MAY

2014

First Presbyterian Church, 300 Burleson, Smithville, TX

Newsletter

Sunday Schedule

Choir Practice – 9:30 am
Sunday School – All Ages 10 am
Fellowship in Library 9:45-10:45 am
Coffee and refreshments served
Worship Service - 11 am

Come for a visit, stay for a faith-lift.

Pastor's Remarks – Rev. Jane C. Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - 2014

- Haden Bell (son of Alan and Karen Bell, nephew of Gwen and Tom Morris)
- D. J. Lancaster (son of Doug and Lori Lancaster)
- Chase Ceder (son of Sherry and Monty Ceder
- Emily Boord (granddaughter of Ruth Whitehead and daughter of Mary Boord

1 Timothy 4:14-15 – "Do not neglect the gift that is in you . . ., but put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress."

Blessings, Jane

Church Leadership

Pastor – Rev. Jane C. Johnson - 512.608.4293 Email - caperton6@austin.rr.com
Clerk of Session - Nancy Martin 512.661.8626
Pastoral Assistant - Susan Guedry 512.360.4930
Music Director – Lisa Maresh 512.308.7319
Worship Committee – Chairman Susan Guedry 512.360.4930
Mission & Outreach Committee – Chairman Janet Stephens 512.237.3814
Building & Grounds /Fellowship & Nurture Committees - Board of Deacons
Session Members - Susan Guedry, Jane Istre, Nancy Martin, Lori Lancaster, Jim McLaughlin, David Herrington, Janet Stephens
Board of Deacons – Dot Dillon, Moderator; Gloria Hurta, Hoyt Johnson, Kathy Ford, Kelly Hubley, Pat McLaughlin

Custodian – Anna Hernandez 512.237.3880
Web Site – www.fpcsmithville.org – Kathy Ford 512.321.4132

Church Attendance - April

Date	Members	Regular Visitors	Visitors	Total
4/6	34	2	4	40
4/13	33	2	0	35
4/20	45	3	6	54
4/27	26	2	0	28

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

First Presbyterian Church Session met on April 30, 2014 for their monthly Stated Session Meeting.

Elder Jim McLaughlin reported that the new Church Marquee has been shipped and should be here in a week. The pad for the sign has been completed and ready for installation of the new sign. The Session approved the donation of the old sign to the Smithville Community Clinic. David Herrington will draft a policy for the use of the new sign for advertising Church and Community Events.

Elder Janet Stephens reported on the meeting on April 29th regarding formation of the Resale shop. Those is attendance from FPC were Janet Stephens, Dorothy Dillon, LaVerne Herrington, Susan Guedry and Nancy Martin. After a question and answer period and more information being discussed a motion was made and approved to move forward with the process and start the necessary paperwork to get the organization registered with the State of Texas. More information is in an article by Janet Stephens in this newsletter.

Elder Jane Istre reported that the Insurance adjustor will be out next week to review the water damage in the Fellowship Hall. Along with the carpet estimates Hoyt Johnson received, she will get an estimate for vinyl flooring as a third option. Session agreed not to have the floor redone until after the Summer Musical.

Elder Susan Guedry reported on plans the Worship Committee is making for the Graduating Seniors and for Pentecost Sunday in June and Dedication of the Church Marquee.
The next Presbytery Meeting is June 6 & 7 at San Pedro Presbyterian Church in San Antonio. All Elders are eligible to attend the Presbytery Meeting as Elder Commissioner for First Presbyterian Smithville. If you are interested in attending in please contact Pastor Jane or any Session member.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - Janet Stephens Mission and Outreach Committee

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering goal was $350. The total collected will be announced soon. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Women's Bible Study will be

Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for study, fellowship and food. Everyone is welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day – all mothers will be recognized.

Sunday, May 11 – Presentation of Bibles to 2014 SHS Seniors.
Sunday, June 1 – Dedication of Church Marquee

Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost Sunday – the "birthday of the church." Wear red and celebrate by having birthday cupcakes at lunch.

Sunday, June 15 – Father's Day – all fathers will be recognized.

June 16-20 – Summer Musical and Bible School, performances on **Saturday June 21 and Sunday June 22. Much more info will come soon. Watch the web site and the June newsletter.**

Our New Church Sign Has Arrived!

A dedication service is tentatively been set for Sunday, June 1. ***Stay Tuned for Details!***

COMMUNION SCHEDULE – May

David Herrington, Jane Istre, Jim McLaughlin, Hoyt Johnson

The first person listed will bring the bread, prepare the communion table, pick up the glasses at the end of the service, wash and put away the service trays.

If you cannot be at church when it is your turn to be in charge of the preparation for communion, please call the Elder listed after you to prepare the communion in your place and ask one of the other Elders to serve in your place. Those who serve communion also collect the offering and should ask for a back-up before the service if you will not be able to collect the offering. Backup Elders: Nancy Evans, Gwen Morris, LaVerne Herrington, Alan Ford, John Saunders, Sammye Hodges, and Susan Guedry.

