

Burnet Presbyterian Church

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Easter Joy at Burnet Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday began with beautiful music, the waving of palms, and a stirring message from Pastor Scott Nowack about the humble way that our Servant King Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday Service was a time of quiet reflection as we remembered and participated in the Last Supper Jesus had with his Disciples. Pastor Scott's message reminded us of the love and servanthood Jesus displayed toward his Disciples on that fateful night. The sanctuary was still as we left in silence.

By 11:00 AM on Easter Sunday, the sun was shining and 70 people came to sing praises to the Resurrected King, Jesus! The music was jubilant, the choir's anthem was joyful, and Pastor Scott's message took us from the pain of Friday's crucifixion to the joy of Easter Sunday as he proclaimed, "We are not Friday people, we are Sunday people!" to which we responded, "AMEN!"

After worship we adjourned to the Norris Building for a wonderful Easter lunch which included fried chicken, baked ham, and all kinds of side dishes. The desserts were sumptuous and plentiful! We were so happy to have many family members join us for this special day, including Pastor Scott's wife, D'Anna, and children Michael, Marissa, and Meredith.

Along with our beautiful décor for our lunch designed by Linda Weaver, we also had an Easter Bonnet Contest and an Egg Counting Contest. Winners of the Easter Bonnet Contest were D'Anna Nowack and Debbie Weems. Barry Dawson guessed the correct number of eggs.



Pastor Scott Nowack blessed the congregation with meaningful messages on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.

We are so blessed at BPC to have God watching over us and providing for us every step of the way. With so much love and joy in our hearts, we can proclaim: He is Risen, HE IS RISEN, INDEED! Submitted by Janie Howell



Pastor Scott Nowack with his son Michael, back, and his daughters (L-R) Marissa and Meredith, and his wife D'Anna.

Exciting Updates to Enhance Our Worship Experience

We are thrilled to announce some advancements aimed at enriching our worship services within our church and community. These updates include an updated sound system, live-streaming capabilities via YouTube, and a Listen System for the hearing impaired. There have been some technical issues as in all technical systems. We will continue to iron out problems when they come up.

Live-Streaming for Remote Worship

In response to feedback and the evolving needs of our congregation, we have introduced live-streaming technology. This enables members who are unable to attend in person to stay connected to our services from anywhere and anytime. You can join our worship online through the HOME page of our website www.bpcburnet.org. Then click the **RED** text ***"Our Sunday Worship Service is at 11:00 AM, Live Streaming on YouTube, Click HERE to Begin"***. You can view a recording of the service anytime from the website. You may use your phone, home computer, laptop or any device that you can access the website.

Listening System for the Hearing Impaired

We have implemented a listening system designed specifically for those with hearing impairments in worship service. The equipment is located in the Narthex. Ask for assistance if you need help with the operation. This system provides enhanced audio and allows everyone to participate fully in our services, ensuring that no one misses a word or note.

We hope these updates bring joy and inspire deeper connections within our community. Let us know if you have any questions or need assistance. Together, we continue to grow, worship, and celebrate! Ron Petrick

LACARE FOOD PANTRY CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

LACare began with an \$800.00 donation from the Highland Lakes Ministerial Alliance which consisted of five area churches: First Christian, St. Paul's Episcopal, Christ is the Light Fellowship, Burnet Presbyterian, and First United Methodist. The Old Masonic Lodge, 313 S. Main Street in Burnet, offered a room, 2 shelves, 1 desk and 2 chairs, and on June 3, 1985, LACare officially opened. The founders of LACare were Father Jim Wooldridge of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Reverend Robert (Bob) Howard of First Christian Church. The first President was Bill Goble.

Other churches were encouraged to join with LACare and soon Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church and First Lutheran were on board. The goal was and continues to be to attempt to meet these basic human needs in our area: food and transient assistance. The hope was that in pooling the church's resources, LACare would be able to meet the needs of more Burnet residents. Donations of food and cash were brought directly to LACare as well as donations of time and talent. The pantry was open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM most weeks. By July, 1985, 20 families representing 59 people had been served and by Christmas, a Share A Toy Drive was successful in providing a merry Christmas to needy children in the area.

