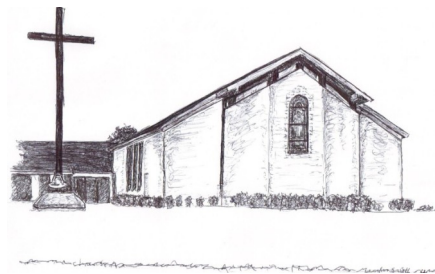


Presby News

June 2015



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Psalm 27 is near to my heart. Look at it with me.

Verse 1:

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" If He is my light, I can see His pathway for me. If I lack the strength to walk in that pathway, "He is the strength of my life." This will result in my salvation and deliverance. Since He is my light, salvation, and strength, is there anyone or anything you cannot handle together? "Of whom shall I be afraid?"

Now look at Verse 10.

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." My father and mother have been dead for years; so in that sense they have "forsaken me" and can no longer nurture and encourage me. Sadly, there were many times, especially during World War II, when I felt alone and forsaken. Both my parents worked at the Louisiana Ordinance Plant, and I seldom saw either of them.

You know what? Psalm 27: 10 is true, for it was God who "took me up" and also who "took up with me." This is so like God to do this for us, for few children get or have gotten the nurturing they needed or deserved.

- Feel like, if love were motor oil, you are about 2 quarts low?
- Depressed and feel that no one could possibly know how you feel?
- Want to just pull the covers over you head and not even get out of bed? Have good intentions to change and improve your life but have zero energy?
- Find yourself playing at your work in a dead end job and working (hard) at your play to find some enjoyment?
- Expecting someone else to make you happy? Didn't they say "get married and live happily ever after?" Note: It would be better to get happy and live "marriedly" ever after, if you choose. Only you can make yourself happy.
- Suffer from a low self-esteem (others tell you that you are fat, ugly, stupid)?

Then read verses 13 and 14.

"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." That means in this life, and He wants none of the feelings listed above to be the way you live. It starts now and does not stop.

Verse 14:

"Wait on the Lord: (do not get ahead of Him and give up). 'Be of good courage (do not loose heart), and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.'" This thought is so important the poet said it twice.

Read Psalm 27 every day for seven days and see what happens. I can't wait to hear your stories.

Doyle L. Bailey



SPECIAL DATES

- June 15 - Session Meeting
- June 16 - Healthworx Meal
- June 21 - Father's Day

**Note: All Wednesday activities
(except Choir Rehearsal)
are suspended until September 2.**



Minutes of Stated Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana
April 20, 2015

The Session met in the church library, 357 Windermere Boulevard, Alexandria, Louisiana. Jane Conerly called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and opened with prayer.

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

A quorum was present.

Finance Report:

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

Motion: That the Session approve the March, 2015 financial statements pending questions when Treasurer is present in May Session Meeting.

Moved: Bill Higgins Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy Motion: Carried

Approval of Minutes:

The Session members reviewed the minutes for March 16, 2015 Stated Meeting of the Session.

Motion: That the Session approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 Stated Meeting of the Session.

Moved: Bill Higgins Seconded: Jim Hockensmith Motion: Carried

Clerk's Report: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SESSION ACTIONS:

Congregational Life/Christian Education Committee Report: Jim Hockensmith

Menu for Fourth Sunday Meal (April 26):

Brisket, Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Pies/Cakes

Secretary's Day - Session members approved by common consent for Doyle Bailey, Jim Smolenski and Carolyn Sterne to attend a Secretary's Day Luncheon sponsored by Sayes Office Supply at the Convention Center for \$10 a person.

Evangelism, Worship, and Mission Committee Report:

On July 5, 2015 FPC will host Woodland Presbyterian Church in a joint worship service.

Motion: That the Session approve Doyle Bailey's vacation schedule as follows: May 10 (Sunday); May 20 (Wednesday); May 21, 22, 23, 24 (Sunday) and May 25, 26, 27 (Wednesday).

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins Motion: Carried

Liturgists for the month of May will be as follows:

May 3: Bill Higgins

May 10 & 17: Jim Hockensmith

May 24 & 31: Elizebette Kennedy

Jim Hockensmith agreed to order the carnations for Mother's Day, May 10.

