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April

Liturgists

- 1 Chip Hatcher
- 8 Diane Tipton
- 15 Mary Reiss
- 22 Bob Reiss
- 29 Bill Stepp

Ushers

Early Shannon and
Donna Eiland

11:00 Taylor Buntin,
Bill Bailey,
Bill Bowles,
Dyke Sandridge

Communion Servers

Early Shannon and
Donna Eiland

11:00 Ken Gurley,
Miriam Crotwell,
Jamie Tipton,
Diane Tipton,
Bill Bowles

Communion Preparation

Peter Jarjoura
Cathy Thompson

Greeters

11:00 Bill and Doris Stepp



April 24

Special Dates

- ◆ Passion/Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007
- ◆ Holy Week, April 1-7, 2007
- ◆ Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 5, 2007
- ◆ Good Friday, April 6, 2007
- ◆ Holy Saturday, April 7, 2007
- ◆ Easter Day, April 8, 2007
- ◆ Administrative Professionals Day, April 25, 2007

Bible Quiz

According to St. Matthew's gospel, something unusual happened to the earth on the Friday when Jesus was crucified. The same thing happened again when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb on the following Sunday.

What happened on those two days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

If you need help, Matthew 27:51 recounts Friday's events, while Matthew 28:2 reports on Sunday's occurrences.



March 7, 2007

To: First Presbyterian Church

Thank you so much for your donation to the House of Grace.

We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Again we say "Thank you for your support".

*Sincerely,
Lorine Cody, Executive Director*

Choir Notes

Easter is almost here! As new life begins to emerge from what was previously dead and barren earth, we are reminded of the miracle that has taken place in our lives because of our Savior's death and resurrection. One of my favorite poems is by John M. C. Crum (1872-1958). His words in "Now the Green Blade Rises" describe so beautifully how events in nature mirror the Easter miracle.

Now the Green Blade Rises

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain.
Love lives again, that with the dead has been,
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that he never would awake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen;
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again.
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

May we all be called "back to life" as Jesus reawakens our hearts through the celebration of Easter and as we marvel at the beauty that unfolds around us every day in this truly amazing season of rebirth!

Choir updates:

We have had the honor of welcoming two new choir members joining us in the past few weeks: Nancy Paulk, soprano and Gay Lynn Groover, alto! We still have a spot open for YOU, so please come join us. We are especially-looking for a few good men!

In the coming weeks, members of the youth ensemble will be raising money for their trip to Washington. On April 14 we will be selling baked goods and casseroles at the yard sale. Please support us by baking something we can sell that day or just come by and buy one of the delicious goodies! As I mentioned in my last article, this trip does more than simply provide a diversion for the youth choir. This will be a group effort to get them to Washington, but we will all benefit. Some of the music that the youth and adult choir will present in the next few weeks will be repertoire from this music festival. When the youth return we will have a presentation of their time there and a CD of their performance in the National Cathedral. These young people are learning how to work hard...the music is not easy and they must memorize at least 11 anthems before they get to the festival. If you feel led, please donate to this worthy cause and especially, keep us in your prayers.

*A joyous Easter to you all!
Norma Roddy*

Computers Needed

We would like to start a computer center for our Children's Sunday School program. We are in need of three computers. For our software to work they must have the following: be Pentium 3 or 4 era computer with Windows Me or XP on it. Something with 700 MHz or higher processing speed, 128 MB of ram memory, and 16 MB or more of video RAM (VRAM). Thanks for your help.

Treasurer's Report—(for February 2007)

	Current Period	Year to Date
Contributions-Pledges	\$21,964.71	\$47,789.71
Contributions-Loose Plate	1,699.93	5,180.58
Contributions-Sunday School	102.26	264.52
Miscellaneous Receipts	163.00	277.59
Building Use Income	0.00	550.00
Bank Interest	31.25	60.40
MDO Expense Sharing	0.00	4,866.00
Camp Hopewell	875.00	875.00
Family Night	614.00	1,859.00
Men of Church	754.00	829.00
Montreat (PYF)	847.24	1,297.24
Flower Fund-Poinsettias	0.00	-288.90
Van Fund	2,425.00	2,535.00
Two-Cents-A-Meal	0.00	116.83
Christmas Joy Offering	0.00	25.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	0.00
Witness Season Offering	0.00	0.00
World Communion Offering	0.00	0.00
Mortgage Addl. Prin. Reduction	980.00	1,635.00
Heifer Project	0.00	43.00
Special Offering	275.00	275.00
Total Income	30,731.39	68,189.97
Total Expenses	36,480.77	69,834.58
Excess Income/Expenses	-\$5,749.38	-\$1,644.61
Balance of Loan	\$316,700.00	

The Youth Choir Needs Your Help!

