



Fain Presbyterian
Church

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Sunday Services:

9:30 A.M.

Sunday School for All
Ages

10:30 A.M.

Fellowship

Chancel Choir

Rehearsal

10:45 A.M.

Worship Service

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

5:30 P.M.

Wednesday Night

Suppers

Followed by

Activities for children
and adults

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

JULY 2010

“ A Word from Rhodes”

My Dear Friends,

The Gospel lesson last Sunday was Luke 9:51-62. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and the cross when he makes it clear that those who would be his followers must take seriously the demands of discipleship. His words often seem harsh, or hard, for us to hear. There are those who would assure us that believing in and following “The Way” of Jesus only leads to material blessings and much happiness. I believe Jesus calls us to responsible discipleship, and often places demands on us that we might rather ignore!

In my devotional reading I recently found a prayer, whose author is unknown. The prayer is appropriately prayed at the close of worship. I think it speaks to this very issue:

Our Father, we have listened to thy word, and loved it; we have found comfort and inspiration in song and psalter; we have enjoyed the companionship of those who, with kindred minds and hearts, have praised and worshipped thee. Now help us understand that, as we leave this sacred House of God, we shall become thy Church in the world.

Let us be very conscious that when we go back into the world, we ARE the Church in the world. We may be the only form of the Church that some people will ever see or meet. How we live our lives in the world is an expression of responsible discipleship. May all that we do and say bring glory to our God and God's Kingdom!

Peace and love,

Rhodes

**"Happy
July
Birthday"**



- 2 - VC Saied
- 5 - Betty Wagner
- 9 - Mike Morris
Friederike Wiedemann
- 12 - Dorothy Robertson
- 13 - Una Royal
- 15 - MC Porter
- 21 - Rick Arme
- 24 - Steve Addison
- 25 - Michael Smith
- 29 - John Hennington

JULY MENU FOR FAIN CAFÉ

July 7 - POTLUCK

**Bring your favorite dish or
dessert to share**

July 14 - Ham, Black-eyed peas, Potato Salad

July 21 - Red Beans, Cornbread, Salad

July 28 - Pork Gumbo, Salad, Garlic Toast



**Wednesday
Night
Supper**

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF
JUNE 2010**

June 6 - 10:45 a.m. service - 79

June 13 - 10:45 a.m. service - 93

June 20 - 10:45 a.m. service - 83

June 27 - 10:45 a.m. service - 73



**Deadline for the
August
newsletter is
Monday, July 26!**



**We need your help! Whom ever made the
chicken pot pie on "Potluck" supper of
June 2, please call the church office
with your recipe! We have a person that
just loved it!**



"MISSION KIDS" SUNDAY

JULY 11, 2010

ITEMS NEEDED AT IMI:

Soup, crackers, macaroni & cheese, cereal

Canned meat, tuna, toilet paper, paper towels

Household cleaning supplies



POWER PACK FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Like to help out kids? Want to feel you're making a difference? We have a job for you! We need one (two would be fine as well) volunteers to head up this program next year. The responsibilities are to manage and oversee the packing of the bags (about once a month), and deliver them to Ben Franklin library weekly (on Thursday mornings). This volunteer would also be a liaison between the Food Bank and the counselor at the school. If you're interested, ask Diane Felix for details! She's single-handedly handled this job for the past two years! This is a wonderful program of feeding chronically hungry children on the weekend. Are you

FAITH MISSION DINNERS

The calendar shows us once again that we get to serve dinner at Faith Mission on a holiday! That date is July 4th (Sunday)! We need a few volunteers to help prepare and serve food to the hungry! You will be finished in time for the fireworks!! Call Charles Pelsue to volunteer!

ZINNIA SEEDS

As I write this, there are only a few zinnia seeds left in the basket! Hope you all have had fun distributing them among the community! Thanks to everyone for spreading our name (and our love of God). Perhaps as you drive around Wichita Falls later this summer, you'll see zinnias growing everywhere as a result of this fun project!

