



A very **Special Thank You** to Lonnie McCain, Jack Munn & Steve Reasor of the Property and Maintenance Committee for all the good work being done to maintain the church grounds. Your work is very appreciated by all. (Anyone interested in joining in this ministry is very welcome).

**Thanks Dad!**

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**  
Sunday, June 21

**Update from Amy**

**Dear Friends,**

After finishing two years of seminary, I am now officially a senior! I noted on facebook.com that I was glad I became a senior before becoming a senior citizen.

May was retreat month for me. I first attended a five day retreat as part of my Rhythms in Prayer class. Then I went to an all day Labyrinth retreat. Next week I will be joining people from my field ed church for a three day retreat at the monastery I've been to twice before. Yet with all these retreats, the one I'm looking forward to most is when I finally get settled in with Tim for the summer!

In my role as pastor's wife I will be leading one or two classes this summer. I really want to do one for couples using the movie *Fireproof*. If you haven't seen the movie, I encourage you to do so. While the acting is not the best, the message is certainly a great one.

I hope you've enjoyed having Rachel visit for the past few weeks. Her dog, Sig, is very lonesome for her and is not quite sure she is actually coming back. He occasionally goes in her room just to make sure she hasn't snuck in while he wasn't looking!

Blessings to you all,  
Amy Florence

**Youth Food Harvest**



The June "Food of the Month" is a **food of your choice**. (Each month will have a new food). Please bring your food to the church on the **third Sunday** of each month & the youth will take it to the Christians Concerned Food Pantry.



**Happy June Birthday!**

*Let's Pray Prayers of Joy for These People on Their Special Day!*



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| 06/04 Nathan Helms     | 06/16 Morgan Hawkins  |
| 06/04 Tim Helms        | 06/17 Audrey Waggoner |
| 06/12 Sally Barthell   | 06/20 Bobby Goodner   |
| 06/12 Alex Marks       | 06/21 Marsha Cates    |
| 06/13 Kaitlyn Caldwell | 06/24 Adam Marks      |
| 06/16 Imogene Dove     | 06/25 Rick Trent Jr.  |



*A lunch honoring June Birthdays will be held at **El Palacio** at noon on Wednesday, June 17th. Please call in your reservation to the church office.*

**DHS GRADUATE**

Ajenda Johnson, daughter of Ron and Jennifer Johnson is the recipient of the Mary Ann Munn scholarship in 2009. Ajenda is a First Presbyterian Church member and a 2009 graduate of Duncan High School. We are all very proud of Ajenda who graduated with an academic GPA of 4.0 and Class Rank: 1 of 201.

Ajenda was involved in numerous activities throughout her school years, some of which were Swim Team, Track Team, Chorale, Musical Production of "Grease", VP of National Honor Society. Interests: Piano, Triathlons & Reading.  
Congratulations, Ajenda!

**Holy Humor**

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

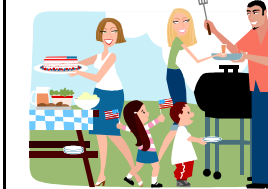
Later in the week, Johnny's mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and asked, "Johnny, what is the matter?"

Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

**SUMMER PICNIC**

**HALLIBURTON RECREATION CENTER**

**SUNDAY JUNE 14 @ 5:00 PM**



**Bring your favorite side dish, salads, chips, desserts, dips, etc to share and drinks (BYOB) for your family**

**The Fellowship & Renewal Committee will provide Hot dogs, Hamburgers and Brisket for sandwiches, beans and all the condiments, i.e.; plates & plastic, buns, mustard, ketchup, relish, lettuce, tomato, onions etc.**

**BRING your lawn chairs and any lawn games such as horseshoes, croquette, cards. Don't forget the sun screen and dress or undress accordingly.**



**SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- The meeting was opened with a devotional and opening prayer by Peggy Gilchrist.
- The minutes from April 21, 2009 were approved.
- The Moderator had the Elders get in pairs and handed out a worksheet where they could not communicate with each other and had to connect a series of dots. This was to promote team building.
- The Moderator passed out a 3-month Interim Pastor report and it was discussed.
- Jenna Bentley was asked to chair the Christian Education Committee and accepted. Dan Flanders was asked to chair the Mission Committee and accepted.
- A motion was made by the Worship Committee to have communion once a month and have an announcement to the congregation when it will be. An amendment to the motion was made to have homebound communion on the same Sunday. The motion carried.
- Our organist Susan Duell is leaving and discussion followed on how to go about replacing her. Discussion followed and a motion was made to give Tracy permission to form a committee to make a recommendation for an organist.

Submitted by Jenna Bentley

**Financial Update**

The Session wants to financially update the Congregation on a routine basis. The figures below are as of May 18, 2009 and will be updated monthly.

Yearly Income to date	\$59,903.92
Yearly Expense to date	\$99,326.28

## John Calvin (and We) Celebrate 500 Years

A study of John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* has been provided by Princeton Theological Seminary at <http://www2.ptsem.edu/coned/calvin>. John Calvin's axioms were: "...that there is one God, who is just and good by definition; that Jesus Christ is God's Son and the Bible is God's revelation (renewing and expanding what was made known in creation but lost to sight by the fall); that because the Bible is God's Word, it cannot materially contradict itself and must all fit together in such a way as to be practicable." [1]

"Book Two. The Knowledge of God the Redeemer" Chapters 14-17

"Book Three: The Way We Receive the Grace of Christ" Chapters 1-2

John Calvin proclaims "... our whole salvation and all its parts are comprehended in Christ ..." [2] "Faith arises from God's promise of grace in Christ" [3]; faith works through the Holy Spirit"; [4] Christ is the object of faith. [5] "Faith," states John Calvin, "rests upon knowledge ..." [6] "... not only of God, but of the divine will." [7] Faith is the knowledge of God's will as "perceived from his Word." [8] John Calvin asks, "But how can the mind be aroused to taste the divine goodness without at the same time being wholly kindled to love God in return?" [9] "... it is faith alone that first engenders love in us." [10] The mercy of God precedes both faith and hope. [11] Hope is the "expectation of things which faith has believed to have been truly promised by God." [12]

### References:

[1] McKee, Elsie, "Reflections for the week of January 1-4". *Calvin 09 - Read the Institutes*. Princeton Theological Seminary. January 1-4, 009. Web. 22 Jan. 2009. <<http://www2.ptsem.edu/ConEd/Calvin/archive/>>.