The youth choir will be having a casserole and bake sale during the Church Yard Sale, April 14th. This youth choir fundraiser is for their trip to Washington, D.C. for a Youth Choir Festival. If you are able to donate a casserole or baked good goods, please contact June Halsted or Melinda Hatcher.

Any questions regarding this youth choir fundraiser, please call June Halsted at 662-429-0890 or cell phone number 901-496-5612.

Church Retreat

Our Church Retreat will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 10th and 11th at Camp Hopewell. We are busy making plans. Leslie Bierman and Karen Hill are co-chairing this group. It will cost \$40 per person or \$120 maximum per family. Because Camp Hopewell needs a deposit to hold our spot, we need for you to make a \$25 deposit per family.

Yard Sale Saturday, April 14th

First Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring a yard sale on Saturday, April 14th, 7 a.m. until 2 p.m., with all the proceeds going to the van fund. As you do your spring cleaning, keep this in mind. Items can be left in the fellowship hall the week before. If you need special consideration please call Becky Parmley. Please bring large items on the Friday before. If you have big items that you need help with please call Becky Parmley. We need everyone to help support this major fund raising effort.

Save Your Quarters to Buy Rabbits!

We are now collecting quarters to buy a trio of rabbits for Heifer Project International. The children on Wednesday night voted to buy rabbits in honor of the Easter season. Let's continue to fill the goat stick for rabbits!

Summer Sunday School

We will need teachers to volunteer to help with the Summer Sunday School program. We will be following the rotation model and we will need teachers to teach for a three week block. The three blocks of time are: June 3-10-17; July 1-8-15; July 22-29-Aug 5.

Basically, the same lesson will be taught three times to three different age groups. There will be slight differences due to the age differences of the groups. All material will be available for you. You will receive more information and training. Please check your calendars and see when you would be able to help.

Fitness Challenge

The Inside/Outside Fitness Challenge will conclude on April 14th. The typical American family doesn't eat healthy, doesn't exercise enough, and doesn't devote enough time nurturing their relationship to God. The goal of our program is to help people break out of this typical mold and be the best they can be. It's been great!!! Even though we are all winners the following deserve recognition: leading team – Bold and the Beautiful with Karen Hill, Sissy Ose, Miriam Crotwell, and Lori Roberson; leading individual – Kitt Albritton; most points in a single week – Lori Roberson; increased point total every week – Betty Floyd and Cindy Parolli. We have a few more weeks to go. Keep up the good work.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

01	Betty Herman	11	Sharon Walker
02	Allie Bierman	12	George Hilliard
04	Bob Corley	13	Kaye Adams
	Laura Harrell	14	David Stepp
05	Jim Robertson		Tommy Rustenhaven
	A. J. Parmley	15	Theresa Jones
06	Stan Taylor		Charlie Parolli
	Bobby Chamberlin	17	Jack Neel
	Tammy Parham	19	Michelle Eaves
08	Rickey Guy	20	Tim Ricks
	Hannah Halsted		George Hilliard
	Cody Kleine	23	Lucy Lentzner
	Owen Cooper		Zach Corley
09	Brad Cook	29	Sam Anglin



April Anniversaries

03	Brett/Emily Wilkerson	2004
06	Peter/Jody Jarjoura	1979
12	Cody/Juli Kleine	2001
14	Ray/Phyllis Manley	1956
15	Art/Heather Chaput	2006
19	Nick/Holly Neel	1997
21	Louie/Leigh Smith	1990
29	Bob/Lucy Lentzner	1950

Session Minutes

Stated Meeting/Retreat-February 18, 2007

The stated meeting of the session was held at 5:03 p.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Bob Reiss, Matt Parham, Becky Parmley, Ray Hill, Michelle Eaves, Taylor Buntin, Chris Brown, Ham Brankstone, Brent Floyd, and Ralph Kennedy. Elders Jason Parolli and Bill Stepp were excused. DCE Joyce Dean and Treasurer Betty Floyd were also present.

