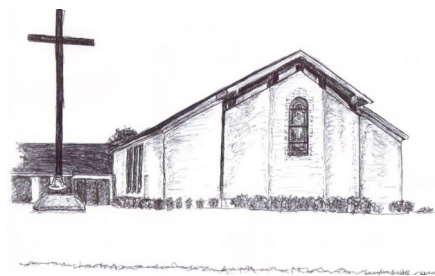


# Presby News

August/September 2013



## FROM THE PASTOR

### "What Makes You Smile?"

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." --Dr. Seuss

The last few months have caused me to smile frequently. All things come to an end and I am aware that my time with you is limited but I will not fret because it must end but I will smile and enjoy our time together "because it happened". What then makes me smile?



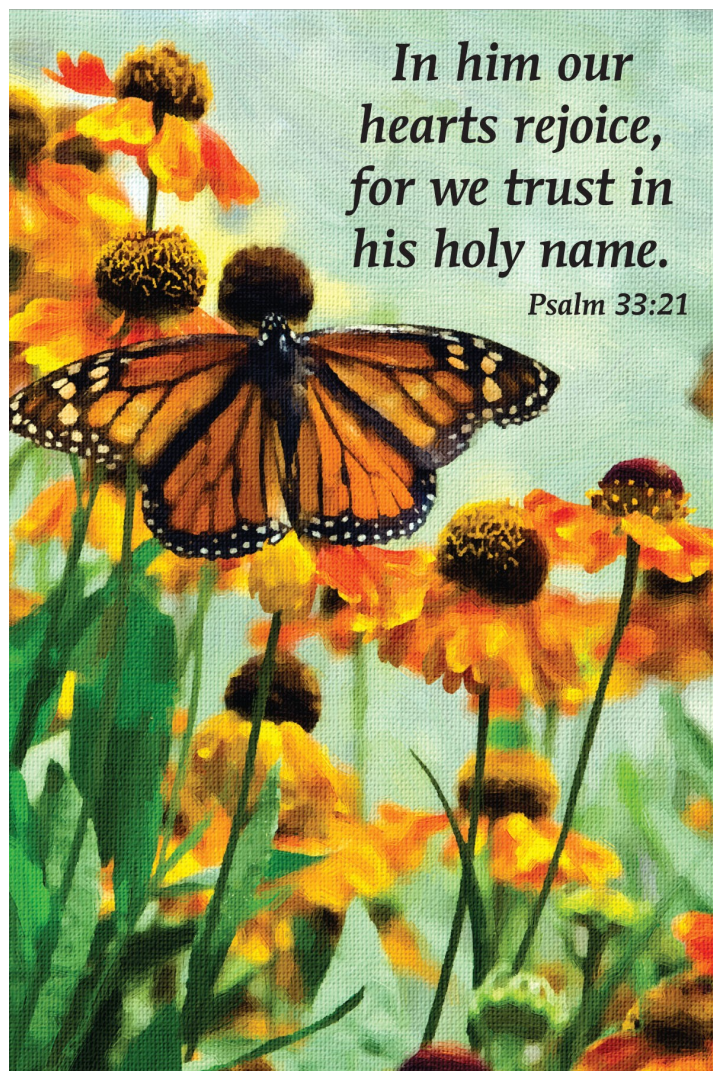
1. To learn something new. Our times together in Bible study on Wednesdays are happy times of learning (for all, I hope). I am learning from you for you cannot teach something you are not in the process of discovering yourself. This Book we seek to live by never gets old.
2. It makes me smile to see you happy, excited and planning ministries and activities for the church with enthusiastic faith.
3. It makes me smile to see a precious couple who have shared 65 years of marriage standing side by side at the altar to take the offering during the morning worship.
4. I more than smiled when a loving husband got ice cream for his wife and covered it with diced tomatoes. They did look like strawberries.
5. I think God must smile when you worship him sincerely in spirit and in truth.
6. It makes me smile when you pray for and care for each other in times of illness and crisis and show the loving spirit of Jesus.

What makes you smile? I hope to see your smiling face soon.

— Doyle

### SPECIAL DATES

- Aug 18 - Blessing of the Backpacks  
Sep 2 - Labor day  
Sep 8 - National Grandparents Day  
Sep 11 - Patriot Day  
Sep 22 - First Day of Autumn



### A prayer for guidance

Lord, take me where you want me to go;  
Let me meet who you want me to meet;  
Tell me what you want me to say,  
and keep me out of your way.

— Rev. Mychal Judge, FDNY chaplain and the first official casualty on 9/11



# Archery Bible School

Archery



Fun



Food



Bible Study



Fellowship



Crafts















Minutes of Stated Session Meeting  
First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana  
June 24, 2013



The Session met in the church library, 357 Windermere Boulevard. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm with an opening prayer. Jane Conerly served as Moderator for the meeting.