Smithville Food Pantry April Report by Dorothy Dillon

Date	Clients	Family Members	New Clients	Family Members
4/2	110	261	5	13
4/9	110	244	1	3
4/16	92	206	1	1
4/23	109	296	4	14
4/30	96	232	1	2
Totals	517	1239	12	33

Please bring your donations on First Sunday and place them in the basket at the covered dish luncheon. There will also be envelopes available if you prefer to give money. The Food Pantry can purchase food from the Capital Area Food Bank much more economically than you can purchase it at the store, so please consider giving by check/cash. If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Dillon.

UPDATE ON THE RESALE SHOP by Janet Stephens

Five FPC members attended the planning meeting on April 29th where it was voted to continue the planning and implementation of the shop. There were 7 churches represented at this meeting. That means that every 7 weeks, our group of volunteers will be in charge of tagging clothes, setting up, selling, and cleaning up the resale shop after the sale. We need to know how many people are willing to give of their time for this endeavor. Also, we began discussing the name we want for the resale shop. So far, the name we like is "Born Again" but that is not a sure thing. We have not made the decision on the date to begin, but plans will be discussed at our next Ministerial Alliance meeting on May 21st. Kick-off will begin with a giant garage sale. Through the generosity of the new owner of the old Central School building, the shop will initially be housed in that building. The highly successful Second Chances store in LaGrange has offered to help us organize it. The board will be composed of each participating church's pastor and two members of each congregation. LaVerne Herrington has agreed to be our "point person." If anyone at our church is interested in serving on the board, let a session member know.

--Start saving your clothing donations now for the upcoming Giant Garage Sale –More information soon!

RECIPE FOR MAY
Applesauce Cake – by Gloria Hurta

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup white or firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup butter
1 egg
1 ¾ cups flour
1 cup raisins
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ground cloves
1 cup thick lightly sweetened applesauce.

DIRECTIONS:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease a 9-inch tube pan.

Beat butter until soft, add the sugar gradually and blen until light and creamy, beat in the egg.
In a separate bowl sift a little of the flour over the raisins and chopped walnuts. Add to the remaining flour the soda, cinnamon and cloves. Stir the dry ingredients gradually into the butter mixture until the batter is smooth, add the raisins and walnuts. Heat the applesauce and beat it into the batter.

Bake approximately 40 minutes. When cool, remove from pan and frost if desired or sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Questions? Contact Gloria Hurta

May 31, 2014

Bastrop Church of Christ
287 FM 20
Bastrop, Texas 78602
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Coming Alongside: Ministry in Times of Illness and Loss

- *Explore the different kinds of losses.*
- *Learn how to recognize when you are in a crisis event.*
- *Realize some statements that grievers would rather not hear.*
- *Acquire knowledge of some dos and don'ts of hospital visitation.*
- *Understand the 5 tasks of mourning.*
- *Discover what gift you can bring to those who are seriously ill.*
- *Find out how to help others to envision a hopeful future.*

This seminar will be presented by Dr. Tom Nuckels, Director of Spiritual Care with Lifeline Chaplaincy Central Texas. The seminar is designed to empower you to more effectively minister to family and friends during times of grief and loss or when hospitalized because of surgery or serious illness. Tom will present two one-hour sessions, which will include a break at the halfway point. There will also be a Q&A at the conclusion as time allows.

THIS SEMINAR IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED WITH VALERIE@VCRIM@LIFELINECHAPLAINCY.ORG OR BY CALLING 512-371-3753.

Easter at FPC
For More and Larger Photos
See www.FPCSmithville.org
Click on *Easter 2014*
Photos by Jane Istre

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 *National Day of Prayer*	2 *May Friendship Day*	3
4 **3rd Sunday of Easter** **Worship at 11** **Communion** **Picnic at Virginia's** Julia Grace Gosselink *Wills Emphasis*	5 Cynde & Jim Sill	6	7 Brennen Hernandez **Deacon Meeting 5:30 pm**	8	9	10 Kathy & Mike Maney *Fair Trade*
11 **4th Sunday of Easter** **Worship at 11** Michael Herrington Lane Saunders ***Mother's Day***	12	13 Pat McLaughlin	14 Gwen & Tom Morris **Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm**	15 Kathleen & Richard Bennatt	16 Bill Webb Kamron Saunders	17
18 **5th Sunday of Easter** **Worship at 11** *Recognitioin of Seniors - 2014* Debbie Hurta	19	20 Aaron Stephens Adam Johnson Heidi Erwin & Tim Dixon	21	22	23 Lisa Altmeyer	24
25 **6th Sunday of Easter** *Presbyterian Heritage*	26 *Beverly Morrell* *Memorial Day*	27 Ally Gosselink	28	29 **Ascension of the Lord**	30 Landon Dixon	31