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May

Liturgists

- 6 Chip Hatcher
- 13 Pete Reeves
- 20 Miriam Crotwell
- 27 Ralph Kennedy

Ushers

- Early Becky Parmley,
Steve Phelps
- 11:00 Robert Brankstone,
Brian Goff,
Steven Sandridge,
Chris Brown

Communion Servers

- Early Becky Parmley
Steve Phelps
- 11:00 Michelle Eaves,
Matt Parham,
Frank Jue,
Mary Reiss,
Bob Reiss

Communion Preparation

- Michelle Eaves
- Mary Reiss

Greeters

- 11:00 Peter and Jody Jarjoura



May 22

From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Members and Friends,

In the Wednesday evening Bible study we have been looking at the topic of spirituality in our Reformed tradition. I was moved by a quote we read from the great church reformer John Calvin: I call "piety" that reverence joined with love of God which the knowledge of benefits induces. For until (people) recognize that they owe everything to God, that they are nourished by his fatherly care, that he is the Author of their every good, that they should seek nothing beyond him - they will never yield him willing service. Nay, unless they establish their complete happiness in him, they will never give themselves truly and sincerely to him.

I would like to think that this definition describes me to some extent. I have never considered myself to be "pious," as that word in our day takes on a negative tone. But I sincerely hope that my life reveals the kind of piety that Calvin talks about. How about you? Do Calvin's words about piety describe members of our church family? I think they do, and I pray they always will . . .

The month of April has been grand at FPC! We welcomed eight new members from our confirmation class (Tori Egdorf, Hannah Halsted, Jason Farris, Robert Hatcher, George Hilliard, Alexander Park, Drew Parmley, and David Stepp) who all made a profession of faith in Christ as Savior and Lord on Palm Sunday. We had 350 worshipers here to celebrate our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday with majestic music and praises galore. We honored our new members on April 22 with a tasty lunch and good wishes for God's blessing on our life as a growing congregation. So, it's been a busy and fun month here. I am grateful for time away after Easter and appreciate my friends Amos Hood and Annette Ragsdale preaching and leading worship while I was away.

The month of May promises to be grand as well, with a wonderful PW birthday celebration and dinner on the grounds on May 6 after 11:00 worship, and the graduate luncheon which will honor ten members of the HHS senior class of 2007: Shelby Anglin, Matt Burke, Clara Condra, Tanna Halfacre, Marlena & Lydia Jarjoura, Marshall Hatcher, Adam Hill, Nathan Miller, and Marion Smith. Having a son who will be honored gives me a whole new perspective on this annual event in the life of our church! Let's not forget that our monthly committee meetings will take place on the 1st Sunday, May 6th, after the PW celebration-, rather than the 2nd Sunday, so as not to conflict with Mother's Day celebrations of our church family.

Before we know it summer will be here, and we'll be hearing about VBS, weeks away with our children and youth at Camp at Hopewell and Montreat and the Youth CUE choir trip to Washington, D.C., a first for our congregation as we seek to build a music ministry with our young people. In a couple of weeks we should have a new church bus (25 passenger) which is being provided through the gracious generosity of our own members! It is going to be a GREAT summer, and I pray that we will all grow, as Father Calvin said, in our "reverence joined with love of God which the knowledge of his benefits induces." May we all find our complete happiness in Him.

*Yours in His Love and Grace,
Rev. Robert "Chip" A. Hatcher, Jr.*

Choir Notes

A BIG thanks to everyone who participated in the Youth Ensemble bake sale! We are extremely grateful to you all for your generous donations of money, baked goods, and time invested in the event. In the coming months you will hear anthems being sung by the youth and adult choirs together that are pieces the youth ensemble must learn for this choir festival in Washington. The repertoire is challenging, but well written and uplifting and we hope the music will minister to you and bless you. A joyous Easter to you all!

