



*First Presbyterian Church
418 W. Coolidge
Borger, Texas 79007
~December 2006~*



Dates to Remember in December

- Dec. 3rd**- Community Choir Concert
3:30 @ Frank Phillips College
- Dec. 4th**- Community Choir Concert 7:30 @
Frank Phillips College
- Dec. 7th**- PW Circle Meeting 10:00 am
- Dec. 9th**- Christmas Open House Georgia's
House 2-5 pm
- Dec. 10th**- Congregation meeting, to be held
after morning worship, for the election of
Elders for 2007. The Session Meeting to
follow. Christmas Caroling 2:30
- Dec. 20th**- There will be no dinner at the
Church.
- Dec. 24th**- Christmas Eve at the Church,
6:00. Candlelight Communion Service.
- Dec. 27th**- There will be no dinner at the
Church.

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Care of Members



*Please keep these members and friends in your
prayers.*

Scott Glenn



Session Actions

The Stated Session meeting was held in the Conference Room, starting at 11:45 am with a devotional by Elder Margaret Edgington. The following were present and constituted a quorum: Moderator, the Rev. Georgia King and Elders Leah Buckland, Margaret Edgington, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Julia Kasch, and Jerry Pool.

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted. A letter was received from Presbytery formally recognizing that we have permission to sell the manse. Upon recommendation by Mrs. Voit, we will wait until January to put the building up for sale. Motion made by Elder Hebermehl, seconded by Elder Edgington to implement this, as well as obtain a formal contract covering the sale.

The monthly income/expenditure report was accepted as printed. It was noted that the addition of check register entries was helpful to the Elders. The Memorial fund currently has a \$12,406 balance. The written policy states that all disbursements made are through the Session and with its approval. The policy now in the Operations manual will be revised to clearly state responsibilities of the Memorial Committee. Also, an article will be written for the January newsletter about the Memorial Fund, uses of funds and how expenditures are recommended, approved and made by the Session. Elder Buckland will determine current members of the committee and Rev. King will contact Pam Nicholas regarding the accounts in which these funds are located. We have received a \$150 advertising grant from Presbytery, which is to be spent by year end. This will be used to publicize our Christmas eve service (an ecumenical opportunity). The Borger newspaper and the Community TV channel will be contacted regarding costs and breaks for non-profit groups. A print ad, if used, will also publicize our website. If this works, we will continue the program. Rev. King is working on a three month planning cycle for worship services.

Elder Howard reported that Phyllis Harmony and Pat Petty have accepted nomination as (active) Elders. A congregational meeting will be held December 10 to elect Elders.

Elder Pool stated that when the music room move is complete, the ceiling will be repaired and the carpet replaced. He will present cost estimates at the next meeting. An electrician will review the circuitry of the main building and repair lights which are not working now. He will also clean and/or replace glass panels in some outside lights.

Pianos, including the one in the manse, are scheduled to be moved on November 24. The west doors need to be replaced; Elder Pool will obtain a cost estimate.

Elder Edgington suggested that the gas stove in the kitchen be replaced with an electric one. The people who run the restaurant in Stinnett may want the gas one.

The advent period begins December 4. Pools will do the first service and Edgingtons the Christmas eve 6 pm service. Elder Kasch will schedule families for the other times. We will plan for an ecumenical caroling on December 10, perhaps at 2 pm. The December 24 morning service will be a Lessons and Carols service.

Rev. King will have an open house for the congregation December 9 from 2 pm to 5 pm. A note will be placed in the Sunday bulletin concerning replacing soft drinks in the coffee room refrigerator.

The six month CD with Wells Fargo bank will expire in January. Renewal action will be part of the December meeting agenda.

The cost of flowers for Sunday services will increase to \$15 per week from the current \$10. Motion by Elder Buckland, and seconded by Elder Edgington to accept this change. Session meeting time will need to be changed from Wednesday before the evening meal. Some other time will be established to provide sufficient time for the meetings. Most likely, we will revert to Sunday meeting dates. This item will be added to the December agenda. An idea for future consideration: Occasionally have a Sunday lunch rather than Wednesday evening dinner. We have members who would rather not leave home at night and this would accommodate them.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm. December meeting: 17th or the 20th? Julia Kasch will be Duty Elder for December.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for October:

Total Income	\$6,387.09
Total Expenses	<u>\$6,365.47</u>
Total	\$ 21.62

Year to Date

Total Income	\$72,626.23
Total Expenses	<u>\$62,484.33</u>
Total	\$10,141.90

NEWS FLASH



The person responsible for the break-ins at our church as well as other churches has been indicted. All DNA evidence match the suspect, finger prints, blood shoe prints, etc. He will be apprehended

shortly and will be tried as soon as possible. We will keep the church informed of all other information.

Have we been blessed with your 2007 Pledge yet?

Praise Dinner

The Annual Praise Dinner was held on November 15th at 6:00 p.m. Fifty people attended. The M.A.L. Café of Stinnett catered the meal, Alice Garrard, Tonia Eberhardt, and her daughter, Valerie Served the meal.

