

Happy Birthday!

September

- 04—Ralph Pitzer
- 06—David Eaton, Judy Mellenbruch,
Charlie Wilson
- 07—Elsie Mackie, Charles Mellenbruch
- 08—John Berry, Janet Henderson
- 11—Murph Corder
- 12—Marian Sharp, Mike Storey
- 13—Jack Hart, Cathy Kleine
- 14—Sarah Hahne
- 15—Ardella Miller
- 16—Dale Day
- 17—Mary Lou Swan
- 18—Halya Barrera, Jose Robinson
- 19—Mary Ann McGregor
- 21—Eddie Gerland
- 22—Allen Carson
- 23—Patty Dunn, Rosa Lopez
- 25—John Bell, Janis Walker
- 26—Sue Thompson
- 27—Dave Chapman
- 28—Carol Sutton
- 29—Debbie Setliff, Dorothy Ward
- 30—Jim Burke

October birthdays before the next newsletter:

- 2—Jamie Ritter
- 5—Van Eisenbach, Faye Medina
- 7—Dianne Herndon
- 9—Bette Jones, Cheryl Painschab

Happy Anniversary this month to:

- Bob & Sue Nowell, 63 years on September 10
- Bill & Peggy Hall, 69 years on September 22

SEWING MINISTRY CRAFT FAIR

Hold the date . . . Saturday, November 6
 Start making your crafts now for the fair.
 Applications available at the rec center

MISSIONS: HERE AND NOW is here and now!

Formerly known as Mission Minders, MHAN, will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning September 14, 2021 in room 151. We will have lunch and a featured speaker sharing about the mission going on in and around the Coastal Bend. Hope to see you there. For more information contact Patti Barclay (877-9226) or Barbara Wilson (443-1364).

THE CORPUS CHRISTI BELL TOWER FOUNDATION

Invites You to Join As We Celebrate the
 Bell Tower Ribbon Cutting and Inaugural Musical Presentation
 by Loyd Lott
 October 3, 2021 at 3 PM

Bricks may still be ordered. Donations will continue to be accepted to finish and provide funds for maintenance of the bell tower.

BOOK CLUB . . . Wednesday, September 8 . . . 6:00 PM . . . Media Library . . .
George Washington's Secret Six . . . Drawing on extensive research, the authors have offered fascinating portraits of the top secret group called the Culper Spy Ring: a reserved Quaker merchant, a tavern keeper, a brash young longshoreman, a Long Island bachelor, a coffeehouse owner, and a mysterious woman. Long unrecognized, Washington's Secret Six are finally receiving their due among American heroes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FALL SCHEDULE

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| Dinner (5:00 PM) | Elmore Hall (Adults \$6; Senior Adults \$5; Children \$3.50; \$20 family max) | |
| Adult Studies: | Pastor's Bible Study | LL39 (6:00—7:00 PM) |
| | Faith & Finance | Room 151 (6:00—7:30 PM) |
| | Spiritual Parenting | Room 262 (6:30—7:30 PM) |
| | A Look at Biblical Women | Room 266 (6:30—7:30 PM) |
| Students (6:30—7:30 PM) | Rec Center (doors open @ 6 PM) | |
| Children (Infants-Toddlers) (6:00—8:15 PM) | Room 119 | |
| First Kids (6:00—7:30 PM) | Room 222 | |
| Worship Choir (7:15 PM) | Choir Room (139) | |



BEACH BAPTISM

Sunday, September 19 . . . 4:00 PM
 Take Whitecap to Windward,
 left on Windward; use the
 Windward Parking Lot for parking &
 access to beach.

Carita Class—Barbara DuFrain

DonEtta went to Victoria and had a two-day long arm quilting course. It was a Two Chicks quilting society that put it on. The lady instructor came from Fort Worth. I asked DonEtta about her long arm quilting machine and she said she had a small, long arm. She does not have the room for a full long arm. She also shared that she got the booster shot.

Syble Sue's daughter and granddaughter came over and visited on her birthday. She really appreciated the cards. She requests prayers for her.

Pasty Bucey's daughter is coming from Houston to celebrate her daughter's birthday. They're thinking about and hoping the weather will permit them to go to Rockport and go through the stores.

Kim and Lila Huling report they are doing well. Lila separated her right shoulder. She said they did knock her out to put it back in place. She's currently in a sling. Both have also gotten their booster shots.

