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FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
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Dear Friends:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you read a good book lately??? I often read multiple books at the same time and then realize that none of them are making much sense to me. I keep telling myself that I am not going to start another book until I finish the three that are started but here I go again. And then, I will find one that I can't put down and the others get pushed to the back of the desk.

Recently, on my trip to New Mexico I took along a little book entitled The Shack written by an unknown, and first-time published, author William Young. I had had several friends and co-workers recommend it to me and for some odd reason I just knew that I needed to read it. So, I got online and ordered it from Amazon.com. In the meantime I looked at the website and read the introduction and the first chapter. I was hooked.

In a mere 250 (plus or minus) pages, William Young has brought us to a place of meeting God in the flesh, Spirit and the in-between. This little book is full of good sound Christian theology, touching personal experience, and fascinating reality and mystery. There is no way to fully describe this book without giving away the meat, meaning, and inspiration of the writing. I think Eugene Peterson, author of *The Message* and many other theological and pastoral books, wrote, "*When the imagination of a writer and the passion of a theologian cross-fertilize the result is a novel on the order of The Shack. This book has the potential to do for our generation what John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress did for his. It's that good!*" (Eugene Peterson, Professor Emeritus Of Spiritual Theology, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C.)

I highly recommend this book to each of you. You will be entertained, touched and inspired. I am planning on using this book for our Sunday School class and hope that many of you will join us for the reading and discussion during the month of September. There will be no expectation that you will read it before the class begins as we will read it as we go. Please join us as we meet God in The Shack.

In other business and events of the church, I want to thank each of you who have contributed to the school supply project sponsored by Wesley Methodist. I know that a number children have benefitted because of your generosity.

We were also very successful in providing support for Nena Larson's extended family in the Philippines after their loss due to typhoons. Thank you for opening your checkbooks and your hearts to help those in need.

We have scheduled our annual Church in the Park (Huber) Sunday for Sunday, September 14th at 10:30 a.m. We will hold worship and have a fried chicken lunch. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert and we will provide the chicken, drinks and paper goods. Bring your friends and family.

We have scheduled our Praise Dinner for the 19th of November. Please go ahead and put it on your calendar.

Life is back to regular business as September has arrived.

Grace and peace,

Georgia

Session Actions

(Stated Session Meeting September 17, 2008)

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room, beginning at 7:00 pm with prayer. 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 was also present. Previous meeting minutes were not available, due to problems with the church computer and telephone system. Elder Petty will be the Elder Commissioner to the Fall Presbytery October 17 and 18.

Expenditure and cash reports were not available (see above). The Wells Fargo CD was renewed for 18 months at 3.5% interest rate. Another CD will come due for renewal on September 29.

We will change our internet provider from Arnett to ATT. The Session gave its approval for Rev. King to move the piano now in the parlor to her Amarillo residence. This piano had been located in the Manse. Members of Presbyterian Women, who initially purchased the instrument, will be contacted to ensure there will be full approval. The author of the novel, *The Shack*, will be in Amarillo early November. One of his presentations will be at the Westminster church. We will arrange for a local group to attend that luncheon on November 6. We may need to change the November 23 scheduled communion, as Rev. King has been asked to perform a wedding in South Carolina that day.

Property "All is well." as per Elder Pool.

No Elder will be completing their second term this year.

There is a communion scheduled for October 5.

All arrangements are in place for the annual "Church in the Park."

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: No report.

Elder Pool is reviewing the new insurance policy.

Rev. King reviewed the status of our shut ins.

OLD BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for August:

Total Income	\$ 7,158.14
Total Expenses	\$ <u>6,051.15</u>
Total	\$ 1,106.99



	Year to Date
Total Income	\$ 60,782.47
Total Expenses	\$ <u>56,167.11</u>
Total	\$ 4,615.36

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



“It’s OKay”

As Katie’s birthday approaches “October 8th” I’d like to share some thoughts with you, my church family.

Six months have gone by since Katie left us. The many memories we’ve shared family- wise about life with our Katie have been a variety.

But most of all was Katie’s love of Jesus and family and, of course, of Santa Claus! Her down to earth, simple and direct approach was her way of dealing with life. She always smiled, very seldom was unhappy. When she was unhappy with someone, she’d leave them strictly alone. Later she would give them a big hug.

What a blessing she truly was! No, she was never a burden, just a blessing. She called me “Mom” and later in life she called me “Mama Leah”. This amused my family greatly.

The main saying of hers was, “It’s Okay”. This was said after “The Sky Just Fell” but, “It’s Okay”!! This saying is on Katie’s grave stone. It’s inside a heart. She was all heart.

I thought it was probably stupid of me to put this on her stone. But, I did it anyway and only a few days ago a friend of mine (who had lost a son also) placed his favorite saying on his grave stone. His favorite saying was, “You Comin”. And his mom, like me, “Sure Hope So”!

Leah Buckland

Presbyterian Women’s Circle



Presbyterian Women's Circle met September 4th to begin the new year of Bible Study. The lessons this year will be from Luke's Gospel. The Circle meets at ten o'clock on the first Thursday of each month. It is a time of study and fellowship and all are welcome.

Bonnie

Notes from the Music Department

Fall is one of my favorite seasons. I love to see the color change in the trees. What a wonderful way to see God's handy work! Of course, I like the cooler weather, also!

Choir practice for October will be on the following nights: October 1 (7:00 pm), October 8 (6:30 pm), October 22 (6:30 pm), and October 29 (6:30 pm). We will not have practice on October 15. That will be Session night. We have decided to not meet on the night the Session meets. If an additional practice is needed, we will probably just add time to a regularly scheduled practice.

Closing Response for the month of October will be "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". We all know this hymn and it is our hymnal on page 438. The information will be listed in the Sunday bulletin.

Anthems for October will be a combination of old and new music. As I have stated in the past, if you have a request for a special anthem, please let us know. We will begin preparing for November and December in October also. So if you want a specific anthem for a special Sunday, let us know!

We always hold Bob & Aleyene Watkins, Mary Botkin, Scott Glenn, and Bobbie & Jim Farrell in our prayers and in our hearts. We also hold all past and present choir members in our hearts. We miss you all.

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

Pat Petty

Bits and Pieces From The Church Community



Please mark November 19th on your calendar. It is the date of the annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

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No Choir Practice on Nights we have Session Meetings !!

Please remember to sign up to go hear William P. Young in Amarillo Nov. 5th.

GRANDPARENTS

A grandmother is a babysitter who watches the kids instead of the TV.

A grandmother pretends she doesn't know who you are on Halloween.

A grandparent is old on the outside but young on the inside.

Grandchildren are God's way of compensating us for growing old.

Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is good because Grandpas only have so many horsy rides in them.

ATTRIBUTED TO MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

