



Burnet Presbyterian Church

Newsletter for September, 2024

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Seventy-four happy worshipers smiled as Pat Collins captured the moment. Front row, left, Pastor Carol Clarke, Betty Anne and Pastor Bill Poe; right, Cissy Butler and Peggy Hammond.

REFLECTIONS ON BPC-150

With hearts overflowing with thanksgiving, we concluded our BPC-150 celebration with a glorious worship service and a lively fellowship meal. Just look at all those smiling faces who helped make the day so very special!

We know that many mainline churches are closing, and I have wondered why our little church continues to be a force for God – through times of plenty and times of want. Of course, we are blessed by God, but surely other churches are blessed also. Looking at our congregation and the folks who volunteered to be part of the BPC-150 committee, I can offer a few suggestions.

Newcomers, whether they officially join or not, are welcomed in our church with open arms. Not only are they welcomed with kind words, but we make a space for them to participate almost immediately. Just look at our BPC-150 committee: Cissy has been a member for 60 years, Alice is a close second, Karen grew up in this church and returned in retirement, Jane Z. has been a member for decades, while

Linda is working on her first decade and, at the time we convened the committee, Nancy Harlow was our newest member. It is a beautiful tribute to the way Jesus wants us to live-everyone having a place at His table.

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated all year long with our special baskets for the community. We truly could not have accomplished anything without the Lord and YOU! I am closing with a prayer that Ron Petrick wrote for our Sunday School class on our Celebration Sunday:

Our Heavenly Father, We ask to have the Holy Spirit with us today. We ask to have our hearts open to your guidance. Renew our faith so that we may face whatever comes with courage and grace. May our faith inspire us to love others and make a positive impact in our community and let our actions reflect our belief in goodness and love.

We gather today with hearts full of thanksgiving for the 150 years this church has stood as a beacon of faith, hope, and love in our

community. We remember those who laid its foundation, those who labored to build it, and those who have worshiped here throughout the generations. Thank you, Lord, for the past, the present, and the future of this church. May the next 150 years be marked by even greater impact, deeper relationships, and a legacy of love. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

See more photos of the BPC 150 Celebration on last page.



The BPC 150 Committee put in many hours to ensure the 150 Year Celebration would be a success. Pictured left to right are Cissy Butler, Alice Anglin, Jane Zimmerman, Nancy Harlow, Linda Weaver, Janie Howell, committee chair, and Karen Brock.



BPC had a booth at the annual Burnet Consolidated School District Teachers Breakfast on August 6 at Burnet High School. Church members attending were Mary Richmond, Marsha Roberts, Janie Howell, Nancy Harlow, Marilyn Petrick, and Linda Weaver. They passed out over 200 Welcome Visitors brochures and invited people to our church. There were more than 500 teachers and staff and more than 100 vendors present.

Get Ready for PW!

Presbyterian Women’s monthly meetings will resume on Monday, September 9 at 1:00 PM in the Norris Building with refreshments, coffee, and fellowship.

At 1:30, after prayer, Armour will begin our 2024-25 study on the Book of Acts. Our study book will be THE BIBLE! Lesson One is titled Getting Ready to Go and will cover Acts Chapter 1 and the first four verses of Chapter 2. While this is not a prerequisite, Armour recommends that you consider purchasing a study Bible which aids so much in the understanding of the

Important Dates in September

- Sept. 1 15th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sept. 2 Labor Day
- Sept 8 Country Oaks, 3:00
- Sept. 9 Meeting, 1:00
- Sept. 10 Worship Comm. Mtg, 10:30
- Sept. 10 Session Meeting, 5:00
- Sept. 15 17th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sept. 17 Library 75th Celebration
- Sept. 22 18th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sept. 28 PW Fall Gathering, 8:30-noon
- Sept. 29 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Church and Zoom Attendance August 2024

| Date | Attendance | Zoom | Total |
|-----------|------------|------|-------|
| August 4 | 36 | -2 | 38 |
| August 11 | 74 | 2 | 76 |
| August 18 | 40 | 5 | 45 |
| August 25 | 35 | 2 | 37 |

text. After the study, Alice will lead us in our business portion of the meeting. PW meetings are a wonderful time of learning and catching up with friends. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Submitted by Janie Howell, PW Secretary

PRAYING FOR OUR BURNET SCHOOLS

Churches in Burnet organized a Faith Walk on Monday, August 12 designed to cover each school in prayer as they began their school year. Our Prayer Group did not participate in the actual walk, but we did make the commitment to pray throughout the 2024-25 school year for Quest High School. We chose Quest because Danny and Nancy Harlow's granddaughter, Kennedy, will be a senior there this year.

