

Highlights of February Session Meeting

- Session elected Pam Giese to continue as Treasurer of the church in accordance with the Book of Order and the church bylaws.
- An Ash Wednesday service will be held on February 18th at 6:30 p.m. Weekly Lenten services will follow leading up to Easter.
- The church dedicated a handcrafted music stand in memory of Linda Smalley. This dedication was done in worship on February 1, 2015.
- Dr. Hurst informed the session of a special remembrance service which will be held at the Florida Chapel Cemetery in Round Top on February 21st at 1:00 p.m. This service is significant to this church because the honoree, a Mr. Stephen Townsend, helped to settle the community of Round Top and started a Presbyterian church there in 1832, naming it after his infant daughter Florida.
- A new sign for the front of the church as been designed and should be installed in April. A rendering of this sign is being put on a poster and should be on display soon.
- Easter lilies may be purchased through the Church Office. Sign ups sheets should be available soon. There will also be a cross installed outside the sanctuary covered in a wire mesh. Congregants coming to worship on Easter will be encouraged to place flowers (ones you bring with you or ones provided by the church) into the mesh as a sign of new life and of the resurrection.
- New Outreach chair Bobbie Nash showed cards which will be placed in area businesses alerting the public to two of the programs offered at First Presbyterian Church - the Knit Wits and the Lit Wits (book club).
- The next meeting of Mission Presbytery will be March 6-7, 2015 at Parkway Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi. Our commissioners will be: Bobbie Nash, Pam Hurst, Wade Blakey, and Dr. Hurst.

Based on discussions held at the January Session Retreat, the following *three priorities* were set as a focus for 2015:

1. Offer more classes from a *practical* perspective (knitting, woodworking, painting, financial disciplines, etc.) and a *spiritual* perspective (mid-week bible study, wholeness services, Christ in Culture issues, etc.). Implement programs which have an **outreach** component and also develop programs that are more focused on **in-reach** to the congregation.
2. Develop strategies which could improve *visibility* of our church in the community.
3. Plan and implement a *financial commitment* program within the congregation.