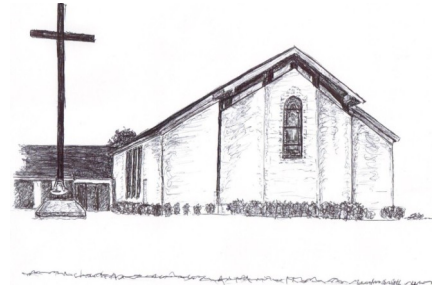


Presby News

AUGUST 2017



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Our church now has an **amazing opportunity** to contribute in a very practical and loving way to the international students who will be attending LSUA this coming year. Our session in its July meeting agreed to begin supporting these students by providing some of their practical necessities. You have already received an email about this wonderful effort we are beginning. And elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find further details about the items you can donate and where to place them.

While items will be accepted throughout the school year, they are especially needed at the beginning of the semester. So, **early donations** would be especially helpful to the students. We will be taking all that we have received through the first Sunday in August over to LSUA on August 10.

Then, we will periodically collect and take over what has been donated. So, we see this as an ongoing project **throughout the school year**.

Brochures from the church will be included in the items and/or distributed in the dormitory as a way of letting the students know that we **welcome them to our church**. We trust that God will use this practical way of meeting their needs as a way of communicating His and our deep love for them.

Please pray that He will use it for His honor and to bless the students who are our guests from so many different countries.

In the July meeting of the session, the elders also agreed for us to **begin a new ministry on Wednesday evenings**. Beginning this September, we will start having prayer services around 6:30 or 6:45. No meal will be involved. We will gather to meet primarily to pray. If you prefer 6:30 or 6:45 or some other time, please let me know. **Our first prayer service will be on September 6**. Please mark your calendar and plan to gather in Fellowship Hall for prayer if at all possible.

I am excited about the prospects of as many of us who will be joining together to pray for those on our prayer lists as well as other concerns which come to our attention!

For our members who do not drive when it gets dark, I'm hoping we can figure out some way they can be involved--maybe praying at home while others are at church. Let me know if you have any ideas along these lines.

I do believe that praying should be a priority for our church. And maybe, this mid-week service will help all of us to make it a priority!

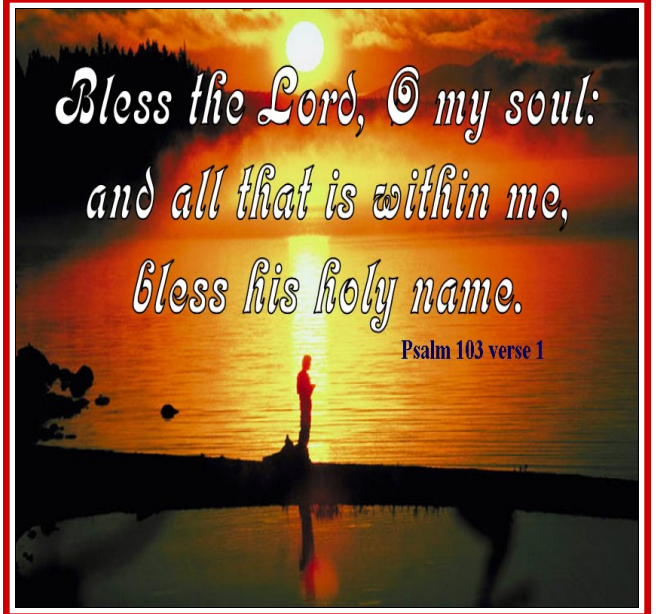
Let us continue to be alert to anyone we might invite to become a part of our church and pray faithfully for the Lord to lead new people to our church.

Fall is an exciting time of the year! School starts again. Our new ministry to LSUA begins. And our new venture in prayer on Wednesday evenings launches. **Let us pray that God's Spirit will begin something new in each of us and in First Presbyterian Church as a whole.** Amen! And Amen!

Jim

*Bless the Lord, O my soul:
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.*

Psalm 103 verse 1



SPECIAL DATES

August 6	Brookdale Worship
August 6	Communion (Every First Sunday)
August 21	Session Meeting
August 22	HealthWorx Meal

Dr. Heath in office on Thursdays 10 am to 2 pm

Prayer

*is the breath, the watchword,
the comfort, the strength,
the honor of a Christian.*

—Spurgeon



Minutes of Stated Session Meeting

First Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Louisiana

June 19, 2017

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: Annelize Benade, Bill Higgins,
Elizabette Kennedy
Treasurer: None
Elders Excused: Jim Hockensmith
Guests Present: Jim Heath, Stated Supply; Jane Conerly,
Moderator

A quorum was present.

Finance Report:

The financial statements for April and May, 2017, were distributed to the Session. The April and May, 2017 bank statements were reviewed and initialed by Session members.

Motion: That the Session approve the April and May, 2017 Financial Reports.

Moved: Bill Higgins Seconded: Elizabette Kennedy
Motion: Carried

Approval of Minutes:

The Session reviewed the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session for April 17, 2017.

Motion: That the Session approve the minutes for the Stated Meeting of the Session for April 17, 2017.