Between 1986 and 1995, LACare moved twice before finally settling in a trailer on property generously donated by Our Mother of Sorrows. As the needs of the community grew, more and more churches, civic organizations and schools participated with food drives and monetary donations. Radio and television stations and the USPS also sponsor food and toy drives that benefit LACare. Ms. Lottie McCorkle was hired in 2003 as Director of the growing pantry. In 2005, the present building was completed, a far cry from 2 shelves and a desk!

Currently, LACare is open three days per week: 2-6 PM on Mondays, and 10-2 on Wednesdays and Fridays. It has entered the

We Need Greeters!

For May, September,
November & December

Please sign up at the bulletin board at
the back of the sanctuary

electronic age with digital client files. There are approximately 60 volunteers serving over 1000 individuals each month. Food is still donated by the community and supplemented with purchases from the Capital Area Food Bank, HEB and Sysco. Beginning in 2024, clients shop the shelves and choose their own groceries, bread, and produce with guidance from the volunteers.

For 40 years, LACare has served the residents in the Burnet area with love, kindness, and an attentiveness to the changing needs of the people. The 40th Anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, June 21 with an Open House from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the LACare Food Pantry located on the West side of Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic church parking lot. The public is invited to tour the facility and enjoy light refreshments.

Submitted by Janie Howell

P.W. Birthday Lunch and Offering

On Sunday, May 25 after worship, the PW will host a Traditional Pot Luck Lunch in honor of the 103rd Anniversary of the Birthday Offering. The Offering has a rich tradition of helping non-profit organizations that specialize in giving aid to those with needs that are sometimes overlooked. The two recipients chosen to receive the offering for 2025 are listed below:

Leland Presbyterian Church, Windward Volunteer Housing Facility, Leland, Mississippi - \$150,000.

Much of the population around Leland Presbyterian Church, located in the heart of the Mississippi Delta region, struggles with barriers to adequate housing, healthcare, and food access. The Birthday Offering grant will help build a housing facility at Leland Presbyterian Church. Windward Volunteer Housing will offer a safe and comfortable accommodation with showers, laundry equipment, and a kitchen. Community members who need a temporary place to stay will find a warm welcome here. Also, those who come for disaster recovery will be able to stay here.

Red Cloud Renewable, Lakota *Thiyuha* Dome Home Project, Pine Ridge, South Dakota - \$150,000.

Due to the housing crisis among tribal communities, Red Cloud Renewable, a Native-led grassroots non-profit organization, provides free training and workforce development opportunities to members of the tribes. *Thiyuha* in Lakota roughly translates to "having a home; starting a family; settling down; creating new life." The Lakota *Thiyuha* Project aims to increase housing availability through construction of innovative dome homes that are energy efficient, economical, simple in design and easily teachable. The Birthday Offering grant will construct three dome homes, providing work opportunities for tribal members as well as model homes that will help promote additional building which is so desperately needed.

If you would like to make a gift to the Birthday Offering, please make a check payable to Presbyterian Women with a notation in the memo for Birthday Offering. Envelopes will be provided should you wish to give cash.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile endeavor.

Burnet Presbyterian Women

April 14, 2025

Present: Mary Richmond, Jane Zimmerman, Jamie Horn, Becky Buttery, Peggy Hammond, Marilyn Petrick, Cindy Sharpnack, Alice Anglin, Kay Lambert, Pat Collins, Linda Weaver, Cissy Butler, Armour Shin, Nancy Harlow, Karen Brock, and Janie Howell.

Sixteen women gathered in the Norris Building at 1 PM for fellowship and luscious chocolate and strawberry cream pies provided by Pat. As always, the coffee was fresh and hot.

Alice opened the meeting with prayer requests and prayer. Armour led us in our study of Acts, Chapters 18-20.

The business meeting began with jocularity. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. Our balance as of March 31, 2025, was \$2652.85 which includes \$100.00 designated for the Bereavement Fund. The correspondence was a

letter from the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services which is posted on the PW Bulletin Board in the Norris Building.