Members Present: John Allen, Bill Higgins, Jim Hockensmith, Elizebette Kennedy, Brandi Woolam

Treasurer Present: Jim Smolenski

Elders Excused: Jack Ready

Guests Present: Doyle Bailey, FPC - Long Term Supply Pastor

A quorum was present.

Finance Report: Presented by Jim Smolenski, Treasurer

The financial statements for May, 2013, were distributed to the Session. The bank statements were reviewed and initialed by Session members.

Motion: That Session approve the May, 2013, Financial Reports.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: John Allen Motion: Carried

Approval of Minutes:

The Session members reviewed the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session on May 20, 2013, and the minutes of the June 2, 2013, Congregational Meeting.

Motion: That the Session approve the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session on May 20, 2013, and the minutes of the June 2, 2013, Congregational Meeting.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy Motion: Carried

Clerk's Report: Presented by Brandi Woolam, Clerk of Session

- Holy Communion was served on Sunday, June 2, 2013 during worship.
- Holy Communion was served on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at Emeritus by Rev. Nancy Hendrix assisted by Brandi Woolam and Dirk Benade.
- A Pastor Nominating Committee was elected June 2, 2013 during the Congregational meeting following worship as follows: Jim Hockensmith, Brandi Woolam, and Jim Smolenski.
- Correspondence by mail

Motion: That the Clerk's Report be approved as presented.

Moved: Elizebette Kennedy Seconded: John Allen Motion: Carried

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SESSION ACTIONS

Worship Report - Looking for a Monitor for Third Sunday. This individual makes coffee, buys donuts and opens.

Congregational Life Report - Presented by John Allen (See July Calendar)

- July calendar amended as follows: Wednesday, July 10 add Archery Tournament/Ice Cream Fellowship after committee meetings.
- Friday Night Singles Group will meet to study the God Delusion Debate. This is open to the public.

Property Report - None

Personnel Report - Looking for a replacement for Maggie Schoeman as bookkeeper. Maggie resigned June 30, 2013.

Pastor's/Moderator Report - Presented by Doyle Bailey, Long Term Supply

Rev. Bailey discussed materials on searching for a pastor and how to approach the process. He offered to share these with the Session. Rev. Bailey asked the Session members to tell him what they expect of him.

Old Business:

- Bookkeeper Maggie Schoeman resigned, effective June 30, 2013.
- Jack and Judy Ready are out in June and July. Ben Yang will be supplying music during this period.
- Update on the June 4 Presbytery meeting in Covington.

New Business:

Motion: To approve the revised and corrected Church Information Form.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy Motion: Carried

Motion: To approve reducing the FPC Wedding Fees from \$700 to \$300 and the use of the Fellowship Hall for wedding post services (receptions, etc.) from \$300 to \$200. Also, that these changes be added to the FPC website.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins Motion: Carried

Motion: To approve the purchase of the fixed asset, replacement computer (after-the-fact/emergency).

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins Motion: Carried

Motion: To approve a paid vacation for Carolyn Sterne, Administrative Assistant.

Moved: Bill Higgins Seconded: Jim Hockensmith Motion: Carried

Doyle Bailey mentioned that consideration be given to bonding FPC members who make deposits and have access to FPC bank bags. The insurance cost is very affordable.

Adjournment:

Motion: That Session Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins Motion: Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a closing prayer by Doyle Bailey. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be July 15, 2013.

Respectfully submitted:

Brandi Woolam, Clerk of Session





Minutes of Stated Session Meeting  
First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana  
July 15, 2013



The Session met in the church library, 357 Windermere Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with an opening prayer by Dr. Ron Sutto, Stated Clerk for the General Presbyter, who served as Moderator for the meeting.

Members Present: John Allen, Jim Hockensmith, Elizebette Kennedy, Brandi Woolam

Treasurer Present: Jim Smolenski

Elders Excused: Bill Higgins, Jack Ready

Guests Present: Doyle Bailey, FPC - Long Term Supply Pastor

A quorum was present.

Finance Report: Presented by Jim Smolenski, Treasurer

The financial statements for June, 2013, were distributed to the Session. The bank statements were reviewed and initialed by Session members.

Motion: That Session approve the June, 2013, Financial Reports.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy Motion: Carried

Approval of Minutes:

The Session members reviewed the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session on June 24, 2013.

Motion: That the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session on June 24, 2013, be closed, accepted and approved by common consent.

Moved: Ron Sutto Motion: Carried

Clerk's Report: Presented by Brandi Woolam, Clerk of Session

- Holy Communion was served on Sunday, July 7, 2013 during worship.
- Holy Communion was served on Sunday, July 7, 2013 at Emeritus by Rev. Doyle Bailey, assisted by Jim Hockensmith and Ben Yang.
- Correspondence by mail

Motion: That the Clerk's Report be closed and approved by common consent.

