



*First Presbyterian Church
418 W. Coolidge
Borger, Texas 79007
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sanctuary. Please feel free to pick yours up today.

Important dates in April

April 1st there will be a congregational potluck dinner following worship. On Wednesday April 4th there will be **NO** potluck dinner, due to the soup supper April 5th, at 6:00 with services to follow. Good Friday services will be held Friday April 6th at 7:00pm. Communion will be held on April 1st, 5th, and 8th. Georgia will be on call April 15th, Milam Brantley, of Amarillo will be the pulpit supply.



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These Days daily devotional booklets are now in for the months of April, May and June. They are on the back pew of the



 *Care of Members* 

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers.

Scott Glenn

Session Actions



The Stated Session meeting was held in the Church Conference Room, starting at 6:45 pm with a devotional by Elder Habermehl. The following were

present and constituted a quorum: Moderator, the Rev. Georgia King and Elders Leah Buckland, Margaret Edgington, Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Pat Petty and Jerry Pool. No Elders were absent. Treasurer Pam Nicholas was also present.

The order of business was changed so that the Confirmation Class could be welcomed by the Session and to listen to each as they presented their own statements of faith. Members of the class are: Katey Kasch, Kirsti Kasch, Justin Lusk and Shawna Lusk. Sponsoring elders will be Leah Buckland, Margaret Edgington, Pat Petty, and Jerry Pool. A motion was made and passed to approve confirmation for the above four persons. Justin Lusk will also be baptized. This will be prior to the confirmation proceedings, all of which will be on Palm Sunday. It being a school night class was dismissed.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2007, Stated Session meeting. Communications were reviewed. The recent Area Clerk's meeting was reviewed. Minutes for the period September, 2004, through January, 2007, were approved at the meeting.

A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report for February. It was noted that two months' utility bills were paid in February. We will get a small utility bill for the manse covering the period after the previous tenants left and the building was sold. Elder Pool reported the net proceeds from the manse sale were \$96,908. The monies were invested in a six month Certificate of Deposit at an interest rate of 5.0%. The CD was obtained from the Amarillo Branch of the State National Bank of Groom.

Rev. King stated she was working on details for Holy Week services. Elder Edgington will check with Minton Flowers to determine availability of palm fronds. Weather permitting, the congregation will meet outside the main entrance on Palm Sunday and process into the sanctuary. Along with confirmation, there will be a potluck dinner after the service. Special services will also be held on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Communion will be held on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday (previously scheduled and approved by the Session).

Rev. King noted that her next two scheduled "on Call" Sundays at the hospital are April 14 and May 27. Since the latter date is Pentecost, Communion will be moved to May 20. Motion made and passed to approve that change in date.

Elder Pool reported that work is progressing on the flower garden area adjacent to the East entrance.

Rev. King requested that a letter be written to the congregation regarding the importance of maintaining plate offering and tithes and the general need to exercise fiscal responsibility. Also to be included would be a general discussion of our funds status. The addition of the manse sale funds, it should be noted, can be used only for pastor housing, although interest received from those funds are available for general expenditures.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken April 15. Elder Buckland will prepare a letter for the newsletter.

The next meeting will be April 18 at 6:45 pm. Elder Buckland will be duty elder for April. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for February:

Total Income	\$11,188.75
Total Expenses	<u>\$11,679.17</u>
Total	\$ (490.42)
Year to Date	
Total Income	\$25,784.13
Total Expenses	<u>\$16,936.71</u>
Total	\$ 8,847.42

Who is my neighbor? I do know that each member of our church has his particular set of neighbors that he takes care of already. However, outside of that loving care we give them, do we often wonder how many outside charities do we give to? I do- I know.

This year I'm asking you-along with me-to give as generously as you can to our own "One Great Hour of Sharing." When we give to this group we're giving to "people helping people". In particular, we're helping with the hunger program, the disaster program plus the plan for self-development of people.

Please take the time to send your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday April 15th. A special dedication will be offered at this time.

Leah Buckland- Mission

Six Things About Life I Learned from the Easter Bunny:



Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.

Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.

There's no such thing as too much candy.

Everyone is entitled to a bad hare day.

Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits. Some body parts should be floppy

Notes from the

Music Department

Christ is Risen!



Alleluia!! It is Spring and the earth is starting to "green up". Flowers are blooming and the grass is turning green. God's beautiful earth looks good! AND it is the Easter Season. We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection with song and praise!

The Choir has performed new music along with some good old standbys. It is always good to hear the music we are familiar with but also good to learn new music. It not only makes our worship service more meaningful, in my opinion, but it stimulates our brains!

We will finally be using a new Closing Response. We will start this response on Easter Sunday and continue using this response until the end of May. The words will be printed in the bulletin each Sunday and the tune is a familiar hymn. It also will help keep the meaning of Easter alive. During the summer, we will use different Closing Response, it just depends how the Spirit moves us!

The Choir will be moving going back to a regular schedule of rehearsals.

Meeting once a month is just not enough for us to do a good job. And I need the practice too! We will meet every Wednesday night except for Session meeting night until the end of May. We will then go to an "as need to" basis for the summer. We will decide at the end of the summer what regular schedule will use for next year.

I would like to thank Marilyn Pearce for the new curtains in our Choir room. She spent quite a few hours matching material and music notes, etc, to get the curtains to look just right. They look wonderful and thank you, Marilyn, for this lovely gift.

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. I can never thank our loyal choir members enough for their dedication. I have said this often but it is the truth, we are small in number but large in sound. I love you all and give you my heartfelt thanks!

Thank You!

Pat Petty

Special Thanks

A special thank you to my circle friends for your participation in presenting the beautiful Prayer Shawl to me. I didn't know you could keep a secret!

The shawl was made by members of the Agape Prayer Shawl Ministry which meet at the Methodist Church in Stinnett.

-I was surprised and humbled by the experience.

- Bonnie Schropp



The Secret Service Joke

A man was coming out of church one day and the preacher grabbed his hand, pulled him aside and said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!" (This was in a congregation that used such language for membership and mission.)

The man replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor." "Why is it then that I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

