



# **First Presbyterian Church**

**418 W. Coolidge  
Borger, Texas 79007**

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## **We Gain Strength Through Our Differences**

More than 90 percent of PC(USA) members identify themselves as Caucasian and the average age of Presbyterians is fifty-five years old; 68 percent of Americans identify themselves as Caucasian and the average age of Americans is about forty-five years old. Our denomination does not reflect the demographic realities of our world. What can we do as people of faith to open our doors wider so that all of God's people feel welcome?

One of the ways this disparity between what is within our doors and what is outside our doors is being addressed is through the Racial Ethnic Young Adult Leadership (REYAL) Ministry Team. REYAL is working to make more diverse denomination a reality. Two individuals from each organized racial ethnic young adult councils meet annually to share stories, celebrate blessings, pray for the denomination, and discern their role in the future. They develop resources that lift up the unheard voices of racial ethnic young adults and equip them with tools for evangelism and discipleship.

### *Wednesday Night Dinners*

*It has been decided to cancel all Wednesday night dinners, including next week's potluck. Many, Many thanks to all the cooks, coffee and tea makers, and especially the clean-up crew. We look forward to our annual homemade ice cream social, coming up in July, for delicious vanilla, peach or cherry ice cream, of course you may make other favorites if you wish. Bring friends, family, and neighbors and we'll have a great time.*

*Hospitality Chairman,  
Margaret Edgington*

## U Care of Members U

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers.

Mrs. Bob Rawlings

Scott Glenn

Bobbie Farrell



## Session Actions

The Session took the following actions at its monthly meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

The April Stated meeting was held in the Church Conference room. The following were present and constituted a quorum: the Moderator, Rev. Georgia King, and Elders Leah Buckland, Margaret Edgington, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, and Julia Kasch. Treasured Pam Nicholas was also present. The meeting was convened at 11:50 with a devotional by Mrs. Howard and a prayer by Moderator King.

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed by the Clerk, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept these minutes as presented.

Letters received of note were reviewed: A) Wills Emphasis Sunday and B) a Mission Support application sent from Presbytery. We do not make special note of Wills Emphasis Sunday in our congregation. The Mission Support deadline is too near to be of practical use this year, however it will be noted for congregation's program next year.

The Treasurer reports of March were reviewed and seconded, and passed to accept these reports as presented. The status of Carol Mills, the new custodian, was discussed. She will be considered an employee and salary and tax data will be reported accordingly.

There was not report from the Community Committee. The Worship Committee discussed a speaker from the Gideon's to be the guest pastor April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Most of May is also set. The communion schedule for the year will be discussed at the May meeting.

For Christian Nurture, June Voigt will be in charge of the children's Sunday school classes during the June- August period, with Leah Buckland beginning in September.

For the Property committee, Jerry Pool will look into repair of the Parlor ceiling. Also the main entrance ceiling needs replacement.

Pat Petty will continue to serve as organist and choir director until Scott Glenn returns.



The Treasurer reported the following figures for March:

Total Income	\$7,150.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$6,576.00</u>
Total	\$537.00

### Year To Date

Total Income	\$25,310.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$19,702.00</u>
Total	\$5,608.00

## Committee News

### Worship Committee

As you may know we will be having new pulpit supply persons for the upcoming weeks. We would like to welcome back Georgia King, of Amarillo, for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Property committee

Coming up there are going to be some minor fix ups around the church. If anyone knows of anything else that needs to be done, just call Jerry Pool. Also, if anyone needs anything from Sam's Club, please make a list for Jerry or Carol Pace so they can purchase it all at once.

## Pastor Nominating Committee

This is an update on where your PNC is as of April. Unfortunately, we are back to the beginning. We have looked at several candidates' applications, a few turned us down, two withdrew before we had the chance to talk to them, and so on. We thought we had a viable candidate but that was not what God had in mind for us. You know, there is a joke and a line from a song, if you want to hear God laugh- tell him your plan.

We are still waiting for God to tell us his plan. We will begin our process again and look

for more willing and available candidates. We do have several new ones from Louisville that have been matched to our Church Information Form. We do have a few new prospects.

We do have some rather good news to report, Georgia King has agreed to serve as a stated supply for up to twelve months unless we find a pastor before that. We are in the process of working with Presbytery to get all the details worked out, this will help a great deal. We will know who will be here on most Sundays and the worship committee will only have to have a pulpit supply for one Sunday a month. Georgia will be here at least three Sundays a month, and for any counseling, visiting, etc... that we may need help with.

Please pray for and with us as we search to find God's will in our search for a new pastor. I will say this again- we want to find the best possible candidate for our wonderful church family. We will just have to have patience and perseverance. We will continue on this journey until we find a pastor, and we will have to listen to our Heavenly Father as he guides us through the days ahead.

Thank you all for your faith in us and your support. You and this congregation are why we are working so diligently to find a new pastor. Thank you from your Pastoral Nominating Committee.

Pat Petty, Chair, Sue Hooten, Julia Kasch, Hal Hebermehl, Jerry Pool.

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Organist and Music Director \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Petty  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Dara Garlington

## Flowers

July 23 and 30 are still available for anyone who would like to place flowers on the sanctuary. If you would like to sign up please feel free to do so.

*We enjoyed seeing Chris Harwerth and his fiancé at church services on Easter Sunday. We hope to see you again soon.*

## **P.W. Circle**

Women's Circle met April 6<sup>th</sup> with five members present. After the Bible Study, the group discussed the course of study for the coming year.

First Presbytery Church in Amarillo received the Campbell Soup Labels from our Church and expressed appreciation. These will be used to buy supplies for the three to four year old Preschool classes at the Opportunity Center. This is one small way our church can help others in need.

Bonnie Schropp

**Palo Duro Presbytery Disaster Fund has made a major contribution to regional volunteer fire departments and others in need following the recent wildfires.**

## Birthdays for the Month

1<sup>st</sup>- Hannah Chambers  
10<sup>th</sup>- Tom Edmonds  
14<sup>th</sup>- Al Stegleman  
17<sup>th</sup>- Chelsea Mills  
29<sup>th</sup>- June Voigt

## Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup>- Toni and Jerry Pool

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary  
to all of you!!



If you have any suggestions for the front page  
please let me know.

Thanks, Dara Garlington