



The Alburnett Messenger

September 11, 2026

Calendar of Church/Community Activities

SUNDAY, September 13--9:00 am Worship Service

SUNDAY, September 20--9:00 am "Back to Church" Worship Service
(invite a friend to join you)

SUNDAY, September 27--9:00 am Worship Service

SUNDAY, October 4--9:00 Worship Service (World Communion Sunday)



September 13-9:00 am--Morning Worship

Guest Speaker: Marlene Booth

Message: We Are All United

Scriptures: John 15:12-17; 1 Timothy 4:4-5 & 5:8; 1 John 4:19-21

Worship Leader: Cindy Scott

Ushers/Greeters: Stacy Franklin and Dave Reed

Last Week's Attendance: 45

Year-to-Date Giving Comparison:

Last Week: \$ 2,800.00

2026 Weekly Average: \$1,547.83

2025 Weekly Average: \$1,569.29

Weekly Average is down \$21.46





The sound of the cascading water confirmed that I'd arrived at the 9/11 Memorial Pools in New York City, a place I'd avoided visiting for fear of being overwhelmed by sadness and grief from what took place there that tragic day in

2001. I walked around the two large reflection pools located where the Twin Towers once stood. It was deeply moving to see all the names of those who died etched on the walls--some with roses placed on them by loved ones.

I was in Manhattan on the morning of 9/11 but thankfully not near the World Trade Center. Still, as a native New Yorker, the tragedy hit too close to home. I was finally at Ground Zero, yet I wasn't overcome by sorrow or fear. I felt peace as I stood there and recalled God's sustaining grace. That peace was a gift from the God who knows how to comfort us.

As we read the Psalms, we see that David experienced sorrow, fear, and grief as well as divine comfort. In Psalm 30, he writes, "I called to you for help, and you healed me" (v. 2). "Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning" (v. 5). God turned David's "wailing into dancing" and "removed [his] sackcloth and clothed [him] with joy" (v. 11).

When we're feeling overwhelmed with sorrow, loss, or pain, let's turn to the God of all comfort, who is close to the brokenhearted, and give thanks to Him as David did: "Lord my God, I will praise you forever" (Psalm 30:12)--Nancy Gavilanes, Our Daily Bread

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Back to Church Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY (September 20th). Invitation cards are available in the Fellowship Hall.

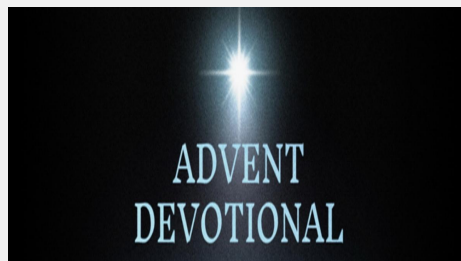
Please pick one up and share or mail it to someone, inviting them join you on this special day of worship as we kick-off our fall season.





The new school year is starting! Are there sports, music, or school events that you would like Pastor Bruce to attend? Please send the information to Laura (with as much notice as possible) so they can be added to his community calendar. He would love to attend as time permits!

Advent is a beautiful time of preparation, reflection, and anticipation as we await the birth of Jesus Christ. This year, we want to look at the season through the eyes—and hearts—of our Alburnett | Prairie Chapel church family.



You are invited to contribute a short devotion (no more than 200 words) for our 2026 Advent Devotional. Whether you are a seasoned writer, a first-timer, a child, or a senior, your unique voice and story matters.

Please pick up a sheet in the fellowship hall and review the scripture passages. Select one of the open dates and sign your name. We are asking for your devotion by Sunday, November 1. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Bruce or Laura.



We are livestreaming our 9:00 Sunday worship service. We would love for you to worship with us in person, but if you are ill, traveling, or otherwise unable to join us we invite you to watch the service on our website:

<https://alburnettmethodistchurch.org>

Links to recordings of prior services are also available through the website.

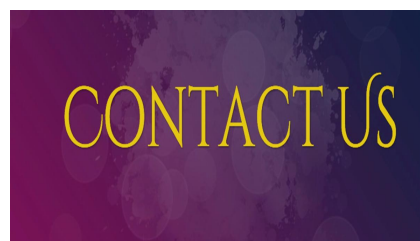
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