Norma Roddy

Inside/Outside Fitness Challenge

We have concluded our three month fitness challenge. 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 was to break out of this typical mold and be the best we can be. Forty five people completed the fitness challenge. It's been great. Even though we are all winners the following deserve recognition:

Winning team: *The Bold and the Beautiful* consisting of Karen Hill, Sissy Ose, Miriam Crotwell, and Lori Roberson

Winning Individual: Bonnie Buntin

Highest weekly total: Bonnie Buntin

Youngest Participant: Amanda Gurley

Oldest Participant: Janet Burrill

One of the components of the challenge involved doing team mission projects. We had a variety of projects. They were: Wesley Meadows Birthday Party, cleaned up the church playground, polished the pews and all the wood in the sanctuary, provided meals to nine families for Easter, provided food to food pantry by monthly themes, provided food trays to families in the Baptist Desoto ICU waiting room, helped with the soup kitchen, visited elderly sick members, took older members out to lunch, collected baby blankets, formed the beginnings of a sanctuary decoration committee, have plans to reorganize the church library, and renovation plans for Wesley Meadows. Thank you to everyone.

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.

Summer Sunday School

We would like to give our regular teachers the summer off. But we need you to help us by volunteering to help teach. We will need teachers to volunteer to teach for a three week block of time (June 3 -17; July 1 – 15; and July 22- August 5. Basically, the same lesson (parables) will be taught to two different groups. There will be slight changes due to the differences in age. All materials will be available for you. The grades 6 – 12 will be combined and a teacher needs to sign up for one month (June or July). . The preschool class needs a helper for each week. We will be meeting on Sunday, May 20, at 9 a.m. to go over the information and to answer questions. WE NEED YOUR HELP for this to go smoothly and for all our children to benefit from these studies.

Vacation Bible School

The theme for our 2007 VBS is *Quest for Truth*. At *Quest for Truth* you will join Dakota Joan and her 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. Please let Leigh Smith, Holly Neel, or Joyce Dean know that you would like to help.

Joyce Dean

Director of Christian Education

Treasurer's Report--(for March 2007)

	Current Period	Year to Date
Contributions-Pledges	\$19,986.71	\$67,776.42
Contributions-Loose Plate	1,563.66	6,744.24
Contributions-Sunday School	94.65	359.17
Miscellaneous Receipts	108.94	386.53
Building Use Income	500.00	1,050.00
Bank Interest	34.54	94.94
MDO Expense Sharing	0.00	4,866.00
Camp Hopewell	0.00	875.00
Flower Fund-Lilies, etc.	228.00	228.00
Family Night	580.00	2,439.00
Men of Church	82.00	911.00
Montreat (PYF)	1,012.00	2,309.24
Flower Fund-Poinsettias	0.00	-288.90
Van Fund	4,290.00	6,825.00
Two-Cents-A-Meal	32.79	149.62
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	565.00	2,200.00
Heifer Project	266.00	309.00
Special Offering	0.00	275.00
Total Income	29,344.29	97,534.26
Total Expenses	36,598.03	106,432.61
Excess Income/Expenses	-\$7,253.74	-\$8,898.35
Balance of Loan	\$312,304.00	

Heifer International

We have purchased more animals. In honor of Easter we were collecting quarters to purchase rabbits. We have collected enough to purchase a trio of rabbits, a flock of chicks, and a group of ducks and geese. Since we have begun, we have purchased four goats, a water buffalo, a llama, rabbits, chicks, and a group of ducks and geese! Our next animal will be a pig. Keep putting your quarters into the stick!!

All Church Retreat

Our Church Retreat will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 10th and 11th at Camp Hopewell. This is for everyone, young and old, single or family! We are busy making plans. It will cost \$40 per person or \$120 maximum per family. A \$25 deposit is due by May 31st. You don't want to miss out!

CHOP News

What does the Lord require of you? That's the question we've been pondering for the past several weeks. On April 29th, we will lead the 11:00 worship service. During that time, we will share with you what we learned at the Jr. High Retreat at Hopewell and from reading scripture.

Cindy Gurley

The entire church family is invited to the Presbyterian Women Birthday Party and Picnic!!!

Sunday, May 6 is the Presbyterian Women's birthday. In honor of that, the men of the church have graciously agreed to cook hot dogs and hamburgers. We will have all the goodies that go with burgers and dogs. No birthday would be complete without balloons, birthday cake, and ice cream.

