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~April 2011~*

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FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE
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PASTOR'S PEN
April 2011

No Pastor's Pen due to Georgia's illness.
Georgia is in BSA Hospital please continue to pray for her and her family.
She is not allowed phone calls but visitors are welcome.



Session Actions

Borger, Texas
Stated Session Meeting
February 20, 2011

Stated Session meeting was held in the church Conference Room beginning at 11:50 am with prayer. The Rev. Georgia King served as Moderator. Also present were Phyllis Harmony, Hazel Howard, Jerry Pool, and Pat Petty served as Acting Clerk of Session. Treasurer Pam Nicholas was also present. Elder and Session Clerk Hal Hebermehl was absent along with Julia Kasch.

CLERK: Minutes from the all previous meetings before December 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion from Elder Harmony and a second by Elder Howard. No communications at the present time.

TREASURER: Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

PASTOR REPORT: Rev. King reported that she did not get to attend the Presbytery meeting that was scheduled in Albany for February 18 & 19, 2011.

COMMITTEES:

WORSHIP: Communion for March will be March 13, 2011. Hazel Howard will serve as Duty Elder on March 6. Julia Kasch will serve as Duty Elder for the rest of March.

PROPERTY: Elder Pool reported that the remodel construction project for the bathrooms and new ceiling in the church office and coffee room are completed. The Session thanked Elder Pool for his diligent work on this project. Elder Pool also reported that we have an asbestos problem in the Educational wing that will need to be addressed as quickly as possible. This was put on hold for the time being.

STEWARDSHIP: No report given due to the absence of the chairperson, Elder Hebermehl.

FELLOWSHIP: There are no dinners planned for March. April plans are being considered.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: No report given.

There was no New Business.

The subject of Rev. King's contract was discussed under Old Business with no action. Action will be taken at the March Session meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm with prayer.

The Treasurer reported the following figures for February:

Total Income	\$12,608.01
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 7,203.74</u>
Total	\$ 5,404.27
Year to Date	
Total Income	\$30,247.59
Total Expenses	<u>\$26,710.52</u>
Total	\$ 3,537.07



Care of Member and Friends

Scott Glenn
James Farrell
Malnor Arthur
Pat and Alice Harvey
Georgia King
Hal Hebermehl

DUTY ELDER FOR APRIL

JERRY POOL

SESSION MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011



P.W. NEWS



P.W. will meet April 7, 2011 at 10:00pm, in the Coffee Room. Chapter 7 is our lesson about "Rapture, Violence, and Exodus." The most famous word from the book of Revelations is Armageddon. This is contained in this lesson.

If you have time, you might read additional information found on page 84.

Come join us for fellowship and study. We'd love to have you!

Lee Buckland

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3rd : Dara Garlington
14th: Scoot Glenn
 Casey Winegar
15th: Malnor Arthur
19th: Carroll Pace
23rd: Burke Moore
25th: Janie Lambert



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

Special dates

Fourth Sunday in Lent	April 3, 2011
Fifth Sunday in Lent	April 10, 2011
Holy Week	April 17-23, 2011
Palm/Passion Sunday	April 17, 2011
Maundy/Holy Thursday	April 21, 2011
Good Friday	April 22, 2011
Holy Saturday	April 23, 2011
Easter Day	April 24, 2011
Administrative Professionals Day	April 27, 2011

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Dear God, so far today, I've done all right.

I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper.

I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish, and I'm really glad of that!

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help.

Thank you! Amen.

Spring cleaning



Sweep over me, Lord
And brush out my sin!
Replace it with faith,
And live here within.
Amen.

—Peggy Ferrell, from Prayers and Poems

April showers

The sky shed tears of joy today.
They huddle in puddles
So little feet can jump and splash.

—Carolyn Kenworthy





Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference

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April 2011

April 3 (4th Sunday of Lent)

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

April 10 (5th Sunday of Lent)

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130:1-8
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

April 17 (6th Sunday of Lent, Passion/Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms:
Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion:
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

April 18 (Monday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

April 19 (Tuesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

April 20 (Wednesday of Holy Week)

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70:1-5
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

April 21 (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1
Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 22 (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22:1-31
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

April 23 (Great Vigil of Easter)

Easter Vigil (First Service of Easter):
Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26
Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13
Psalm 46:1-11
Genesis 22:1-18
Psalm 16:1-11
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18
Isaiah 55:1-11
Isaiah 12:2-6
Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6
Psalm 19:1-14
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Psalm 42:1-11 and 43:1-5
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 143:1-12
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Psalm 98:1-9
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 114:1-8
Matthew 28:1-10

April 24 (Easter/Resurrection of the Lord)

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter:
Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
Easter Evening:
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 114:1-8
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49



Fit for a King

A crown of thorns is around his brow, as if he were a king. And truly he was a king, and he never was more kingly than in that hour.

- He was kingly in his bearing. He made no plea in his own defense.
- He was kingly, too, in his love. There had not been a shade of bitterness in his heart, under all the cruelties and sufferings he had endured. ...
- He was kingly also in his suffering. His was a crown of sorrow, for he was the Redeemer of sinners.

Thorns were the fruit of sin, and he took our curse upon him – that we might receive a crown of life. He was subjected to shame in the eyes of the world – that we might be welcomed to glory. Never was he more kingly than he was on that dreadful, yet glorious day.

—J.R. Miller

Preparation for worship

Lord, let this Lenten time be an opportunity to surrender completely to you in worship.

Dear God, on this final Sunday in Lent, help us open ourselves to your Holy Spirit's power and peace.

On this glorious Palm Sunday, we remember Christ's courage as he confronted evil and death. May we live boldly for him.

Good Friday became "good" only because Christ defeated death on Easter. As we remember Jesus' suffering, let us keep his victory in mind, as well.

As we joyously celebrate Christ's resurrection, be assured that it means you have eternal life with him.



Notes from the Music Department



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April showers will bring May flowers or something like that! April does bring us Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. And hopefully warm weather so that the flowers can bloom. We also look to celebrate our Lord's death and resurrection.

Choir practice for April will be April 6, 13, 20, and 27. We meet at 6:30 pm and would love to have any of you who want to come join us. We will be learning one new anthem along with our regular music.

There will be no Opening Response for April. We will have a Closing Response from the hymnal for April. Watch the bulletin for the page number.

We keep Jim Farrell and family in our prayers as he continues to deal with health issues. We also keep Georgia King and Hal Hebermehl in our prayers as they continue to adjust to health issues. We pray for continued strength and healing for all those mentioned and for all our church family. We always hold all our members, past and present, in our thoughts and prayers.

**The Lord bless you and keep you. Amen!
Pat Petty and Choir**

Correct a mistake?

A minister and lawyer were chatting at a party: "What do you do if you make a mistake on a case?" the minister asked. "Try to fix it if it's big; ignore it if it's insignificant," replied the lawyer. "What do you do?"

The minister replied "Oh, more or less the same. Let me give you an example. The other day I meant to say 'the devil is the father of liars,' but instead I said 'the devil is the father of lawyers', so I let it go."