OLD BUSINESS: Marilyn reported on her visit to XLR8 Graphic Designs and showed us a design for our future church shirts which is larger and easier to read. The cost of the design is a one-time charge of \$35.00. With a motion from Janie, seconded by Armour, the PW voted to pay this one-time charge. Motion carried.

If you would like a new church shirt, your options are to go to XLR8 at 1000 N. Water (281N) and buy a shirt of your choice. They will embroider the new, larger logo on it. OR you can bring your own shirt, and they will embroider the logo for \$12.50. (See the Church Shirt article in this newsletter.)

The Annual P.W. Birthday Lunch will be after worship on Sunday, May 18. This lunch will be a traditional Potluck, and you are free to bring a dish of your choice. Linda Weaver is providing a birthday cake.

NEW BUSINESS: Jane Zimmerman reported that she shipped the following items to Project Cure: 100 Baby Shirts, 1 receiving blanket, 1 flat sheet used for room divider, and 48 hospital gowns. Thank you to all the ladies who participate in this project and especially to Jane Z who totes all these boxes to the post office.

It is time to think about our Bible Study for the 2025-26 year. The committee to offer suggestions is Armour, Cissy, and Pat. If you have an idea for a possible study, please speak to one of these ladies in the next week or two.

Alice reminded us that our Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 5:30 PM on April 17. The Good Friday Service will be at the new First Baptist Church at Noon on April 18. Our Easter Worship will be at 11:00 AM on April 20 followed by our Easter Lunch in the Norris Building.

May 9 is our day to provide lunch for the BCISD Grandparent Support Group. Pat,

Jane Z., Marilyn, Janie and Mary are providing lunch. Thank you, ladies.

May 29 at 2:00 PM, the Fellowship of Church Women will meet in BPC Norris

Building. Darlene Denton has promised to come and tell us about the Grandparent Support Group.

There being no further business, Alice closed our meeting with our Friendship Circle and Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Janie Howell, Secretary
FYI: On April 27, the decision was made to move the Potluck Lunch from May 18 to May 25. JH

Fellowship of Church Women

The Fellowship of Church Women will meet at BPC in the Norris Building on Thursday, May 29 at 2:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be Darlene Denton who will tell us about the BCISD Grandparent Support Group. You will not want to miss this time of fellowship with old and new friends from area churches as we gather to learn and enjoy dessert together.

Praying for Persecuted Christians

Around the world, followers of Jesus risk everything to follow Him. The 2025 OpenDoorsUS.org World Watch List revealed that more than 380 million Christians face high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith in Jesus. Please continue to pray for Persecuted Christians.

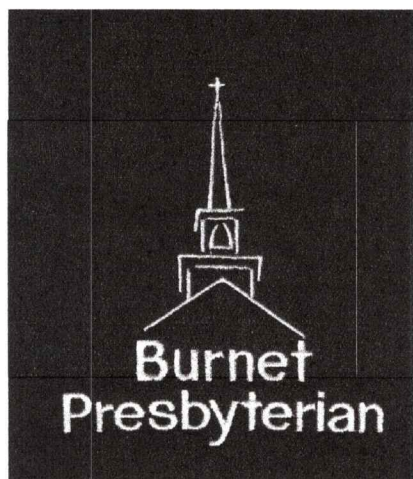
PW Bible Study Planning Committee

At the April Presbyterian Women business meeting, the Bible Study Planning Committee was approved to begin working on a study plan for 2025-2026, which begins in September. Committee members are Armour Shin, Cissy Butler and Pat Collins, chair of Christian Education.

The committee is asking for requests or suggestions for next year's study. If you know of an existing Bible study program or have a preference on study direct from the Bible and your preferred book of the Bible, please share with any member of the committee.

The current study is the Book of Acts; the study schedule can be found on the church website, www.bpcburnet.org. We have May and

June in which to complete Acts, followed by the No Host Luncheon in July. The month of August, we take off.



NEED A NEW CHURCH SHIRT?

We are thrilled to announce that a new design for future church shirts is available at XLR8, 1000 N Water, Burnet, 756-0930.

Presbyterian

Women approved and paid for the new larger design that you can use for any shirt of your choice. (See the design to the left.)