Weather permitting we will be outdoors and will have games for the young ones. During worship you will be given an opportunity to contribute to the P. W. Birthday Offering. This offering is going to five wonderful causes. They are Living Waters for the World in Franklin, TN, Kwangju Christian Hospital in South Korea, National Organization of the Korean P. W., Hope's Promise Orphan Ministries in Namibia, and Mulanje Mission Hospital in Malawi. Please make plans to join us.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

03	Karen Vaughn Anne Smith	17	Bo Brankstone Trisha Kessler Harrison Sandridge
04	Ruth Atkinson Dalton Smith	18	Tony Lowrie
06	Sandy Andrews Jeff Anglin Jake Houck	19	Lee Egdorf Peggy Witherspoon
07	Adam Hill	20	Ben Brankstone Perry Davis Shelby Handley
09	Thomas Hursey	25	Jason Sandridge
10	Cathy Thompson	29	Heather Dirks
11	Robert Brankstone Leah Eaves	31	John Powell Doris Stepp
13	Larry Moffitt		
15	Katharine Kidd		



May Anniversaries

04	Calvin/Miriam Crotwell	1972
18	Robbie/Jennifer Houck Mike/Paige Anderson	1991 2002
24	Brian/Theresa Jones	1997
30	Maury/Debra Brown Bobby/Kim Chamberlin	1987 1992

Congregational Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2007

Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, a duly called meeting of the congregation was called to order by the Pastor and moderator Rev. Robert A. Hatcher. The session clerk, Elder Ralph Kennedy, confirmed a quorum of members was present. The purpose of the congregational meeting was to elect a nominating committee.

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect Ralph Kennedy (elder), Elder Matt Parham (elder), Pete Reeves (deacon), Sharon Walker (PW), Ken Gurley (Men of the Church), Marshall Hatcher (PYF), and Pam French (congregation-at-large) by acclamation to the 2007 New Officers Nominating Committee. Rev. Hatcher will serve as an ex-officio member of the nominating committee.

Session Minutes

Called Meeting - March 11, 2007

The stated meeting of the session was held at the church at 12:40 p.m. with the following elders, constituting a quorum, present: Jason Parolli, Bill Stepp, Bob Reiss, Matt Parham, Becky Parmley, Ray Hill, Michelle Eaves, Taylor Buntin, Chris Brown, Ham Brankstone, Brent Floyd, and Ralph Kennedy. 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 and Mother's Day Out are in a negative financial position.

Confirmation Class: The following youth were examined by the session as to their personal profession of faith and their acceptance of responsibility in the life of the church: Victoria Egdorf, Jason Farris, Hannah Halsted, Robert Hatcher, George Hilliard, Alexander Park, Drew Parmley, and David Stepp. After examination, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to receive the entire confirmation class as new members. Victoria Egdorf, Hannah Halsted, and Drew Parmley will be received by baptism. On April 1, 2007, after the baptisms, the entire

confirmation class will be presented to the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Communications:

Minutes of the stated meeting of February 18, 2007, and the called meeting of March 11, 2007, were approved by common consent.

A letter, undated, was received from the Presbytery of St. Andrews concerning a called meeting on March 26, 2007. Rev. Hatcher and a to-be-determined elder will attend the called meeting.

A letter, dated March 21, 2007, was received from Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN, requesting certification and transfer of membership for Ben and Beverly Owen. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the request.

A letter, dated March 20, 2007, was received from St. Andrews Presbytery pastoral candidate Evelyn Elliott requesting a minimum donation of \$250 for college study abroad. Action was deferred on the request pending a review of the availability of funds.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Personnel—Elder Chris Brown
Property—Elder Brent Floyd
Christian Education—Elder Becky Parmley
Mission—Elder Jason Parolli
Evangelism—Elder Ray Hill
Congregational Care—Elder Michelle Eaves
Worship—Elder Bob Reiss
Stewardship—Elder Ham Brankstone

Old Business:

Rev. Hatcher reported on the progress of the deacon's redirection effort. The Board of Deacons will be invited to the April 22, 2007, stated session meeting to discuss redirection plans.

Rev. Hatcher updated the session of the status of the Renewal Event Task Force.

New Business:

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to award Holly Neal a \$500 Maddox Foundation/First Presbyterian Church academic scholarship in April 2007 con-

Mother's Day Brunch

The Men of the Church would like to have a Mother's Day brunch honoring the women of our church, Sunday May 13, between Sunday School and worship. Everyone is invited.

