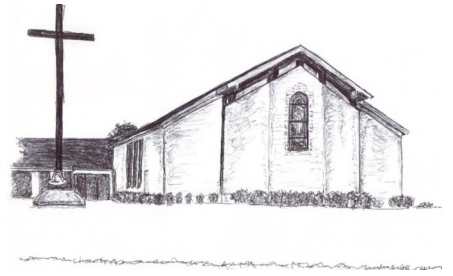


# Presby News

April 2015



## FROM THE PASTOR

### “What’s In a Name?”

“What’s in a name?” Actually quite a lot. Some surnames can tell us the occupation of our ancestors. For example “Cooper” means a barrel maker. Carter is of Irish, Scottish and English origin and is an occupational name given to one who transports goods by cart. Bailey is an English name meaning Steward or public official; man in charge.

Do any of you remember a meteorologist at Channel 5 named Jack Frost? How “cool” is that? (pun intended). I remember a preacher named Brother Borum. How appropriate is that for preachers? No one can top the Hogg sisters of Texas (Imma and Yura). Just say their names if you do not get it.

Cardinal Sin was the archbishop of Manila for many years. Ray Roach was the manager of the Ballantyne Pest Control Co. in Chicago. Christian means “little Christ.” This is a name given to followers of Jesus in mockery but it became a name we aspire to deserve. What does the word “Presbyterian” mean? The word “Presbyterian” comes from the New Testament Greek word “presbuteros” meaning “elder.” Calvin believed that the church should be governed by the people and the leaders they elect.

What about your family name or married name? Do you know its ethnic origin? Do you know what it means? If not, find out. It will be a rewarding search. What are your family values? Some of ours are: take a stand for what is right, stand up for the little guy, reach out to the stranger in our midst, delight in children and learn from them, do the right thing, laugh often and at yourself; say “thank you,” and “I’m sorry, please forgive me,” often; be quick to say “I love you,” and eat dessert first for life is uncertain.

I have had several nicknames in my lifetime. I was in JRROTC in high school and later the Army National Guard. Wearing a name tag “Bailey” earned me the moniker “Beetle” after the comic strip character. I can see the resemblance.

Barbara started out calling me “DB”. That became DEEBEE and later evolved to Deeb. All my children, grandchildren and wife call me “Deeb.” I like it when they do. You may have noticed I use it in my email addresses. It is a name that stresses affection to me and I never cared too much for “Doyle.”

There really is a lot in the names we use. Think about yours. What do others call you? What do you call yourself? Be careful what you say when you talk to yourself.

*Doyle aka: Deeb Bailey*



### SPECIAL DATES

- April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service
- April 3 - Good Friday
- April 5 - Easter Sunday  
*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*
- April 16 - Holocaust Remembrance Day
- April 19 - Joint Worship at Woodland Presbyterian Church, Pineville
- April 20 - Session Meeting
- April 21 - Healthworx Meal
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 26 - Congregational Luncheon



**Minutes of Stated Session Meeting**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana**  
**February 23, 2015**

The Session met in the church library, 357 Windermere Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana. Jane Conerly called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and opened with prayer.

Members Present: Debbe Clegg, Jim Hockensmith, Jack Ready  
Treasurer Present: Jim Smolenski  
Elders Excused: Elizebette Kennedy  
Guests Present: Doyle Bailey, FPC Temporary Stated Supply Pastor;  
Jane Conerly, Moderator

A quorum was present.

**Finance Report: Jim Smolenski**

The financial statements for January, 2015, were distributed to the Session. The January 2015 bank statements were reviewed and initialed by Session members.

**Motion:** That the Session approve the January, 2015 financial statement as presented.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Debbe Clegg Motion: Carried

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Session members reviewed the minutes for January 19, 2015 Stated Meeting of the Session.

**Motion:** That the Session approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 Stated Meeting of the Session.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Jack Ready Motion: Carried

**Clerk's Report:**

Debbe Clegg resigned as Clerk of Session, effective immediately. Jack Ready agreed to take the minutes of the meeting. The Session will elect a new Clerk of Session as soon as possible.

