.

This night I sort of listened to each act as the dinner cooked. Then this young woman, age 30 came on, and the Judges asked, "Who are you?" She said, "I am Jane from Zanesville, Ohio, but when I sing, I go by Nightbird."

The judges then asked, "Who are you here with?" She said, "I am here alone." They asked "What are you going to do for us?" queried the judges. Jane replied that she would be singing. When asked if she sang for a living, the young woman replied that she did not, since for the last several years she had been dealing with cancer.

Somewhat taken aback, the judges asked how she was doing now. "Well," she replied, "I have cancer in my spine and lungs and liver." Then she said, "It's okay. It's important that people see me for more than the bad things that happen to me! It's okay!" "And what are you going to sing?" the judges wondered. "I am going to sing an original song, called "It's Okay."

And sing she did! Her voice was beautiful. The words—soul-touching. The meaning so

deep and amazing that it had to be shared this month in **God in the Notes**. It is not a hymn. It was is a Christian music song from K-Love. This was truly a song from a beautiful soul expressing life.

You could see the power of God's Spirit in her. She glowed; she sang perfectly, but it was more beautiful that she showed the depths of her soul.

"It's Okay"

I moved to California in the summer time.

I changed my name thinking it would change my mind.

I thought all my problems they would stay behind.

I was a stick of dynamite and it was just a matter of time.

All day, oh my I can't hide I said I knew myself but I guessed I lied

It's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay if you're lost. We are all a little lost and it's alright.

It's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay if you're lost. We are all a little lost and it's alright. It's alright. It's alright.

I wrote a hundred pages but I burned them all. Yeah, I burned them all.

I blow through yellow lights and don't look back at all. I don't look back at all.

All day, oh my! I can't hide! I said I knew myself but I guessed I lied.

It's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay if you're lost. We are all a little lost and it's alright.

It's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay if you're lost. We are all a little lost and it's alright.

Oh, ooooo ah—it's alright to be lost sometimes.

How real these lyrics are. This woman sang from the depths of her soul. Her performance touched others' hearts and will be a blessing beyond her years. Getting real and being honest with where we are is so very important. Let's be open to the help that is there for us.

Our Lord and Savior is there for us. How often do we feel like this young woman?

Lost, in pain, and wondering what now? Where do I go from here?

Jesus will leave the ninety-nine in the fold to come and find you. My heart broke for this dear woman. Her struggle is real and yet she bravely came forward and gave a heartfelt song that touched very deeply the hearts that heard her.

We are never alone. Our troubles are real, and they are most real to us. Other may not see the hurt, the pain, and the suffering that you go through. Jesus does. He sees you. He will carry you.

This woman has a 2% chance of survival, yet she still shared her gift with the world. Pour your heart and your trust into Jesus and know He will carry you home. You may not feel safe or secure on your own but

if you open your heart, and allow your soul to be vulnerable so God can touch you, He will bring you home so you will find a safe place.

It's okay. God has you in the palm of His hand. It's okay, it's okay, it's okay to be lost. We are all a little lost sometimes. The Good Shepherd is looking for you. It's okay.

Please take the time to listen to this performance on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/CZJvBfoHDk0>

I trust this will touch you.

Session Highlights

PCPC's Session met on June 12 –so much was accomplished – here are the highlights!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – PCPC continues planning toward this year's VBS. We are in need of volunteers -- **you!** For food prep, activities, crafts, reading, etc. Contact Kirk Price to see what you can do for PCPC's and Pipe Creek community kiddos.

PCPC is trying something a little different this year – we're having VBS for one week (19-23 July), in the evening hours (5:30 – 8:00 pm). Kirk says, "Hopefully, with this adjustment in schedule, we'll have more kids able to attend when VBS doesn't take a part of four weeks of summer activities, sports, vacations."

Back to School Bash, Sunday, Aug 8 from 4:30pm – 7:30pm –

The Hill Country Samaritans love that PCPC is so supportive of their activities to share God's Word with the community. We have been offered to be the "Welcome/ Reception" area for the Back to School Bash. In other words, everyone will enter through our area which will have a "Wild West Theme". All of us will need to wear our favorite western wear and greet everyone who comes to the Bash at the Lakehills Community Center. **Calendar alert!!**

The opportunity to support the Hill Country Samaritans' Back-to-School Bash is another wonderful outreach effort. Session

voted to support the Bash with a \$1,000 donation. Listen for Pastor Duane to give you details before worship in July.

