Alburnett Methodist Church

The Alburnett Messenger

October 16, 2026

Calendar of Church/Community Activities

SATURDAY, October 17--4:00-7:00 pm Alburnett Historical Society Soup Supper

SUNDAY, October 18--9:00 am Worship Service
MONDAY, October 19--2:00 pm Bible Study
MONDAY, October 19--6:00 pm Joint SPPRC Meeting (at Prairie Chapel)

SUNDAY, October 25--9:00 am Worship Service
SUNDAY, October 25--BRIEF Admin Council Meeting immediately following worship

SUNDAY, October 25--5:00-7:00 pm Prairie Chapel Soup Supper
MONDAY, October 26--2:00 pm Bible Study
MONDAY, October 26--7:00 pm Joint Finance Meeting (at Alburnett)
TUESDAY, October 27--6:00 pm Joint Parish Worship Planning Meeting (at Alburnett)



October 18-9:00 am--Morning Worship
Speaker: Pastor Bruce
Message: Promises, Promises, Part 2
Scriptures: Exodus 32:1-8
Worship Leader: Rick Smith
Ushers/Greeters: Cory and Wendy Miller

How quickly people can forget the glory of God in the heat of the moment. For the Israelites, it took less than 40 days to go from

experiencing God's power and presence to spiraling into idolatry.

As we encounter this passage regarding the golden calf, let's consider the ways we can avoid the same kind of downward spiral today.





Last Week's Attendance: 32
Year-to-Date Giving Comparison:
Last Week: $821.00
2026 Weekly Average: $1,612.68
2025 Weekly Average: $1,571.36
Weekly Average is UP $41.32



Your attention naturally follows whatever makes the loudest noise—your to-do list, your worries, or your physical pain. Yet God is not shaken by the chaos around you.

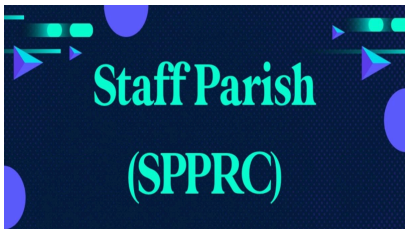
When you turn your eyes toward His character—his mercy, control, and faithfulness—the weight of trying to manage everything on your own begins to lift. You do not need an hour of quiet to redirect your heart; you just need a single, honest breath to whisper His name and hand Him the wheel.

PRAYER: Lord, my mind is pulled in a hundred different directions today. Help me to step back, quiet the noise, and fix my gaze on You. Remind me of Your peace when I am overwhelmed, and anchor my trust in Your goodness. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fall Bible Study is in session! Join us Mondays at 2:00 pm at Alburnett or Wednesdays at 7:00p at Prairie Chapel. No prior Bible knowledge is needed and everyone is welcome.





The Joint Parish SPPRC committee will meet at Prairie Chapel on Monday, October 19th beginning at 6:00 pm.

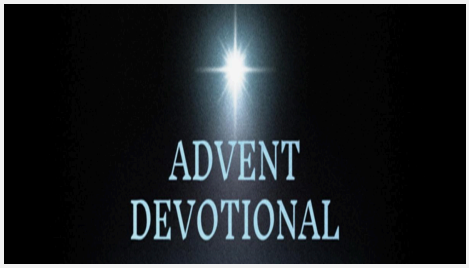
There will be a BRIEF Admin Council Meeting NEXT Sunday (October 25) immediately following the worship service. Please meet at the front of the sanctuary.





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!

If you are planning to prepare/write an Advent devotion, we ask that you complete them by November 1 and send to Laura to the books can be prepared and ready for distribution on November 25th.



We appreciate everyone's support.

Thanksgiving is a time for sharing, and we want to make sure everyone enjoys a warm holiday meal with others around them this year.



The Alburnett | Prairie Chapel Parish will be working with local churches to serve a community Thanksgiving meal at the Alburnett Historical Society on Thursday, November 26 from 1:30-3:30 pm. We need your help to make this event a success. You can support us in three simple ways (sign up sheets will be available shortly) :

- ***Volunteer:* Help prep food, serve meals, or clean up on Thursday, November 26**
- ***Donate Food:* We will need food items like turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, rolls, vegetables, pie**
- ***Give Funds*: To assist with the purchase of needed items.**

Because of your time and support, we can offer food and a sense of community to many people in our neighborhood. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

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