

San Gabriel's Trumpet



Bill's Blog

June, 2018

Georgetown is growing. I don't need to tell you that. You see it in the number of residential and commercial housing developments taking shape. You feel it on the crowded roads and sense it in longer lines at restaurants, businesses, and government entities. Georgetown is one of the fastest growing suburban areas in the nation. Population in Georgetown almost doubled from the 2000 census to the 2010 census. Sun City is fueling some of that growth, with Del Webb projected to add as many as 2,400 new homes over the next few years. By 2050, James Gaines, chief economist with the Texas A&M Real Estate Center, projects that Williamson County's population will grow to 2 million people.

One of the fastest growing sections of Georgetown is the northwest corridor. This corridor encompasses the northwest stretches of Williams Drive, Ronald Reagan, Highway 195, and the expansion of Sun City. This is our neighborhood, our congregation's parish. San Gabriel Presbyterian Church is strategically located in the middle of this rapid-growth corridor of Georgetown.

This reality presents an enormous opportunity for SGPC now, and for decades to come. San Gabriel is already considered a warm, hospitable, joyous body of Christ. The congregation is also known for its outreach in the community with money and the social capital of volunteers in local benevolent causes. Pound for pound, San Gabriel is one of the most generous and socially engaged congregations I have served. I am proud of the foundation laid by Jeanne Stanley and so many of you who were pioneers to get SGPC started and to make it a viable, engaging, and faithful body of Christ.

For today, and into the future, SGPC must continue to be what it is: a welcoming, nurturing body of Christ in the Reformed, Presbyterian tradition. As the community grows around us and people come from all over to call Georgetown home, we must continue to be a hospitable body of Christ that welcomes the stranger and turns them to family. We will continue to look for ways that our building and grounds can serve this community's needs. We will keep searching for ways that we can be most effective and impactful with our mission dollars and the social capital of mission volunteers. We will continue to offer worship that is stimulating and engaging; educational opportunities that enlighten and broaden faith commitment; fellowship opportunities that bind us together as a joyous family of Christ.

The future of our community is one of growth and change - this is our opportunity. The future of SGPC will be one of growth and change as well - this is our joy. Our opportunity and joy will come together all for the sake of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



Dedication of Elsa Vorwerk's Plaque
in the Columbarium.
Photo credit - Buddy Bradford

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The Gospel According To Peanuts.....

When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart...

I always hug them with my prayers.



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Newest Saints of San Gabriel



Rev. Dr. Andy and Kathy Dearman retired in Georgetown after living in Austin and Houston. Andy a professor and academic dean at Austin Seminary for twenty-seven years, has taught many courses, including Old Testament, Hebrew and Greek. Bill Pederson was one of his students. He has served as part time pastor for several churches. Kathy has been involved in various church activities. and has been employed in children's ministries at both Westlake Hills and Pines Presbyterian churches. Andy enjoys sports and is playing tennis in a Georgetown league. Kathy loves music, sings in the choir, and enjoys jazzercise, and playing bridge. She is always looking for a Bridge partner. They have three sons and eight grandchildren.



Rev. Dr. Robert and Candace Leslie left Bryan, TX in 2017 to retire in Georgetown. They now reside at the Wesleyan Home. Bob is a retired Presbyterian minister who has served in churches in Texas, New York, and Canada. While he was an associate pastor in Montreal, he got his doctorate at McGill University. When serving in Bryan, he taught medical ethics and spirituality, and history of medicine courses at Texas A&M Medical School. He is an accomplished musician, with degrees in piano and organ. The summer of 1969 was spent in Scotland and Bob learned to play the bagpipe. Candace has been an educator and teacher in the fields of preschool and early childhood development, and music. She loves to be outdoors and enjoys camping, reading and writing. They have two sons and a daughter, and four grandchildren.



Lynne and C. Michael Moran, both Chicago natives, moved to Georgetown after living in Round Rock and Arlington. They have two children and five grandchildren. Both have served as a Deacon and Elder and enjoy singing in the choir. C. Michael, who likes to be called C, owned a family appliance business, and Lynne has been a school teacher. Both have been active since coming to San Gabriel, delivering Meals on Wheels, and participating in the Pumpkin Patch. Lynne has participated in the Women's Emmaus walk and is looking forward to serving this year with its music team. Both have been active in the community, Lynne has served in politics as Township official; and C, who can fix anything, volunteers building sets at the Palace theater and has been very active in Boy Scouts.



Fred and Darleen Thompson, both graduates of Lamar University, are longtime residents of Orange, TX, where Darleen was born, and Fred lived since he was twelve. Fred worked at the DuPont Chemical Plant in Orange. When he retired at 55 he started an employment service that grew to sixteen offices around the country. Darleen taught Special Education. Both belonged to First Presbyterian Church in Orange. They have been very active teaching Sunday School and working with the youth, and in men and women groups. Fred has been a Deacon, Elder and Trustee. Fred and Darleen have three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They moved to Sun City to be closer to their children who live in Austin. Fred has owned a number of antique cars. He is now doing woodworking. Darleen plays bridge and other games. At SGPC both enjoy dinners for eight.

Our Vision

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5



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Words To Live By

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Around The Church

Fun things are happening in the SGPC Family Ministry!

With winter behind us, we are running full steam ahead in our community outreach activities utilizing our excellent outdoor space. Our VBS registration and playday kickoff on Monday, April 16 (a day out of school for Georgetown) was very successful, with around 50 children in attendance plus their adults. Thanks to Joyce Gill, Linda Gee, Ann Weir, Jan Laughlin, and my family (Keith, Isaac, and Hannah Howell) for spending your morning with us and helping run our activities. Camp Peniel also came with their discipleship students and did face-painting as well as let people know about upcoming camp opportunities. It was an awesome morning! I loved one comment that I heard, which was "this church always does the nicest things for kids when they have a day out of school." This is the kind of reputation that we are developing in our community, and I couldn't be happier about that!

