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FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
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PASTOR'S PEN
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During my trip to Belize, I became re-acquainted with a gentleman whom I had previously met at one of our presbytery meetings. On the second day of the trip he came up to me and asked "What does your church need?" I told him "we don't really need anything . . . except for maybe a few more folks." "Well, you know my church wants to help some of our struggling congregations." "We aren't struggling. In fact, we are doing quite well even though we are small and elderly." I thought about his question through the remainder of the evening and even the next day. So, I went to him and told him, "There is something that we need – encouragement and just a bit of attention." He looked at me so strangely and then smiled and said "Would it be ok if we prayed for you and your church." "Of course it would be ok! In fact, it would be welcomed." We agreed that his congregation would pray for us – and who knows, maybe they will even come to visit us some day.

So, I think there is something that we ALL need. It is encouragement. Sometimes it is so easy to get down in the dumps, existing without energy, and simply putting one Sunday in front of another. We do need encouragement because we are continuing as God's people and existing in God's name. We are a fine example of commitment and continuation. We are blessed. But, sometimes, I do worry that we are forgotten and that we go unnoticed. But I also know that we are not unimportant as a congregation of faithful believers. (Thank you to the Chamber for noticing our beautiful yard which ended up giving us a little bit of attention!)

How hard is it to offer encouragement to someone – especially to each other? It may seem easier to give those encouraging words to someone not quite so close to us, but it is so important to express our thanksgiving and support to each other. "Thank you so much. You do a great job as _____," or "Wow, you are a terrific _____," or "What a fabulous _____". I pray that we will never underestimate what a few words can do to make a difference in someone's life.

Here is a true story: *Times were tough for him. He lost his dad at five and dropped out of school when he was 12. By 17 he had lost job after job. By 20 he had been married, fathered a child and was separated. He failed at being a railroad conductor, a farmer and an insurance salesman. Even after mending the marriage, the only job he held was cooking and washing dishes. After a lifetime of "just getting by," at retirement his Social Security check of \$105 was so discouraging that he decided to take his own life.*

His wife discovered his plan and said "Let me tell you one thing you can do, I believe you can do this better than anybody I've ever known." He said, "What's that?" She said, "You can cook." He said, "Do you really think so?" She said, "You're fabulous." Those words were enough for him to stand up, borrow \$87, buy some chicken from the grocery store and sell it door-to-door. John Y. Brown was so impressed by the taste that he offered him money and a business partnership. The man's name was Colonel Harlan Sanders, the founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

What is the real secret recipe? Encouragement (and prayer). The encouragement is the secret part – and I think prayer is the simple part. And never forget that we are a great church – small and elderly – but committed and continuing! Thanks be to God – and each other. You are all wonderful people and I am blessed to be your pastor.

In His Holy Name,

Georgia

Session Actions

The Treasurer reported the following figures for June:

Total Income	\$6,068.19
Total Expenses	<u>\$9,788.06</u>
Total	(\$3,719.87)

Year to Date	
Total Income	\$48,921.19
Total Expenses	<u>\$59,339.75</u>
Total	(\$10,418.56)



ATTENTION:

*GROUP PICTURE IS NOW
FRAMED AND HANGING IN
SANCTUARY AND DUPLICATE
HAS BEEN MAILED TO NORA
SIMS.*



Care of Member and Friends

Scott Glenn
Bobbie & James Farrell
Bob & Aleyene Watkins
Pete Marsh
Leah Buckland & Family
Malnor Arthur
Pat and Alice Harvey
Mary Botkin

DUTY ELDER FOR AUGUST
HAROLD HEBERMEHL

SESSION MEETING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

August 2010 Lectionary Readings

August 1

Hosea 11:1–11
Psalm 107:1–9, 43
Colossians 3:1–11
Luke 12:13–21

Or

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23
Psalm 49:1–12

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God laments the unfaithfulness of Ephraim.
The Lord satisfies the thirsty and the hungry with good things.
Set your mind on what is above, not on things of this earth.
Jesus teaches that life is not found in abundance of possessions.

August 8, 2010

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20
Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23
Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16
Luke 12:32–40

Or

Genesis 15:1–6
Psalm 33:12–22

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah rebukes false worship; to seek justice is true worship.
God will judge those who forget God.
The faith of Abraham is celebrated.
We are to be prepared for the unexpected return of the Son of Man.

The Lord promises Abraham a multitude of descendants.
We are not saved by earthly strength, but by the love of God.

August 15, 2010

Isaiah 5:1–7
Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49–56

Or

Jeremiah 23:23–29
Psalm 82

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Israel is compared to an unfruitful vineyard.
Israel, the vine, calls upon God for deliverance.
The faith of our ancestors as a source of strength in times of suffering.
Jesus proclaims a time of division; father against son, mother against daughter.