MISSION MONEY SPOTLIGHT: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

This is the first in a regular "mission money spotlight" series to share with the congregation what organizations the Outreach money is being used to assist. Habitat for Humanity is one organization that we support financially as well as with manpower. Of course, we are supporting them with manpower by manning volunteers for their Parade of Homes (held city-wide every June). You may remember seeing many college faces at our Wednesday Night Supper when we fed student volunteers here during Spring Break (March 17th). We also support Habitat for Humanity financially as their need arises. A few facts about our local Habitat for Humanity from their website: The organization's goal is to eliminate poverty housing in Wichita Falls. They were established here 18 years ago, and since 1992, 79 houses have been built. This has impacted over 270 adults and children. Currently, three houses are under construction, with six families waiting for a house. \$45,000 must be raised for each house and it takes over 1,000 hours of volunteer labor as well. Once the house is built, it is sold to the family at no profit, with a no-interest loan. (average payment is \$300 monthly) This is a fine organization to support, and the Outreach Ministry Team is proud to do so!



Please make these changes to your church directory pages!

LaRae Collins - 2400 Cambridge Ave., Wichita Falls, Tx. 76308

Mike, Fred & Walt Penn - 2208 Berkeley, Wichita Falls, Tx. 76308

NOTES FROM SESSION

The Fain Presbyterian Church Session met in the library at 7:00 p.m.

Present: David Morris, LaRae Collins, Mike Penn, Ronni Davis, Diane Pelsue, Alan Rainey, June Limato, M.C. Porter, and Janel Ponder Smith.

Excused Absence: Rick Arme, Diana White, James Estes, Clerk Nancy Estes.

Also Present: Interim Pastor, Rev. Rhodes Stipp, Treasurer, Charlotte Echols.

The meeting was opened with prayer and worship service led by Rev. Rhodes Stipp.

Clerk's Report: In Clerk Nancy Estes' absence, the Session read over her report that was submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Charlotte Echols reported that the Finance Committee did not meet this month. The air conditioner expenditure is in capital expenditures, not the regular budget and we still owe \$50,000. It's installation is nearly complete.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 24th meeting; the minutes of the called Session meeting of June 6th; and, the called Session meeting of June 13 was approved as corrected.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Rhodes Stipp continues to make hospital and home visits and numerous calls to stay in touch with members. He attended meetings with the Worship & Music and Outreach Ministry teams. He, along with Leslie Adkins and Nancy Estes, attended the Presbytery meetings at Tulia, Texas, and shared with the Session what he learned about "praying in color". Rev. Stipp passed out the Presbytery meeting review. He also passed out the expense itemization from Charles Pelsue (from his trip to the Ukraine). Rev. Stipp asked and was granted vacation from Monday, July 12th through Thursday, July 15th. He passed out a "think piece" entitled "Brand Loyalty" for Session members to peruse at their leisure.

Ministry Team Reports:

Membership: Ronni Davis reported that our membership stands at 145. She stated that "ministry teams" will be replacing "committee" in the manuals. She passed out a July prayer list to those needing one. Ronni also announced that her team will be re-taking photographs of those needing updated for the directory (tell Ronni or Nan Johnson).

Outreach: It was reported that Fain Presbyterian Church provided food for approximately 100 people in town working for "Christmas in Action" today. Eastside Baptist Church will be contributing to the cost. The workers are staying at Floral Heights Church, and the food was picked up from our church and taken there. June Limato discussed plans for the upcoming "Open Mic Night". Session members discussed and decided by consensus to hold the event in the Fellowship Hall instead of the sanctuary, due to air conditioning costs and using the sound system, as well as the setting being more casual. Offering drinks and food was discussed as well. Volunteers are needed and were requested. June Limato also asked for volunteer(s) for the Power Pack program.

Christian Education: Alan Rainey reported that the ministry team did not meet this month, due to Vacation Bible School. This year, the VBS was held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, where it was well attended and had plenty of helpers from Fain. He read a thank you note from the Youth Director at Trinity. There will be no Bible Study after Wednesday Night Supper (June 30th), due to Charles Pelsue's presentation on 5th Wednesday for Missions.

