

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 a 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.



School News

Sixth grader, Shauna Lusk, made the A honor roll for the year, and also received a Good Citizen Award.

Eighth Grader, Katey Kasch, has been on the A honor roll for each 6 weeks, for 4 years. Also she received a Good Citizen Award, and is a member of the Junior National Honor Society.

Kirstie Kasch passed the end of year TAKS test, and also won 2nd place in both the 50-meter and 100-meter race at the Crocket track meet.

Jode and Chelsea Mills also passed the end of year TAKS test. Jody will be attending High School next

**year, and Chelsea will be attending
Middle School.**

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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 May 16, 2006.

Moderator Georgia Newell King called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led the opening prayer. The following were present: Jerry Pool, Margaret Edgington, Julia Kasch, and Hazel Howard. Leah Buckland and Hal Hebermehl were absent. Guests were Pat Petty from the Pastor Nominating Committee and Ross Clopton from the Presbytery Committee of Ministry in Amarillo. Treasurer Pam Nicholas was also present. Hazel Howard gave the devotional from the book "God Is Our Guide." Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as printed.

Moderator: Members were reminded about the meeting of Presbytery on June 9 and 10 in Vernon, Texas. The Helping Hand report was noted and will be filed. (Pool, Howard). The treasurer's report was accepted as printed. The church secretary will contact XEROX to service the copy machine. It needs a new cartridge. Mileage will be paid to Clopton and King for their travel for this meeting. Hal Hebermehl will respond to a request to revise the church information form for Presbytery.

Committee Reports:

The Nominating Committee consists of Hazel Howard, Pat Petty, Rosa Pace, and Hal Hebermehl.

Congregation reports- Wednesday night meals will be resumed in September. The church will host the yearly ice cream social in July. The Pentecost Offering will be taken on June 4, 2006.

Corporation -Property- The session voted (motion Kasch, second Howard) to contact June Voigt for the appraisal figures on the manse as we plan to offer it for sale. Ramon Espino has mowed the yard twice and the sprinkler system is being rehabilitated for the summer season. The secretary will look for the church by-laws. The

secretary's computer will not accept attachments on e-mail because it lacks a program to do so.

The Session will be meeting next on June 18, 2006. This report was submitted by Julia Ann Kasch.



The Treasurer reported the following figures for April:

Total Income	\$10,016.14
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,874.12</u>
Total	\$6,142.02

Year To Date

Total Income	\$35,325.85
Total Expenses	<u>\$23,575.83</u>
Total	\$11,750.02

Committee News

Worship Committee

As you may know we will be having new pulpit supply persons for the upcoming weeks. On May 28th the guest speaker was Ray Heath of Panhandle, and a member of the Covenant Church of Amarillo. On June 11, Dick Carter will be our speaker. Carter is from the Covenant Presbytery Church of Amarillo. For June 4, 18, and 25, we will be welcoming back Georgia King.

Property committee

The sprinkler system in the churchyard is currently being repaired so it can better regulate the water. The yard is currently being mowed once a week. All the gutters on the church have been cleaned out and are now properly working. Jerry is waiting for a call from the carpenter so the tiles in the foyer can be replaced.



Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastoral Nominating Committee has wonderful news. We have a person who is willing to serve as Stated Supply. This basically means that we have a new pastor! Georgia King has graciously agreed to serve as Stated Supply

for First Presbyterian Church, Borger, Texas, pending approval from the Committee on Ministry with Presbytery.

The PNC recommend to the Session on May 16, 2006, that they should contact the Committee on Ministry to start the process. The Session did approve this action pending approval from the COM (which is just pretty much a required process). The PNC has asked that the COM hurry their process in order for us to expedite things by June 1, 2006 if possible.

The guidelines for a Stated Supply are found in the Book of Order. The long and short of those guidelines is: A Stated Supply is not an installed pastor. The length a Stated Supply can serve is no longer than 12 months at a time. The 12 month contract can be negotiated every year and renewed. A Stated Supply will have the same duties as an installed pastor but the Session can amend those duties to fit the Stated Supply's schedule. In Georgia's case, she will maintain her full time job as Chaplain at BSA, but will be available to our congregation via phone or email at any time. She will be with us for 3 Sundays a month, the worship committee will work on those details.

Georgia will maintain her residence in Amarillo. That will free up the Manse for the Session to do with how they see fit. Salary details will be worked out but should run about \$21,000 or less a year. That will help our church financially. It also will give us a chance to grow and grow is what we need to do. The PNC feels that with Georgia's guidance our congregation can do just that. We can minister to our community by witnessing to anyone and everyone what a great church we have and how we are growing.

The PNC is very excited with this move. We all feel that this is God's calling for Georgia and for our congregation. She is a very dynamic person and all ready has many wonderful ideas. She wants to start Children's Church again, also she would like to lead some kind of study on either Wednesday night, or Sunday morning. On a personal note, I love the way she comes down to the congregation when she gives Benediction, to me, that shows God's embracing love for us to take all week long.

The PNC will be dissolved as per the Book of Order. While a Stated Supply is in place, the PNC cannot actively search for a new

pastor. The members of this PNC have agreed that should need arise and with Session approval, we will continue our search.

We will anxiously wait for the COM to start the ball rolling and pray that Georgia King will be our Stated Supply officially by June 30, 2006 if possible. We can hardly wait for this to take place! Please join us in welcoming Georgia! How about having the second Sunday in September as one of our biggest Sunday's ever in attendance!!!

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


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P.W. Circle

Presbytery Women's Circle finished their study on the "Liturgical Calendar", and will begin a new study on "Perspective on Genesis" in the fall. The study books are available now.

Campbell soup labels are still being collected and sent to First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo. They use them for school supplies for pre-school classes at the Opportunity School.

Bonnie Schropp

 These Days Daily Devotions booklets are now in for the months of July, August, and September. They are on the back pew in the sanctuary; feel free to pick one up today.