Moved: Bill Higgins Seconded: Annelize Benade
Motion: Carried

Clerk's Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SESSION ACTIONS:

Congregational Life/Christian Education, Evangelism, Worship & Missions Committee Report: None

Personnel Committee Report: By Bill Higgins

Pianist DeAnna Brister out for an indefinite time with hand surgery. Dr. Heath will follow up with her. Dr. Ben Yang is filling in during her absence.

Property Committee Report:

Windows in the hallway have been repaired by Paul Cantrell.

Pastor's/Moderator Report: By Dr. Jim Heath

- Discussed causes for the recent drop in Sunday attendance.
- Discussed LSU-A Campus Ministries Outreach and involving students in FPC (approximately 200 students in the dorms). Suggested a fall brunch 9:30 am - 10:30 am for LSU-A students with pastries, fruit, juices, coffee (\$70.00 approximate cost per Sunday). Proposed advertising event through posters on campus with transportation provided by campus van or individual FPC members.

- Session will investigate logistics of budget expenditures and to see who is available to help with the brunch, transportation.

No action was taken at this time, but the Session approved Dr. Heath investigating his proposal to reach out to LSU-A students by common consent.

New Business:

- The Session received a thank you note from the Presbyterian Mission Agency for the FPC Christmas Joy Offering of \$660.00
- The Session declined the invitation to participate in the Cancer Screening Project at this time. All members of the FPC congregation are under a physician's care.
- The Session will schedule a date for the baptism of Thomas Victor Borrel III (Brandi Woolam's son). Dr. Heath will coordinate with Brandi Woolam to set up the date for the baptism.
- Jane Conerly gave notice to the Session that she will be moving to Lafayette and will no longer be able to serve as Moderator for the FPC monthly Session meetings. She will be available for the July and August FPC Session Meetings. The Session expressed their gratitude towards Jane Conerly for her service and assistance to FPC of Alexandria.

Adjournment:

Motion: That the Session Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Bill Higgins Seconded: Annelize Benade
Motion: Carried

The Stated Meeting of the Session adjourned at 6:45 pm with a closing prayer by Dr. Jim Heath. The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be 6:00 pm Monday, July 17, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

Minutes taken by: Elizabette Kennedy
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Starting in September, 2017

**The Session Will meet
Every Other Month**

as follows:

2017: October, December

2018: February, April, June,

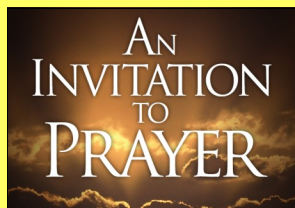
August, October, December

August Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
August 6	Robert Kennedy	Jim Hockensmith	Elder Liturgist: Jim Hockensmith Communion Team: Elizebette Kennedy, Vacancy
August 13	Annelize & Dirk Benade	Dirk Benade	
August 20	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Bill Higgins (May-Oct) Roger Best (Oct-May)	
August 27	Jim Hockensmith Robert Kennedy	Jim Smolenski	



Jim Hockensmith	8/5
Mac & Georgia McBurney	8/7
Lynn Pilcher	8/17
Lacie Ellington	8/18
Dee Arnold	8/19
Wynn & Debbie Ware	8/19
Elizebette Kennedy	8/22
Mac McBurney	8/25



Wednesday Night Prayer Service
Will Resume on
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
6:30 pm

LSUA International Students Donations

Toiletries: soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion, razors, shaving cream, toilet paper, paper towels, shower curtains

Linens & Laundry: twin bed sheets, blanket, pillows and pillow case (twin), bath towels, clothes hangers, laundry detergent, laundry bags

Kitchen Items: water bottles, bowls, cups, plates, utensils, dish soap, can openers, snacks, instant noodles, canned food, drinking water

(Place donations in boxes in Narthex & Church Office)

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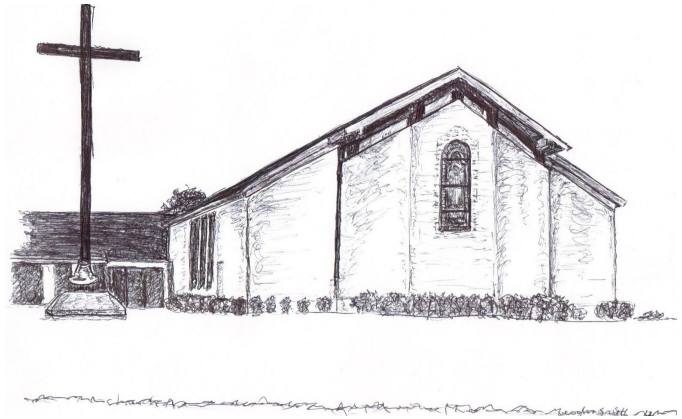
Jim Heath, *Stated Supply Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Choir Director*

DeAnna Brister, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Secretary*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:45 pm	Meal (<i>Suspended</i>)
6:30 pm	Prayer Service (<i>Resumes September 27</i>)
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

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Come experience God's love at First Presbyterian Church

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