You will notice that Quest High School is listed each Sunday in your bulletin on the Prayer List. Please remember to pray for the students and staff as they continue their quest for excellence. Thank you.

Submitted by Janie Howell

BPC STATED SESSION MEETING

JULY 24, 2024

ELDERS: Class of 2026 Fred Shin; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems by Zoom; Class of 2025 Mary Richmond; Class of 2024 Barry Dawson; Treasurer, Pat Collins; Moderator: Rev. John Brantley; Class of 2024 Bill Weaver; and Linda Weaver, Clerk of Session.

Rev. John Brantley, Moderator, opened the meeting with a prayer;

AGENDA: Reviewed and duly approved by session.

SHARING AND CARING and DEVOTIONAL:

Session reviewed cares of the congregation and the death of member, John Brown. Rev. John Brantley gave a devotional based on Mark 6:30-34. Many followed Jesus until there was a gathering of over 5000. The miracle of feeding 5000 with 2 fishes and 2 loaves of bread. Jesus shows compassion, power, and provisions to meet his people's needs. Many came to touch the robe of Jesus to be healed. Happiness is only real when it is shared. Assignment of devotional for next session meeting on August 20, 2024, was given to Mary Richmond.

INTRODUCTION: Rev. Brantley introduced Cindy Sharpnack as a candidate for membership in BPC. Cindy stated she would be joining by Transfer of Letter from First Presbyterian

Church, Georgetown. She gave the Session her personal path of faith. Session duly accepted Cindy Sharpnack as a new member of BPC. Session Clerk to send letter to her church.
CLERK'S REPORT: Minutes from June 18, 2024 were approved on a motion from Fred Shin, seconded by Barry Dawson. Clerk read a thank you from Rachel Dawson, Vet Rides, and Kairos. Also received a sweet note from Bette Roberts telling the congregation how much she misses everyone.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Pat Collins gave the June 2024 Finance Report. Fred Shin asked Debbie Weems for an update on Choir Scholarship Program and Debbie stated no progress. \$400 was paid for substitute musician for May and June. \$110 was paid to LACare from congregation contributions with an additional \$55 received. There was a contribution to the Spinner Scholarship Fund, and a \$25 contribution collected for the Highland Lakes Honor Guard. Ken Peters was paid from Pulpit Supply \$400, and \$100 paid from the BPC Celebration Fund to Hims of Praise at Luncheon June 23. Financial reviews will be Jan – June; July-Nov; and Oct-Dec.

The Finance Report was accepted by a motion from Barry Dawson and seconded by Bill Weaver. The report was duly approved by Session.

EVANGELISM: Mary Richmond passed out finished brochure, "A Visitor's Guide" which will be given to visitors and the Chamber of Commerce. It is a good tool for the community and our church. Session recommended a dark blue trim on the brochure. Session thanked Mary for her devoted work to make this brochure happen. The Burnet Library is on the Calendar for September 17 for their 75th Anniversary and will use our fellowship hall.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Barry Dawson reported that he has repaired all 3 violations with the Fire Marshall inspections and met with the Fire Marshall. BPC is within fire code now. There was a report that water backs up into office on heavy rain days. Barry to check out problem and gutters. A request to trim the

pecan tree low branches and repair the gutter down spout by Fellowship Hall was also requested.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Bill Weaver reported July 21 will be hot dogs and apple pie for the congregation. An added treat will be the Highland Lakes Honor Guard to present Colors at the beginning of our church service. We will also give them a check for \$700 from congregation contributions. The Honor Guard was overwhelmed by our generosity and said that they enjoyed doing the colors for the church. Session suggested we have them again next year for Memorial Day.

MISSION COMMITTEE: Mary Richmond requested we make a \$250 donation to the Christian Women's Job Corp. This association trains women for employment in the community. Session duly approved.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: No report.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: No report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE: Debbie Weems gave the following updated pulpit supply list:

July 7 – Debbie Weems

July 14 – Ken Peters- communion

July 21 – Ken Peters

July 28 – Kathy Frankum

Aug 4 – Ken Peters

Aug 11 – B. Poe

August 18 – Ken Peters

Aug 25 – Barry Dawson

Sept 1 – Ken Peters

Sept 8- Rachel Dawson

Sept 15 – Ken Peters

Sept 22 – Armour Shin

Sept 29 - vacant

Debbie stated that recruiting for a full-time organist will continue. Discussion continued with YOUTUBE. An account has to be established with YOUTUBE before going live. Debbie stated that was in the works and hopefully YOUTUBE will be working in a few weeks. Debbie stated she is also working on pulpit supply for the upcoming holidays.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Bill reported there are 2 candidates for Session 2025-26 and

he is waiting to see if his committee has any more nominees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Rev. Brantley stated Peter Crouch of Austin was our COM liaison and Mathew Stoddard is COM Lay Minister. He hopes to have them visit Session in the next few months.

