



Presbyterian News

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If You Don't Like the Weather...

Everyone knows the end of that sentence. And you may know that Dumas and citizens of the Panhandle did not invent that. From Joplin, Missouri to Chicago, Illinois to Anchorage, Alaska, everyone believes their city is likely to have a dramatic change in the weather.

We are having a 70 degree day today and the southerly winds are picking up. We may get more winter before we stay in spring and we may go directly to summer.

When we talk about weather, politics, and religion we often talk about extremes and we meet people whose opinions run hot and cold on a variety of topics. We worry about the polarization of our society in politics and religion. Some of us find it hard to watch political news where the dialogue seems mean-spirited and insistent that 'I am right and you are wrong and there is no middle ground.'

What of the Church, where do we stand? On the right? On the left? In the middle? Here is some wisdom from our book of government: *We also believe that there are truths and forms with respect to which men of good characters and principles may differ. And in all these we think it the duty both of private Christians and societies to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other.* Book of Order G-1.0305

"Mutual forbearance" is at the heart of good marriages and necessary in all healthy relationships. It means we hold up the other person and continue to love one another rather than vilify the person on the other side. Another storm and another thaw may arrive in Dumas this winter. But let us seek to be peace-makers even when the sledding is tough. It will be worth it for the community of our family and for the community that extends to the ends of the earth.

Hang in there and join us at church whenever possible.

Peace and hope,

Pastor John




FINANCIAL FOCUS 2011

	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>
PLEDGES	\$25,292.00	\$25,292.00
YOUTH PLEDGES	1,048.00	1,048.00
INTEREST INCOME	1,252.29	1,252.29
OTHER INCOME	<u>8,430.38</u>	<u>8,430.38</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$36,022.67	\$36,022.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>-29,989.61</u>	<u>-29,989.61</u>
NET PROFIT/LOSS	\$6,033.06	\$ 6,033.06


Take Note:



Congratulations!
 To Jessica and Holiday Hise on the birth of their daughter Madilynn (Madi) Brook Hise born on Feb. 8th. Madi weighed 8 lbs and was 19" long.
 Proud grandparents are Tony and Marsha Hise.




ATTENTION LADIES:
 We are currently gathering a group together to attend Women of Faith's Over the Top in Oklahoma City, OK November 11-12th, 2011. If you are interested in attending please contact Delma Stokes or the church office. Advanced reservations are now being accepted and seats are going fast. Check your calendar! Pick up a flyer in the church narthex and sign up today!



Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. All completed applications are due back in the church office on April 15th.



MISSION TRIP 2011
 Currently I am working on putting together a mission trip for this summer to St. Louis, Missouri. If you think you might be interested in spending a week in the summer dedicating yourself to Christ and those in need, please give me a call at 717-7413. The dates are tentatively set for June 19 - 26th.
 Delma Stokes



SAVE THE DATE!
 Vacation Bible School will be July 11-15th. We will need all the help we can get, so mark your calendars now. If you know you would like to be a part of this community event, please contact Delma Stokes or Tami Fangman.





Looking Ahead....

Tuesday March 1st ~ Noon Bible Study 12:00-12:55 p.m.

Wednesday March 2nd ~ LOGOS

Sunday March 6th ~ Traditional Potluck Luncheon after Worship Service

Tuesday March 8th ~ Noon Bible Study 12:00-12:55 p.m.

Wednesday March 9th ~ LOGOS

Tuesday March 15th ~ Noon Bible Study 12:00-12:55 p.m.
~ Session Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday March 16th ~ NO LOGOS - Spring Break

Tuesday March 22nd ~ Noon Bible Study 12:00-12:55 p.m.

Wednesday Feb. 23rd ~ LOGOS

Tuesday March 29th ~ Noon Bible Study 12:00-12:55 p.m.

Wednesday Feb. 23rd ~ LOGOS

Birthdays



- 1 Harriet Abell
- 2 Madison Cariker
- 3 Peggy Haynes
- 4 John Clay
- 6 Rance Jameson
- 7 John Brunson
Theresa Jameson
- 9 Quaid Ferris
- 11 Jim Dreyer
- 13 Kaleigh Speck
- 15 Kay Hale
- 16 Tyler Philley
- 18 Morgan Heck
- 22 Indie Huffman
Raymond Root
- 24 Mark Sartain
- 25 Cole Philley
- 30 Kyler Sullivan
- 31 Maxine Bittner
Laura Brunson

Anniversaries

- 1 Hazel & Dan Truelock
- 3 Tennille & Jeff Cariker
- 12 Aimie & Scott McWilliams
- 22 Marsha & Tony Hise
- 24 Jenny & Shane Lewis

Members & Friends

Let us remember those whose lives are challenged with illness or loneliness, loss of a family member, and other problems we don't know about.

Our prayers are with **Lenora Morton** who requires care away from home.

Please include in your prayers our church prayer partner, **Westminster Presbyterian Church** in Lubbock.