Please plan to attend your Sunday school class- have a short devotional, pass on any information you need to discuss and come to the fellowship hall about 10:15.

Men, be sure to bring something for the brunch to the fellowship hall before Sunday School. Ideas: Bacon and/or sausage and biscuits, breakfast casseroles, Donuts, Danish rolls, fruit and flowers . . . whatever you feel is appropriate . .

Memorial and Honorary Gifts

Given to the Building Fund in memory of **Billie DeLois, Ash McCartney:**

Stan and Jean Taylor

Given to the Building Fund in memory of **Tammy Goff's uncle:**

Taylor and Bonnie Buntin

Given to the Music Enrichment Fund in memory of **Jenny Sandridge:**

Archie and Brenda Lawrence



Given to the Van Fund in honor of **their mothers:**

Ken and Carolyn Plunk

Please Remember in Prayer:

Members of Our Congregation:

Chuck Davidson & Family, Ryma Calvert, Dave Crumpton, Katharine Kidd, Lillian Skaggs, James Medlin

Family Members of Our Congregation:

Michael French (Jimmy's brother), Bill Forshey (Mary Reiss' nephew), Tommy Bennett (Cathy Johnson's brother), 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), Violet Walker (Gale Brankstone's mother), Daisy Wilson (Sharon Thornton's mother), Diane Callahan (Becky Parmley's aunt), Carmen Karpf (Lisa Forbes' cousin), Don Rea (Karen Sanders' brother-in-law), Margaret Hornback (Karen Sanders' mother), Clyda Green (Darla Corley's grandmother), Julia Hussey (Norma Roddy's mother), Helen Porter (Lillian Skaggs' mother)

Wesley Meadows Mission Project

We do have another mission project to report. We're working with Wesley Meadows to update their assisted living dining room by expanding the eating area into what is now a parlor. I've gotten Kyle Cooper, a former student who used to teach the how-to classes for Home Depot in Southaven/Horn Lake, to volunteer all his services. We'll open a wall to give a wide walkway, create an arch, paint, put up faux wood blinds, and make window treatments. The follow-up project is to then re-design the crafts room so it can become the new parlor. We also have an outdoor project: Kyle will design flower beds for a smashing look at the entrance. We'll do the plantings. We will need volunteer diggers for that stage. After all that is done, Kyle will work to coordinate all the wall treatments to give the facility a more unified look. Be on the lookout for this chance for our members to be God's News to Wesley Meadows.

Kitt Albritton

Church Garden Mission Project

The mission committee is planning to have a church garden this year, with the produce being donated to the food pantry and the Samaritans. We are planning a work day this Sunday beginning around 2:30, April 29. We should be ready to plant by that time. Pam and Jimmy French have done all of the preparation work. The garden will be on Mrs. Margaret Dilworth's land behind Pam and Jimmy's house. We need as much help on Sunday and all summer as we can have. If you would like to help please let me or Pam know. Give attention to the Sunday bulletin, newsletter, and the church website (www.fpchernando.org) for more on the details and plans.

Jason Parolli

May 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Prime Time Lunch Noon PW Evening Circle 6:30 p.m. at Pattison's	2 9-2 PDS Youth Choir 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	3 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	4	5
6 Communion PW Birthday Offering and Picnic Committee Meetings PYF—5:30 p.m.	7 9-2 PDS	8 PW Morning Circle 10:00 a.m.	9 9-2 PDS Youth Choir 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	10 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	11	12
13 (no PYF)	14 9-2 PDS Men of Church Dinner 6 p.m.	15	16 9-2 PDS Youth Choir 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	17 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.	18	19
20 Graduate- Luncheon—Noon Session meets PW Evening Circle 5:00 p.m.	21 9-2 PDS	22 Newsletter Deadline!	23 9-2 PDS Youth Choir 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	24 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. Prime Time Games 10:30 a.m.	25	26
27	28 Office Closed	29	30 Youth Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	31 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m.		

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 Vicki Earl; Lynn Wells Nursery Attendants
 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	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

Prime Time Luncheon!

Our Prime Time Luncheon will be at noon on Tuesday, May 1.
 An ensemble from Baddour Center will sing for us.
 Cost: \$4.00.
 Be sure to call the office to make your reservation!



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