Alburnett Methodist Church

The Alburnett Messenger

October 23, 2026

Calendar of Church/Community Activities

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)

SUNDAY, November 1--9:00 am All Saints Sunday (Communion)--DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR



October 25-9:00 am--Morning Worship
Speaker: Pastor Bruce
Message: Promises, Promises, Part 3
Scriptures: Numbers 21:4-9
Worship Leader: Barbara Leydens
Ushers/Greeters: Bart and Kim Gingrich



In part 3 of our series, we find yet another struggle in the lives of the Israelites. As we work our way through this passage and situation, consider the following question: In what ways do we focus on the negative stuff in life so heavily that we forget all about the positive?

If you've ever caught yourself stuck in a negative mindset, also ask this question: What kind of positive stuff in life can help me endure the negative stuff?

Join us in worship as we weigh the negative and positive, and as we see how Jesus is the answer.



Last Week's Attendance: 33
Year-to-Date Giving Comparison:
Last Week: $950.00
2026 Weekly Average: $1,596.90
2025 Weekly Average: $1,501.01
Weekly Average is UP $95.89



Lillie Cunningham is 110 years old, yet she isn't reliant on a cane or walker. She does rely on Scripture, however, which she reads every morning and night--and attends church every Sunday. When she considers her life, she states, "I just always had faith and trust in God that he was going to carry us through."

Mrs. Cunningham trusts in and praises God for carrying her through hardships, including wars, pandemics, and the death of her husband and siblings. Her life resembles that of the psalmist who proclaimed God's "love in the morning and [His] faithfulness at night (Psalm 92:1-20; and her perseverance points to the psalmist's words: "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree . . .; planted in the house of the Lord . . . They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green" (vv. 12-14). And like the psalmist, she attributes it all to God (v. 15).

We can learn much for this centenarian's example. Like Lille, may we live our lives in communion with and praise for God by spending time in prayer, reading scripture, and worshiping "in the courts of our God" (v. 13). We aren't promised a long life on earth, but through Him, we can stay "fresh and green" as God prepares us for eternal life with Him.--Alyson Kieda, Our Daily Bread

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



There will be a BRIEF Admin Council Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday. Please meet at the front of the sanctuary.

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.

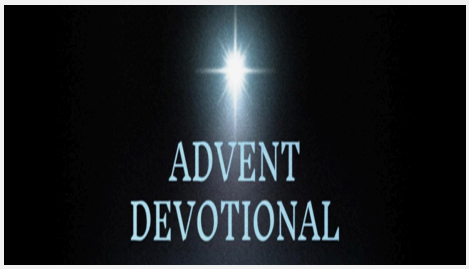


The Joint Worship Planning Team will meet at Alburnett on Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00 pm.

Worship Committee

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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How can we make this newsletter more useful? If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions, please let Laura know at alburnettmc@gmail.com. Thank you.

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