

# THE BELL RINGER

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SESSION RESPONSE TO CONGREGATION

On Tuesday, May 10th, the Presbyterian Church USA received enough support from presbyteries across the nation to officially ratify Amendment 10A, which changes the ordination standard within the *Book of Order* of the denomination's constitution. This amendment removes the requirement of fidelity in marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness, as explicit standards for ordination of pastors and church officers. As an official response to this development, the Session would like to share our position on the matter, provide a trajectory for moving forward, and assure you that we are addressing this matter with great care and prayer by the grace, power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### The Changes

The following is the current provision in the *Book of Order* (G-6.0106b):

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"Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in single-ness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament."

The provision of Amendment 10A that will be effective beginning July 1, 2011 is the following:

"Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates."

### Our Position

The Session is greatly saddened and troubled by the change because it seriously weakens Scripture as the principle authority, source, and norm for faith and practice. An explicit shift

occurs from requiring leaders to "lead a life in *obedience* to Scripture" as an opening statement to "Governing bodies shall be *guided* by Scripture" in the selection process as a closing thought. When Scripture is no longer that which must be obeyed for measuring wisdom and godliness, but rather is relegated to the role of a mere guide to be used at the discretion of a governing body, a subtle yet profound change has occurred for the rule of faith within the church. Scripture is no longer the primary source for discerning God's will. This change has far-reaching implications beyond ordination standards because it sets a precedent for devaluing Scripture in decision-making.

By specifically removing the fidelity in marriage or chastity in singleness standard, a governing body is permitted to ordain leaders that are practicing homosexuals or heterosexuals otherwise engaged in sexual promiscuity. While we acknowledge that all church leaders are flawed, struggling, sinful individuals, and helpless without the forgiveness of Christ and the power of the Spirit, we believe that Scripture holds leaders to the highest standard of sexual morality and does not promote sexual relationships outside the marriage of a man and woman. Therefore, the Session does not support Amendment 10A and believes the change to be out-of-step with

Scripture and a tragic departure from the traditional position of the PC(USA) denomination. Because Amendment 10A allows congregations and presbyteries to set their own criteria of conduct for officers, we will continue to uphold the classic Reformed standards.

### Next Steps

While the Session is unified in our disapproval of Amendment 10A, there is no consensus at this point about what our response will be as a local body to the changes within our denomination. The conversation has just begun. The next several months will be very pivotal as we consider what action, if any, should be directed toward our presbytery or the denomination. These decisions will be made decently and in order, and in due time. Please be assured that the congregation will be involved in any major decision.

In light of the Session's position on the amendment, it is unlikely that no action will be taken at all. One possibility is an alignment with a growing group of PC (USA) ministers and elders called *The Presbyterian Fellowship*. The *Fellowship* recently wrote a letter and an official "white paper" to the PC(USA) expressing disapproval of the amendment as well as the need for the denomination to be "radically transformed."

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## CONCLUSION CONGREGATIONAL LETTER

(Their "white paper" can be found at [www.fellowship-pcusa.org](http://www.fellowship-pcusa.org).)  
The group has already outlined a number of broad options for functioning within the bounds of the PC(USA), but has also noted the potential necessity to distance itself from the denomination. The *Fellowship* has invited other concurring ministers and elders to gather together on August 25-27 in Minneapolis to investigate the movement and to consider the next steps of action. Members of our Session and our pastors will attend the meeting.

### *Our Heart*

While the Session wrestles with what God would have us do at this time to be faithful to Him, his Word, and our church, we acknowledge that the our position will not be met with equal measures of support by all in our congregation. We trust, however, that love, humility, and unity will continue to characterize our church family. And, we still hold firm to welcoming a diversity of viewpoints among our congregation as we carry on with life and worship.

We will keep you posted on this process as we move into the future, and we request your prayers for wisdom and discernment in the meantime. We are also confident that the best days for our church are still ahead, and that God has a wonderful plan for us through the current challenges we face. May God grant each of us peace, love, and joy as we march on as a Christian community.

In Christ,  
The Session  
First Presbyterian Church, Longview

## IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

### In the Church Triumphant



#### **Dorothy "Dot" (Mrs. T. S.) Word**

December 17, 1920 - May 21, 2011

*Our Christian sympathy is extended to her children,  
Jim Word, Barbara Hawkins, Glenn Word, Beth  
Longwell and other family and friends.*

Richard Sanders, father of Deborah Susik

Shirley Keepers, grandmother of Jason Hubbard

Byron Cook, father of Biff Cook

Grace Borders, mother of Gary Borders

Our Christian sympathy is offered to  
their family and friends.

