



The Grapevine

-a publication of the people of Fain Presbyterian Church

“ 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

REV. RHODES STIPP,
INTERIM PASTOR

AUGUST 2009

Fain Presbyterian
Church

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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,

Is it any wonder that as I pause to send this greeting my mind centers on thoughts around moving? A lot of moving is going on around Fain Presbyterian Church. Have you noticed?

When I came to serve Fain we began in earnest to move toward new pastoral leadership. I believe this congregation has moved from frustration and a feeling of insecurity to a place of confidence in God's leading us forward to a new era of growth in praise and service. This congregation is made up of people with amazing gifts and new people are coming to join us. The future is bright with God's love and assurance that we are not working alone!

The Fain congregation elected a very gifted Pastor Nominating Committee that is moving forward with deliberate care and careful work. They are being supported by prayers coming from the entire congregation. While I cannot be a part of their work, I stand amazed at the results of their efforts. Their work will bear great fruits and the future of this congregation will be blessed. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and rejoice in their progress.

Many of you have been concerned since learning that the house we were renting was put on the market to be sold. The house, which was considered a “hard sell” by the real estate agents, sold in two weeks! God blesses us in so many ways. After word of our need became known Janel and Hugh Smith offered us one of their houses to rent. They very kindly took it off the market, where it had been for sale, and are allowing us the privilege of renting from them. We are blessed in that we get to stay in the neighborhood, serving Fain for a bit longer. Our new address will be 1630 Speedway and we will be moving in early August.

It is a wonderful gift to know that as God leads us God moves with us. We do not live to ourselves alone and God's presence is made real to us in Christian community. Thank you for being a part of that community!

Peace and love,

Rhodes



*"Happy
August
Birthday"*

- 1 - Christopher Echols
- 2 - Alecia Finley
- 8 - Earl Singleton
- 9 - Ray Echols
- 10 - Jack Robertson
- 11 - Bob Madera
- 12 - Joe Saxon
- 13 - Thomas Gray
- 16 - Perry White
- 17 - John Bradley
- 18 - Jack White
- 20 - Joe Johnson
- 21 - Vicki Waun
- 26 - Carolyn Story
- 28 - James Estes, Marion Miks
- 29 - Karen Smith

AUGUST MENU FOR FAIN CAFÉ

August 5 - POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish or
dessert to share



Wednesday
Night
Supper

August 12 - BBQ Boneless Ribs, Beans & Coleslaw

August 19 - Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green
Beans, Salad

August 26 - Corned Beef & Cabbage, Red Beans,
Salad



**Deadline for the September news-
letter is Thursday, August 27!**

Have you read.....

The Squaw with Blue Eyes mentioned
in the July Grapevine?



If you haven't, you may want to read it
now because it was written by Marybeth Little Wes-
ton a former Fain member. It is on the HISTORY
shelf.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR
THE MONTH OF JULY 2009**

- July 5 - 10:00 a.m. service - 73
- July 12 - 10:00 a.m. service - 85
- July 19 - 10:00 a.m. service - 59
- July 26 - 10:00 a.m. service - 60



"MISSION KIDS" SUNDAY

AUGUST 9

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





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

There will be no workday in August. Our workdays will resume on the 3rd Monday in September.

The August PW meeting is a salad luncheon starting at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share. We will have a guest speaker from Christian Women's Job Corp who will be speaking on the mentoring program at CWJC. All women are invited to attend.

BE WISE IMMUNIZE

The Wichita County Medical Alliance in conjunction with the Wichita County Health Department, Wichita Falls ISD and Texas Medical Association to provide free shots for children of all ages. This event will be held on Saturday, August 15th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart on Central Freeway near Sheppard AFB.

This year there are new requirements for the children which some parents may not realize. The cost of the vaccination can be expensive but the good news is that on August 15th, the immunization shots are FREE. If you have any questions, please contact Sukie Desire, Project Co-Coordinator for Be Wise Immunize at 940-704-7943.



THE STIPP'S ARE MOVING!

Their new address after August 1, 2009 will be:

1630 SPEEDWAY AVE.

WICHITA FALLS, TX. 76301-6637

THE SEIBOLD'S HAVE MOVED!

JOE & ELAINE SEIBOLD

148 DAN MOODY TRAIL

GEORGETOWN, TX 78633

512-869-5455

seiboldcompany@verizon.net



DON'T FORGET SCHOOL BEGINS ON

AUGUST 24, 2009!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHILE

DRIVING!!



Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for all your baking efforts for the state hospital. I was able to take 9 cakes this month and believe me they are appreciated. Just bake or buy and label with WFSH and place in the freezer. I will do the rest.

I have another thought to share with you. I was at Wachovia Securities this week and they are offering USPS boxes which anyone can fill and they will mail them to our soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. Yes, Wachovia will pay for the postage. Simple enough, you fill the box and I will take them to Wachovia to be mailed. I will print up some lists and leave several boxes and the choice is yours. It is not an expensive endeavor but one that will bring pleasure to many soldiers. The choice is yours.

“The heart is happiest when it beats for others”

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

Until September.....Georgia Pogue

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

Dear Folks,

The emails are flying and the meetings are spirited-your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is hard at work.

Our first job is to complete the Church Information Form (CIF). Some of that form's headings cover basic facts and numbers. It goes on to deal with theological issues, descriptions of our programs, responsibilities of the pastor, and qualifications we seek. Prospective pastors will get their first impress of Fain by reading our CIF online. It needs to be wonderful, and your committee is being led by the Spirit to make it so. We thank you for your contributions, suggestions, and mainly your prayers. Please continue all three. God is with us and we pray to be open to HIM.

Check out the big bulletin board across from the stairs. On it, you will find posted the PNC PROGRESS CHART. As you will see, there are 54 steps listed, and a few are already checked off. But there are a lot of steps and calling a pastor can take as long as 2 years.

Your PNC is meeting weekly, revising and emailing daily, and asking for your constant prayers. Each and all of us will be glad to answer any questions that we can. There is a pastor out there for Fain, and we all trust that God is bringing us together.

In Christ,

Your PNC

Kevin Echols, James Estes, Ronni Davis, Nan Johnson, Georgia Pogue, Carolyn Kouri and Leslie Adkins

KITCHEN INSPECTED

Our kitchen was inspected once again by the Health Department and we received a rating of 100 out of 100! Congratulations to Leova and Ray and everyone who does their best to abide by the rules! The inspector said, “You have the cleanest church kitchen in town!” It is always nice to know we are performing well; and, it is GREAT to be at the top of the class!



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The people of Fain Presbyterian Church seek to glorify God by leading people to Jesus Christ and membership in His family, by moving them towards Christ-like maturity and by equipping them for service in the church and in the world.

**Attention Sanctuary
 Choir, Bell Choir and
 Contemporary**

Musicians

The 2nd annual All Musicians Dinner will be held Friday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. No need to bring anything but yourselves. The meal - barbeque with all the fixings, drinks and dessert - will be provided for the low cost of \$5.50 per person. However, reservations are a **MUST**. Please contact the church office, Carolyn Kouri (723-7857) or Richard Hinkley (767-4247) to make your reservations by August 10.



ALL MUSICIANS
 DINNER

FAVORITE HYMNS

Do you have a hymn that is especially meaningful to you? It could be an old one or even a new one that holds special meaning. If you would share that information with us we would like to find a way to sing those hymns in our summer worship, or at a hymn sing or in some other setting. Just list one or two on the tear-off slip of the bulletin on Sunday and place it in the offering plate. Then, plan to be in worship every Sunday so when we sing your favorites you will be present!