There are two options. You can purchase your own shirt and XLR8 will add the design. This will allow those who do not want a golf shirt to choose any kind and color of shirt. There will be a \$12.50 charge for this option.

You can also order a shirt of your own choice at XLR8 and they will add the design. The price will depend on your choice of shirt. Golf shirts should be approximately \$25.

With both of these options, you may choose the color of the design to match the shirt of your choice. Just go to XLR8 and ask for the Burnet Presbyterian design. They will be glad to help you.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Marilyn Petrick, [REDACTED]

BPC STATED SESSION MEETING

Revised FEBRUARY 25, 2025

ELDERS: Class of 2025 Fred Shin; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems; Class of 2025, Jamie Horn; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson; Treasurer, Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Moderator: Rev. John Brantley; and Linda Weaver, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present. The meeting began at 5:13 pm.

AGENDA: Reviewed and duly approved by

Session.

INTRODUCTION: Rev. Brantley introduced Peter Crouch, liaison from PCUSA by ZOOM. Rev. Crouch addressed the Session about any concerns for the search for a new pastor. He stated the process is very slow and there are not qualified candidates for a rural church. He also stated our new liaison will be Gail Batman (he). Session will meet with him in near future. Rev. Crouch instructed Session on the steps necessary to hire an interim pastor, a part time pastor, or a full time pastor. Rev. Crouch will send Session copies of contracts. He stated Dr. Bill Poe was an expert in contracts. Debbie Weems stated Rev. Ken Peters had volunteered to cover funerals and will be paid by family.

SHARING OF CONCERNS OF CONGREGATION AND DEVOTIONAL: Debbie Weems reported Karen Brock had Knee Surgery and is on a strict diet. Linda Weaver's daughter had breast cancer surgery and is recovering. The devotional given by Rev. Brantley was from Luke 7:36 -50. Jesus was anointed by a sinful woman (Mary Magdalene) who wiped expensive perfume and tears by her hair. Jesus was dining at the house of Pharisee named Simon. Simon was shocked that the sinful woman enter his house and criticizes Jesus for allowing a woman of such reputation to touch him. Jesus' compassion and his willingness to extend forgiveness to those that are considered outcasts, as well as the transformative power of true repentance and love.

CLERKS REPORT: The Session minutes from January 25, 2025 were reviewed and approved on a motion from Pat Collins, seconded by Debbie Weems. Clerk of Session reported Statistical Reports to PCUSA were submitted. The clerk read a thank you note from John Roberts, Burnet CISD Foundation, and LaCare. Clerk reported a member requested a church donation be sent to the BFD as they answered a call for smoke filled fellowship hall. Session said it would be better to collect water and Gatorade from congregation and send to fire department as a "thank you".

TREASURER'S REPORT - Pat Collins gave

the Financial Report. She stated BPC received \$105 to LaCare and paid \$390 to LaCare from 2024 contributions. The Joy offering collected \$560 and was sent to Mission Presbytery. The Spinner Scholarship Fund Received \$1200 in contributions. The Advance tithe received in 2024 for \$5000 was moved to January 2025 offering. Fees paid: organists Roberts 1/12 & 26; Centeno 1/5 & 19. Overlooked paying Centeno on 1/5 so that payment will appear on February Report. Pulpit Supply - Peters 1/5 & 9, Deline 1/12, and Poe 1/26. The Knox box was purchased for the Church in the amount of \$487 to house the building key for the Fire Department. Pat stated she had created a new line on the finance report for "Building/Paint". Fred Shin is to announce to congregation for donations to this fund even though bill for \$23,236.79 has been paid. **On a motion from Jamie Horn, seconded by Barry Dawson, the \$23,236.79 was transferred from Operating Expense to the "Building/Paint Fund so bill could be paid.**

EVANGELISM – Jamie Horn reported One Great Hour of Sharing would be Palm Sunday and Easter, April 13 and 20. She will announce to congregation one Sunday before Palm Sunday.

MISSIONS: No Report.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Barry Dawson stated the Paint Contractor broke a sprinkler head but reduced their bill by \$275 to cover repairs. The Building was power-washed but the stain on the Fellowship Hall will not come off. May considered painting stone in the future. The Knox box has been installed. Ruts made by painter's crane to be filled in. Batteries were put on key pads to alarm system. Extra batteries to be kept in Church Secretary's office.