2) Update on Siler Estate Will – Fred Shin reported update on Siler Trust to BPC. There was discussion on having attorney Tyler Rockafellow trustee on the account now, visit with Session to answer many questions the members have. Fred Shin suggested we have the church attorney, Troy L. Voelker, to be present at the same meeting. Some questions and concerns were: 1) Is this a charitable trust? 2) Management cost for our church? 3) Disbursements to our church and where do they come from? 4) What is non-profit rate? 5) Will Rockafellow continue to handle the trust and at what cost to church? Debbie Weems to invite Attorney Rockafellow and Fred Shin to invite Attorney Troy Voelker to be at the next session meeting on August 20, 2024 at 4pm. Also, Barry Dawson was asked to review the Siler Financial Statement prepared by Shayne McBride & Associates, PC. This meeting is imperative to Session as this is a large Trust.

3) Update on Website – Pat Collins said website is findable and search-able.

4) Update on YOUTUBE. As stated previously, Debbie Weems stated YOUTUBE will be operable in a few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Rev. Brantley requested Prayer Concerns or Joys of Congregation be put on agenda in place of Sharing and Caring. **Session Clerk to correct.**

2. A recognition for Janie Howell, Chairman of the BPC 150th Celebration was discussed. A card signed by Session, flowers, and gift will be presented to her on August 11 for her entire 1 full year of service. Her and her committee have brought great ideas, entertainment, luncheons, and recognition in giving back to Burnet Community for 1 whole year. Our church is proud of her and her team accomplishments.

The gifts will be purchased by Clerk of Session with a budget of \$250. Session duly approved.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. Brantley. The meeting ended at 5.55pm on a motion from Bill Weaver, seconded by Fred Shin. The next Session Meeting is Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 4pm.

Undie Sunday...in September

A new school year has already started and it is time for our annual Undie Sunday drive for under ware for young children in the Burnet school district. This year, we will have **Undie Sunday...in September**, the whole month of September. The most requested items are boys and girls underclothes (panties and undershorts) in sizes for 5-7. year olds. Socks are also included in the request. A basket will in the Narthex. At the end of the month, all donated items will be taken to BCISD for distribution to the elementary campuses. Thank you for your help.

75th Library Celebration

A special event, conducted by the Herman Brown Library, will be held at our church on September 17 celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Library. They will host a reception in our building following the program. Displays of pictures and artifacts will be available for viewing. A program will be held in front of the old jail at 10 am. Please check with the Library for more details, 512-715-5228. A tour of the "old library" (our Norris Building) to follow. Light refreshments will be served.

Wanted...

A volunteer to greet visitors at the reception for Library's 75 Anniversary celebration on September 17. The only requirement is to greet visitors as they enter the building by the handicap door near the office. Time would be approximately from 9:30 in the morning until about 2:00 pm in the afternoon. A chair will be provided and a lite lunch will be furnished for the volunteer. If interested, please call Mary Richmond, 936-443-4765.

LACare needs grocery bags and egg cartons.

Dick & Hilda Smith new phone numbers: 830-238-3287 and Hilda's cell: 512-588-0298



Rev. Bill Poe and his wife Betty (right), enjoy fellowship with BPC and one of our newest members, Cindy Sharpnack.

Please check out the church website at <http://www.bpcburnet.org>

- BPC Monthly Calendars and Newsletters, and Activities
- Info on BPC 150 history and celebration, along with some historic pictures, thanks to Karen Brock
- Activities, including PW Bible Study info

Happy Birthday

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| September 4 | Debbie Weems |
| September 7 | Tracy Weems |
| September 14 | J. C. Smith |
| September 18 | Alice Anglin |
| September 23 | Helen Tanner |
| September 23 | Carolee Frampton |
| September 30 | Kay Lambert |



Above Left: The tables were set beautifully, in Linda Weaver style, so everybody could sit down and eat a wonderful meal and enjoy the fellowship.

Above Right: J.C. & Deanie Smith are the longest continuing members, beginning on March 4, 1962.

Middle Right: The Butler family: Jack B., Cissy, Becky Butler Houy, all standing; and Denise and Julia Butler, seated. Cissy has been a member since August 9 1964.



Bottom Left: Marsha Roberts leads the choir, consisting of (L to R) Cary West, Rev. Carol Clarke, Debbie Weems, Rachel Dawson, Jane Zimmerman, and Armour Shin.

Bottom Right: Bill Weaver displays a letter from the Governor of Texas, congratulating Burnet Presbyterian Church on their 150 years of continuous service to the Burnet community.

