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FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
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Pastor's Pen
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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 July 16, 2008)

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room, beginning at 6:00 pm. with prayer by Rev. Georgia King. The following were present and constituted a quorum: Moderator, Georgia King and Elders Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Julia Kasch, Pat Petty and Jerry Pool. No Elder was absent. Treasurer Pam Nicholas and Larry Nelson were also present.

The standard agenda was revised and Larry Nelson opened with a discussion concerning the extended family of Nena Larsen in the Philippines. Because of the recent cyclone there, her family has suffered a total loss of property and possessions. They have no food, clothing or shelter. After discussion, it was moved by Elder Petty and seconded by Elder Howard to set up a "Philippine Disaster Fund". Motion passed. Further, it was moved by Elder Petty and seconded by Elder Harmony to provide church funds of \$1,000 from the unrestricted account of the Memorial Fund. Motion passed. Rev. King will inquire about Rose Luck's family and also prepare a general letter to the congregation regarding contributions to that fund.

Treasurer Nicholas noted that we have been sending all of the Pentecost Offering to Presbytery, although we can under Denomination guidelines retain 40 percent for our own local missions. The collection this year was \$243. After discussion, it was moved by Elder Pool and seconded by Elder Petty to send all of the collection to Presbytery as in the past. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Communion is scheduled for August 10 and September 14 (which will coincide with the worship in the park). Duty Elders: August – Phyllis Harmony, September – Harold Hebermehl, October – Julia Kasch and Pat Petty.

The Stated Supply contract with Rev. King is satisfactory as is. The total salary package is OK, however the "mix" may need some revision to reflect the much higher travel costs. A motion to accept the contract was made by Elder Petty and seconded by Elder Hebermehl. Motion passed. Due to changes at BSA, Rev. King's schedule may return to a Sunday rotation for counseling again. At this time, it is only a possibility.

Beginning August 17th and for each Monday through the "school year", Rev. King will be in Lubbock for additional certification activity.

The next scheduled Stated Session will be August 25. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for July:

Total Income	\$ 6,257.71
Total Expenses	\$ <u>5,690.92</u>
Total	\$ 296.79



	Year to Date	
Total Income		\$ 53,624.33
Total Expenses		\$ <u>50,115.96</u>
Total		\$ 3,508.37

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

Presbyterian Women's Circle

Women's Circle will hold their first fall meeting on Thursday September 4th at 10:00am. The Circle will begin a study of the Gospel of Luke". Hope you had a great summer.

Notes from the Music Department

It is that time of the year again. School has started and it is time for us to get back to our Wednesday night schedule. My, how time flies when you're having fun!

It is time to start our Wednesday night Choir practice routine. We will have practice on the following Wednesdays: September 3; September 10; and September 24, all beginning at 7:00 pm. We have decided to not meet on the night the Session meets. We will practice longer on any other regularly schedule night if needed.

Closing Response for the month of September will also be from the hymnal and the page number will be listed in the bulletin. This is a familiar hymn and I encourage everyone to join the choir in this response. If you have a closing response that you would like for us to use, please let us know. We are always open for suggestions.

Anthems for September will be mostly new anthems. We hope to have most of our choir members with us but as always, we will adapt. I will begin work on October, November, and December music with in the next few weeks. Any suggestions would be helpful.

Aleyene Watkins gave me some information that you might like to know about. As she was cataloging the music some time back, she ran across some of our older music from previous years. Most of this music we can not use any more as it is for a larger choir than we have presently. But some of the names written on these pieces of music were Max Platt, Bobbie Farrell, All Skoog, Fred Listen, Olive Listen, H.D. Smalmalhorst, Lorene Chinn, Lois Sublett, and the last name of Cory (Jim?). Some of the titles of the music were "Only Begotten, Word of God Eternal", "Prayer", and "Open the Gates of the Temple". Some really good music!

We have had many choir members in years past. I have been here for 37 years and can remember quite a few myself. We also have a very dedicated group of current choir members that continue to amaze me every Sunday. No matter what music I give them to sing for the anthem, they give it their best. These loyal people never tell me that they are not going to sing a particular piece. They always give me 100% and more. We are truly lead by the Spirit to sing God's praises!

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!

We always hold Bob & Aleyene Watkins, Mary Botkin, Scott Glenn, and Bobbie & Jim Farrell in our prayers and in our hearts.

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

Pat Petty



Thanks to the generous donations of First Presbyterian Church, many fifth-graders were given the school supplies they needed to start the year. \$128.79 was spent on the following items: 18 pencil bags, 10 pkg. of pencils, 9 pkg. of highlighter pens, 20 pkg. of notebook paper, 25 folders, 6pkg. of copy paper, 7 large bottles of hand sanitizer and 27 boxes of Kleenex.

These items were delivered to Wesley Methodist Church and given to the student on August 14th &15th . The school supply box will be left in the foyer and school supplies welcomed all year.

Bits and Pieces From The Church Community:

.We would like to thank the Congregation for their donations to the Philippine Disaster Relief Fund. Your support for Nena's family is greatly appreciated.

*Thank You All Very Much,
Larry & Nena Larson*

Dara and Eric are the proud to announce the birth of a baby girl named Kora June on September 2, 2008 weighing 6 lbs. & 2 oz. Mother and baby are doing fine.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE

September 3, 2008
September 17, 2008
October 1, 2008
October 15, 2008
October 29, 2008
November 5, 2008
November 19, 2008 PRAISE DINNER
December 3, 2008
December 17, 2008



Church in the Park is Sunday September 21st

Newsletter is late due to Computer Problems: Barbara