CONGREGATION CARE – Linda Weaver reported Ash Wednesday would start at 5:30 with soup supper. Upcoming is an Easter luncheon following church Easter Sunday, April 20.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – No report

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Pat Collins reported Bible Study to begin Lenten. She has

plans to clean up cry room in Sanctuary. She also stated Facebook in the works to clean out old one and start a new business face book. Pat suggested check into Sub splash if Utube does not work. Sub splash is more expensive but it does offer digital offerings. The cost for this program is \$2200 per year. Utube needs a scarlet box to work. Cost not listed. Mission Presbytery offers digital offering for a 3% fee.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE –

Debbie reported Ash Wednesday Services and Soup Supper. On March 5 at 5:30. Dick Spinner to serve communion. Rev. Scott Nowack to preach Sunday, March 9. Lenten begins March 12 with a dinner and a movie on the series, The Chosen III. There will be a flyer to order Lilies for Easter Sunday on April 20 in the Church Bulletin. Linda Weaver to order palms for Palm Sunday on April 13. Maundy Thursday services at 5:30.

Debbie requested Church needs more Ushers to sign up. Nancy Allen to report on Good Friday community services.

The following is the updated pulpit supply:

March	April
2 K. Peters	6 K. Peters
9 Scott Nowack	13 Scott Nowack
16 K. Peters	20 Scott Nowack
23 Tracy Weems	27 K. Peters
30 Carl Deline	

The 5th Sunday of each month could be a congregation member.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - no reported

OLD BUSINESS: SILER TRUST – Session reviewed recent communication with Church Attorney, Troy Voelker. There is a possible issue with Charitable Trust Fund over a Perpetual Endowment. The previous chosen financial institution Texas Presbyterian Foundation does not handle Charitable Trust Funds. Session reviewed the following 3 Trust entities to choose the best entity for the Church:

- First Financial Trust
- Charles Schwab
- Texas Presbyterian Foundation

Session prefers a Charitable Trust with First Financial Trust but if not accepted by

Court or Foundation will go with Perpetual Time Limited Endowment with Texas Presbyterian Foundation on a Motion by Jamie Horn, seconded by Pat Collins. Session duly approved. The Church Trustees now is Bill Weaver and Pat Collins. Session suggested future Trustees be elected every 3 years. No motion was made.

NEW BUSINESS: Rev. Brantley moved next Session meeting to be March 25, 2025 at 5PM.
The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

BPC STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 25, 2025

ELDERS: Class of 2025 Fred Shin; Class of 2026 Debbie Weems; Class of 2025, Jamie Horn; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson; Treasurer, Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Moderator: Rev. John Brantley; and Linda Weaver, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present. The meeting began at 5:13 pm.

OPENING PRAYER – Rev. John Brantley

AGENDA: Reviewed and duly approved by Session.

INTRODUCTION:

SHARING OF CONCERNS OF

CONGREGATION AND DEVOTIONAL: Prayers for Linda and Bill Weaver. Jamie Horn gave the devotional titled “Add Flavor Everywhere We Go”, with scripture from Matthew 5:13.

CLERKS REPORT: The Session minutes for February were not approved as corrections need to be made and Clerk of Session was absent. Minutes for February and March to be reviewed at April 15, 2025 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Contributions continue to exceed expenses, allowing the church to build a reserve. In February, there are no entries for Secretary wage and payroll taxed as well as contract pay for Custodian. This is due to the fact that payroll date for these two positions was changed from the fourth Sunday of the month to the first day of the month following work. The last week of January plus February pay (for Secretary Position) will be reflected in the March Finance Report. Paint/Building Fund currently has contributions totaling \$3000. The final paint bill was

\$23,236.79 which will be paid in March with Church Funds. It is time to begin process for 2025 BCISD Spinner Scholarship. The fund totals \$2,550. We need to make contact with the school, determine amount of scholarships and number of scholarships to award this year. Jamie Horn suggested this should be part of Christian Education. It was determined that we should work with Burnet CISD Education Foundation. **Debbie Weems moved to accept the Finance Report and made a motion that Christian Education handle the 2025 Scholarship. Jamie Horn seconded and the motion was duly approved.** Jamie asked about the church visitor follow-up process, i.e. who contacts the Evangelism Chairman with visitor contact information. It was explained that the Usher hands out a visitor card for completion and follows up with the visitor to retrieve the card. That card is then left with the church secretary who should be instructed to forward information to the Evangelism Chairman. Pat Collins will advise church secretary of this discussion.