Moved: Ron Sutto Motion: Carried

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SESSION ACTIONS

Congregational Life Report – Presented by John Allen (See August Calendar)

August calendar amended as follows: Addition of once-monthly childrens' programming as follows:

August 21: Watermelon

September 11: 9/11 Memorial Service

October 30: Pumpkins and Zoo Boo Trip

Motion: To begin monthly childrens' program and provide assistance financially for October 31, 2013 Zoo Boo Trip by common consent.

Moved: John Allen Motion: Carried

John Allen reported that the next Singles Group program is scheduled for August 20, 2013. The group is meeting in the church library, and everyone is invited to attend, not just singles.

Property Report - None

Personnel Report - Continuing to look for a replacement for Maggie Schoeman as bookkeeper. Maggie resigned June 30, 2013.

Pastor's/Moderator Report - Presented by Doyle Bailey, Long Term Supply

Doyle Bailey suggested revising the wedding policies. Bailey stated he would like to take some pictures of the church facilities and add them to the FPC website. He will present the policy revisions and photos at the next Session Meeting for discussion.

With regard to Communion, Bailey suggested that he accompany the Communion Team for that respective month to provide Communion to the sick and shut-in members of the church.

Bailey felt it would be less confusing in the hospitals and during visits if he presents himself simply as "pastor," without overstepping his bounds as temporary or long-term pastor.

Bailey stated that he and his wife, Barbara, would like to host the Session members on Saturday, November 2, 2013, in their home in Natchitoches, Louisiana, for an all-day event, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Cenla Shrine Club has requested that we buy 12 tickets for children at \$5 each to attend the Shrine Circus for a total donation of \$60. Doyle Bailey has already donated \$15.00, and the church would add the additional \$45.

Motion: Approved FPC purchasing Cenla Shrine Club Circus tickets for children to attend the Shrine Circus in the amount of \$45.00 by common consent.

Moved: John Allen Motion: Carried

The meeting adjourned with a closing prayer by Ron Sutto. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be August 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brandi Woolam, Clerk of Session

#### Change to Church Directory

David and Sue Shipman (318) 769-1941 - Home  
436 Sherwood Drive (318) 290-8459 - David's Cell  
Dry Prong, LA 71423 (318) 664-0065 - Sue's Cell

If you have any changes to publish, contact Sue Shipman @ texascajungirl@gmail.com or call the church office.



From a worship bulletin in Austin, Texas:

Invite your friends to our Fall Concert.

Our choirs perform with excellence.

Thanks for your support!

We can't wait to hear these musicians perform!

# Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Greeter Front Door	Monitor	Communion Servers
<b>Aug 4</b>	Ben Yang Sulin Best (Oct - May) Alternate: Helen McDaniel (May - Oct)	*	Jim Hockensmith	Annelize Benade Dirk Benade
<b>Aug 11</b>	Jim & Stephanie Huffman	John Allen & Liz Magee	Dirk Benade	
<b>Aug 18</b>	Bob & Elizebette Kennedy	Bill & Martha Higgins	Roger Best (Oct - May) * (May - Oct)	
<b>Aug 25</b>	Jim Hockensmith John Allen	Mike Vickers & Pat Turpin	Jim Smolenski	
<b>Sep 1</b>	Ben Yang Sulin Best (Oct - May) Alternate: Helen McDaniel (May - Oct)	*	Dirk Benade	Jim Hockensmith Liz Magee
<b>Sep 8</b>	Jim & Stephanie Huffman	John Allen	Roger Best	
<b>Sep 15</b>	Bob & Elizebette Kennedy	Bill & Martha Higgins	Roger Best (Oct - May) ? (May - Oct)	
<b>Sep 22</b>	Jim Hockensmith John Allen	Mike Vickers & Pat Turpin	Jim Smolenski	
<b>Sep 29</b>	Mac & Georgia McBurney	*	Bill Higgins	* Any Volunteers?

## CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Aug 05 - Jim Hockensmith

Aug 10 - Ruby Noe

Aug 18 - Lacie Ellington

Aug 19 - Dee Arnold

Aug 22 - Elizebette Kennedy

Aug 25 - Mac McBurney

Aug 28 - Floy Elliot

Aug 31 - Sharelle Herndon

Sep 07 - Elaine Conner

Sep 08 - Martha Higgins

Sep 10 - Ed Ware

Sep 22 - Marjorie Bengé

Sep 25 - Nancy Davis

Sep 26 - Judy Ready

Sep 27 - Brady Huffman

Sep 29 - Joseph Ellington

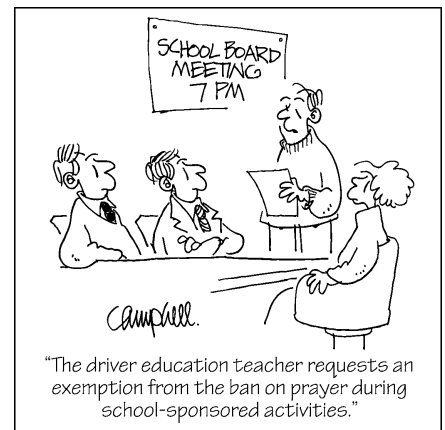
Sep 30 - Charly LaCroix

### Anniversaries

Aug 07 - Mac and Georgia McBurney

Aug 19 - Barry and Sharelle Herndon

Aug 19 - Wynn and Debbie Ware





# Youth Page - August




Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

#### What you need:

- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

#### How to play:

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.



