



# Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Newsletter



May - June 2009

## **Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Greeneville, Tennessee Stated Meeting of Session June 21, 2009**

The monthly meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at the church on Sunday, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt and Elders: Janice Roberts, Vicki Trentham, Marilyn Brumley, Olivia Marengo, Kenny Cobble, April Marengo, Billy Goodrich, Beth Morrell and Charles Brumley. Elder Danny Shaw was absent.

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

Copies of the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of May 3, 2009 were distributed. Janice moved and Beth seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Moderator Wyatt reported on his activities for May and part of June.

The Church Treasurer, Sandra Carter, sent her report: \$22,731.87 in the General Fund checking account. She had received a bill for the new kitchen stove at the manse for \$375.00. By common consent, the Session directed this bill to Oliver Burkey, Building Fund treasurer.

We received the information that Danny Shaw wishes to resign from the Session. With regret, Charles moved and Billy seconded that Danny's resignation be accepted. The motion carried. A letter will be written by the clerk informing Danny of this action of Session. Janice moved and Vicki seconded that the Nominating Committee find a person in the congregation willing to serve as chairman of the Cemetery Committee for the remainder of 2009. Their recommendation is to be approved by the Session. Billy has agreed to act as liaison between this new Cemetery Committee and the Session.

Christian Education Chairperson, Beth Morrell, reported on a successful VBS experience with an average of 25 young people participating each night. Visiting a Habitat for Humanity house, planting flowers for the new residents and presenting them with the wind chimes and bird house (hand-made by youth at VBS) was an exciting part of the week.

Nurture Chairperson, Janice, reported on the fifth Sunday fellowship brunch and invited all to notice the array of photos of VBS on the hallway bulletin board.

Our Commissioner to the June 6, Presbytery meeting at Tusculum College was Oliver Burkey. Brian reported on an efficient business meeting and the opportunity to hear three sermons.

Olivia reported on the Montreat Youth Conference which she, Martha Grace Burkey and Emily

Morrell attended. Exciting keynote speakers, worship, and recreation made a wonderful week for almost 3,000 youth in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by our Moderator.

Our next session meeting will be on July 26.

Respectfully submitted,

**Marilyn Brumley**  
Clerk

**Brian Wyatt**  
Moderator

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Women's Meeting  
May 4, 2009

The meeting was held at the home of our hostess Edwina Catron with 13 women in attendance: Janice Roberts, Wanda Bowers, Edwina Catron, Judy Hinkle, Mary Roberts, Joyce Whittenburg, Margaret Burkey, Marilyn Brumley, Lee Anne Shelton, Beth Morrell, Sandra Carter, Vicki Trentham, and Zelma Edmondson.

Edwina welcomed everyone, prayer requests were made known and Edwina led us in prayer. Our purpose was read in unison.

Lee Anne presented the mission interpretation including accounts from the Church of Indian Fellowship in Takoma, Washington, the Presbytery of South Illinois, and a thought about Pentecost... Who are your teachers? She concluded with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read. We had a balance of \$679.49 and she reported that she would be paying \$100.00 towards our pledge this month.

Our Birthday Offering and our regular offering were collected. Our mission project for this month was Sunset Gap. Zelma made a motion which was seconded by Edwina that we give the same amount as last year which was \$200.00. All were in favor.

Marilyn shared correspondence from Holston Camp thanking us for the \$300.00 that we sent to them last month.

Last minute plans were made for the bridal shower for Lindsey Duncan which will be held at the church at 2:00 on Saturday, May 9. Julia Caudill's baby shower will be at 1:00 at the church on Saturday, May 30.

Our next meeting will be at the church on June 8<sup>th</sup> with Mary Roberts as our hostess. The mission interpretation will be given by Judy Hinkle. A substitute for leading the bible study is needed as Joyce will be out of town. Communion will be June 7 with Zelma taking care of the preparation.

Following our business meeting, Beth led the fifth lesson of our Horizons Bible Study ending with prayer.

Our meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction and Edwina served scrumptious refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

**Beth Morrell, secretary**

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## **Women's Meeting June 8, 2009**

The meeting was held at the church with Mary Roberts as our hostess. There were 8 women in attendance: Zelma Edmondson, Mary Roberts, Judy Hinkle, Marilyn Brumley, Margaret Burkey, Wanda Bowers, Beth Morrell, and Janice Roberts.

Judy presided over the meeting and opened our meeting with our purpose. Judy then presented the minute for mission including accounts from the Presbytery of Transylvania in Kentucky, the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy of Missouri and Illinois and the John Calvin Presbytery of Kansas and Mississippi. There were also entries from France and Belarus. She concluded with prayer.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as read. The treasurer reported a balance of \$903.67. Forty-eight dollars was collected at our last meeting for the Birthday Offering.

Marilyn shared correspondence from Nita Yokley thanking us for the Wal-Mart card that she used to buy diapers etc. for the homeless foster children. Wanda thanked everyone for the lovely shower for her granddaughter Lindsey Duncan. Lindsey had sent a card thanking the women for having a shower for her.

The mission project for this month was Church World Service. We have been sending our donation to Networkers for the last 2-3 years. Last year we sent \$200.00. Janice motioned that we send \$250.00, Wanda seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Our next meeting will be at the church on July 6<sup>th</sup> with Wanda as hostess. The eighth Bible study lesson will be led by Joyce Whittenburg. Communion will be prepared by Mary and Edwina on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

The business meeting being complete, Judy led the seventh lesson.

Following the Bible study, the meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Cooling refreshments were served by our wonderful hostess Mary Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

***Beth Morrell, secretary***

## **The Twenty and the One**

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country.

'I've had a pretty good life,' the twenty proclaimed. 'Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean.'

'Wow!' said the one-dollar bill. 'You've really had an exciting life!'

'So tell me,' says the twenty, 'where have you been throughout your lifetime?'

The one dollar bill replies, 'Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church.'

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, 'What's a church?'

## Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Trentham	June 20
Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Whittenburg	June 30
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Wyatt	July 01
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Harmon Jr.	July 06

## Happy Birthday

Blaine Shelton	June 21
Billie Trentham	June 21
Zack Goodrich	June 28
June Schmidt	June 29
Emily Morrell	July 05
Kristen Hill	July 10
Jill Balding	July 12
Sarah Wyatt	July 14
Martha Grace Burkey	July 15
Joshua Trentham	July 18
Thomas Burkey	July 24
Nancy Roberts	July 27
Kim Roberts	July 28
Betty Bird	July 30
Lee Anne Shelton	July 31

## The Fork

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her. 'There's one more thing,' she said excitedly. 'What's that?' came the Pastor's reply. 'I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.' The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. 'That surprises you, doesn't it?' the young woman asked. 'I'm puzzled by the request,' said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. 'My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of

encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming...like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance!

So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?' Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork the best is yet to come.'

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and saw the fork in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, 'What's with the fork?' And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come. Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share ...being friends with someone is not an opportunity but a sweet responsibility.