



*First Presbyterian Church
448 West Coolidge
Borger TX 79007
~June 2009~*



Email - Georgia.King@bsahs.org
GeorgiaNKing@aol.com

Organist and Music Director ~ Pat Petty

First Presbyterian Church
418 W. Coolidge
Borger, TX 79007-4818
Phone: (806)-274-5331
Email - firstpresborger@att.net
Secretary ~ Amanda J. Thompson

Rev. Georgia King
56 Prestwick Lane
Amarillo, TX 79124
Cell # (806)-206-0296
Work # (806)-212-5357

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

The word from Paul was that he should,
While living there in Crete,

Appoint some elders in each town
Where congregations meet.

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

June

Borger, Texas

2009

June 2009

Pastor's Pen

I have said many times that I find my comfort, solace, and meaning by being here at FPC with you each Sunday. We commune together, we worship together and we pray together. It is very difficult for me to imagine not being part of this community of faith. So when I talk with people about my vocation, I speak about you and this church and how important we are to each other.

During my recent traveling for vacation I began visiting with the man behind me in line. We were exchanging general information, but then he asked me why I was in Chicago. After I told him I was a pastor, he responded in what has become a familiar way. "Oh, really. Huh." But then he continued "I think that being a good person and following what God says is what is most important. You don't have to go to church to be good." I also encounter many, many people at the hospital that tell me in many different ways "I believe, but I don't go to church any more. I just don't feel like it or I can't seem to find the time." I agreed with all of these - to a point. While I don't believe God takes role, I do believe that we are held responsible to live out our faith and one of the ways of doing that is by our church participation and attendance. After all, the Christian faith is one of connected community.

There is something very important about going to church. It is something you can't get on your own, regardless of how closely you follow God's Word. That thing is community. It is the time of connecting and reconnecting with each other and God. Attending church can be the grounding point of our week.

The church community can be incredibly powerful or destructive. When the church community is one that upholds people who are sick or broken or doubting without judgment, it is doing God's work. When the church community is one that leads us to believe in big ideas and a big God that can sustain us through our entire life, it is doing its work. When the church community is one that challenges the good Christians to be even better, and to walk closer with God and God's people, it is doing its work. When the church community is one that has diversity of beliefs and allows people to disagree in a kind and supportive way, it is doing its work. When the church community is one that includes everyone, to whatever level their abilities permit, in the mission of the church, it is doing its work.

There are many destructive things that church communities can do, but only if the people within them chose that way of being a community. God chooses life and hope and love. Our communities should do likewise, by how we treat each other both inside the church walls and outside of them.

I hope that this kind traveler I met and the people we each come in contact with that question the value of attending church will one day find the value of a church community, not only because someone encouraged him/her with their words to do so, but because they showed him with their actions how powerful God can be.

See you on Sunday.

A prayer:

Gracious God, you come to us in the strangest places and remind us of the task of discipleship. Help us to be beacons of your light in the world, encouraging people to seek you. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,



The Meaning of Pentecost

On the day of Pentecost (Sunday, June 7) we enter into the period of each year in which we celebrate the ongoing activity of God in our lives. The activity of God has a special meaning for us as Christians because of the life of Jesus. The texts appointed for this day, however, are a reminder to us that the activity of God and God's relationships with people did not begin with the life of Jesus. The activity of God and God's relationships with people take on new meaning for us because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and for that we are grateful.

Analysis of the Hebrew Bible indicates that within those documents various hypostases (words used to represent God, anthropomorphic expressions used in attempts to describe activities of God) were developed. Among the most important and frequently used of these are the Word of God, the Glory of God, the Wisdom of God, the Presence of God, and the Spirit or Breath of God. These words became valuable vehicles for communicating effectively that God is indeed actively involved in the world even though we cannot actually see or touch God. These hypostases are helpful as we endeavor to talk about God and to God. We realize that as we attempt to talk about God we must use words, descriptive word drawn from our human experiences.

