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**Organist and Music Director- Pat Petty**



## Session Actions

Borger, Texas  
Stated Session Meeting  
December 19, 2010

The Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room, beginning at 11:50 am with prayer. The Rev. Jennifer Santer served as Moderator, due to the illness of Rev. King. In addition to the Moderator, present were Elders Phyllis Harmony, Harold Hebermehl, Hazel Howard, Julia Kasch, Pat Petty and Jerry Pool. No Elder was absent. Also present was the Treasurer, Pam Nicholas,

CLERK: Minutes of the November, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted by a motion by Elder Petty, with a second by Elder Pool.

### TREASURER:

1. Routine monthly income/expense reports were accepted with a motion by Elder Petty and seconded by Elder Pool.
2. It has been suggested that Memorial Fund monies be used to purchase an outdoor sign giving worship and office times. Elder Kasch and others are looking into the cost for such a sign. This would immediately effect those contributions in memory of Bobbie Farrell. Jim Farrell has no objection to this use of the Fund. If additional monies are needed, they will be taken from unrestricted general accounts.
3. Pam Nicholas requested that one time capital expenditures be listed separately in the Annual Budget. The purpose would be to maintain a better assessment of expenditures versus budgeted expense. We have gotten into a bad habit as a Session of making spending decisions without adequate regard for budget and financial consideration. It is observed that some notable projects and incurred expenditures have been initiated without prior Session approval. Elder Hebermehl, who will prepare the preliminary 2011 budget, will make these adjustments.
4. These items (and perhaps others) will be included in the 2011 budget:

Outdoor sign	\$1,500
Office & Break room	4,300
Clean carpets and replace	
10 faucets in Ed. Bldg.	6,800

### PASTOR REPORT:

1. Rev. King's status was reviewed.
2. Rev. Santer will be available through January.
3. The question arose regarding the Supply Contract terms with Rev. King, specifically, how strict an adherence is needed to the contract dates, which are January to December. Also, are we limited to the frequency the same substitute pastor is used, given the extensive absence of the regular pastor. Elder Hebermehl will contact Jim Wallace for an opinion. (The response was no problem, do what we feel is necessary to meet our temporary needs.)

### COMMITTEES:

#### WORSHIP:

1. Elder Kasch will set up the Duty Elder list for 2011, following the pattern from 2010. Elder Harmony will be Duty Elder for January.
2. For the Christmas Eve service, Elder Pool will set the thermostats and Elder Petty will open and close the building.
3. Elder Kasch will set up the communion schedule for the second Sunday of each month. Session meetings will follow the third Sunday format we have used. This fixes the next Session on January 16.

#### PROPERTY:

1. Elder Pool reported that the basement rest room is about complete. It may be necessary to replace the sink. Following that, repairs to the main floor will be made, and then the rest room in the office/gathering area will be changed to be

wheel chair accessible.

2. Elder Pool made a motion that we provide year-end bonuses of \$150 each to the following: Silvia Rivera (church secretary), Pat Petty (music director), Carol Mills (custodian), Rev. Santer, and the Santer children (music lessons). The total of \$750 will be taken from general funds. The motion was seconded and passed.

STEWARDSHIP:

1. Elder Hebermehl presented the pledge data for 2011. The figures on hand at this time will be considered final (\$73,400) and used for 2011 budget preparation. Relevant pledge history is shown below for comparison.

	<u>No. of pledges</u>			<u>\$ Pledged</u>	<u>Average pledge</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Total</u>		
2007	25	5	30	76,150	2,538
2008	22	6	28	73,120	2,611
2009	21	6	27	73,180	2,710
2010	22	5	27	68,260	2,528
2011	21	7	28	73,400	2,621

2. Budget preparation for the 2011 fiscal year was reviewed, noting the changes in format for better performance assessment and presentation. A preliminary 2011 budget will be presented for Session approval at the January meeting.

FELLOWSHIP: Nothing is scheduled for January.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Elder Howard reported that the Joy Offering envelopes were out and that notices will be placed in the weekly bulletin and newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: February 20 will be Boy Scout Sunday and the cub pack using space in our Education Building have requested permission to have their flag ceremony during worship service that day. Elder Kasch made a motion to that effect. Motion seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 12:30 pm.