[2] Calvin, John. *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. Ed. John T. McNeill. Trans. Ford Lewis Battles. 2 vols. Louisville, KY: Westminster Press, 2006. 527. Print.

[3] Calvin, John. 549. Print.

[4] Calvin, John. 541. Print.

[5] Calvin, John. 543. Print.

[6] Calvin, John. 544. Print.

[7] Calvin, John. 545. Print.

[8] Calvin, John. 549. Print.

[9] Calvin, John. 589. Print.

[10] Calvin, John. 589. Print.

[11] Calvin, John. 591. Print.

[12] Calvin, John. 590. Print.

### Notes:

1. All citations from the *Institutes of Christian Religion* are from the published form of the book.

2. I will attempt to use inclusive language, and neither male nor female. However, should text and clarity suffer, a singular pronoun may suffice with the understanding that it precludes neither male nor female.

Submitted by Lynn Wienck



It's well-known that a well-informed client is one who has reliable knowledge and will advocate for themselves in order to receive optimal health care. Too often myths and information which are not evidenced-based are spread via unreliable web sites or well-meaning friends in their e-mail messages. You face 2 problems when using the Internet to research medical conditions: 1) where do you find the best information? and 2) what sites are actually trustworthy?

In order to reduce the risk of locating inaccurate information, let me suggest:

1. Look for reputable medical organizations and federal agencies;
2. Learn how to perform medical searches, with special emphasis on correct spelling of both the condition or medication;
3. Critically evaluate the website asking whether the site is selling a product or the information sounds too good to be true;
4. Avoid being influenced by the site's appearance;
5. Guard your privacy and read the site's policies;
6. Check out the information with your health care provider before making any major decision.

A list of reliable health care web sites is available from the parish nurse—just ask!

Joanne Flanders, MS, RN - Parish Nurse

## *Thank You*

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous gift of \$208.33 we received in today's mail. You are a vital part of our ministry to these young men in need of care.

One major change this year is the new Boy Scouts program. The boys have been very busy with service projects & going on camp outs.

Thank you again for your wonderful gift and for your faith in our work.

Your Servant in Christ,

David L. Dearing, CEO  
Goodland Academy



## **LET US REMEMBER**

### **Heartland**

**415 N. Chisholm Trail Pkwy.**

Joe Griffith

**Duncan Care Center 700 Palm**

Estella Trapp

**Alterra Sterling House**

**915 W. Plato**

Wylla Leonard

**Chisholm Trail Retirement Ctr.**

**625 N. Chisholm Trail Pkwy**

Lavina Hofmann Ted Legg

**Country Club Care**

**1904 Hwy 81**

Beulah Calloway

Carroll McClellan

**Wilkins Nursing Center**

**1205 S. 4th**

Ben Hill

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

It has been resolved by the Session and the Worship Committee to serve the Sacrament of Holy Communion at least once a month at First Presbyterian Church.

The dates will be announced and decided on a monthly basis. Some Sundays will be designated observances suggested by the Presbyterian Church(U.S.A.), others will be of our own choosing. Please check your bulletins for the designated Sundays; they will be announced in advance.

"The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord".( The Book of Order W2-4000) "In remembering, believers receive and trust the love of Christ present to them and to the world; they manifest the reality of the covenant of grace in reconciling and being reconciled; they proclaim the power of Christ's reign for renewal of the world in justice and peace." (The Book of Order W2-4004)

Our next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, June 21st.

*Martha Coker, Worship Committee*



## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

On April 30, the Women of the Church gathered in fellowship hall for a salad lunch. The occasion was the Birthday Offering to celebrate the Women's history of mission giving. \$213.67 was received for the Birthday Offering. (Originally, in 1922 the plans were for each woman of the church to give a dollar for each year of their lives.) However, some of the women of the church can't afford this amount because we are getting along in years. The projected goal for this years projects was \$800,000.

Ann Robinson gave a delightful program. She gave a review of "Another Perfect Stranger", a story of Sarah Cominsky based on David Gregory's book. After the program, Ann donated the DVD to the Church Library.

Officers for the ensuing year, 2009-2010 were elected. The following were elected:

Moderator-----Joan Drake Vice-Moderator--Charlotte Utley  
Secretary-----Gladys Taylor Treasurer-----Sally Barthell

The circles will meet at their regular times starting September 10 and September 11. Study Books are now being ordered.

*Martha Coker, PW Council*

### **Reminder to bring:**

*Campbell Soup labels, box tops for schools coupons, empty pill bottles, aluminum pull tabs and empty ink jet cartridges to the church office.*

Please email your articles for **FAITH-AT-WORK** to [salsroom@jimbarthell.com](mailto:salsroom@jimbarthell.com), place them in my church office box or call me at 470-9933. The deadline is **June 24th** for the July issue.  
Thanks, Sally Barthell