



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Newsletter



April 2009

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Greeneville, Tennessee Stated Meeting of Session March 29, 2009

The monthly meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at the church on Sunday, March 29, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt and Elders: Vicki Trentham, Marilyn Brumley, Olivia Marenco, Kenny Cobble, April Marenco, Billy Goodrich, Beth Morrell, and Charles Brumley. Elders Janice Roberts and Danny Shaw were absent.

The Moderator called the meeting to order. Beth led a devotional time and gave the opening prayer.

Copies of the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of February 22, 2009 were distributed. Charles moved and Olivia seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Moderator Wyatt reported on his activities for March.

Our Church Treasurer Sandra Carter sent a report of the current amount in the General Fund checking account: \$27,673.11.

Charles, our Elder Commissioner to the Stated Presbytery Meeting on March 7, reported that the Presbytery commissioned several lay ministers, voted on overtures that could make some changes to the Book of Order, and continues to expand relationships with other denominations which allow exchange of worship leadership between denominations. Martin Riley is no longer director at Sunset Gap.

Olivia reported on the Youth Ministry Seminar, sponsored by the Princeton Theological Seminary, which she and Brian attended on March 14 in Montreat, NC. There were group workshops and interactive spiritual centers for the more than fifty people in attendance. Olivia came away with many creative ideas to share with our youth.

Charles informed us that his inquiries about finding anyone interested in the old organ in the fellowship hall have produced results. Charles Harmon has expressed interest in owning the Hammond organ, but would have to do some work to get his garage ready to house it. Charles moved and Beth seconded that the organ be given to Charles Harmon when he can arrange a place for it. The motion carried.

Charles Brumley reported that it had been brought to his attention by Charles and Wanda Bowers that the small boxwoods around the columbarium are dying. They would like to remove them and plant dogwood trees. A gift was recently received from John and Barbara Jean Smith for the

Cemetery Fund that could be used toward this project. Charles moved and Vicki seconded that the Bowers decide on plantings that they deem suitable using money from the Cemetery Fund. The motion carried.

Some events that are happening soon were announced:

April 28, a spring wildflower presentation at Holston Camp. Dr. Jerry Nagel, retired professor of biology, ETSU, will present a wildflower show at 11:30 and lead walks on easy trails after lunch. (\$8.00) (Reservations by April 21)

May 2, First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, 9:00am-1:30pm, a Holston Presbytery sponsored event, Fulfilling Our Baptismal Vows: Parents in Church Nurturing Children and Youth. Tom Malone from Belton, South Carolina will be the speaker. (Reservations by April 24)

At our next meeting of Session on May 3, Harrell Cobb, pastor at Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church and representative of the Committee on Ministry for Holston Presbytery, will meet with us as part of the Presbytery's scheduled visitation of all sessions in the Presbytery once every three years.

With no other business to come before the Session at this time, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Brumley
Clerk

Brian Wyatt
Moderator

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Women's Meeting
March 2, 2009**

The meeting was held at the church with 11 women in attendance: Edwina Catron, Wanda Bowers, Janice Roberts, Marilyn Brumley, Ruth Burkey, Margaret Burkey, Zelma Edmondson, Joyce Whittenburg, Sandra Carter, Vicki Trentham, and Beth Morrell. Our purpose was read in unison.

Mission yearbook presentations were given by Vicki covering topics from the Synod of the Covenant and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. She ended with prayer. The secretary read the minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report was given. A balance of \$684.12 was left in the checking account after all transactions were complete. Both reports were approved as given.

A motion was made by Joyce and seconded by Margaret that a letter be included as a bulletin insert notifying the women of the congregation that our organization is no longer serving Ruritan meals as a source of income for our mission projects and that any donations will be gratefully accepted if anyone chooses to be a part of our mission work. This motion was approved by all.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering was collected as well as our regular offering. Our mission project for this month was Grandfather Home for Children. Zelma motioned that we give the same amount as last year, \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Margaret and all were in favor.

Marilyn shared correspondence from Grandfather Home (their newsletter), a letter from Jim and Sarah Hornsby, a newsletter from Morgan-Scott, a thank you note from the Opportunity House, and a letter from the Medical Benevolence Foundation. Edwina shared a notice from Net Workers concerning the Net Workers Mother's Day Project, and a letter from Mary Jane McClellan who is the Together in Service Coordinator for Holston Presbyterian Women. She wrote that her position will be vacant next year and they are looking for a volunteer.

Upcoming shower dates were discussed: Lisa Balabas's baby shower will be March 2nd at 2 p.m. at the church, Julia Caudill's baby shower will be April the 18th with Marilyn and Wanda organizing, and Lindsey Duncan's wedding shower will be on either May 9th or the 16th with Joyce and Marilyn organizing that event.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 6th. Our hostesses will be Carol Barkman and Lisa Hogwood. If they are unable to serve as hostesses due to their new jobs, Ruth Burkey graciously offered to have our meeting at her home. Edwina Catron will give the mission interpretation and lesson 4 of our Bible study will be led by Margaret Burkey. Communion dates are as follows: Palm Sunday, Apr.5th –Sandra, Saturday, Apr.11th-Janice, and Easter Sunday, Apr.12th-Wanda.

Following our business meeting Marilyn led our thoughtful discussion on Lesson 3 entitled *Debt Are Forgiven*. Our meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction and delightful refreshments were served by our hostess Vicki Trentham.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Morrell, secretary



Happy Birthday

Lewis Roberts	April 01
Ashton Trentham	April 05
Claire Duncan	April 06
Lindsey Duncan	April 07
Emily Dosten	April 08
Harriet Roberts	April 08
Joe Roberts	April 10
Scott Bird	April 13
Brock Shelton	April 16
Christopher Trentham	April 16
Wallace Wyatt	April 18
John Ira Collins III	April 18
Tim Shelton	April 20
Pam Johnson	April 25
Willie Brumley	April 28
Susan Roberts	April 28

Prayer List

Military

Timothy Barkman	Will Stiffler
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Preston Hayes	Klon Greene
Deedie Renner	Joyce Parrott
Leland Johnston	Vickie Trentham
Jim Salley	Patsy Wilson
Mary Jo Gilland	Joe Alexander
Dave Hodges	Wilson Denney

Marguerite Hall (Marilyn Brumley's friend)
 Janelle Stewart (Janice Robert's mother)
 Carol Anne Dudgeon (Lisa Balabas's sister)
 Trish Thomas (Laura Barkman's friend)
 Alvetta Goodrich (Billy Goodrich's grandmother)