Rev. Robert A. Hatcher, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Betty Floyd gave the treasurer's report. Year-to-date, the church is in a positive financial position.

Communications:

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the stated meeting/session retreat of January 12 - 13, 2007.

A letter, dated February 16, 2007, was received from The Presbytery of St. Andrews re: action recently taken by First Presbyterian Church, Corinth. No action was required or taken. The letter was received as information only.

Elder Becky Parmley briefed the session on the event of the February 6, stated meeting of The Presbytery of St. Andrew.

Committee Reports:

Property – Elder Brent Floyd. Numerous church maintenance and repair projects have been completed.

Christian Education – Elder Becky Parmley; Mission – Elder Matt Parham

Evangelism – Elder Ray Hill. The new member luncheon is scheduled for April 22. The Congregational Care Committee will assist in this event.

Congregational Care – Elder Michelle Eaves; Worship – Elder Bob

Stewardship – Elder Ham Brankstone; Finance / Personnel – Elder Chris Brown

Old Business:

Rev. Hatcher reported on the progress of the deacon's redirection effort. The Board of Deacons will be invited to the March 25 stated session meeting to discuss redirection plans.

The date of the church-wide garage sale for the van fund was set for April 14.

The Renewal Event Task Force was discussed. Session members recommended several names as possible task force members. Rev. Hatcher will discuss the issue with those recommended to determine their ability to serve.

To date, the Strategic Planning Committee has not met. Further action by this committee will likely be postponed until after the renewal event.

New Business:

On March 25, a New Officer Nominating Committee will be elected by the congregation. Elders Matt Parham and Ralph Kennedy will represent the session on this committee. Other committee members will be named at a later date.

At 6:30 p.m. after briefing the session on pastoral concerns, Rev. Hatcher closed the meeting with prayer.

Called Meeting - March 11, 2007

The called meeting of the session was held with the following elders present: Jason Parolli, Chris Brown, and Taylor Buntin. Lane Carter and Karen Sandridge were also in attendance.

Rev. Robert A. Hatcher, Jr. opened the meeting with prayer.

The Session and Deacon Karen Sandridge met with Lane Carter and voted to receive her as a member on profession of faith and baptism. This will be done at the early service on Sunday, March 18, 2007.

Rev. Hatcher closed the meeting for worship.

Nominations for FPC Members to Serve 2007 Nominating Committee

March 25, 2007

Chosen to represent:

Elders—Ralph Kennedy and Matt Parham

Deacons—Pete Reeves

Presbyterian Women—Sharon Walker

Men of the Church—Ken Gurley

PYF—Marshall Hatcher

Congregation at Large—Pam French

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Given to the Building Fund in memory
of **Braxton Brown, Maury Brown's father:**

Steve and Missy Phelps



Given to the Van Fund in honor
of **Mildred Davidson:**

Rose Baenke

Given to the Van Fund in honor
of **Marion Smith:**

Rose Baenke

Given to the Van Fund in honor
of **Jean Bingham:**

Rose Baenke

Given to the Van Fund in honor
of **Ruth Atkinson:**

Rose Baenke

Please Remember in Prayer:

Members of Our Congregation:

Chuck Davidson & Family, Ben Owen, Ryma Calvert, Dave Crumpton, Marla Rustenhaven, Katharine Kidd, Mildred Davidson, Marion Smith

Family Members of Our Congregation:

Michael French (Jimmy's brother), Bill Forshey (Mary Reiss' nephew), Tommy Bennett (Cathy Johnson's brother), Floy Peterson (Lisa Forbes' mother), Trish Cole (Brian Goff's sister), Dean Kirby (Betty's brother-in-law), Justin Londeree (Betty Kirby's great-grandson), Helen Adler (Michelle Eaves' grandmother), Charles Kennedy (Ralph's brother), Shirley Richardson (Kalle Cantrell's mother), Frances Wilson (Genie McGee's mother), Martha Clark (Dallygene Reeve's mother), Violet Walker (Gale Brankstone's mother), Daisy Wilson (Sharon Thornton's mother), Diane Callahan (Becky Parmley's aunt), Richard Parolli (Jason's father), Joe Fowler (Anne Smith's brother), Carmen Karpf (Lisa Forbes' cousin), Don Rea (Karen Sanders' brother-in-law), Margaret Hornback (Karen Sanders' mother), Pat Bennett (Cathy Johnson's mother), Mrs. Green (Darla Corley's grandmother)

Wednesday Family Night

We have concluded our Wednesday Night Supper and Program Series. We will resume again next September. We are having an evaluation session for the leaders next week and if you have any suggestions please let us know. A special thank you to the following people who helped with this school year program: Michelle Eaves, Donna Eiland, Mary Heather Gibbs, Cindy Gurley, Chip and Melinda Hatcher, Ray and Karen Hill, Holly Neel, Sissy Ose, Mary Ann and Johnny Pickett, Annette Ragsdale, Norma Roddy, and Sharon Walker.