*Neither death nor life can separate us from  
the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. -Romans 8:38*

## SUNDAYS IN JUNE

### JUNE 5

**The Rev. Shelley Kral**

#### **8:30 a.m. - Worship**

Greeters: Carla and Paul Szafran, Buck Birdsong

Prayer vigil: Meg and Vance Freeman

#### **9:45 a.m. - Church School**

#### **11:00 a.m. - Worship**

Greeters: Mike and Pollie King, Jack Mitchell

Prayer vigil: Bonnie Mason, Leslie Konvalin

### JUNE 12

**The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek**

#### **8:30 a.m. - Worship-communion**

Greeters: Chan and Buster Turner, Jim Brun

Prayer vigil: Gayle and Rick Poland

#### **9:45 a.m. - Church School**

#### **11:00 a.m. - Worship**

Greeters: Richard and Joann Lazarus, Betty Moseley

Prayer vigil: Noble Roberts

### JUNE 19

### TRINITY SUNDAY

**The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek**

#### **8:30 a.m. - Worship**

Greeters: Kathy and Paul Watson, Nancy Clemens

Prayer vigil: Deb and John Zeigler

#### **9:45 a.m. - Church School**

#### **11:00 a.m. - Worship**

Greeters: Lynn Martin, Ruben Martin, Kirk Shields

Prayer vigil: Jerry Richardson, Frances Sample

### JUNE 26

**The Rev. Jonathan Jehorek**

#### **8:30 a.m. - Worship**

Greeters: Christine and Lewis Beville, Brian Daugbjerg

Prayer vigil: Gordon Northcutt, Jim Brun

#### **9:45 a.m. - Church School**

#### **11:00 a.m. - Worship**

Greeters: Charles and Patsy Quinn, Dotty Smith

Prayer vigil: Liz and Chad Johnson

### JULY 3

### PATRIOTIC SUNDAY

#### **NO Church School**

#### **10:30 a.m. - Combined Worship**

# MINISTRIES FOR WOMEN, MEN AND YOUTH

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Thanks to all women of FPC who donated "gently" used handbags (and things to go in those bags) to "Mission in a Handbag." 29 purses were filled with donated items such as antibacterial gel, hand lotion, fingernail polish and files, Kleenex, nail clippers, make-up, compacts...just so many things a woman *needs* in her handbag!

Members from the Goll Circle – Mary Goll, Terrye Hudson, Mary Armstrong, and LeeAnn Kienzle – took pizza for lunch to the Women's Crisis Center. There they gave out 8 handbags. The recipients were thrilled with our gifts to them. Following a prayer together, Mary Goll told the ladies how the idea for the mission was formed, items were collected and the Sunday school class children filled the purses. It was such an outstanding example of God's love shown to women by women! The other bags were taken to Newgate Mission where they were just as enthusiastically received! Presbyterian Women plan to do this mission again in a few months. So, ladies, be saving those purses and collecting needed items! Also, be in prayer for these women and their children. Pray that they can be safe and find shelter...at the Crisis Center and in the arms of God.

At the April 26 Presbyterian Women's luncheon, Joan Osborne and Carol Schmidt were presented Honorary Life Membership pins for their many years of faithful service to the women of First Presbyterian Church, Longview. Joan and Carol have played a very important role in the life of our church family. Thank you for all you have done for so many! Congratulations!

All the women of FPCL will soon be receiving letters of invitation to participate in Circles for the 2011-12 year. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful experience of Bible study, service and fellowship. Lifelong friendships and shared experiences along with serving the needs of others are just a few of the additional blessings you will receive. If you cannot attend a Circle this next year, you may choose to participate by assisting the Circles with their responsibilities by delivering sanctuary flowers, preparing food or helping in any way needed. Please return your information card no later than June 27 to ensure that the yearbooks are ready for the September meetings.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP—URBAN GAPS  
JUNE 19-25, 2011  
Commissioning on June 19 during the 8:30 service**



### WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

Come join us as we enjoy movies and different outings on Wednesday nights this summer. On movie nights (June 8, 29, July 6 and 27), meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. for an approximate 7 p.m. showing and for dinner—please bring money for both! You can plan on fast food for dinner. Friends are always welcomed. Contact Jason with any questions at 903-238-7363.