Doris Miller said every month everything is pretty much the same and she's enjoying herself. I asked her about her family and the farming. She said they have the grain in and they are finishing the cotton.

Christine Fuhrman is asking for prayers. She's had infusions for the last five days. She said GOD is taking care of her and she feels very blessed.

Mary Mitchell's son is in the hospital and she asked for our prayers.

Lucy Miller's grandson Daniel is in Dubai and will work with missions there for a year. Her granddaughter is still in Turkey. I had the pleasure of meeting and visiting with Daniel and her grandchildren, David and Jonathan. David and Jonathan are lifeguards where I swim.

Peggy Hall said that they're going to stay cool.

I continue to enjoy chatting with y'all and finding out what's going on in your world. My biggest find is my robot vacuum. Best purchase in a long time. My cell phone was acting up so some of you may have gotten a phone call that was unfamiliar. If you are like me and did not recognize the number, you did not answer. The phone number of my house phone is 361-334-6966. May all of you be comforted through your prayers.

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 15 . . . 6 PM . . . Elmore Hall

SEPTEMBER NEWS

Agape Class—*Sandra Patterson*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

—Lyrics by Fanny Crosby

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Ralph Pitzer	Sept 4	Janet Henderson	Sept 8
Charlie Wilson	Sept 6	Halya Barrera	Sept 18
Elsie Mackie	Sept 7	Jose Robinson	Sept 18

ANNIVERSARY

Bob & Sue Nowell - 63 years - Sept 10

Sept 12 - Agape Class Lunch at Silverado Smokehouse (monthly on the 2nd Sunday)

NEWS FROM AGAPE CLASS MEMBERS

Judi and Charlie Wilson made the long trip to see family this past month. Judi said it was “a busy trip as we traveled almost 4,000 miles in two weeks. Both of our families had a reunion while we were there. I gave each family an album of pictures I have been scrapbooking since 2004, nine albums in all. Charlie attended a Minnesota State Patrol Retirement Party. Seven of us visited an uncle in eastern Wisconsin who lived with us when my grandmother passed away. Besides having a nice visit and lunch with him, we were lucky enough to see a bear, a coyote, sandhill cranes and deer on the way back.”

Tom Jackson moved to Glen Rose, Texas. He was in Corpus Christi recently to close down the house here, pick up the RV and visit his son. He is all settled in now and doing well.

Carmen Robinson said she had two sisters come to visit recently though not at the same time; one was from the Pacific Northwest and another from Columbia.

Don & Sandra Patterson had an eventful month with trips to hopefully help their daughters in Bryan, taking Don to medical doctors in Houston, & culminating in a most welcome visit from their son who has not been “home” to Corpus Christi since 2017 due to medical issues with his wife. He took care of many technology problems ranging from computers, printers, exterior cameras and even a fan that went out on the refrigerator. Needless to say, there was not a spare moment & thankfully he doesn’t require much sleep. 😊

Sarah Pitzer and her grandson, Gideon, flew to Colorado the second week in August to celebrate his 10th birthday where they joined two of Sarah’s sisters. They had a wonderful time seeing the sites together. After flying Gideon back to Fort Worth, Sarah then flew to Kansas to visit her other sister for about a week. I know she had a wonderful time with family in August, but it was a joy to see her in church again as we certainly missed her.

Bob Scott was recently visited by Trini, his sister from Little Rock. They both looked like they were really enjoying their time together. She even joined Bob on his early morning walks with Gaynell at the mall.

Sally Terry and Bert had company recently. Sally did so much work preparing everything for their guests that the first day they arrived, her leg just suddenly “didn’t work” and caused her terrible pain. After injections in her spine for both pain and inflammation, she is doing better but still needs our prayers for healing. She said their guests were so helpful, pitched in and did whatever needed to be done.

Gaynell and Burnett Torgerson went down to FBC to watch the work on the hanging of the bells in the newly constructed Bell Tower, both on Friday, August 27, and by 7:00 am on Saturday, August 28. She took pictures of the process and displayed them Sunday morning for our class to see. What a feat it must have been as the largest bell weighed 2,000 pounds and the smallest weighed about 16 pounds. There will be two different musical presentations from Loyd Lott this fall – one on October 3 for the ribbon cutting and a dedication concert on November 7.