The program was furnished by the Presbyterian Women. Those participating were: Phyllis Harmony, Alice Harvey, Bonnie Schropp, Leah Buckland, and Hazel Howard. Pat Petty played the hymns for group singing and Rev. Georgia King let the group in prayer.

Thanks go out to all the women in the Church who made this occasion great with their homemade pies and salads.

The offering taken up amounted to \$218.76. This will be sent by our treasurer, Pam Nicholas, to Presbyterian Women's Headquarter. This donation will go to many worthwhile projects for women and children.



Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 9, 2006

Georgia's home in Amarillo

56 Prestwick Lane

Come and Go

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Directions:

Borger to Amarillo on Hwy. 136

Turn West on Loop 335 (St. Francis)

Exit on Western and turn left (South)

Turn right (West) on Fairway (Tascosa Country Club will be on your left And La Paloma Country Club on your right)

Proceed West on Fairway approximately to Prestwick Lane Turn right (North) onto Prestwick Lane

56 Prestwick Lane in at the very bottom of the hill in the section called The Reserve. It is a stucco and rock home on the right hand side (a new home is being built next door.)

Please bring your family and friends.

LETS GO CAROLING!

Sunday December 10, 2006

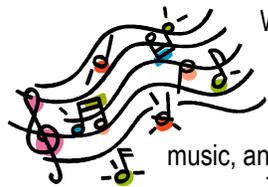
2:30 pm

Bring your family and friends for this time of Christmas

Sharing!



Notes from the Music Department



We are still cleaning and rearranging Scott's old office to prepare for the new choir room and practice room. There is quite a lot to make this happen and I would lift to thank Tony Pool, Marilyn Pearce, Aleyene Watkins, and Phyllis Harmony for all the time they have donated to moving music from one place to another. This was a huge task and these ladies, for the most part, have made that happen. They have moved, catalog, issued new envelopes for music, and what ever needed to be done. Al of this writing, we are only about half through with our task.

The congregation is still invited to sing the Closing Response with the choir. For the month of December, it will be very easy for the congregation to join us. The words are simple- "Joy to the World! Joy to the World! Joy to the World the Lord is Come!" The words will be printed in each Sunday's bulletin. We invite you to share with us!

As always, if you have a favorite anthem or any special music you would like us to perform; we invite you to let us know. You, the congregation, are part of the reason we do what we do every Sunday morning. And we all so love what we do!! If you have any special music you want played for the Prelude, Offertory, or Postlude let me know.

I can never thank our loyal choir members enough for their dedication. We are small in number but large in sound. I love you all and give you my heartfelt thanks!!

Thank You!!
Pat Petty

O Antiphons

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

The "O Antiphons" were first used by the Church in the 8th and 9th centuries. They are based on various titles used for the Christ and are scripturally-based short prayers used from the 17th to the 23rd of December. In these "O Antiphons" the Church expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah.

The Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is based on the "O Antiphons" and was written sometime during the 9th Century. The hymn, as can be seen below, begins with the last antiphon.

The Antiphons

December 17

O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: *COME*, and teach us the way of prudence. Amen. "**O Sapientia...**"

December 18

O LORD AND RULER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: *COME*, and redeem us with outstretched arms. Amen. "**O Adonai...**"

December 19

O ROOT OF JESSE, that stands for an ensign of the people, before whom the kings keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: *COME*, to deliver us, and tarry not. Amen. "**O Radix Jesse...**"

December 20

O KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: *COME*, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death. Amen. "**O Clavis David...**"

December 21

O DAWN OF THE EAST, brightness of light eternal, and Sun of Justice: *COME*, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Amen. "**O Oriens...**"

December 22

O KING OF THE GENTILES and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one: *COME*, and deliver man, whom you formed out of the dust of the earth. Amen. "**O Rex...**"

December 23

O EMMANUEL, God with us, Our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: *COME* to save us, O Lord our God. Amen. "**O Emmanuel...**"

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: Latin: c. 9th Century

Music: VENI EMMANUEL

Adapted from Plainsong, Mode I

O come, o come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

CHORUS: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily,
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

CHORUS: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty, and awe.

CHORUS: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Rod of Jesse free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave

CHORUS: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

CHORUS: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

CHORUS: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind,
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of peace.

CHORUS: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Scripture References

O Wisdom: Proverbs 1:20; 8; 9 and I Corinthians 1:30

O Lord and Ruler of the House of Israel: Exodus 3; Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:6

O Root of Jesse: Isaiah 11:10; Romans 15:12; Revelation 5:5

O Key of David: Isaiah 22:22; Revelation 3:7

O Dawn of the East (Dayspring): Luke 1:78, 79; Malachi 4:2

O King of the Gentiles (Nations): Revelation 15:3; Psalm 118:22;

Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 21:42;



Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Ephesians 2:20; I Peter 2:6
O Emmanuel: Isaiah 7:14; 8:8; Matthew 1:23; Haggai 2:7 (KJV)