



July - 2009

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Called Meeting of Session
August 9, 2009**

A called meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at the church on Sunday, August 9, at 9:50 a.m. All active elders were in attendance: Janice Roberts, Vicki Trentham, Marilyn Brumley, Olivia Marengo, Kenny Cobble, April Marengo, Billy Goodrich, Beth Morrell and Charles Brumley.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt opened the meeting with prayer.

Because the stated meeting of Session in July had to be cancelled, the agenda approved for today's meeting included any necessary concerns from committee chairs as well as responding to a request for baptism.

Janice moved and Beth seconded that the minutes of the stated Session meeting of June 21, 2009, be approved as circulated. The motion carried.

Brian reported on his pastoral activities for July.

Janice reported that the Nurture Committee has set dates for the following events:

Bennie's music program - Sunday, August 23 at 4:30p.m.

Morning Worship and Fall Picnic at pavilion - Sunday, August 30

Youth Council overnight at Timber Ridge – Saturday, Sept. 12

Sunday Brunch for entire church with Youth Council guests – Sept. 13 at 9:30a.m.

Fall Retreat at Banner Elk – Oct. 2-4

The only Old Business concerned the audit of the financial records of each of the treasurers of Timber Ridge. Beth moved and Billy seconded that the audit, finding all records of the church's finances to be in good order, be accepted and approved. The motion carried. Marilyn expressed appreciation for Joyce Whittenburg and Janice Roberts for the complete and thorough audit that had been done. The binder with the findings and recommendations of the audit committee will be placed in the library for anyone to review.

By common consent, the Session approved a request by the Presbyterian Women of Timber Ridge to take up a congregational offering for the kitchen renovations needed for Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Greeneville. This is the only weekly soup kitchen operating in the Greeneville area.

Janice moved and Vicki seconded that Billy (per his request) be re-assigned as Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. His former position as Chairman of the Evangelism Committee can be filled during general officer elections for 2010. The motion carried.

Charles mentioned the need for a short term solution to having the church cleaned. Due to ongoing illness and treatments, Mary and Joe Alexander, will not be able to continue with this job for a while. An announcement will be made before the worship service to see if anyone in the church might like to take on this job temporarily.

Beth volunteered and by common consent was elected as the commissioner to Presbytery to be held at Holston Camp on Tuesday, September 1.

At 10:15 Lisa and Shawn Balabas joined the meeting with their infant son, William Louis Balabas. They were to be examined because of their request for baptism for William and for Shawn. Janice moved and Beth seconded that the request for baptism and membership be gladly granted. A service of baptism for William and Shawn will be included in the morning worship service today.

The business for which we were called being completed, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Brumley
Clerk

Brian Wyatt
Moderator

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women
July 6, 2009**

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women met at the church at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 6, 2009. Eight women were in attendance: Margaret Burkey, Edwina Catron, Vicki Trentham, Sandra Carter, Marilyn Brumley, Zelma Edmondson, Sarah Wyatt and Wanda Bowers.

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

Wanda presented this month's areas of concern from the *Mission Yearbook*. The Synod of the Mid Atlantic and the Synod of the Northeast were featured with particular projects in the Presbyteries of Abington, Shenandoah, and Syracuse. Wanda closed her Mission report with prayer.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$953.90 in the checking account. The offering was taken.

Marilyn shared correspondence from Sunset Gap, thanking us for our contribution of \$200.00 sent to them in May.

Our mission project for July is Morgan Scott. Margaret moved, and Wanda seconded that we send \$200.00, as we did last year, to help with the work there. The motion carried.

Zelma moved, and Sarah seconded, that \$300.00 be sent to Joe and Mary Alexander to help with expenses while Joe is having serious medical problems. The motion carried.

The Session had suggested that the Women's Organization consider a request from Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Greeneville for financial help toward the kitchen renovation they are undertaking. This is the only weekly soup kitchen operating in the Greeneville area. Sandra moved, and Vicki seconded, that the Women give a starter contribution of \$100.00 and then open it to the congregation to contribute to this cause. The motion carried. This will be put in the bulletin and Sarah volunteered her Sunday School class to do a minute for mission to promote this.

Edwina passed out information about the Fall Gathering.

Our next meeting will be at the Wyatt home on August 3, with Edwina leading lesson eight in our Bible study.