### SCHEDULE:

* June 8	Theater	"X-Men: First Class" *
* June 15	Hubbards'	Senior Highs at Jason's
* June 29	Theater	"Cars 2"
* July 6	Theater	"Zoo Keepers"
* July 20	Hubbards'	Junior Highs at Jason's
* July 27	Theater	"Captain America"

\*Disclaimer: The movie list is subject to change!

VBS "HOMETOWN NAZARETH" NEEDS YOUR HELP!  
Please contact the church office or Jason Hubbard if you can help with VBS from June 27-July 1. This is a great opportunity to serve the elementary aged children in this adventure. There are many roles to fill!

### SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

Beginning June 5, all 6th-8th graders may come to the church parlor from 9:30-10:50 on Sunday mornings for food and fellowship as we study intriguing questions of old.

Senior Highs will meet in the Fallout Shelter for Sunday School this summer.

### FROM THE YOUTH COMMITTEE:

A HUGE thank you to all the women who contributed desserts on Youth Sunday. The variety was great and they were all delicious. Had a few recipe requests so next time, we may need to include those too!

### FROM THE 11TH GRADE BOY'S BIBLE STUDY:

This year's Wounded Warrior Fettuccini Mission lunch was a great success. Because of your ongoing support and generous donations, we will be donating over \$2000 to this much needed mission. What a wonderful church family to be a part of! God bless.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMPS

GRACE SUMMER CAMP AT GILMONT FOR AGES 6 YEARS—17 YEARS.

Dates: June 12-July 9—Mini camps for young children to two-week internships for 16—17 year olds.

On-line registration available at [www.fpclongview.org](http://www.fpclongview.org) or <http://campgilmont.org/index.php/summer-camp-online-registration>

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 27—July 1

9 a.m.—noon each day  
4year olds entering Kindergarten—5th grade

Would you like to be a Tribe leader or maybe a shop-keeper. Positions are available .

Need to Register your child?

Register on-line (see link below)

<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/fpclongview>

Or fill out a card in the Gathering Area or At Grace Hall

Items you can loan to the church for VBS:

Tent Awnings    Egg Beater style drills    knee high nylons  
3x5 or 5x7 rugs    Mortar and Pestles    sandpaper  
Large pots    Fresh herbs

## WORSHIP NURSERY UPDATES

Our church member volunteers for the worship nursery are:

<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
June 5 Volunteer needed	<b>Melanie Smith</b>
June 12 Volunteer needed	<b>Lizelle Fourie</b>
June 19 <b>Amy Jackson</b>	Volunteer needed
June 26 Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed

Volunteers check in at 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.  
Check to see that children are signed in and placed according to ages.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

June—July—August

**Infants—Room 112**

**Toddlers—Room 113**

**Two's & three's—Room 110**

**Pre-k & Kindergarten—Room 106**

**1st—5th Grade—Room 103**

Catechism *noun* 1. a short book giving a brief summary of the basic principals of a religion in question and answer form.

This summer children will study about sin and grace in the younger class while the older children will study the Lord's prayer, sacraments and Jesus' return.

June Volunteers will be with Alyssa Cox and

Tammy Moyes each week.

June 5— Meg Freeman & Marietta Liebgood

June 12— Courtnie Wyche & Sheri Burlingame

June 19— Kerri Daugbjerg & Sherene Melton

June 26 —Lizelle Fourie & Tiffany Jehorek



## CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS

**June 1, 2011 from 5– 7 p.m.**

### Swim Party

The children's Ministry Sub-committee invites all church school children age 4 years through 5th grade to the annual end of school swim party.

Food, drinks, fun and sun with just a little water added.

Lifeguards will be on duty.

RSVP to the church

### Who's your Neighbor?

June 15

1-4 p.m.



Come watch "Cars" play games, learn about caring for our neighbors in anticipation of the new "Cars 2 " Movie

Ages 4 yrs—4th grade

# NOMINATING NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

The Church Officer Nominating Committee requests from the congregation names of members you believe would be faithful elders. They must be members who are not currently active session members.