## GOD'S LIGHT

Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.

Directions: First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

**WORD BANK:** is in is at if in as is in with

God \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
(dark) (her)

there \_\_\_\_\_ness \_\_\_\_\_ ....  
(yes) (light) (none)

But \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,  
(run) (dark)

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,  
(she) (dark)

we have fellowship \_\_\_\_\_ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:5-7, NIV)



# Youth Page - September

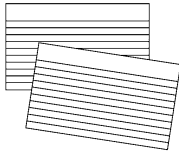


## Keepsake BOOK

With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

### What you need:

- Index cards
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Binder ring (or yarn)
- Crayons or markers



### What you do:

1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.



## From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

*Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.*

JOEL 1:3, NIV

**Directions:** List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

2-letter words	3-letter words	4-letter words	5+ letters
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Add up the total number of words you found. >>> \_\_\_\_\_

Answers will vary.



From a worship bulletin in Roanoke, Virginia:

~~The Stewardship campaign is underway.~~

We will defiantly meet our goal.

~~Thanks for your help!~~

That's definitely a bold attitude and accomplishment.



## FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

### PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

### NO GARDEN WITHOUT TURNIPS:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

### CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WITH THYME:

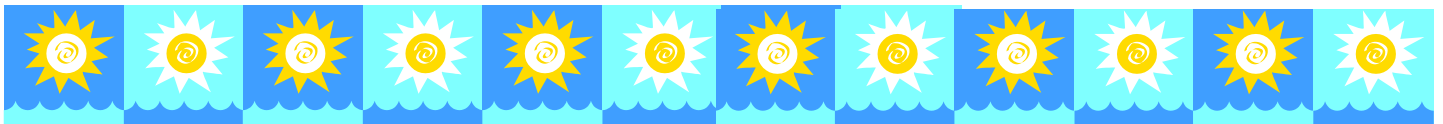
1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

"The one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a good crop of real life, eternal life. So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith."

Galatians 6:8-10 (The Message)

Author Unknown



### Untapped Resources

While taking photos of the earth, the space shuttle Columbia made a surprising discovery: Underneath the harsh Sahara Desert were 26 lakes, as well as miles of underground rivers. That region's inhabitants face tough conditions because those abundant resources haven't yet been tapped.

Churches often suffer a similar problem. Congregations can't reach their full God-given potential unless people discover and use their gifts. When we tap into our talents, however, God promises that we "will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail" (Isaiah 58:11, NIV).



### What's it worth?

As a man browsed through a rare-book store, he chatted with its owner. The customer had recently thrown away a dusty old Bible he'd found in the attic of an old house he'd just bought.

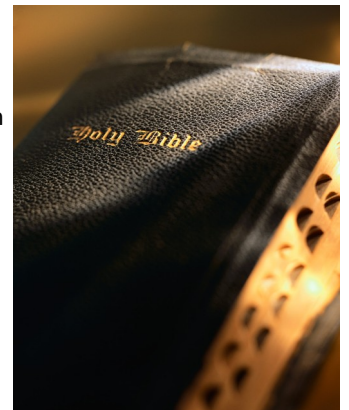
"Someone named Guten-something-or-other had printed it," he mentioned offhandedly.

"Not Gutenberg?" the shop owner gasped.

"Yes, that was it," the man replied.

"You threw away one of the first books ever printed!" the owner exclaimed in dismay. "A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!"

"Oh, I don't think this Bible would've been worth anything like that," the man replied. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."



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Sue Shipman, *Newsletter Editor*

### Wednesday Night Schedule

Aug 7	Committee Meeting Chicken
Aug 14	Pizza - John Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Aug 21	Bible Study/Archery for kids Covered Dish (A-G: Veggies; H-N: Main; O-Z: Dessert)
Aug 28	Bible Study Covered Dish (A-G: Main; H-N: Dessert; O-Z: Veggies)
Sep 4	Committee Meeting Chicken
Sep 11	9/11 Memorial Presentation Subway Sandwiches
Sep 18	Bible Study Pizza
Sep 25	Bible Study Covered Dish (A-G: Veggies; H-N: Main; O-Z: Dessert)

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