



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Newsletter



September 2009

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Greeneville, Tennessee Stated Meeting of Session October 3, 2009

The monthly meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at Holston Presbytery Camp on Saturday, October 3, 2009, after breakfast during our annual retreat weekend. Present were Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt and Elders: Vicki Trentham, Marilyn Brumley, Olivia Marenco, April Marenco, Beth Morrell, Janice Roberts, Billy Goodrich and Charles Brumley. Elder Kenny Cobble was not present.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer.

Copies of the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of August 30, 2009 and the Called Session Meeting of September 9, 2009 were distributed. Olivia moved and Beth seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Moderator Wyatt reported on his activities for September.

Cemetery Chairman, Billy reported that the clean-up was being completed on the huge limb that had fallen.

The Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee had met on Wednesday, September 30, and Chairperson Vicki presented a list of proposals for the Session's consideration.

- A motion was made to increase payment for cleaning services at the church from \$50.00 to \$75.00 each time. The motion carried.
- A motion was made to increase our Organist/Pianist payment from \$35.00 to \$36.00 per event. The motion carried.
- A budget was presented for the local church and outreach expenses for 2010. The motion to accept the new budget carried. A copy of the budget for 2010 is attached to these minutes.
- A motion was made to recommend new terms of call for our minister for 2010 to present to the congregation at the annual meeting on October 11, 2009. The motion carried.
- Because Brian has been chosen as a Commissioner to General Assembly and will be taking on some duties as a youth leader for our Presbytery, it will be necessary for him to be away at least three Sundays in 2010. Since this benefits Timber Ridge and especially our youth, the Committee moved that these Sundays not be taken from his vacation or continuing study time. The extra amount for pulpit supply in the new budget is to cover this. The motion carried.

Nurture Chairperson Janice reported that our fall retreat was going well with 34 in attendance. Charles expressed the appreciation felt by everyone for the fine job Janice had done in getting everything organized for this event and also to Brian for setting up the stations of worship and reflection around the camp for a truly unique retreat experience.

Beth, our Commissioner to the September 2, Presbytery Meeting at Holston Camp, will give her report at the November meeting.

Along with some minor revisions to the *Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Policies and Procedures Manual*, the following revision was proposed for the duties of the Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee (section 2-5.90 – Youth Scholarships):

The policy is that youth (or their families) are responsible for payment of all deposits for events (or full event fees for those not requiring a deposit). The church will pay, at the discretion of the MIS Committee and as the budget allows, the remaining balance of events. At the conclusion of an event, youth may request reimbursement of the deposit amount as well upon presenting evidence of attendance at the event.

Charles moved and Beth seconded that the revisions be made. The motion carried.

We have received a recommendation from our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, that we add terrorism coverage to our policy. Beth moved and April seconded that this not be done. The motion carried.

The Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for October 11 for the purpose of electing officers for 2010 installation and reviewing pastoral terms of call.

The closing prayer was given by Olivia.

The next Stated Meeting of Session is scheduled for November 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Brumley
Clerk

Brian Wyatt
Moderator

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women
October 5, 2009

The meeting was held at the church with 9 women in attendance: Sandra Carter, Joyce Whittenburg, Mary Roberts, Janice Roberts, Judy Hinkle, Marilyn Brumley, Vicki Trentham, Beth Morrell, and Zelma Edmondson. Also attending were Dr. Wyatt and Wallace and our guest speaker Emily Morrell.

Prayer requests were made known and our Vice-moderator, Joyce, led us in prayer. Our purpose was read in unison. Janice presented *Mission Yearbook* concerns from Cuba, the Synod of the South Atlantic, and an article on Domestic Violence Awareness.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved with one correction. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$415.54 after all bills were paid and donations given. There is

still \$893.00 of pledges outstanding. The report was approved. The collection was taken.

Our mission project for last month which we tabled until this month was Medical Benevoence. We gave \$200.00 last year. Judy motioned and Janice seconded that we give the same amount this year. All were in favor. Our mission project for this month is Young Life. We gave \$200.00 last year. Judy and Janice motioned and seconded that we send the same amount. All were in favor.

Marilyn shared correspondence from Contact thanking us for the \$200.00. The Tabernacle Soup Kitchen sent a note thanking the church for the donation of \$420.00. A letter of thanks was received from Montreat Conference Center thanking the church for allowing Brian to share his gifts, time and leadership as a conference leader at last summer's Youth Conference.

Old business discussed included our clothes collection for Sunset Gap. It was decided that the deadline for collecting items will be extended until further notice in order to try to give more time to increase the amount of items.

Communion duties next month are being taken care of by Wanda on November 1st and Janice on November 22nd.

New business: A missionary from Mexico, Susan Frerichs will be visiting our church on Thursday morning October 8th at 10:00 a.m. to share her experiences. All are invited for coffee and discussion. The Thanksgiving Dinner and program will be on November 22nd. Edwina will be organizing the program and Zelma and Janice will take care of decorating. On Sunday, October 25 we will have a Pastor Appreciation Soup and Salad Luncheon in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. The Women's Christmas Luncheon will be on Saturday December 5th at Beth's house.

Next month's meeting will be at the church and our hostess will be Janice Roberts.

Following the business meeting our guest Emily Morrell gave an account of her experience at the Montreat Summer Youth Conference She was very grateful for the opportunity to attend as were the other two participants (Olivia Marengo and Martha Grace Burkey) at no expense to themselves thanks to the scholarship provided by our church.

The Mizpah Benediction was said in unison and a fresh fall dessert was served by our lovely hostess Marilyn.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Morrell, Secretary

Newsletter

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Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Balabas	October 10
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Purington	October 12
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bird	October 25
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Kelly	November 10
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bowers	November 14
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Burkey	November 24

Happy Birthday

Kyle Morrell	October 09
Doug Duncan	October 09
Jim Brumley	October 09
Wanda Bowers	October 10
Kenton Cobble	October 18
Hannah Crocker	October 22
Caitlin Crocker	October 22
April Marengo	October 23
Amy Cobble	October 24
Douglas Purington	October 25
Fred Roberts	October 28
Olivia Marengo	October 29
Marilyn Brumley	October 29
R. P. Whittenburg	November 10
Sandra Carter	November 19
Dave Roberts	November 19
Jimmy Mitchell	November 22
Charles Brumley	November 23
Paul Burkey	November 24

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)
Braden Cobb Lindberg and Kristian Lindberg (Ruth
Burkey's friends)
Family and Friends of Barbara Helbert (relative of
Shandi Whittenburg)
David and Alaine Edmondson (son & daughter-in-
law of Doyle & Zelma)

Clay Balls

A man was exploring caves by the Seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could. He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone! Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left. Then it struck him.

He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away! It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it.

We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person. There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth. May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

I am so blessed by the gems of friendship I have with you. Thank you for looking beyond my clay vessel.