



The Grapevine

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“ I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.” John 15:5 NIV

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Sunday Services:

9:30 A.M. Fellowship

10:00 A.M.

Traditional Worship

WEDNESDAY
NIGHT:

5:30 P.M.

Wednesday Night

Suppers

6:30 P.M. Church
School

6:30 P.M. Bible Study

“ A Word from Rhodes”

My Dear Friends,

I want to say a special “thank you” to Susan who shared the following piece with me. We don’t know where it comes from, a book, an e-mail, etc. If any of you recognize it, or wrote it, please let us know!

As Fain moves confidently into the future we all are urged to pray for guidance. I especially ask that you pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee, PNC, daily. Pray for the Session also, that they might continue to guide and lead us in the way God is leading them. I share the following. . .

When I meditated on the GUIDANCE, I kept seeing “dance” at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God’s will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn’t flow with the music, and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It’s as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gently guidance and skill from the other. My eyes drew back to the word GUIDANCE. When I saw “G”, I thought of God, followed by “u” and “i”. “God, “u” and “i” dance.” God, you, and I dance. As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead.

My prayer for you today is that God’s blessings and mercies be upon you on this day and everyday. May you abide in God as God abides in you. Dance together with God, trusting God to lead and to guide you through each season of your life.

Peace and love,

Rhodes



"Happy July Birthday"

- 2 - V C Saied
- 5 - Betty Wagner
- 6 - Patrick Loftus
- 9 - Mike Morris
Friederike Wiedemann
- 12 - Dorothy Robertson
- 13 - Una Royal
- 15 - M C Porter
- 21 - Rick Arme
- 24 - Steve Addison
- 25 - Michael Smith
- 28 - James Story
- 29 - John Hennington
Catherine Loftus

JULY MENU FOR FAIN CAFÉ

July 1 - POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish or
dessert to share



Wednesday
Night
Supper

July 8 - Baked Chicken, Green Beans Mashed Potatoes, Salad

July 15 - Meatloaf, Corn, Broccoli, Salad

July 22 - Chicken Pasta Alfredo, Salad

July 29 - Roast Beef, Vegetables, Salad



**Deadline for the July newsletter is
Monday, July 27!**

The Squaw with Blue Eyes



"The story of Cynthia Ann Parker is considered to be one of the great love stories in Texas history." This is a quote of an early Wichita Falls writer, Lois Luecke.

You can find this small book on the HISTORY shelf in our library. You will learn where the towns, Quannah and Nocona got their names.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2009

- June 7 - 9:30 a.m. service - 16
11:00 a.m. service - 76
- June 14 - 9:30 a.m. service - 10
11:00 a.m. service - 74
- June 21 - 9:30 a.m. service - 18
11:00 a.m. service - 71
- June 28 - 9:30 a.m. service - 21
11:00 a.m. service - 58



Happy July 4th

"MISSION KIDS" SUNDAY, JULY 12

ITEMS MOST NEEDED AT IMI:

Canned fruit, dry pasta
spaghetti sauce, cereal, canned meat
dry beans, peanut butter, jelly
rice, canned chili

Any type of canned vegetables
Fresh produce always appreciated



PARADE OF HOMES DEEMED A SUCCESS

The Parade of Homes was deemed a success by the Habitat of Humanity organization. Even though total ticket sales were not as high as last year, considering the economy, organizers of the event were satisfied. Special thanks to Mary Hicks for gathering volunteers! And of course, thanks to our many volunteers for your many hours of service! Hope you all enjoyed viewing "our" colorful house!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SPEAKER COMING TO FAIN

It's time for another Fifth Wednesday for Missions! On July 29th, a speaker from Habitat for Humanity will come to talk to us about what's new with this organization. The speaker will address Fain Church members following Wednesday Night Supper. Plan to attend!

FAITH MISSION PROJECT

The first Sunday in June fish fry was a great success! They were still talking about it on the following Tuesday when we cooked goulash.

Both those dinners, we served about 80 each night.

First Sunday each month we cook and serve dinner and bring a gospel message in the chapel.

Second Tuesday each month we cook and serve only.

Thanks to everyone who has helped both physically and financially.

Charles Pelsue

FAIN RECYCLE

Our recycle project is going very good. We are able to take cardboard, newspapers, magazines, office paper to S h e p p a r d A F B . We will also take CLEAN glass, plastic with "1" or "2" recycle numbers, aluminum cans, and CLEAN tin cans.

I just sold 81 lbs. aluminum cans for .32 cents per lb. Funds received from sale of tin and aluminum go to our mission projects.

