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There is nothing like being over-tired. And in the heat of the summer it is easy to get that way when we have spent too much time out in the heat, whether it is working in our yards, playing golf or simply taking a walk. I was recently reminded about the importance of "pacing" by this e-mail that came to all employees at BSA from our wellness program in which the content was written by the Director of Spiritual Care, the Reverend Dr. Larry Payne. Larry wrote:

"God thinks it is important for us to get healthy and proper rest. As San Antonio pastor Max Lucado has written, in the English translation of the Ten Commandments, only 5 words are used to forbid adultery, and only four are used to condemn theft and murder—but 99 words are used to tell us to stop and rest once a week! He summarized what we need to remember, "God's message is plain: 'If creation didn't crash when I rested, it won't crash when you do.' Repeat these words after me: It is not my job to run the world." (Traveling Light). "

What a great reminder that it is important to slow down, rest, and sometimes simply stop what we are doing. I don't think it matters what stage of life we are in – we are all too busy. Our energy level doesn't seem to keep up with our calendars.

When I was younger I was one of those people who thought I had to do it all. Now don't misunderstand, I didn't think it was my job to 'run the world' – only my little corner of it! When I went to Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, I remember thinking that I wasn't exactly sure what I was going to learn from my seminary professors, but I was going to teach myself to understand and embrace the idea that "I didn't have to do it all! It was alright to say no and to allow for others to be in charge." Did I learn my own lesson? Well, some days I think I did and other days I find myself in the midst of the storm steering the ship. The one thing I did learn was taught to me on the first day of our orientation when Dr. Eugene March, Dean of Students and Old Testament Professor, told us that we would not ever be able to do all the work or reading assigned to us. My question to him was "Which part do we not do?" (That was before I learned his truth.) The truth was that it didn't really matter which part we didn't do. The truth was that there is GRACE available even when we don't get everything done.

I am so glad that most of us have had the opportunity to take a time of respite and Sabbath (vacation in secular terminology) this summer. I myself plan to be away August 13-20. I don't know where I am going or what I am going to be doing for sure, but I do know that it will be a time of rest and relaxation – a break from my normal routine.

May we all be blessed in the things that we do and accept God's grace when we don't get everything done. It is God's blessing to us that we are always a forgiven people and that we by the grace of God can take time to rest and be refreshed.

Grace and peace,

Georgia N. King
Pastor

Session Actions

(Stated Session Meeting May 14, 2008)

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room, beginning at 6:05 pm. The following were present and constituted a quorum: Moderator, the Rev. Georgia King and Elders Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Julia Kasch, Pat Petty and Jerry Pool. No Elder was absent. Treasurer Pam Nicholas also was present. A motion was made by Elder Harmony and seconded by Elder Petty to accept the April Stated Session minutes as presented. Motion Passed. Elder Commissioner Documents were received for the June 6 Presbytery at Abilene.

One savings CD was renewed, with the addition of \$10, 000 of fresh money transferred from Pantex savings account. Ms. Nicholas reported that she found no correlation in year-to-year collections.

Church attendance is in line with expectations. With travel season approaching, attendance most likely will drop off. Rev. King asked Barbara to attend the next Sunday service and be introduced to the congregation. She discussed Local memorial arrangements for Barney Boyd, a long time former member who recently died in Florida.

Elder Pool reported that there are no major building and grounds problems at this time, however there are two or three minor items to be corrected

We will have communion on June 8th. Rev. King will not be present on June 15th.

The last Wednesday potluck for the season will be May 21st a potluck will be scheduled after Sunday, June 8th service.

Elder Hebermehi (Clerk) will collect names to the Memorial books.

Rev. King's Stated Supply Contract will need to be renewed in June.

The next scheduled Stated Session will be July 15th. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

No Stated Session Meeting was held in June.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for June:

Total Income	\$ 7,629.21
Total Expenses	\$ <u>8,021.60</u>
Total	\$ (392.39)



Year to Date	
Total Income	\$47,366.62
Total Expenses	\$ <u>44,155.04</u>
Total	\$ 3,211.58

Care of Members and Friends



Please keep these members and friends in our prayers...

Scott Glenn
Bobbie & James Farrell
Bob & Aleyene Watkins
Pete Marsh
Leah Buckland & Family

Bible Treasure Hunt: Solve the clue to discover the treasure, a Bible person, place, or thing. Solution on last page.

**The word from Paul was that he should,
While living there in Crete,
Appoint some elders in each town
Where congregations meet.**

Notes from the Music Department

Greetings to you all! Seems like summer just started and now fall will be here shortly. Almost time for school to start!

No Choir practice for the month of August. We will resume our weekly schedule of Choir rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at 7:00 pm.

Closing Response for the month of August will also be from the hymnal and the page number will be listed in the bulletin. This is a familiar response to us. Hopefully you will all join us in singing.

Anthems for August will be familiar as were most of June and July's. We will also use a CD for a few of these anthems. We will still have a few choir members out and about. The CD's will help fill the gap and also allow me to sing with the choir. I really enjoy that!

I really appreciate this wonderful group of very dedicated choir members. I know I say this often but our small church is indeed blessed to have such a choir. They are like my family to me. So glad to have Jim Farrell back with us and pray for his continuing recovery. And as always we keep Scott Glenn, Mary Botkin, Bobbie Farrell, and Bob & Aleyene Watkins in our prayers and thoughts. Much love to you all.

If you have a favorite anthem or any special music you would like to hear, we invite you to let us know. We also invite anyone to join our choir. We would love to have you!

May the Good Lord watch between you and me while we are absent one from the other!
Pat Petty



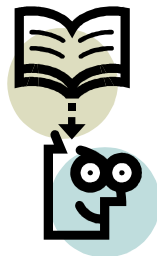
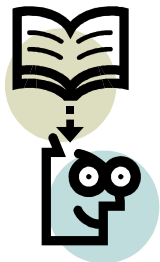
Again this year First Presbyterian Church will be joining Wesley Methodist Church in helping furnishing School Supplies to needy children. If you want to help, boxes are located in the Sanctuary and Reception Area for accumulation of supplies and cash donations if you prefer. Cash donations will be used to purchase supplies. C. J. Nelson and bonnie Schropp will coordinate the program with Wesley Methodist and school officials to distribute supplies to needy children.



Bits and Pieces From The Church Community:

Linda Lainer, daughter of Ted and Leah Buckland, graduated from the University of Phoenix with a MAED-Cross Categorical Special Education Degree.

7,000 graduates were honored at this ceremony which took place in the new Arizona Cardinal Stadium at Glendale, Arizona. Two large viewing screens made it possible to view each candidate up closely as they received their diplomas Linda, Jamie and mom were able to celebrate this special occasion.



Solution to Bible Treasure Hunt: *Titus - see Titus 1:5*