The following Scriptures as well as The Book of Order (G-14.0207) are very helpful in understanding the character and responsibilities of an elder: Exodus 3:1-12, Isaiah 6:1-18, Matthew 20:20-28, Acts 6, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 11 Corinthians 5:17-21, Ephesians 4:1-7 & 11-16, 1 Timothy 3:1-13 & 5:17-22, Titus 1:5-9.

The prayerful and careful selection of elders who will watch over the people is one of the most critical decisions a congregation will make.

The members elected to serve on the Church Officer Nominating Committee are chair Don Brown, Jill Smead, Ellen Adams, Genie Bartlett, and Felicia Moore.

You may make your suggestions by contacting any of the members of the CONC or by completing the response form and returning it to the church or placing it in the offering plate on Sunday. **They must be received no later than June 12 in order to be considered this year.**

The following information may be helpful:

*What does an elder do?* It is the privilege of Elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation.

*What is the criteria for an Elder?* Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

*How many Elders are there?* There are a total of 27 Elders (three classes of 9 Elders each) at any time on the Session of FPC Longview.

You are encouraged to participate in this nomination process by nominating as many names as you wish, but you may nominate a person only once and ballots must be signed.

The names of the current session members are listed below as well as a ballot you may use to make your nominations.

Please pray for your Church Officer Nominating Committee as the process is undertaken to select the members that God wants to lead our congregation over the next several years.

## 2011 SESSION

### ELDERS

#### Class of 2011

Glenda Bays  
Don Brown  
Cameron Carlile  
Brian Daugbjerg  
Vance Freeman  
Anna Lane, clerk  
Richard Lazarus  
Bob Osborne  
Jill Smead

#### Class of 2012

David Brabham  
Jim Byrd  
Scooter Goll  
Steve Mason  
Tege Millikin  
Jeff Sherrod  
Carla Szafran  
Jamey Walker  
Wil White

#### Class of 2013

Becky Birdsong  
Byron Horne  
Chad Johnson  
Michael McMahon  
Nancy Murray  
Doyle Read  
Nancy Salmon  
Philip Smith  
Matt Yost

### TRUSTEES

#### Class of 2011

Winton Studt

#### Class of 2012

Jack Moore

#### Class of 2013

Betty Moseley

## SUGGESTED NAMES FOR CHURCH OFFICERS (CLASS OF 2014)

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name) recommend the following to serve on the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Longview:

Elder \_\_\_\_\_

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_

(Return this form to the church office or to the nominating committee by June 12.)

## FROM TIM KONVALIN

Psalm 13:3-6 The Message: **3** *Take a good look at me God; I want to look life in the eye,* **4** *So no enemy can get the best of me or laugh when I fall on my face.* **5** *I've thrown myself headlong into your arms-I'm celebrating your rescue.* **6** *I'm singing at the top of my lungs, I'm so full of answered prayers.*

An article in a daily devotional caught my attention a few weeks ago. The author was writing about how (or if) we can discern God's will in our lives. The author wrote about certain spiritual disciplines a follower of Christ should be practicing in order to be able to discern God's will. These included things you would expect like daily reading God's word, praying, attending corporate worship weekly, caring for those who are in need, etc. I was surprised when one of the things listed that we as Christians desiring to find God's will for our lives should do is singing. Singing was listed along with all the things we would normally expect. In a list of reading God's Word and praying was that we should sing.

As I thought about this, and thought about all the times the Bible tells us to "sing to the Lord", I began feeling a stronger desire to help our congregation worship God through singing. If this is true, that one of our duties as a Christian is to sing, and I believe it is, then are we not missing out on some of what God wants for us as his children when we don't sing? I know that many of you do sing, and sing often, but I also know the flip side of this is that some (many) of you don't sing at all, not even as we sing something as familiar as "Amazing Grace" in worship.

Not too many years ago it was acceptable and even expected that every gathering of the church would have a time of singing, even if it was just one song. First Presbyterian Church Longview had pianos in every classroom and, I would assume, every class would begin and/or end with singing. I remember the church I grew up in and singing at every gathering. This act of singing seemed to break down barriers and brought us closer to Christ, opening our hearts to hear his word or make decision. When did this change? Why did this change? When did singing become something reserved for special occasions and to be carried out by a few instead of the whole?

As we have been having these challenging lectures and discussions on the authority of scripture, I have been saddened to think that we can not even agree on what songs to sing. We have separate worship services for those who want one type of music or the other. If we can not even come together on a simple issue of what song to sing, can we ever find God's will on these seemingly monumental issues?