Doyle Bailey reported on a number of music groups and non-profits who have requested to perform at FPC. We have no interest at this time.

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

Moved: Jack Ready Seconded: Debbe Clegg Motion: Carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SESSION ACTIONS:**

**Congregational Life/Christian Education Committee Report:**

By common consent the Session agreed to continue the Congregational Luncheon on the fourth Sunday of each month following worship service.

**Evangelism, Worship, and Mission Committee Report:**

The Session discussed:

- Easter Sunday, April 5, the schedule will be: 8:00 am - Breakfast/Devotional Thought; 9:00 am Emeritus; 11:00 am Worship. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken on Easter Sunday.
- Sunday, April 19: FPC and Woodland Presbyterian Church, Pineville, will combine worship services at 10:30 am at Woodland.

**Motion:** That the Session approve the Easter Sunday schedule presented, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday, and the combined worship service on April 19 with Woodland Presbyterian Church.

Moved: Debbe Clegg Seconded: Jim Hockensmith Motion: Carried

**Personnel Committee Report:**

**Property Committee Report:**

The church vacuum cleaner was replaced the end of February.

Jim Smolenski signed papers on January 25, 2015 agreeing to a contract with Brown Security Systems to repair the defective control panel of the church fire alarm system. The total cost is \$1,269.39.

**Pastor's/Moderator Report:**

Doyle presented information on a Seminar entitled "Red Flags of Investment Fraud Scams for Seniors." Nancy Boudreaux, Training Program Manager of the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions, would lead the conference. The Session agreed to co-sponsor the conference with Woodland Presbyterian Church, with the date to be decided later.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** That the Session Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Debbe Clegg Motion: Carried

The Stated Meeting of the Session adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with a closing prayer by Doyle Bailey. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be March 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

Debbe Clegg, Clerk of Session

Minutes taken by: Jack Ready

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# April Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
<b>APR 5</b>	<b>Vacancy</b> Sulin Best (Oct-May) Helen McDaniel (May-Oct)	Jim Hockensmith	<b>Elder:</b> Bill Higgins <b>Communion Team:</b> Wynn Ware/Elizabette Kennedy
<b>APR 12</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>	Dirk Benade	
<b>APR 19</b>	Bob Kennedy Elizabette Kennedy	Roger Best (Oct-May) Bill Higgins (May-Oct)	
<b>APR 26</b>	Jim Hockensmith <b>Vacancy</b>	Jim Smolenski	



April 1 - Bill and Laverne Willson  
 April 3 - Dirk and Annelize Benade  
 April 4 - Dirk Benade  
 April 11 - Ed and Barbara Ware  
 April 15 - John Allen  
 April 27 - Christopher Tyler

**WATCH FOR DETAILS . . .**  
**FOR AN INFORMATIVE**  
**SENIOR FRAUD CONFERENCE**  
**TO BE HELD AT FPC**  
**IN JUNE, 2015**



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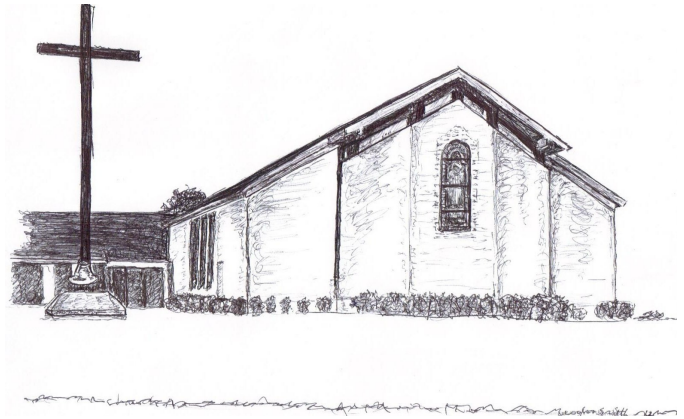
Doyle Bailey, *Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Choir Director*

DeAnna Brister, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Secretary*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



### ***WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE***

5:45 Fellowship Dinner

6:30 Prayer/Bible Study

7:15 Choir Practice

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**Come experience God's love at First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday School—9:45 a.m., Worship—11:00 a.m.