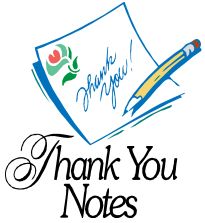
Thanks to all who bring in their recycle items.

Charles Pelsue

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,

an organization of our denomination located in Arkansas which responds to needs of people following disasters all over the world, is requesting a number of needed items. A box for collection of these will be marked and placed in the south hallway. Items needed are:

Washcloths, wide-toothed combs, nail clippers, toothbrushes, band-aids, blunt scissors, 12" rulers, large erasers, 12" X 14" cotton bags with handles, and money for clean-up buckets. Here is an opportunity for our community of faith to reach out in a special way.



Thank You Very Much

Dear Congregation of Fain,

We would like to say thank you for your unconditional love and prayers. You have truly been a blessing!

Love, Lindsay, Alyssa, & Cassi Edwards

I thank the congregation and friends for their prayers, food and good wishes during my recent and prolonged illness.

Thanks again for you help,

Joe Saxon

Thanks for your prayers and for the love you have shared with us during our son John's recent illness and hospitalization. Your presence in our lives has been both a blessing and an inspiration to us for over a quarter of a century.

Love and blessings,

Joe and Wanda Gonzales

The Christian Education Committee want to thank everyone who helped make our Vacation Bible School a success! Thank you for the decorations, volunteers, food, teachers and all those who participated.

To the Men's Prayer Group,

Hello to each of you,

I can't express fully just how much your prayers mean to us. Fain holds such a special place in our hearts. It's our "love" church. Thanks to each of you for remembering us.

Sincerely, Peggy & Ned Hollandsworth

We want to thank Charles Pelsue for the wonderful fish fry he prepared and caught for our Wednesday night supper on June 24th.



**THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT FROM
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN THE CLOSET IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

Dear Ones,

Fain Presbyterian Church's Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) met at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, June 21st. and elected Ronni Davis and Kevin Echols as Co-Moderators and Georgia Pogue as Secretary. We plan to meet weekly, tentatively at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the church library. Palo Duro Presbytery's Committee on Ministry will be represented by Steve Sullwold, Temporary Supply Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Seymour.

A number of Fain members have submitted the names of ministers for consideration by the PNC. If you know of one or more pastors you would like to nominate, please send his/her name(s) with contact information to any of the members of the PNC. The Committee will also have a mail slot at the church office, so items may be sent to Georgia Edwards (Attn: PNC) or hand delivered.

As you know, the PNC is a committee of the congregation, and the calling of a new pastor is the congregation's responsibility. Therefore, if you have any thoughts concerning pastoral, professional, and/or personal attributes you would like to see in the new pastor, please send that information as well.

Ronni Davis (moderator), Kevin Echols (moderator), Leslie Adkins, James Estes, Nan Johnson, Carolyn Kouri, Georgia Pogue

Dear Fain Bakers:



Again it is time to turn your thoughts to baking or buying a cake or two for the Wichita Falls State Hospital. We had a good month in June. I delivered 13 cakes. Thank you. Bake or buy, label WFSH and place in the freezer and I will deliver them. Thank you again. Thought you might enjoy these little thoughts, especially if you enjoy a cold 7 UP on a hot day. They are some thoughtful suggestions for all of us. Until August, I remain the Fain cake lady.

Georgia Pogue

The 7 Ups

1. Wake Up!!

Decide to have a good day. *Psalms 118:24*

2. Dress Up!!

....put on a smile. *I Samuel 16:7*

3. Shut Up!!

Say nice things and learn to listen. *Proverbs 13:3*

4. Stand Up!!

....For what you believe in. *Galatians 6:9-10*

5. Look Up!!

....To the Lord. *Philippians 4:13*

6. Reach Up!!

....For something higher. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

7. Lift Up!!

....Your prayers. *Philippians 4:6*

NOTES FROM SESSION

May 30, 2009

The Session of Fain Presbyterian Church met on Saturday, May 30, 2009 in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. ... Rev. Stipp opened the meeting and lead a worship service entitled ***Morning Prayer***.

Treasurer's Report:

Year to date budget: \$134,851.65

Year to date income: \$115,553.67

Year to date expenses: \$116,124.17

Standing Committee Reports: Charlotte Echols reported for the Membership committee that the revised ***Church Manual*** is almost completed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the General Employment Section. The Personnel Section will be examined at the next meeting. Kevin Echols (Finance Committee) reported the dinner and talk presented by Melinda Hunt on wills was well attended. LaRae Collins reported the following are new members of the Fellowship Committee: Kelli Busby, Carol Parry, Kaitlyn Kouri, Pauline Kouri, and Carolyn Kouri. Leslie Adkins (Outreach Committee) said Zinnia seeds were distributed to staff members of Ben Franklin School, enough volunteers have signed up for hosting the Parade of Homes home, and that she attended another meeting concerning the Family Promise Program. She reported that a sum of \$300.00 will be donated to the Christian Women's Job Corps for arts and crafts supplies. She encouraged each committee to volunteer help with a Wednesday night dinner. Rick Arme (Worship Committee) reported that several congregational members have requested the words to the anthem be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Carolyn Kouri will direct the Chancel Choir during June and Diane Pelsue will play the piano. The All Musicians Dinner will be held on August 17, 2009. Susan Stipp will lead the Children's Worship for the months of July and August. Bob Gohlke (Christian Education Committee) reported that Marshall Morris graduated from Wichita Falls Senior High this year and will be honored at a later date this summer. The Christian Education Committee purchased two books for the church library. They are ***My Upmost for His Highest*** and ***Two Coins***.

Nominating Committee: James Estes reported the committee met and nominated seven members for the Pastor Nominating Committee. The names are: Leslie Adkins, Ronni Davis, Kevin Echols, James Estes, Nan Johnson, Carolyn Kouri and Georgia Pogue. Nominations can be made from the floor during the congregational meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the nominations for the Pastor Nominating Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed thanking the Nominating Committee for their work. A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend the previous motion stating "Two members from the Session will serve on the PNC" to state "No less than two members from the Session will serve on the "PNC".

New Business: Due to the busy June schedule, the Session voted to cancel the June Session meeting. A called meeting can be held if needed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Nancy Estes, Clerk

NOTES FROM SESSION

June 14, 2009

The Session of Fain Presbyterian Church met on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Stipp opened the meeting with a prayer and led a worship based on the scripture Acts 2:42-47.

Rev. Stipp reported that Joe Johnson had an automobile accident following the morning worship service and is in the hospital undergoing tests.

Clerk's Report: It is noted that there were two abstentions included in the vote for the Pastor Nominating Committee at the congregational meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to change to a single Sunday morning worship service beginning in the fall of 2009. A lengthy discussion followed. Discussions centered around the following points.

1. We are responsible for the care and nurture of the whole congregation and should strive to meet everyone's need.
2. Moving from two worship services to one worship service will give a better opportunity for a united congregation.
3. The two worship styles differ not only in music styles but also liturgical differences.
4. It is possible to have two Sunday morning worship services and Sunday school on Sunday morning.
5. Having two different Sunday worship services has not helped the church grow. Maybe a combined service will help accomplish this.
6. The Palo Duro Committee on Ministry has requested we make a decision on the issue of one versus two worship services and support our decision.
7. The numbers compiled from the survey show an overwhelming support for one Sunday morning worship service.
8. Although the Spirit speaks to us differently and at different times, we should be able to come together in our worship service.
9. We can be open to other's likes and dislikes and be united because the Spirit call us to be united.

The Session vote on the motion to have only one worship service on Sunday morning was 8 yes and 4 no. The motion carried.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to have Church School on Sunday morning instead of Wednesday evening.

A motion was made and seconded to have the worship service at 11:00 a.m. The motion failed. There was one abstention.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to change the Sunday schedule to the following:

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. fellowship and choir rehearsal, 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. worship service. Committees will visit with the 9:30 worship service attendees to discuss the change.

David Morris, moderator of the Building and Grounds Committee informed the Session of a crack in the air conditioner chiller. It will be temporarily fixed, but other repairs may need to be made at a later date. The Session voted to authorize the spending of funds to repair the crack. Rev. Stipp told the Session of the possibility of an earlier departure from Wichita Falls than expected because the house he and Susan are renting will be put on the market. A motion was made, seconded and passed to compile survey data give it to the respective committees.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the completed church manuals. A motion was made, seconded and passed to suspend the regular June Session meeting. There will not be a July Session meeting unless one needs to be called.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 3:23 p.m. Nancy Estes, Clerk



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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
AMERICA!**

COME AND CELEBRATE
JULY 4TH ON THE 5TH!!
SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009
AT 5:00 P.M.

BRING SIDE DISHES AND
DESSERTS

CHICKEN & ROLLS PROVIDED

PLEASE R.S.V.P. CHURCH OFFICE
SIGN UP TO BRING SIDE DISH, DESSERT
OR HOMEMADE ICE CREAM BY JULY 1