As I look out each Sunday morning on both the 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship services, I am amazed at how many people just stand with their arms crossed and mouths shut during congregational singing. I hope this is not the case but is this a sign of hardened hearts? We need to come together as God's church on the corner of Methvin and Center Streets. We need to pray without end, bury ourselves in God's Holy Word, come together and worship and lift our voices in singing, caring for each other.

O God, set us free as a congregation to lift our voices in song worshiping you, God Almighty with our songs and hymns and spiritual songs. *Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.* [Hymn No. 563 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"]

Paul and Silas, imprisoned, beaten and shackled because of their faith and sitting in a maximum security cell, scripture says: *Along about midnight, Paul and Silas were at prayer and singing a robust hymn to God. The other prisoners couldn't believe their ears.* Acts 16:25 The Message

# PRAYER AND MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

FROM DOROTHY HORNE, LCM PROGRAM MANAGER

Longview Community Ministries needs more volunteers for the summer due to their staff and regular volunteers taking vacations and so forth. They are also looking for knitting groups whose members would be willing to make stocking hats and toboggans to give to the children at the Coats for Kids event in November. Please contact LCM at [lcmprogram@cablelynx.com](mailto:lcmprogram@cablelynx.com) or call Dorothy at 903-753-3561 ext. 207

FROM THE PRAYER COMMITTEE

A church staff member recently commented, "In our church, everyone knows they are covered at noon on Thursdays because someone is praying for them." That blessing stems from the faithful commitment of the Intercessory Prayer Ministry. This ministry began several years ago with about ten members meeting weekly, but through time their numbers have diminished. In recent months, our church has lost several "pillars" of this group. Currently there are about four members who remain steadfast in praying for this congregation.

The Prayer Committee asks that you prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to join this special ministry. The group meets at noon every Thursday in the church library. Your participation will be a blessing to the church and to your own prayer life. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Szafran.

NEWGATE MINISTRIES

Do you need help with any of the following?

- General Construction
- Housecleaning
- Roofing
- General Carpentry
- General Clean Up
- Car Detailing
- Lawn and Garden
- Painting
- Custodial Work



Newgate Ministries has started a program called "Helping Hands." They are trying to place some of their clients in jobs such as the above. The clients have been pre-screened and all you have to do is call Newgate (903-757-6146) and they will match you with a worker. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Finley at 903-295-2985.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

JULY 3 WORSHIP—ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 A.M.

As our two services combine in worship on this day, our music will be focused on asking God to bless and heal our church and nation, and lead us in his will and way. Special music, hymns and songs will be led by the Chancel Choir, organ, and an orchestra. Please plan to attend this special day as we seek God's will in our land.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC

I want to thank who participated this past school year in the music ministry of the church. May God continue to guide in your lives as you seek him and become leaders of worship through music. Please reserve Wednesdays after school this next year for children's music. Youth, please plan to keep your Sunday evenings available for Youth Choir.

A special thanks to Anna Lane for her work with the Youth Choir and to Alisa Yancey and Alyssa Cox for their help with the children.



ADULT MUSIC MINISTRY

The Chancel Choir would like to extend an invitation to our congregation for more members. If you have been a part of this wonderful ensemble in the past, it would be great to have you back. If you have experience singing in choirs elsewhere, we would love to have you join us. If you have never sung in a choir but would be willing to try, please contact Tim or see one of the choir members after worship to get more information. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining the choir.



Chancel Choir Summer Schedule:

Wednesday, June 1—6:30 p.m.; Dinner and Choir party at the Konvalins' (903 Coleman Drive)

Summer Break—Wednesdays, June 8 through August 3  
Sundays in June—meet in the sanctuary at 10:35 a.m.

Sunday, July 3—meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

## THANK YOU'S

*From the Hudson Family:*

Words do not do justice to the gratitude we have for this congregation. The prayers which were sent up on behalf of Matthew were answered. Not only does he look like his former self—he looks like Paul! Thanks to you all. With your prayers and Dr. Bill Rotzler's God-given skill, our son is healed.

*From Sally Rathbun and the Wyant family:*

On behalf of our family, thank you for the support, prayers, and love shown to us during our loss. The calls and visits helped us to transition to life without Momma. While we still miss her, we know she is whole and joyously celebrating. Praise God!