The Lord condemns those who prophesy falsely.
God rebukes the divine council for its unjust rule.

August 22, 2010

Jeremiah 1:4–10
Psalm 71:1–6
Hebrews 12:18–29
Luke 13:10–17

Or

Isaiah 58:9b–14
Psalm 103:1–8

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah appointed by God as a prophet to the nations.
Psalmist cries to the Lord for refuge and deliverance.
An appeal to hear the word of God spoken to all.
Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath.

Isaiah proscribes a life of faith.
Song of praise for God's faithfulness

August 29, 2010

Jeremiah 2:4–13
Psalm 81:1, 10–16
Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16
Luke 14:1, 7–14

Or

Sirach 10:12–18
Psalm 112

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God laments the people's unfaithfulness.
God laments the people's unfaithfulness; call to repentance.
Do not neglect to do good and share what you have.
Jesus teaches that the poor and the crippled are to be invited to a banquet.

Warning against the danger of human pride.
Happy are those who fear the Lord, who delight in God's commandments.

Notes from the Music Department

It is August all ready and it is still hot! But that is what summer is all about - hot weather and vacations and having fun.

There will be no choir practice for August. We will begin our regular routine of Wednesday practice on September 1, 2010 at our regular time (6:30 pm). We may be learning some new music. You just never know about me!

We will be using a different Opening Response for August. We will use "There's Something about that Name". Look for the insert in the bulletin. We will, however, be using the same Closing Response; "God be With You Til We Meet Again". Please join with us as we sing.

As always, we hold the following in our prayers and thoughts: Aleyene Watkins, Scott Glenn, Mary Botkin, Jim & Bobbie Farrell, and Pat & Alice Harvey. We are very thankful that Jim is improving everyday and wait for his return to us. We hold all our members in our prayers and thoughts as we continue on our life's journey. We pray for God's healing strength as we face each daily challenge.

I would like to thank you all for the lovely flowers that were sent to my aunt's service. You made a difficult time much easier. She had lived a very full and productive life. I will miss her but am very thankful that she is now with her beloved family members.

The Lord bless you and keep you. Amen! Mary, pass the gravy!

Pat Petty and Choir

He had come to ask for his daughter's hand in marriage. The prospective father-in-law asked, "Young man, can you support a family?" The nervous and surprised groom-to-be answered "Well, no, sir. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves!"

Bits and Pieces From The Church Community:

- ❖ Leah Buckland had a new addition to the family with the birth of her great grand-son Brody Cavin Cawthon on July 6th. weight: 8 pounds 1 ounce and measured 22 inches. Leah said Teddy Buckland likes the title Grandpa
- ❖ Sue Hooten received the Blackhawk of the Year Award: Blackhawk of the Year is an award given by the Phillips High School Alumni Association to a person who has either done something meaningful for the PHS alumni 'recently' (within the last year or two) or who has over time made major contributions.
- ❖ Cookie Signup Sheet needs names for August.
- ❖ Flower list has available dates, please consider adding your name.
- ❖ Pat Pettys' aunt "Eloise Lane" passed away on July 7th.



With Deepest Sympathy

July 22, 2010

First Presbyterian Church
ATTN: The Reverend Georgia King

Dear Reverend King:

The administration and staff of Golden Plains Community Hospital would like to express their gratitude and appreciation for the \$10,000.00 donation your church made to the Hutchinson County Hospital District for the furnishing and decor of the new hospital chapel. What a great gift to the people of Hutchinson County.

Your thoughtful generosity will provide a beautiful setting for those who are in need of comfort, prayer or meditation at crucial moments in their lives and will be A monument to the memory of Quinta Sue Sharp and First Presbyterian Church of Borger.

Sincerely,
Dennis Jack
CEO

FOOTNOTE:

At the congregational conversation meeting in the spring, you (FPC Congregation) recommended to your session that we provide funding out of our Sue Sharp Gift money to furnish and decorate the chapel space in the soon-to-be-built Golden Plains Community Hospital at an anticipated cost of \$10,000. In response to this recommendation the session did approve this gift and the hospital was notified. This letter is the response to our Letter of Commitment. It is important that we not forget that the \$10,000 is an estimate only of what the actual cost will be. The session has noted that we understand this and realize that the actual cost may be considerably more. It is also understood that it is likely that there will be no actual transaction of funds until sometime in 2011 or possibly even 2012 depending of building progress.

Christian Words of Wisdom

Many folks want to serve God but only as advisors

When you get to your wits end you'll find God lives there

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous

Don't put a question mark where God puts a period

Forbidden fruits create many jams

God grades on the cross, not on the curve

God promises a safe landing not a calm passage

If God is your co-pilot, swap seats

Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him/her

The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain

