

Presbyterian 'Connection'

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From the Pen of Reverend Terry

I recently watched the latest remake of Alice in Wonderland with my grandkids. It was fun to see how the writers combined the Lewis Carroll's familiar stories and added a new twist to them. The latest in technology was employed to bring this adaptation to life.

In one scene, Alice prepares to do battle with the fierce Jabberwocky. She gathers her courage by reciting a list of "six impossible things she believes." I don't recall them all, but one is that animals can talk.

I remember reading that Christians and Alice are alike. Both believe in six impossible things before breakfast. At the time I found this statement puzzling. Now I think I understand.

Those of us who have been Christians for awhile may not even be aware that for non-Christians we do just that. We believe and live our lives on the basis of things that seem impossible or at least highly improbable.

Perhaps that's why we are called people of faith. In Hebrews 11, we read that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Many of these articles of faith surround Jesus. We believe that he was born of a virgin. We believe that he is the son of God. We believe that he performed miracles. One of the most outlandish things we believe is that he died – really and truly without a doubt died -- and then was alive by the power of God. We believe that he continues to live in heaven, caring for humanity, loving people, forgiving and healing.

Another "impossible" thing, we believe is that God is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Try explaining how $1+1+1 = 1$ to someone.

I'm sure if you spend even a little time you can come up with other "impossible" things that we believe. The very fact that we have come to accept these things is in itself a mystery – a mystery of faith.

Let's keep in mind how "impossible" the things we believe are even as we remember that nothing is "impossible for God."

Great is the mystery of faith

-Terry



WHAT HAPPENED AT THE JUNE (114TH) STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

PRESBYTERY VOTED TO:

- Approve the request of First, Siloam Springs to secure a loan of \$63,000 to renovate their Fellowship Hall;
- Disburse funds from the sale of the property of Dallas Oaks Presbyterian, Fort Smith to New Church Development fund of the presbytery and to the general fund of the presbytery;
- Approve the covenant for church professionals with Laurence Schmidt Counseling Center through June, 2011;
- Approve a resolution celebrating the ministry of Associate General Presbyter Joan Erickson who is leaving to accept another call;
- Approve a temporary staffing plan from Committee on Administration for the presbytery which divided the responsibilities of the Associate General Presbyter into four areas, and setting the hourly rate for this work at \$25/hour;
- Designate "hunger" as the Unified Mission Emphasis for the Committee on Mission for 2011-2013;
- Enroll as inquirers into ministry Becky Purcell from First United, Fayetteville, Jen Bluestein from First, Bentonville, and Cameron Highsmith from First, Batesville;
- Transfer inquirer Wambugu Gachungi to the care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery;
- Remove from the presbytery's roll of inquirers Linda James and Andrea Stokes;
- Decline to sustain the exam for ordination of candidate for ministry Will Fletcher;
- Approve Rev. Barry Williams and his terms of call as interim pastor at First, Fort Smith, Rev. Richard Miller as interim pastor of First, Hot Springs and Rev. Robert Lowry as interim pastor of First, Batesville;
- Approve Rev. Brian Brock as a new member of the presbytery, approve his call and terms as pastor/head of staff at Central Presbyterian, Russellville, and elect the Administrative Commission to install him on Aug. 29;
- Enroll Rev. Larry Mitchell as a member of the presbytery, approve his terms of call as pastor of Graham Memorial Presbyterian, Forrest City and the Administrative Commission to install him on Aug. 15;
- Permit elders from First, Arkadelphia, West Fork Presbyterian, First, Harrison and First, Little Rock to take the training to administer the Lord's Supper in the absence of a minister;
- Transfer Rev. Sallie Watson's membership to Sierra Blanca Presbytery;
- Approve the 2010 terms of call for the presbytery's clergy;
- Renew interim covenant between Rev. Guy Delaney and First, Jonesboro; and grant status of honorably retired to Rev. David Schneider.
- Approved Rev. Kofi Adzaku and Rev. Al Henager as parish associates.

Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals

57 Years in Service to the Lord

July 13th 1953-2010



On July 19, we will celebrate our anniversary. Please check the bulletin every week in July for information about our celebration. If you would like to help with the celebration, please contact Mary Kerr. There will be opportunities this month to share memories and stories about the church in the bulletin, on the website and in worship. Please contact Rev. Hart for more information.

Do you know the answers to the following questions? They may all be found in the History of the Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals available in our library. Bob Hobbs donated several copies to the library this year.

Did you know that we have a time capsule?

What does it contain? Who was the first minister?

What presbytery were we in originally?

What was the first monthly budget of the church?

Where did we get the communion table, pulpit and lectern?

Who donated the church property?

When was the Memorial Hall added?

For what purpose was the Memorial Hall built?

How many charter members were there in 1947?



Sundays in July

July 4th

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 67

Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

"Lord of All"

July 11

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordination and Installation of Joanne Kahm

Amos 7:1-17; Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

"Who Is My Neighbor?"



July 18

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessing of Gifts for the Food Pantry

Our Anniversary

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52;

Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

"Only One Thing"



July 25

17th Sunday in Ordinary time

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

"The Lord's Prayer"



CHURCH USHERS AND GREETERS

Greeters

July 4 Bob & Gloria Wiles
July 11 Bill & Mary Kerr
July 18 Betty Aaron & Norm Hockley
July 25 MaryAnn & Paul Smith

Ushers

July 4 Betty Aaron & Jean Hoefer
July 11 Ken & Pam Hobart
July 18 Irene Bere & Sandy Erickson
July 25 Shirley Jensen & Norm Hockley

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR.-2010

July 4 First Mountain Home
July 11 First, Pocahontas
July 18 Trinity, Little Rock
July 25 First Bentonville

First Newport
Presbytery Staff
Spring River, Hardy
Westminster, Little Rock

PLEASE NOTIFY IRENE BERE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 - Faye Brackett & Ed Lloyd
July 7 - Dorie Ulmer
July 12 - Bill Myers & Troy Perrin
July 13 - Esther Roberts
July 16 - Ray Erlewine
July 18 - Ciera Haefer
July 22 - Paul Smith
July 23 - Dr. Roger Simons
July 30 - Vicky Bair & Pearl Docauer



ANNIVERSARIES

July 5, 1964
July 9, 1961

Bill & Ada Jeffrey
Bill & Mary Kerr



LIBRARY LINES July

Book 3 of the House of Hope series, 'WHO DO I LEAN ON?' By Neta Jackson is now in the library. It is also the featured book this month.

"Months after her husband threw her out of their penthouse and sent their two sons away, Gabrielle Fairbanks is finally getting back on her feet. She has a job she loves at the homeless shelter, an apartment for her and the boys, caring friends, and even a new love interest. Best of all, an unexpected windfall has given her a brand-new dream—a House of Hope for homeless mothers and their children. Piece by piece, Gabby's new life is coming together—but the old one keeps dragging her back. Her husband Philip hints at a reconciliation...then hits her up for a loan to pay gambling debts. And when Gabby tells him no, he makes a desperate move that puts them all in harm's way. How can she even think of embarking on a new venture when so much is up in the air? Gabby realizes that she needs something far greater than her own strength or even that of her friends. That to move forward, she must lean on the only One who knows what the future holds."

The last book in the Karen Kingsbury series 'Above the Line' will be in the library soon. The title is "FINAL CUT".

Remember to check out all the wonderful non-fiction books the library has to offer. Also, if anyone has any suggestions or book requests, please leave a note in the basket on the library desk.

Enjoy all the great summer reading.

- Faye Brackett, Librarian



Christian Education



Our Church is committed to providing the following items for Vacation Bible School. Please contact Jini Sass if you are able to provide any of the following. Vacation Bible School begins July 19th and runs through July 23rd. Please deliver all supplies to our church on Sunday, July 18th. There will be a basket in Memorial Hall for you to place your non-perishable items in.

LIST FOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9 x 12 cakes for the closing meal, if your name is on the pan, you will get it back.

One 5qt pail of vanilla ice cream for Friday closing.

***CAKE AND ICE CREAM CAN BE DELIVERED FRIDAY, JULY 23**

One 7 pound can of pork and beans

Three bags of potato chips

Green and purple grapes

One 16 oz can fruit cocktail

Four boxes of Red jello

One large container strawberry yogurt

Three large containers red kool aid

One large container lemonade

One box Ritz Bits

Two blocks of cheddar cheese

Four tubes buttermilk biscuits, not baked

Two large containers lemonade kool aid

One box or bag pretzel sticks

One box Ritz crackers

One box Town House (oval shaped crackers)

Two dozen white cupcakes, chocolate frosting, lightly frosted

One 8 oz container whipped cream cheese

One box honey nut cheerios, (Dollar General has theirs for \$1.85 a box)

Five boxes instant chocolate pudding

One box (25oz, makes 2 qts) dry milk

Two packages hot dogs

Cookies, either home made or store bought, oatmeal, oreos, fudge stripe, or sugar wafers. And they especially like chocolate chip.

Again this year, Harp's grocery will provide the meat & buns for the closing meal on Friday. Please thank Scott at the meat dept. for his generosity.

All unopened supplies will be donated to food pantry.

RECIPES



Orange Cream Cake

- 1 lemon cake mix
- 1 env. orange kool-aid
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 (3 oz) pkg. orange jello, divided
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 teasp. vanilla extract
- 1 pkg. (3.4 oz) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 (8 oz) carton cool whip, thawed

In mixing bowl, combine cake and drink mixes, eggs, water and oil. Beat on med. speed for 2 minutes. Pour into an ungreased 13x9x2 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Using a meat fork, poke holes in cake. Cool on a wire rack for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, in a bowl, dissolve 1 pkg. of gelatin in boiling water. Stir in cold water. Pour over cake. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. In a mixing bowl, combine milk, vanilla, pudding mix and remaining jello; beat on low for 2 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes; fold in whipped topping. Frost cake. Refrigerate leftovers.

This is the one I baked for our Elder/Deacon training meetings.

- Sandy Erickson

** If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please submit them to the Church secretary.*

THIS WE BELIEVE for JULY

Let the Nations be glad and sing for joy for you, Holy God, judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. Psalm 67

~MISSION STATEMENT~

"We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and spiritually led to guide all people to be active doers of the Word"

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor: Rev. Terry Hart

Clerk of Session: Vicky Bair, Church Treasurer: Peni Lloyd

Financial Secretary: Dick Sass, Asst. Financial Secretary: Elaine Miller

DEACONS

Class of 2010

Betty Aaron
Jini Sass
Gloria Wiles

Class of 2011

Irene Bere
Sandy Erickson
Bill Kerr

Class of 2012

James Hart
Joanne Kahm
Pam Hobart

ELDERS

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Tywillah Schauer
Vicky Bair

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