



# Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Newsletter



November 2009

## **Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church Greeneville, Tennessee Stated Meeting of Session December 6, 2009**

The stated meeting of Session, at which a quorum was present, was held at Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 6, 2009. Present were Moderator Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt and Elders: Vicki Trentham, Billy Goodrich, Marilyn Brumley, Olivia Marengo, April Marengo, Beth Morrell, Janice Roberts, Kenny Cobble and Charles Brumley. The new class of Elders to be installed in January were also present: Edwina Catron, Charles Harmon, Joyce Whittenburg, Doug Roberts and Emily Morrell.

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

Copies of the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of November 1, 2009 were distributed. Beth moved and Vicki seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Moderator Wyatt reported on his activities for November. Funeral services for church member, Roy Roderick, occurred on November 30.

Church Treasurer Sandra Carter sent a financial report: The General Fund checking account now stands at \$23,382.40.

The training and examination of our elders elect being completed, Vicki moved and Beth seconded that Doug Roberts, Emily Morrell, Joyce Whittenburg, Edwina Catron, and Charles Harmon be approved for installation to their office of ruling elders during the worship service on January 10, 2010. The motion carried.

Charles, our commissioner to Stated Presbytery Meeting of December 1, 2009, reported on that meeting which was held at First Presbyterian Church in Bristol. He considered a very interesting event of the meeting to be the commissioning of a new church, The Journey, located in Gray, Tennessee. Jim Kirkpatrick is retiring as Presbyterian Youth and Young Adult Ministry Director for Holston Presbytery on December 31, 2009. Brian is on the search committee to find an interim for that position and is also filling in as Youth Council sponsor as indicated in the October and November minutes. The report from the Ethical Issues/Human Needs Committee informed those assembled of the many recipients of the Five Cents A Meal Offering, most of which are local. Any church in the Presbytery can request a grant for a worthy project by submitting a form to this committee before July 15 of each year. Charles thought Timber Ridge might want to look into some activities in our community to see if they might benefit from such a grant. The Sunset Gap Community Center has a new Director, Josh Dunn. Holston Presbytery elected Brian Wyatt as one of two minister commissioners to General Assembly, July 3-10, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

April and Kenny were duly elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2010.

A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, January 24, for the purposes of receiving the annual financial reports for 2009 and to elect three members of the congregation to serve on the nominating committee for 2010.

Beth moved and Charles seconded that an Emergency Assistance Fund be set up to help families in our congregation and community with urgent financial needs. The fund would be administered through the Mission Interpretation and Stewardship Committee and this committee would be empowered to provide funds, at their discretion, for an individual need up to \$500.00 without having to have full Session approval. This fund would be segregated within the General Fund and all members of Timber Ridge would be encouraged to contribute to this fund as a way of meeting future needs when they arise. These funds would be carried over from year to year so that contributors would know that their money would be used only for the emergency needs of their neighbors. The motion carried. In a related motion, Marilyn moved and Janice seconded that an additional \$1,000.00 be approved, contributions permitting, for the current need. The motion carried.

Our Youth Group assembled 76 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse at the Wednesday, November 11th meeting. About 18 youth and adults went to the center at Boone, N.C. on November 28, to help on the assembly lines of their warehouse where thousands of boxes are inspected and made ready for shipping. The cost to the Youth Group for shipping the 76 boxes was \$532.00.

Charles presented information on the cost of increasing the insurance on the church and its contents after getting an updated appraisal of the organ from Larry Sprinkle, owner of the company which has maintained the church's organ since 1991. This information was passed on to the Building Committee which will make recommendations concerning this at the January meeting of Session.

Emily and Olivia will be leading our worship service on Sunday, December 20, while the pastor and his family are on vacation.

The next meeting of Session will be Sunday, January 24, at which time all are asked to come with information to set dates for any events or activities which need to be put on our calendar for 2010.

Our meeting was closed with a prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

**Marilyn Brumley**  
Clerk

**Brian Wyatt**  
Moderator

***Merry Christmas***

## Anniversaries

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

## Happy Birthday

Bart Morrell                              December 16  
Pauline Hayes                              December 25  
Lynn Burkey Jr.                              December 25  
Doug Roberts                              December 30

Debbie Shaw                              January 03  
Carroll Hinkle                              January 05  
Brandon Kelley                              January 10  
Margie Lister                              January 18  
Joan Mitchell                              January 24  
Randy Trentham                              January 28  
Joey Burkey                              January 30



## Prayer List

### Military

Timothy Barkman  
Will Stiffler

### Timber Ridge

Preston Hayes	Klon Greene
Deedie Renner	Joyce Parrott
Jim Salley	Vickie Trentham
Janelle Stewart	Joe & Mary Alaeander
Zelma Edmondson	Diane Morrell

Marguerite Hall (Marilyn Brumley's Friend)  
Edna Mason (Doyle Edmondson's Sister)  
Jennifer Fair (Sarah Wyatt's friend)  
Violet Reynolds (Vicki Trentham's friend)  
Jeff Lumpkin (Sarah Wyatt's father)  
Family and friends of Carol Anne Dugeon  
(Lisa Balabas's sister)

## Not Only Christmas Day

Lord, this is my prayer  
Not only on Christmas Day  
But until I see You face to face  
May I live my life this way:

Just like the baby Jesus  
I ever hope to be,  
Resting in Your loving arms  
Trusting in Your sovereignty.

And like the growing Christ child  
In wisdom daily learning,  
May I ever seek to know You  
With my mind and spirit yearning.

Like the Son so faithful  
Let me follow in Your light,  
Meek and bold, humble and strong  
Not afraid to face the night.

Nor cowardly to suffer  
And stand for truth alone,  
Knowing that Your kingdom  
Awaits my going home.

Not afraid to sacrifice  
Though great may be the cost,  
Mindful how You rescued me  
From broken-hearted loss.

Like my risen Savior  
The babe, the child, the Son,  
May my life forever speak  
Of who You are and all You've done.

So while this world rejoices  
And celebrates Your birth,  
I treasure You, the greatest gift  
Unequaled in Your worth.

I long to hear the same words  
That welcomed home Your Son,  
"Come, good and faithful servant,"  
Your Master says, "Well done."

And may heaven welcome others  
Who will join with me in praise  
Because I lived for Jesus Christ  
Not only Christmas Day

-- Mary Fairchild