*From Gaynelle Brashear:*

It was so thoughtful of you to bring me the beautiful Easter lily. My family and I have enjoyed watching the new blooms during this glorious season. Your thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated.

*From Roy and Helena Talmage:*

Thank you for bringing the beautiful Easter lily plant to us. It is especially meaningful in these troubled days as we witness to the Resurrection of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we worship and love. Blessing on all of you.

*From Noble Roberts:*

The family of Mary Ann Roberts are very appreciative of all the many things you have done in Mary Ann's memory. Your on-going prayers will be needed for a very long time. With much love!

*From Buckner Foundation:*

Thank you for your donation through the First Presbyterian Church Shoe Drive. Through contributions like yours, Buckner shipped 150,672 pairs of shoes to benefit children in 23 countries in 2010. Shoes for Orphan Souls is just one of the many ministries of Buckner. Since 1879 Buckner has been working to improve the lives of children and families by providing humanitarian aid, transitional living and foster care services and domestic and international adoption and support programs for children living in orphanages in the United States and around the world. While this program has made a difference in many lives, there are still millions of children whose lives we can influence—all through a pair of shoes. We thank you again for your contribution and the difference it will make in the life of a child.

*[Ed. Note: The children of FPC donated 22 pairs of shoes to this project by raising money and collecting \$300!]*

*From LIHN Executive Director, Doris E. Ramaly:*

Thank you for making LIHN a blessing for families. Your financial gift...ministers to lots of children. We hear laughter and crying from the toddlers. The thread we sense running through the day facility and the churches is the security and safety from the street. You are helping to make it possible for families to make positive life changes. Thank you!

*From the family of Don Ray:*

Thanks to our church family for your expressions of love and care at the time of Don's death. The chicken and rolls helped us at a difficult time. In Christ's love, Nelta

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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Recent need: Marge Dome, Geneva Falconer, Sandra Shipp, Matt Yost, Alyssa Walker (Loreba Stoddard's sister), Josh Friesen (LeTourneau student)

Continuing need: Matt Hudson, Doyle Read, Don White, Carroll Shipp, Rosa Lamb, Margaret Atkinson, Bob Sweat, Phillip Smith, Hugh Taylor, Jim Byrd, Julia Staggs, Anna Lee Allen, Karen Ragonesi, Mainard McCabe, Betty Vaughan, Leslie Marshall, Lanette Yancey, Jim Lindsey, Tijuanna Bush, Terry Wohlfahrt, Muriel Turner, Emily Aitken, Bill Hollingsworth, Mack Baushke, Martha Armstrong, Davis Bankston, Lukas Wyche, Biff Cook, Mary Crawford, Garland Baldwin, Elizabeth Stevenson, Mildred Shelton, Dorothy Bartlett

### OUR MILITARY FAMILY:

*Deployed with U.S. Marines expeditionary unit:* Kyle Moseley  
*Iraq:* Austin Bogert, David Morris, Stuart Gray, Tanner Bagley  
*Germany:* Angela Hammett, James Barnhill  
*U.S.:* Jeff Beckworth, Malisa Hammett, Brad Parr, Justin Phillips, Christopher Ray, Joshua Ray  
*Coast Guard:* Justin Vaughan  
*Others:* Patrick Amalfi, James V. Browder, Justin L. Browder, Colin Byrd, Ryan Byrd, Jeffrey Clark, Nate Cole, Mark Curtis, Derek Czapnik, William Daniels, Joel Davidson, Charles Galloway, Mitch Hall, Julie Hodges, Brian Hughes, Brad Jones, Brandon Jones, Steven Lewis, Tyson Mabry, Justin Miller, Michael Smith

### OUR RETIREMENT FAMILY:

Ray Hall, Mack Baushke - *Colonial Village*  
Jean George, John Whitaker - *Hawkins Creek*  
Dorothy Chandler, Grace Raney, Helena and Roy Talmage  
- *Buckner Westminster Place*  
Evelyne Busch, Rosa Lamb - *Buckner Greenhouse*  
Betty Denton - *Songbird Assisted Living*  
Willie Holt - *Heritage Healthcare*  
Vi Jamison - *Oak Tree Assisted Living, New Braunfels*

### **New address for Nelta Ray:**

4718 Hallmark Drive. #210  
Houston TX 77056

Her email remains oldoaks@msn.com

### LCM FOR JUNE

- *Food Box needs for June: peanut butter, cereal, beans*
- *During the summer months, fans are needed as well.*