*Joyce Dean
Director of Christian Education*

Vacation Bible School

The theme for our 2007 VBS is *Quest for Truth*. At *Quest for Truth* VBS, you will join Dakota Joe and his faithful dog Digger, as they tackle daily challenges to unearth the Keeper of the Truth Artifacts. We will journey through the Holy Land as we collect Gospel Glyphs and discover important truths about Jesus. It will be held June 25 – 29 from 9 – 12 noon. We are in need of workers. We need people to help as Quest Group Leaders. Your job is a small group leader and you rotate with your group. You have no teaching responsibilities. We also need workers to help with refreshments and with registration. Please help us with this important ministry. Please let Leigh Smith, Holly Neel, or Joyce Dean know that you can help.

April 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 2 cents a meal offering	2 9-2 MDO Art Class 5:00 p.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m.	3 Prime Time Lunch Noon PW Evening Circle 6:30 p.m.	4 Youth Choir 4:30 p.m. CHOP 5:30 p.m. Adult Study 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	5 Potluck Dinner 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Services 7:00 p.m.	6 Office Closed	7
8 Easter One Great Hour of Sharing	9 9-2 MDO Art Class 5:00 p.m. Men of Church Dinner/Study 6:00 p.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m.	10 PW Circle 10:00 a.m.	11 9-2 MDO Youth Choir 4:30 p.m. CHOP 5:30 P.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	12 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	13	14 Yoga Class 8:30 a.m. Yard Sale 7 a.m.—2 p.m.
15 Committee Meetings PW Sunday Evening Circle 5:00 p.m.	16 9-2 MDO Art Class 5:00 p.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m.	17	18 9-2 MDO Youth Choir 4:30 p.m. CHOP 5:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Young at Heart 10:00 a.m.	20	21 Yoga Class 8:30 a.m.
22 New Member Luncheon—Noon Session/Deacons meets after church	23 9-2 MDO Art Class 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class 6:30 p.m.	24 Newsletter Deadline!	25 9-2 MDO Youth Choir 4:30 p.m. CHOP 5:30 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	26 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Prime Time Games 10:30 a.m.	27	28 Yoga Class 8:30 a.m.
29 CHOP Youth Sunday Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers	30 9-2 MDO Art Class 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class 6:30 p.m.					

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 Frank Jue Sunday School Superintendent
 Meredith Walker Prayer Breakfast Coordinator
 Rodger Pattison Men of the Church Coordinator
 Joyce Dean Family Night Director
 Cindy Runken (449-4449) Mother's Day Out Director
 Peggy Witherspoon (449-5874) Prayer Ring Coordinator

SESSION

Class of 2007	Brent Floyd Ralph Kennedy	Ham Brankstone Ray Hill
Class of 2008	Chris Brown Becky Parmley	Taylor Buntin Jason Parolli
Class of 2009	Michelle Eaves Bob Reiss	Matt Parham Bill Stepp

DEACONS

Class of 2007	Chad Braddock Mary Reiss Jeanette Wilkinson	Pam Briscoe Johnny Skaggs
Class of 2008	Jimmy French Rachel Cook Missy Phelps	Cody Kleine Holly Neel
Class of 2009	Robert Brankstone Julia Park Karen Sandridge	Pam Hill Pete Reeves

TRUSTEES

Class of 2008 - Bill Bailey

Class of 2010 - Dyke Sandridge

Class of 2012 - Taylor Buntin

New Members Potluck Luncheon April 22!

A delicious potluck celebrating all our new members!

The Evangelism Committee would like to invite all members, visitors and friends of the Church to stay after worship April 22 to enjoy food and fellowship in honor of all our new members. Our committee is providing chicken as the main course and the Congregational Care Committee will be providing desserts. We ask the members to bring a side dish. Mark your calendars today!



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