Not only do we want to reach out to the kids, but also to their parents. The Parents' Time Out room has been great at generating a sense of community among the families that currently attend. In February, our group

took 9 ladies to see Jen Hatmaker's "Of Mess and Moxie" Tour when it came to Austin. Everyone had so much fun that they want to keep doing things like this together, and discussion has started about having a monthly "book club" for the Family Ministry Group ladies. I look forward to getting this started and hopefully having other moms join us along the way!

Our youth had an amazing time at "Disciple Now" in March. This weekend retreat was a joint effort of SGPC and Grace Bible Church, with speaker Tim Palmer and college leaders brought in from McMurray University. Our theme was "Shaken," and we learned how to cope with the storms of life. Highlights were "The Amazing Race" out on the San Gabriel Trails, and an awesome taco bar on Saturday night hosted by SGPC. Thanks to everyone that helped make that happen!

Summer is always a busy season for children and youth ministry. The Summer calendar should be out within the next few weeks! But right now, everyone please put Vacation Bible School on your schedule for August 5-8. Our theme this year is Polar Blast- where Jesus' love is cool. The materials look great and I've already been getting a lot of questions about it, so we need all hands on deck. Please let me know if you can help! There are many different jobs, and we can find one that you will enjoy. Registration is currently happening (see our table in the Narthex or check the website for forms) so plan to have your kids and grandkids here that week so no one misses out on the fun!

Blessings~
Toni

The Lighter Side



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SAN GABRIEL JUNE 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Summer Food Drive (Mac & Cheese) 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Deacons Meeting 6:30 PM Taize (1st Pres)	28 Church Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY 12:00 PM Gabriel's News Deadline 5:30 PM OWLS (Nafziger) 6:30 PM Girl Scouts Mtg (#1684) 7:00 PM Mens Emmaus (L)	29	30 8:00 AM Women's Emmaus (Wesleyan) 4:00 PM Officer Training (#4) 4:15 PM NEST Graduation Party 5:00 PM Girls Scouts (#179) (#3) 6:00 PM Praise Team	31 GISD Last day 6:30 PM Girls Scouts (#45012) (#1)	1	2 8:00 AM Men's Group Meeting (#4)
3 Food Collection (Caring Place) Summer Food Drive (Cereal) 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School 9:45 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 10:30 AM Communion Service	4 7:45 AM Food Distribution @ Caring Place 8:00 AM Weight Watchers (S) 12:00 PM Gabriel's News Deadline 7:00 PM Mens Emmaus (L)	5 10:00 AM Trumpet Mtg (L) 2:00 PM Buildings & Grounds Meeting	6 8:00 AM Women's Emmaus (Wesleyan) 1:00 PM ACE Committee Meeting 4:00 PM Officer Training (#4) 5:00 PM Girls Scouts (#179) (#3)	7 6:30 PM Girls Scouts (#45012) (#1) 6:30 PM Ship 911 (#4)	8 Presbytery Meeting (Kerrville) 9:30 AM Gifted Hands (L) 9:30 AM Playdate	9 Presbytery Meeting (Kerrville) 8:00 AM Men's Group Brkfst (N)
10 Summer Food Drive (Can Pasta) 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Deacons Meeting	11 FCA Softball Game (San Marcos) 8:00 AM Weight Watchers (S) 12:00 PM Gabriel's News Deadline 7:00 PM Mens Emmaus (L)	12 11:00 AM Admin Committee Mtg (L) 1:00 PM Finance (L)	13 8:00 AM Women's Emmaus (Wesleyan) 4:00 PM Officer Training (#4) 5:00 PM Girls Scouts (#179) (#3) 5:00 PM Women's Emmaus Mtg (L)	14 Youth Bowling 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Stephen Ministry (L) 6:30 PM Girls Scouts (#45012) (#1) 6:30 PM Ship 911 (#4)	15 1:30 PM PW Bible Study	16 8:00 AM Men's Group (#4)
17 FATHER'S DAY 8:30 AM Session Meeting 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	18 8:00 AM Weight Watchers (S) 12:00 PM Gabriel's News Deadline 5:30 PM OWLS (Chapman) 7:00 PM Mens Emmaus (L)	19 11:00 AM Mission Committee Mtg 11:30 AM Ladies Luncheon (Nancy Sky Garden)	20 8:00 AM Women's Emmaus (Wesleyan) 4:00 PM Officer Training (#4) 5:00 PM Girls Scouts (#179) (#3)	21 6:30 PM Girls Scouts (#45012) (#1) 6:30 PM Send-off (Bubble Run)	22 9:30 AM Gifted Hands (L)	23 8:00 AM Men's Group (#4) 9:00 AM Session Mini Retreat
24 7:30 AM Church Under the Bridge (St.Johns) 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Called Session Meeting	25 8:00 AM Weight Watchers (S) 12:00 PM Gabriel's News Deadline 7:00 PM Mens Emmaus (L)	26	27 8:00 AM Women's Emmaus (Wesleyan) 5:00 PM Girls Scouts (#179) (#3) 5:00 PM Women's Emmaus Mtg (L)	28 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Girls Scouts (#45012) (#1) 6:30 PM Ship 911 (#4)	29 9:30 AM Playdate	30 8:00 AM Men's Group (#4)

Lots going on at San Gabriel! Be sure to keep up with the monthly calendar at www.sgpgeorgetown.org and then choose ABOUT US and then CALENDAR.