



Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Newsletter



October 2009

**Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
Stated Meeting of Session
November 1, 2009**

The stated meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 1, 2009. Present were Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt and Elders: Vicki Trentham, Marilyn Brumley, Olivia Marengo, April Marengo, Beth Morrell, Janice Roberts, Kenny Cobble and Charles Brumley. Elder Billy Goodrich was absent.

The Moderator called the meeting to order. Marilyn led a devotional time and offered the opening prayer.

Copies of the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of October 3, 2009 and the Congregational Meeting of October 11, 2009 were distributed. Beth moved and Janice seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Moderator Wyatt reported on his activities for October. Jim Kirkpatrick will be retiring at the end of this year as Presbyterian Youth and Young Adult Ministry Director for Holston Presbytery. An interim has not been found at this time. In order for the Youth Council program to continue, Brian asked the session for its support of his sponsorship of Youth Council during this time of searching for Jim's replacement. This would allow Youth Council to continue to function. The session had already approved Brian's involvement with several Presbytery youth events for 2010. Because we all feel that this program is vital to the future of the Church, we therefore give our support to Brian's help with Youth Council during this time.

Church Treasurer Sandra Carter sent a financial report: The General Fund checking account now stands at \$21,300.01.

The Clerk of Session read a letter from Montreat Conference Center expressing their appreciation to Timber Ridge Church for permitting Dr. Wyatt to serve as an alt7 Conference leader this summer. A portion of the letter is quoted here: *"Because your congregation allowed a staff member on your payroll to share his gifts and time to give leadership to one of our conferences,*

you, too, have played a vital role in shaping many lives. We want your session to know how thankful we are for Brian's leadership. Your congregation has made a very significant contribution, not only to the ministry of this institution, but to the whole Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), whom we are committed to serve. We have thanked Brian, but we especially desire to thank everyone at Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church for such a generous gift."

Beth, our commissioner to Stated Presbytery Meeting of September 1, 2009, reported on that meeting which was held at Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center at Banner Elk, North Carolina. Grady Parsons, the Stated Clerk of General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), was the preacher for the worship service. His sermon focused on the fact that elders, alongside their governing and administrative duties, share many duties with the pastor including strengthening and nurturing the faith and life of the congregation, encouraging the people in the worship and service of God, visiting and comforting and caring for the people.

Charles presented a review of the church's property insurance policy for the coming year. Kenny moved and Janice seconded to renew our policy with Church Mutual Insurance Company with coverage at current levels. Charles will explore options of raising the levels of insurance on the contents of the church and this information will be reviewed at the December meeting of session. The motion carried.

Charles Harmon had asked that the session consider the possibility of compensation for guest musicians. Olivia moved and Beth seconded that a total of \$50.00 per group or individual be offered as a gratuity for each event. The motion carried.

Our meeting was closed with a prayer by the Moderator.

The next Stated Meeting of Session is scheduled for December 6, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Brumley
Clerk

Brian Wyatt
Moderator

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women
November 2, 2009

Timber Ridge Presbyterian Women met at the church at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2009. Nine women were in attendance: Margaret Burkey, Edwina Catron, Vicki Trentham, Sandra Carter, Marilyn Brumley, LeeAnn Shelton, Joyce Whittenburg, Janice Roberts, and Mary Roberts.

Our president, Edwina, thanked Janice for being our hostess tonight and led us in the reading of

our purpose.

Marilyn gave a report from the mission yearbook highlighting special programs in Mexico, Columbia, Florida, Louisiana, and South Carolina. A prayer was offered.

The minutes of the October meeting were read. Janice moved and Mary seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$221.74 in the checking account. The offering was taken.

Margaret passed around information on products that can be purchased through Equal Exchange. Information and products can be found at website [HTTP//INTERFAITH.EQUALEXCHANGE.com](http://INTERFAITH.EQUALEXCHANGE.com).

Everyone was pleased with the meal and fellowship enjoyed at the pastor appreciation lunch on October 25.

An announcement will be made this coming Sunday to end our clothing drive for Sunset Gap and arrange transportation of donated items as soon as possible.

Edwina will be coordinating our participation with Cedar Hill for the Thanksgiving meal.

The Thank Offering program is being planned by Edwina with some volunteer help and will take place on November 22 at 6:00pm followed by our Thanksgiving meal. Janice, LeeAnn and Sandra have volunteered to set up and receive food. Joyce , Edwina and Marilyn will clean up afterwards.

Some discussion about our carelessness in leaving trash uncollected after meals in our fellowship hall resulted in Sandra volunteering a large secure trash can that could temporarily hold trash outside until it can be removed to a convenience center.

Lovely refreshments were served by our hostess while we planned and scheduled for 2010, going through our yearbook month by month assigning duties.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Brumley, Secretary, Pro tem

Newsletter

You can view the church newsletter & other church activities on our website.

www.timberidgepreschurch.org

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Carter December 20
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brumley December 31

Happy Birthday

Debbie Shaw	January 03
Carroll Hinkle	January 05
Brandon Kelly	January 10
Margie Lister	January 18
Mary Alexander	January 24
Joan Mitchell	January 28
Randy Trentham	January 28
Joey Burkey	January 30
Ricky Trentham	December 07
Janice Roberts	December 13
Bart Morrell	December 16
Pauline Hayes	December 25
Lynn Burkey Jr.	December 25
Doug Roberts	December 30



Prayer List

Military

Timothy Barkman
Will Stiffler

Timber Ridge

Preston Hayes	Klon Greene
Deedie Renner	Joyce Parrott
Jim Salley	Vickie Trentham
Janelle Stewart	Zelma Edmondson
Joe & Mary Alexander	
Marguerite Hall (Marilyn Brumley's friend)	
John Dority (Gary Miller's friend)	
Majorie Nell Cardwell (Wanda Bowers' friend)	
Friends & Family of Carl Seaton (Betty Bird's friend)	



O God of all Creation: You have cared for the earth, and have filled it with your riches. Abundance flows in your steppes, through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth.

The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and together they glorify your name!

On this occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society.

We thank you for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world.

We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.

We pray that you will bless all those who gather here, as we have come to experience your presence among us. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

From "Prayers for God's People"
Thomas P. Roberts, editor