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Session Actions

STATED SESSION FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BORGER, TEXAS MAY 15, 2011

Presiding: Rev. Don McDonald, designated by Presbytery to moderate the session meeting.
Elders attending: Hal Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Pat Petty, Julia Kasch, Phyllis Harmony, and Jerry Pool. Rev. Jennifer Santer, pulpit supply, and Pam Nicholas Treasurer were also in attendance.

Communications included an invitation to the Brush Arbor meeting June 12, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo. Georgia King will be invited to be a guest at the annual ice cream social to be held June 15, 2011. Confirmation of Rev. King's medical resignation as of May 4, 2011 will come from the Commission on Ministry;

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship Committee: Communion will be June 12, 2011 and the next Session meeting will be June 19, 2011.

There were no reports from the Property and Stewardship Committees.

Christian Education Committee: The committee will prepare the envelopes for the Pentecost Offering.

Fellowship Committee: The Ice Cream Social will be June 15, 2011.

New Business: Elders received documents stating the benefits provided by the Amarillo Area Foundation. Members were asked to read the documents with the possibility of investing some of the Sue Sharp Bequest with the Foundation. Motion for Julia Kasch to continue to check on the cross which we plan to donate to the new hospital carried.

There was no old business. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted: Julia Ann Kasch, Acting Clerk

The Treasurer reported the following figures for May:

Total Income	\$ 5,676.28
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 6,050.53</u>
Total	\$ (374.25)
Year to Date	
Total Income	\$74,719.90
Total Expenses	<u>\$75,497.79</u>
Total	\$ (777.89)



Care of Member and Friends

Scott Glenn
James Farrell
Malnor Arthur
Pat and Alice Harvey
Hal Hebermehl

DUTY ELDER FOR JULY

PAT PETTY

SESSION MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011

On Independence Day weekend, we thank God for the freedom to worship and hear Scripture proclaimed openly.

We also pray for persecuted Christians around the world.



"They must have had some form of email.
The Apostle Paul wrote the epistles."



P.W. NEWS



PW NEWS

PW is taking a vacation until
September.
See you in September!
Lee Buckland

“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God”
(Matthew 4:4, NRSV). May we be fed with your Word today, Lord, and live in its strength
all week long.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd: Katey Kasch
5th: Jim Farrell
Debbie Winegar
15th: John Edgington
17th: Harold Hebermehl



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1st: Paul & Sandra White

and then some

Shortly after a business executive retired, someone asked him what had been the secret of his success. He chuckled softly, and then said that it could be summarized in three words: "... and then some."

He explained that he had learned early in his career that the top people in any group were those who did what was expected of them ... and then some.

Such people worked diligently, efficiently, faithfully ... and then some. They were thoughtful and kind to others ... and then some. They were reliable friends who could be counted on ... and then some. If an emergency came, they tried to do their share to deal with it ... and then some. In short, they were more than ordinary people, they tried to be extraordinary.

That is precisely what Jesus expected and still expects of his followers. When he was teaching his friends about loving and serving others (see Matthew 5:43-48), he included these words, "What more are you doing than others?" (v. 47, NRSV).

Christians do what is required ... and then some.

Special date

Independence Day, July 4, 2011





CHURCH NEWS:



Jim Farrell passed away this week, obituary will appear in next month's newsletter.



Hal Hebermehl is in the hospital, please continue to pray for a quick recovery.



Scott Glenn is recovering, please continue to pray for him.



Spiritual insomnia

Studies show that most Americans don't get adequate sleep. Whether an overcrowded schedule or insomnia is to blame, the short- and long-term effects are alarming. It's tough to maintain a healthy mind and body when you're sleep-deprived.

Likewise, we require sufficient, regular quiet time with God to stay spiritually healthy. Even Jesus needed time alone with God. Luke 5:16 says Jesus withdrew to deserted places to pray. Think how much more we need to listen for God's voice and learn from his Word!



Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference July 2011

July 3 (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10 (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17 (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128:1-6
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31 (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

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Notes from the Music Department



July is here and the heat remains. The heat gives a whole new meaning to the phrase “hotter than a fire cracker”! I am ready for it to cool down or for us to get some rain. It is so dry all over the Panhandle. Let us keep the victims of wildfires in our prayers along with other weather related disasters.

There will be no Choir practice for July. We will have a choir on the Sundays that we have enough members and have an anthem. We will have some form of music for the anthem even if we do not have enough for a choir.

The Opening Response for July will be “Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place. The Closing Response will be “Blest Be The Tie That Binds”, page 438 in our hymnal. The Opening Response will be an insert in the bulletin.

We want to keep the Jim Farrell family in our prayers. Jim passed away from this life on June 27, 2011. He passed during his sleep. He had had several set backs with his health in the past few months. He is now free of all that. We keep his children Mikal, Mitchel, and Mischa in our prayers and hearts as they move through this difficult time. Jim will be missed very much by our choir and our congregation.

We keep Malnor Arthur, Scott Glenn, Alice Harvey, and Hal Hebermehl in our prayers as they continue to deal with health issues. We pray for continued strength and healing for all those mentioned and for all our church family. We also keep our former pastor Georgia King in our prayers as she continues to deal with her health issues. We always hold all our members, past and present, in our thoughts and prayers.

The Lord bless you and keep you all as we travel this world.

Love and Grace - Pat Petty and Choir

A very faithful woman

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD. GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!"

Good night



Good night! Good night!
Far flies the light;
But still God's love
Shall flame above,
Making all bright.
Good night! Good night!
—Victor Hugo