Continue to keep these other loved ones in your prayers: **Tatum Cartrite**, as he continues treatments, **Larry Lewis** as he deals with blood sugar issues, **Gene Ann Dreyer** as she recovers from knee replacements, **Jeannine Atkisson** as she recovers from a heart attack and received a pacemaker, **Tony Hise** as he recovers from shoulder surgery, **Gary Griffin** who is in serious but stable condition after a car accident, **Moody Mulkey**, long time friend and co-worker of Joe Brunson who was burned and transported to the Lubbock Burn Unit, and **Mackenzi Stokes** having surgery on March 4th for an enlarged lymph node removal and biopsy.

Let us not forget those serving in the military. **Ryan Nevius** and **Jerod Maxwell** (Carl & Maxine's grandson) and all the other members of our military.

We ask for prayers for the families that have lost loved ones. Please pray for the family of **Glenn Deen**.

Lord, we ask that you comfort all our friends and family. Amen.

'Happenings' Among the Youth

There is so much going on with our youth right now. Plans are being made as these kids gear up for Spring Break and the Summer months.

Synod Youth Workshop registration forms are now available. This is a conference for youth entering the 10th grade through 2011 graduates. It is a chance to meet other Presbyterian Youth from our area. This is sponsored by the Synod of the Sun -PCUSA and takes place at the University of Tulsa July 11-16th. If you are interested in more information, brochures can be picked up in the church narthex.

We are also currently working on plans for a mission trip. Please take note that this is not only for youth, this is also a wonderful experience for adults. We are making plans to go to St. Louis, Missouri in June to do some inner-city work. This is an experience that can change your life. Please contact me if you are interested.

Seniors and college students, don't forget that scholarship applications are now available and can be picked up in the church office. You can also pick up a copy of the guidelines to qualify for the scholarships available.

I would like to thank all those who supported the youth for Youth Sunday and the fundraising lunch Feb. 20th. It was a great success and I could not have done it without the help of all the kids, the youth, the LOGOS Worship Team, Joyce Snow, Shelly Burnett, Brenda DeBons, the Fellowship and Nurture Committee members, Sharon Molina, Joe Brunson, Laura Brunson, and Craig Stokes. Thanks again!

~ Delma Stokes

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session approved the request of Alan and Vicki Swiedom for transfer of membership to the First United Methodist Church.
- The request of Karen Owens for Beta Sigma Phi sorority to use the Fellowship Hall for their Founders Day Dinner on Monday, April 18, was approved pending resolution of any conflicts with Logos or Holy Week.
- Session approved a \$100 gift to Reverend Janne Brumbelow, Clerk of Presbytery, who has retired and will be moving to Presbyterian Village in Dallas. The gifts will assist Janne with moving expenses for her and her husband, who is in ill health. Presbytery is looking for a minister to take Rev. Brumbelow's place as Clerk of Presbytery. The position will be part time at approximately ten hours a week.
- Elder Larry Parrish and Reverend John Conley will be traveling to Albany for the February 18-19 meeting of Presbytery.
- Presbytery is requesting elders or ministers who would like to serve on a Presbytery ministry committee to contact the Presbytery office.
- Sunday, June 12, is the date scheduled for the Brush Arbor meetings in four different locations of Presbytery. The Brush Arbor Meeting is a time for singing old gospel songs and sharing a covered dish supper. For more information contact Carol McClellan at 325-692-0518.
- Session authorized a "Memorandum of Understanding" with Safe Place, Inc. to formalize our relationship with Safe Place, Inc. The Memorandum of Understanding does not obligate the church to Safe Place, Inc. other than through confidentiality of Safe Place, Inc. services to their clients. The Memorandum of Understanding is often a requirement of the application for grants that Safe Place, Inc. applies for.
- The Membership and Evangelism Committee has been discussing ideas with Rev. Conley. They are considering ideas for welcoming visitors and getting information about the church to members and visitors.
- Session approved the request of the Mission Committee to designate offerings for the following services: the offering for Palm Sunday will go to One Great Hour of Sharing; the offering for World Communion Sunday, October 2, will go to Peacemaker; and the offering on Christmas Eve will go to the Joy Gift Fund. The Mission Committee is working on a brochure for visitors which will represent the church, its mission, and its activities.
- The Worship Committee discussed church services during Holy Week, April 17 through April 24, Easter Sunday. Session approved an Ash Wednesday service on March 9; the details are being worked out to coordinate with Logos.
- Elder Jim Lovell has agreed to a renewal of his term on the Personnel Committee.
- Session approved the request to include information about the mission trip and other Youth projects in the newsletter.
- Rev. John Conley requested session members to think about the responsibilities and functions of our committees so that we can begin working on fitting our committees to serve and accomplish the mission of the church.

Session approved the annual church statistical report, which will be filed online to Presbytery on February 16.

Join us on Sunday mornings:

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

There are classes for pre-school thru High School and adult classes

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Come join us for our Worship service where we enjoy each other's fellowship
while receiving the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome!

Pastor's Hours & Information

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