Personnel Committee Report:

Property Committee Report: No Report

Pastor's/Moderator Report:

Doyle Bailey proposed a date for "Full Quivers" Archery on Sunday, May 31, from 2:00 pm-4:30 pm. The Children's Sunday School members with tokens will shoot from 2:00 - 2:30 pm, with 1 token = 1 quiver of arrows. Other Children's Sunday School members without tokens can shoot from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

Doyle Bailey stated that the Session had approved the "Protecting Your Nest Egg from Investment Scams" Conference with Woodland Presbyterian Church co-hosting on June 16 from 10:00 am - 12 noon. In order to move forward with the conference, we will need a minimum of 40 people in attendance. It is a free presentation. Doyle Bailey requested posting the conference information on the FPC sign no later than June 6.

Doyle Bailey also discussed the possibility of an Estate Planning emphasis in combination with other churches as a regional meeting. Sherry Hester Kenney from the Presbyterian Foundation in Denver, Colorado would lead the conference.

Doyle Bailey announced that he will "retire" as Stated Supply on December 31, 2015 (non-negotiable). He will step down if a pastor is called prior to December 31. He noted that the church cannot afford a full-time pastor at this time.

Jane Conerly cannot attend the May 18 meeting, so any actions taken by the Session in May will be ratified in the June 15 Session Meeting when Jane returns.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion: That the Session approve the transfer of Dr. Malcolm Young to First Presbyterian Church, Conroe, Texas. That he be moved from the inactive list to the active list to make the transfer.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Elizebette Kennedy Motion: Carried

Elizebette Kennedy reported that she will not be available to coordinate the Wednesday night meal on May 6. Jim Hockensmith reported there would be enough brisket left from the 4th Sunday meal to serve on May 6.

Mary Evans, President of Willowwood Townhome Association, called to request use of the FPC on Thursday, May 21, at 6:00 pm for their annual Association Meeting.

Motion: That the Session approve the Willowwood Townhome Association using the church for their annual meeting on Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 pm.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins Motion: Carried

Adjournment:

Motion: That the Session Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Jim Hockensmith Seconded: Bill Higgins Motion: Carried

The Stated Meeting of the Session adjourned with a closing prayer by Doyle Bailey. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be May 18, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes taken by: Elizebette Kennedy

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FPC WILL HOST
THE MEMBERS OF
WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
AT 11:00 AM
SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2015
IN A
JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Be sure to mark your calendars.

June Responders Schedule

| | Usher Narthex | Monitor | Communion Servers |
|----------------|--|--|--|
| June 7 | Vacancy Sulin Best (Oct-May) Helen McDaniel (May-Oct) | Jim Hockensmith | Elder Liturgist: Jack Ready Communion Team: Jack Ready, Jim Hockensmith |
| June 14 | Vacancy | Dirk Benade | |
| June 21 | Bob Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy | Bill Higgins (May-Oct) Roger Best (Oct-May) | |
| June 28 | Jim Hockensmith Vacancy | Jim Smolenski | |
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- June 6 - Haley Dubroc
- June 9 - Bob and Helen McDaniel
- June 14 - Kelli Willson
- June 20 - Dee Sutro
- June 26 - Aaron Rogers



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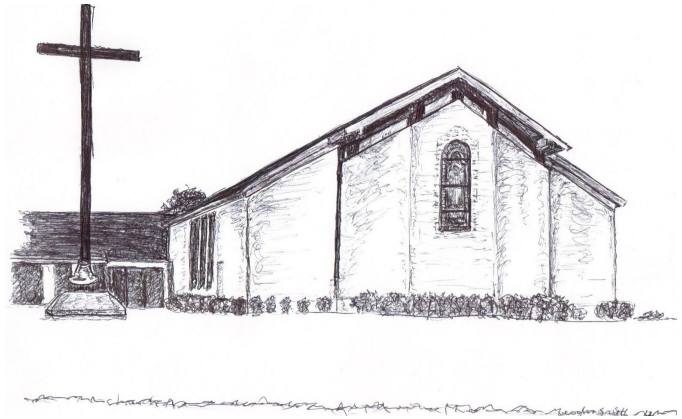
Doyle Bailey, *Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Choir Director*

DeAnna Brister, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Secretary*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- 5:45 Fellowship Dinner (*Suspended til Sept. 2*)
- 6:30 Prayer/Bible Study (*Suspended til Sept. 2*)
- 7:15 Choir Practice

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