APPRECIATION

A special “Thank You” to **Belinda Hartwick** for sharing with us many details one needs access to after the loss of a loved one pertaining to financial, medical and personal information. This was a very informative presentation and I really learned so much from her gift of experience.

PRAYERS **Sally Terry** – issue with leg **Carmen & Jose Robinson**
Janet Henderson’s daughter-in-law – severe headaches **White Family** – Hugh and Sherrie
Americans and others who are suffering the cruel acts of the Taliban, ISIS and other terrorist groups.

CONDOLENCES

Bob and Sue Nowell – loss of their daughter Vicky’s husband due to heart attack. Prayers especially for Vicky as she faces the days ahead.

Family of Rev. James E. “Buddy” Murphrey and **Good Samaritan Rescue Mission**
Families of 13 Service Members who lost their lives in Afghanistan

FAVORITE HYMNS



Beginning in October 2020, Mona Burchfield researched and presented to our class many of our favorite hymns which were written by more than 70 hymnists. Many of these hymns are no longer in our class hymnal so Mona thoughtfully copied the music and the words of some of those so we could still enjoy singing them. Thank you, Mona, for bringing new insight and a broader understanding and appreciation to many of our favorite hymns!

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) was the most famous hymnist who has ever lived as she wrote over 8,000 hymns in her 95 years on this earth. When Fanny was only six weeks old, she was blinded by hot mustard poultices applied to her eyes to treat an infection. However, she was raised in a Christian home of great faith. Even though she could not see, with encouragement from both her grandmother and others, Fanny Crosby memorized five chapters of the Bible each week from the age 10. By the time she reached 15, she had memorized many of the Psalms, the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), Book of Proverbs, Song of Solomon and the Pentateuch (first five books of the Hebrew Bible - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy).

Later in life Fanny Crosby stated: "It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation. If perfect earthly sight were offered me tomorrow, I would not accept it. I might not have sung hymns to the praise of God if I had been distracted by the beautiful and interesting things about me." She also said, "when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior". Twenty-one of her hymns are in our hymnal, including the following:

<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	<i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i>	<i>Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It</i>
<i>Tell Me the Story of Jesus</i>	<i>Jesus Is Tenderly Calling</i>	<i>All the Way My Savior Leads Me</i>
<i>Rescue the Perishing</i>	<i>He Hideth My Soul</i>	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i>

To God Be the Glory

*Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when JESUS we see.*

Elmore Class—*Carolyn Blackmon*

John and Mary Ann McGregor celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on August 28. Mary Ann will also celebrate her birthday on September 19. Congratulations!

Missions: Here and Now, formerly Mission Minders, will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month beginning September 14 in Room 151. Come enjoy lunch and a speaker who will share information about local missions and the opportunities for service.

Make plans to be present for the Bell Tower Ribbon Cutting and Inaugural Musical Presentation by Loyd Lott on October 3, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Its been a long time since we have been able to hear the beautiful carillon.

On Saturday, November 6, the Sewing Ministry will be hosting a Craft Fair. Several members of our class are active in this ministry and will appreciate your support.

Thanks to Berta Eaton for stepping in on the spur of the moment and so ably teaching our lesson on Sunday, August 22 when David became ill. We hope and pray that David is much better.

Prayers are needed for the following class members or their families: Rich Bates; Lucile Biles son-in-law Cedric Peters; Janet Bobo; Elmer Boone; Sybil Bruner; Faye Creely; Ray Duvall; Shirley Eads; David Eaton; Ardis Eiben; Helen Gaines and her son, Danny Dobbs; Karen Harwood’s husband; Jody Heymann; Helen Lingo; June Littlefield; Jo Mae London and her granddaughter, Anna London; Marie Marshall and her son Leo Rios; Pat Murphy; Sim and Ruthie Reeves; Jackie Rochelle; Mildred Schroeder; Mary Shockley and her son, Harold Shockley; and Trish Strobel’s son Pete Strobel, and her great-granddaughter Reese Strobel. Mary Shockley is back at Garden Estates in Room 118. She is mostly bedridden and would appreciate calls and cards.

Thought for the day: Oh Lord, when I grow weary, please help me to remember each and every day: To count my blessings and not my crosses; to count my gains and not my losses; to count my laughs and not my tears; to count my joys and not my fears; to count my health and not my wealth; and most of all, to count on God and not myself!