## A prayer of confession

Dear God, we admit we've fallen short in all areas of our lives. We haven't followed you faithfully, and we haven't shown love to our neighbors. We don't deserve your forgiveness. But we confess our sins, knowing that you are a God of grace. Thank you for offering us your riches at Christ's expense. Give us a clean slate and help us live for you, now and always. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for December:

Total Income	\$ 31,212.67
Total Expenses	\$ <u>33,220.71</u>
Total	(2,008.04)

Year to Date

Total Income	\$122,978.38
Total Expenses	\$ <u>130,436.24</u>
Total	(\$7,457.86)



**Care of Member and Friends**

Scott Glenn  
James Farrell  
Malnor Arthur  
Pat and Alice Harvey  
Georgia King

**DUTY ELDER FOR FEBRUARY**

**JULIA KASCH**  
**FEBRUARY 6TH & 13TH**

**HAZEL HOWARD**  
**FEBRUARY 20TH & 27TH**

**SESSION MEETING**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2011**



# P.W. NEWS



P.W. will meet February 3rd at 10:00pm, in the Coffee Room. We will study Revelation 12 from our Bibles and read and ponder over the message in chapter 6 of our workbooks, "Witness to Hope!".

Wow, after what we've read so far, this sounds Great. We're ready for some hope! Come join us for this interesting study. Our doughnut holes and coffee are great!

Lee Buckland

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd : Christine Nicholas
- 10th: Alice Harvey
- 10th: Georgia King



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**



### CHURCH NEWS:



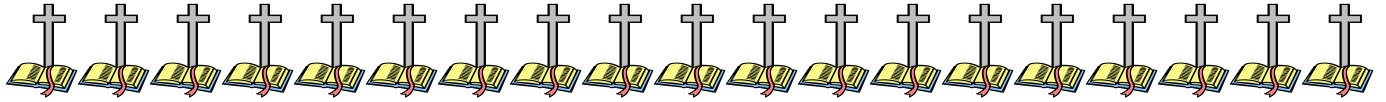
We will have our Annual Congregational meeting to hear the Annual Report and the proposed budget for 2011. This meeting will be February 13 following the church service. Jerry Pool has graciously agreed to cook hamburgers for the congregation. We just need to bring lettuce, pickles, chips, etc. and/or a dessert. The church will furnish the rest.



Cub Scout Sunday: February 20th the Cub Scouts will join us and present their Flag Ceremony before service.



*Remodeling is still going on at the church so please be patient they should be finished soon.*



*“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”* Romans 13:10, NRSV



- “Love is the strongest force the world possesses, and yet it is the humblest imaginable.”  
—Mahatma Gandhi
- “I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day.”  
—Abraham Lincoln
- “Toss your dashed hopes not into a trash bin but into a drawer where you are likely to rummage some bright morning.”  
—Robert Brault
- “I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour if we will only tune in.”  
—George Washington Carver



## Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference *February 2011*

### February 6 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)  
Matthew 5-13-20

### February 13 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

### February 20 (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
Psalm 119:33-40  
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

### February 27 (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 49:8-16a  
Psalm 131:1-3  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
Matthew 6:24-34





## Love conquers all

The love for equals is a human thing – of friend for friend, brother for brother. It is to love what is loving and lovely. The world smiles.

The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing – the love for those who suffer, for those who are poor, the sick, the failures, the unlovely. This is compassion, and it touches the heart of the world.

The love for the more fortunate is a rare thing – to love those who succeed where we fail, to rejoice without envy with those who rejoice, the love of the poor for the rich .... The world is always bewildered by its saints.

And then there is the love for the enemy – love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer. This is God's love. It conquers the world.

–Frederick Buechner,  
*The Magnificent Defeat*

**PUZZLE**

### A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

**DIRECTIONS:** Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

lives 3	in 3	us 3	Since 1	and 3	God 1	so 1	loved 1	his 3
us 1	love 3	we 1	if 2	also 1	is 3	made 3	we 2	ought 1
to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

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1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



## Notes from the Music Department



Looks like 2011 has started out to be a good year so far. Not as much cold weather as some years past. Hopefully the year will continue to be good for us all.

Choir practice for February will be February 2, 9, 16, and 23. We meet at 6:30 pm and would love to have any of you who want to come join us.

The Opening Response for February will be the hymn "Spirit of the Living God" from our hymnal. The Closing Response will be one we have used in the past and will be an insert in the bulletin. Please join the choir in singing.

We always hold the following in our prayers: Mary Botkin family, Aleyene Watkins, Scott Glenn, Jim Farrell & family, Pat & Alice Harvey, and Malnor Arthur. We continue to hold Georgia in our prayers as well. We are very much looking forward to her return to the pulpit and to this congregation. We pray for continued strength and healing for all those mentioned and for all our church family.

May the road rise up to meet you until we meet again. Amen!

Pat Petty and Choir



### Special Dates:

African-American History Month  
Boy Scout Sunday, February 13, 2011  
Valentine's Day, February 14, 2011  
Presidents' Day, February 21, 2011