Building & Grounds: There was no meeting this month. The air conditioner installation is going smoothly. Ray has tried seeding grass under the trees (experimenting with shade mix). Missy Morris wants to host a baby shower for Jessica on July 10th, from 12-2, and asked permission to use the Fellowship Hall. Permission was granted by common consent. David will install fencing around the air conditioner units outside and discussed types of fencing he might use. It was also requested and accepted to purchase a new printer for the pastor's office.

Fellowship: LaRae Collins said that the party girls had fun planning the church picnic, which was well attended! There was discussion to perhaps change pot luck night to a Sunday (once monthly) to boost attendance. LaRae and her team are planning an ice cream social for August 29th (Sunday).

Finance: The audit is complete. James has the report, but it was not presented, due to his absence. Fain Presbyterian Church needs one more person to be a check signer. Several names were nominated and Rhodes will contact.

Worship/Music: Diane Pelsue mentioned that this Sunday (July 4) is Communion Sunday.

Congregational Care: No report.

Personnel: No report.

Pastor Nominating Committee: Member Ronni Davis said that the committee re-vamped the online application specifications. Since then, there are 12 new responses. Seventy-two people have been interviewed to date.

Old Business: Fain Presbyterian Church has a new MasterCard, obtained through a local credit union. The Visa card account is still not closed out. Rev. Rhodes Stipp read a letter to the Session regarding relief of conscience. No response is required to leave the relief of conscience in place, and it was agreed to not respond.

New Business:

1. There will not be a Session meeting in July.
2. The church office will close on July 5, in celebration of the Independence Day holiday.

Following the caring and sharing, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June Limato, Acting Clerk and Rhodes Stipp, Interim Pastor

STEP BY STEP

"The people" walked to honor the work of Habitat for Humanity. They visited church congregations along the way, telling their story, hoping that those who heard would feel inspired to contribute to the local Habitat, who, with volunteer help and donated funds, builds homes for those less fortunate than others. At the time of their visit, Sunday, June 13, our visitors had walked nearly 1500 miles! The "step by step" people were Carol and Dick Mattson and John and Ruth Goodman, members of Rhodes' and Susan's former congregation in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Our Fain members contributed \$285.00. It will go directly to the Hot Springs, Arkansas Habitat. Some of our Fain members volunteer "in the trenches" in the construction of new houses or in helping out in the Parade of Homes (a different project of show places for sale to prospective buyers) where a percentage of ticket sales is turned back to Habitat.

Our sincere thanks to all who support Habitat for Humanity through their gifts of money and labor, and a huge "Thank you" to our new friends, Carol and Dick and John and Ruth for giving us an opportunity to share with them their amazing journey! Thanks be to God!

Betty Wagner



Glimpses of Heaven

True Stores of Hope & Peace at the End of Life's Journey

By Trudy Harris, RN

In *Glimpses of Heaven*, Trudy Harris, a former hospice nurse, shares her personal stories of end of life experiences. You will find hope, peace, and comfort in seeing how hard our God works to welcome His children home. This new book to our church library was donated by Priscilla and Bill Lytch.

Jack and I want to thank everyone for their care and concern since we have been practically home bound. We so appreciate the prayers, cards, your visits, phone calls and the delicious casseroles and desserts. The beautiful prayer shawl has given us both many hours of comfort. We love all of you and so appreciate your thoughtfulness.



Jack and Dorothy Robertson

In Memory of Phyllis Minyard

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Gerstner

John & Leslie Adkins

Joe & Nan Johnson, Stefan & Ronni Davis



In Memory of Priscilla Lytch

By: E.J. & Dotsy Hill

John & Leslie Adkins, Joe & Nan Johnson

Mary Craig, Stefan & Ronni Davis

In Memory of James Story

By: Lou & Betty Wagner

John & Leslie Adkins, Joe & Nan Johnson

Lowell & Pam Harvey, Joe Saxon

Jean Harbour, Betty White, Pauline Kouri

Eloise Thompson, Betty Johnson

Stefan & Ronni Davis

In Memory of Priscilla Lytch and Phyllis Minyard

Given to Presbyterian Women

By: Rhodes & Susan Stipp



Summer is here! That means vacations, holidays and other activities that take us away from worship.

We would remind you that our expenses continue on a very regular basis!

Please don't forget your financial support. Your gifts keep things running smoothly.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!





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