Lesson seven was a time of shared ideas and insights about Jesus' healings in chapters 13 and 14 of Luke's Gospel.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Delicious refreshments were served by our gracious hostess, Wanda.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Brumley, Secretary, Pro tem

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women
August 3, 2009**

The meeting was held at the Manse with 11 women in attendance: Mary Roberts, Zelma Edmondson, Edwina Catron, Sarah Wyatt, Janice Roberts, Wanda Bowers, Joyce Whittenburg, Vicki Trentham, Sandra Carter, Beth Morrell and Margaret Burkey. Also attending were Dr. Wyatt and Wallace Wyatt.

Edwina opened the meeting by thanking the Wyatt's for sharing their home with us for the meeting. Our purpose was read in unison and prayer requests were made as were praises. Brian led us in prayer.

Joyce presented some of this month's areas of concern from the *Mission Yearbook*. She shared projects from the Presbytery of the Hudson River and from Vietnam. She closed her mission report with prayer.

Brian announced that the Holston Presbytery Youth Council will be having an overnight meeting at Timber Ridge on September 12th and 13th. They are expecting 15 – 20 people who will be arriving around 6 p.m. Saturday and will be leaving around 4 p.m. Sunday. He requested that the women of the church prepare dinner for the group Saturday night and that we have a brunch to include the congregation on Sunday morning so that there is an opportunity for them to meet some of the youth of our presbytery. He requested that we also prepare a simple lunch (baked potato bar) for the group following the worship service. Janice made a motion which was seconded by Zelma that we prepare the meals for the youth council weekend.

Brian reminded us that World Wide Communion Sunday is the week of the retreat. He will prepare and provide the elements for communion at the retreat, but he asked for a volunteer to prepare and provide the elements for the communion to be held at the church. Edwina said that she would take care of the elements. Jim Mays will be leading the service that Sunday.

Future dates were discussed: the Thanksgiving meal will be on November 22nd, the youth and all other interested parties are scheduled to help at Samaritan's Purse in Boone, NC from 11 – 3 p.m. on November 28th. The latter date was the date set aside to decorate the church for Christmas so another plan will have to be made for that occasion.

The minutes from our last meeting were read and approved. There was no treasurer's report. The collection was taken.

Beth shared a letter from the General Assembly Council thanking us for the \$250.00 contribution for the NetWorker's Malaria Prevention project.

Edwina reminded everyone of the Fall Gathering at Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church on September 12th.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th at the home of Sandra Carter. Dr. Wyatt will be leading lesson nine of our Bible Study entitled *The Mighty are Brought Down...The Lord is Lifted Up*. We are going to ask the youth who attended the Montreat Youth Conference to tell us about their experience for our October meeting as September's lesson is the last of our study book.

Edwina led us in our 8th lesson concluded our meeting with the Mizpah Benediction.

Exquisite refreshments were provided by our host and hostess following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Morrell, Secretary

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. John Morrell August 01
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Shelton August 07
Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Edmondson August 28

Mr. & Mrs. Doug Roberts September 01
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Trentham September 07
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Alexander September 15

Happy Birthday

Frances Brumley August 07
Jon Roberts August 07
Danny Shaw August 12
Vicki Trentham August 16
Charles Bowers August 21
Charles Harmon Jr. August 25
Cameron Roberts August 28
Elizabeth Morrell August 31

Margaret Burkey September 05
Brian Wyatt September 12
Zelma Edmondson September 14
Spencer Morrell September 19
Dan Burkey September 20
Louise Kelly September 23

Prayer List

Military

Timothy Barkman Will Stiffler

Timber Ridge

Preston Hayes Deedie Renner
Jim Salley Janelle Stewart
Klon Greene Joyce Parrott
Vickie Trentham
Joe & Mary Alexander
Marguerite Hall (Marilyn Brumley's friend)
Carol Sasser (Bennie King's friend)
Zarron Butler (Sarah Wyatt's friend)
Ally Williams (Laura Barkman's friend)
Family and Friends of Mike Williams (Laura Barkman's friend)

My Sunday Paper

"WHERE is my SUNDAY paper?!" The irate customer calling the newspaper office, loudly demanded to know where her Sunday edition was .. "Madam", said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on SUNDAY". There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter, "Well -- no wonderthat's why no one was at church today!"

The Picnic

A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest met at the town's annual 4th of July picnic. Old friends, they began their usual banter. 'This baked ham is really delicious,' the priest teased the rabbi. 'You really ought to try it. I know it's against your religion, but I can't understand why such a wonderful food should be forbidden! You don't know what you're missing. You just haven't lived until you've tried Mrs. Hall's prized Virginia Baked Ham. Tell me, Rabbi, when are you going to break down and try it?' The rabbi looked at the priest with a big grin, and said, 'At your wedding.'

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