On the Day of Pentecost, our attention is focused on one of these hypostases used within the Hebrew Bible, namely the Spirit or Breath of God. The Spirit of God is the principal unifying factor in these five texts. Within the development of specifically Christian theology, the Spirit of God became one of our three most basic hypostases for God, most useful in our struggling attempts to talk about God and about the activities of God in our lives. As an hypostasis for God, the Spirit of God concept did not originate during the 1st century of the common era, nor on the day of creation, nor at any point within recorded history. We believe that the Spirit of God is a God-given means by which we are enabled to talk about God.

Within the Day of Pentecost observance in the Christian calendar, the dominating text is obviously the Lukan playwright's Pentecost story that we have in Acts 2:1-21. We could hardly celebrate this day in the Church Year without using it. The Lukan writer's Pentecost story brought the Christian observance of Pentecost into existence.



Notes from the Music Department



I do believe that summer is here even though the weather is not quite hot enough, yet. But it will be! Thanks to all of you volunteers who have either planted flowers and greenery or have helped to trim trees and bushes in the church yard. The outside looks just beautiful!

There will be no choir practice for June or July. We will have quite a few members out in July so the choir will be rather small. We will have most everyone here for June, which will be nice. We will be singing several selections that we all know and will probably be singing some hymns for the congregation to join with us. We have also re-learned an old anthem from a few years back that we will be singing in October. I really think you will like this piece.

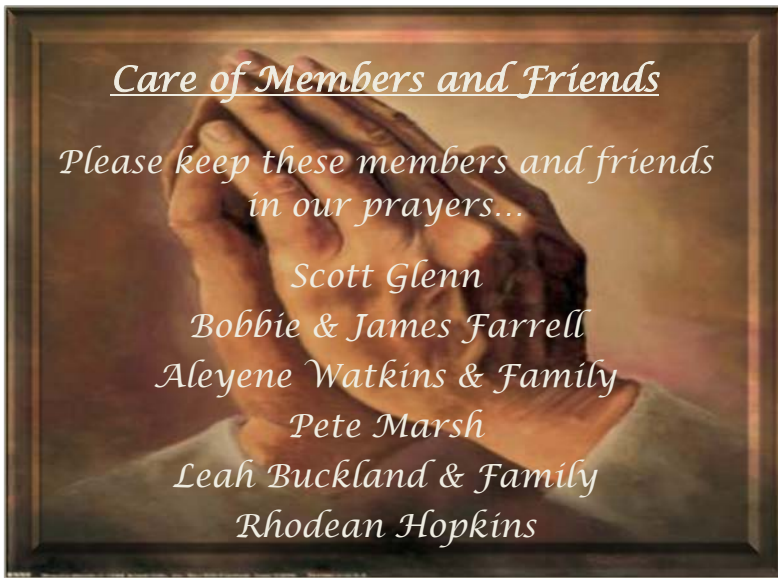
Closing response for June, July, and August will be posted in the bulletin each Sunday. We will probably keep the May response for June but have a different response for July and August. Stay Tuned!!

I would like to thank you all for your prayers and concerns for my husband. He continues to amaze me with his strength and determination every day. He is scheduled to finish his radiation on June 16 and we plan a big family celebration. He is getting rather anxious to finish and get on with life. Again, thank you!

We hold Aleyene Watkins, Scott Glenn, Mary Botkin, and Jim & Bobbie Farrell in our prayers and thoughts. We pray for continued healing and peace as they move through life's journey. 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 and Choir



On the lighter side of religion, here are some actual sentences found in church bulletins and newsletters:

- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Thursday at 5pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mother, please see the minister in his private study.
- The service will close with "Little Drops Of Water". One of the ladies will start (quietly) and the rest of the congregation will join in.
- Next Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and get a piece of paper.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for April:

Total Income	\$ 6,167.11
Total Expenses	\$ <u>5,408.28</u>
Total	\$758.83

Year to Date

Total Income	\$ 36,510.79
Total Expenses	\$ <u>28,653.03</u>
Total	\$7,857.76



Harold and Virginia Hebermehl invite you to a come-and-go reception to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The party will be held on Saturday June 20, 2009, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon, in the church Social Room. We ask for no gifts, please; if you want to bring something, we'll collect non-perishable food items for the Borger Helping Hands.