Sprucing up the Fellowship Hall hallways: Session approved Joel Price's bid to paint the Fellowship Hall hallways. It's very much in need of sprucing up! And, thanks to Brenda and Philip Archilla, Rhonda Smith, and Joel Price for their work painting the adult Sunday school classroom. It looks great – thanks!!

Fellowshipping with Food: For the months of June, July, and August, there is a slightly different lineup of fellowship food following worship.

- ✱ First Sunday remains sheet cake to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.
- ✱ Second Sunday enjoys a selection of sandwiches provided by the congregation.
- ✱ Third Sunday is also something new – salad Sunday (the congregation provides their favorite salad to enjoy and share).
- ✱ Fourth Sunday remains potluck.

In June, PCPC enjoyed a wide array of sandwiches provided by the congregation. What a great idea that was! Looking forward to see what July and August bring. May we always remember to bless the food, that it will nourish us to His service.

Rick Melton gave Session a final tally of the Pentecost special offering -- \$321 was collected and will be forwarded to Mission Presbytery. PCPC's congregation continues to support His church with their love, their time, and their effort – thank you all!

It's Parade Time! PCPC has accepted Lakehills American Legion invitation to participate in the 4th of July parade in Lakehills on July 3rd. This is a wonderful opportunity to give PCPC community visibility and community participation, and have fun at the same time. See you all along the parade route in Lakehills at 11:00 am on July 3rd. *Calendar alert!* Interested in riding on the PCPC trailer and throwing out candy? Contact Pastor Duane at 830-446-1193 or manning2@gvvc.com. Or come to the Lakehills Fire Department at 10:00 am on July 3.

Meet the Vis Family

At PCPC's invitation, Ben and Meridith Vis of the Hill Country Samaritans attended worship on Sunday, June 13. They gave a brief overview of the mission of the Samaritans and talked about upcoming events. Ben, Meridith (at the piano), and children (Christian, Maddie, and Bristol) shared their gift of music with the congregation – a most wonderful and enjoyable experience.



Back to School Shoe Drop

Sonya Adamson is a PCPC employee who is charged with taking care of our young people during Worship Service on Sundays. She is also a foster mom to two children, a little boy and girl.

It takes a special person to foster children, particularly very young kids. You can imagine the questions and concerns they bring with them to their new home. How long will we be there? Who will take care of us? Will they like me?

When the children were delivered to Sonya's care they came with only the clothes they were wearing. And, the clothes they were wearing were too small. They had no other belongings.

Think about your own kids. Imagine they had only the clothes on their backs. No books. No toys. No PJs. No toothbrush. No fresh underwear. No clean bedding. Nothing.

That is a huge responsibility for both foster parents and the families involved.

The great news is that there is a local non profit organization, known as "The Vault" that helps families entering the foster system with these basic expenses. They are always looking for donations of goods and volunteers.

Our Session was inspired by Sonya and her family and have agreed to participate in a

Back To School Shoe Drop to provide new shoes for each of some 20 area kids who are living in the foster system - maybe the first new shoes the kids have ever had.

Next week, we'll get a list of the kids identified by age and shoe size and you can select one of them to purchase new closed-toe play and school shoes. Insert in the shoe box a letter of encouragement and bring them to church by July 18th. We'll deliver them to The Vault during the week of July 18 - 24. Picture these tiny kiddos proudly walking into school on the first day with their new shoes!

Why do we need foster care in Texas?

- We need foster care due to the ever increasing number of abused and neglected children needing homes.
- There are over 10,000 Texas children waiting for foster and/or adoptive homes.
- In 2011 in Bexar County, there were 17,000 investigations of reported child abuse; 9000 of these were for neglect. Last year half of the fatalities of children were linked to neglect.
- When foster homes are not found, these children are having to stay at Child Protective Services (CPS) offices on cots, and/or siblings are being split up and placed in separate foster homes or in residential treatment centers (RTC's).
- In Bexar County and the surrounding counties, there were 1188 children adopted last year.