# BIRTHDAYS, STEWARDSHIP AND CLERK'S CORNER

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|
| 1 - Mary Jon Bass<br>Jenna Cave<br>Matthew Russell<br>Paul Watson                             | 16 - Ethan Layman  |
| 3 - Linnie Soltau   | 18 - John Dalton   |
| 4 - Carson Sample<br>Mackenzie Wyche  | 19 - Becky Brashear<br>D'Aun Goss<br>Anna Lane                   |
| 5 - Gordon Northcutt  | 20 - Billy Mullins<br>Carla Szafran                              |
| 6 - Katherine Burlingame  | 21 - Chaney Bennett<br>Dixie Golden                              |
| 7 - Mark Littlejohn   | 22 - Wil White   |
| 8 - Ann Bruton<br>Bill Burlingame<br>Patrick Paine<br>Hugh Taylor                             | 23 - Cameron Presley<br>Robbie Sherrod                           |
| 9 - Karly Brooks<br>Marge Dome<br>Nell Hollingsworth  | 24 - Eliana Melton   |
| 10 - Suzanne Bickham<br>Jake Burton<br>Charlotte Graham<br>Jud Murray                         | 25 - Zack Eastburn<br>Walter Goll                                |
| 12 - Austin Bogert<br>Katherine Graham<br>Caroline Jackson<br>Felicia Moore                   | 27 - Lien Ege  |
| 13 - Marjorie Davis<br>Nancy Rue<br>Craig Sisk  | 28 - Jan Paine   |
| 14 - Shelby Browne<br>Jonah Kral  | 29 - Cindy Brelsford<br>Jimmie Jakubowski<br>Janel Walker        |
| 15 - Carolyn Hale<br>Amy Jackson<br>Cindy Johnson/Roper<br>Taylor LeGrand<br>Thomas Schindler | 30 - Denny Kienzle<br>Jack Moore<br>Kyle Moseley<br>Mark Moseley |



## FINANCIAL REPORT—APRIL

Monthly Receipts \$86,258 [Budget \$93,497]  
 Monthly Expenses \$88,391 [Budget \$94,995]

### *Mission Donations paid from budget*

Sick & Relief assistance	\$288
Longview Community Ministries	\$500
Southward	\$500
Meals on Wheels	\$150
Contingencies	\$750
Food Box	\$300
Presbytery Benevolence	\$4,167

### **Donations in addition to Budget :**

<i>Gilmont</i>	\$100
<i>Memorials for Gilmont</i>	\$605
<i>Haiti</i>	\$100
<i>Organ Maintenance Fund</i>	\$1400
<i>Handbell Fund</i>	\$200
<i>One Great Hour—Easter Offering</i>	\$2001
<i>Presbytery of the Pines—Mission</i>	\$400

## CLERK'S CORNER

From the May 10, 2011 session meeting

- The Session approved the nomination of Don Brown and Jill Smead to serve on the Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC). Don agreed to serve as chair. Three members from the congregation will also serve on the CONC.
- The Adult Education subcommittee approved the study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism for the adult Sunday School class this summer. This will be the third year of its teaching.
- The Session approved the appointment of Jamey Walker and Philip Smith as Commissioners to the meeting of Grace Presbytery begin held at Camp Gilmont on June 9. Bob Osborne will serve as alternate.

From the May 22, 2011 Congregational Meeting

- Elected to the CONC in addition to the above are Ellen Adams, Genie Bartlett, and Felicia Moore.



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## ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

### 3-G Club

#### Gab, Games, and Good Food

4th Wednesday of each month but we postponed the  
 May meeting to June 1, 2011

11:30 a.m.—till the games are finished

All adults are welcome to come play bridge, mahjong,  
 dominoes, board games and enjoy a time of fellowship  
 with a light lunch..

Contact Dotty Smith or Marge Dome for more information

### LUNCH AND A MOVIE

WILL RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

WATCH YOUR BELL RINGER, BULLETIN AND MAIL.

## PCC NEWS

Presbyterian Children’s Center summer  
 program starts May 31. This year’s theme is  
 “God’s Summer Wonders.”

June will be filled with summer fun including  
 field trips to the Farmer’s Market and  
 Discovery Science Place to name a few. Our  
 students will be enjoying their days by  
 learning about all that God has made!