MISSIONS: One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) will run from March 30 through April 20, Easter Sunday. Jamie Horn will present Minute for Mission Study Sunday March 30 and Sunday April 6, talking about OGHS. Brochures and envelopes will be included in church bulletins Sunday April 6. Donation OGHS Envelopes will be placed in pews Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025. Mission Committee will meet April 7, at 1PM.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – No Report

CONGREGATION CARE – Linda Weaver was absent from meeting but a reminder about the Easter Luncheon would be held Easter Sunday following services

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – The Stewardship Committee met on March 5 and brought their resolutions to Session:

Motion 1: Designated Reserve be increased from \$39,187 to \$50,000. **Motion duly approved by Session.**

Motion 2: Withdraw New Covenant Mutual Funds (\$15,630) and invest in other Money

Market Fund. (see report on Investment Funds at end of Stewardship Report). **Motion duly approved by Session.**

Fred Shin motioned to withdraw \$15,630 from New Covenant and to re-invest in something like Edward Jones which currently pays 4.18% based on Monthly Average, is SIPC insured and has \$0 costs to Purchase, Sell or do EFT.

Motion 3: Invest excess cash (\$100,000) in Money Market Fund. Session revised motion and voted to invest excess cash in Money Market Fund, leaving checking account balance \$25,000 minimum. **Motion was duly approved by Session.**

Report on Investment Funds by Treasurer:

1. Presbyterian Foundation - \$4,745 (12/2024)

a. Presbyterian Foundation = Yes, it is an Endowment Fund from which we cannot withdraw the funds, only receive the dividend checks.

b. Donors are shown to be Don and Ruth Horn, given in honor of George and Jamie Horn.

c. Fund was established in 2007, per information given by Presbyterian Foundation. Distribution

a. 2024 Dividend checks totaled \$150.34. Fees totaled \$20.04

b. Dividends are included in Interest Income of Finance Report

Feb - \$36.19 May- \$38.05 Aug- \$38.05 Nov- \$38.05

2. NEW COVENANT MUTUAL FUNDS - \$15,630 (12/2024)

a. New Covenant Mutual Funds are institutional Mutual Funds – Not an endowment. We can withdraw the money, per Michelle on March 18, 2025.

B. Coosa King Flower Fund, originally used to purchase alter flowers, established March, 1993. No knowledge of who was Coosa King.

Distribution

a. 2024 Dividend checks totaled \$68.64

b. Dividends are included in Interest

Income of Finance Report

Jan -\$21.62 Apr - \$19.68 July- 22.42 Oct - \$4.92

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Pat Collins

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE –

Debbie reported that the Broadcast Team Subcommittee met to determine appropriate policies to present to Session. Notes from that meeting are listed below:

Proposed policies to share with Session:

1. YouTube videos of each week worship service will remain available for one week after Live Broadcast. **Motion duly approved by Session.**

2. Church Secretary will provide a form letter with the YouTube policy to all Pulpit Supply ministers. **Motion duly approved by Session.**

3. Worship Committee Chairman will discuss YouTube broadcast with Pulpit Supply Ministers when coordinating calendars. **Motion duly approved by Session.**

Other Notes:

1. Change links on Website to YouTube from Zoom (Ron Petrick).

2. Add "Title Page" for each with the Sermon Title and Worship leader's name.

3. Add "static" graphic with Church name, website, and potential other information in coordination with Mission/Evangelism Chairman

a. Donations link

b. Prayer request link

4. Ron Petrick to provide training for a back-up cadre after Easter Luncheon with Instruction Sheet.

5. Explore costs and effort related to moving sound board from under pulpit and back to choir area or back row of pews with Building Chairman.

A couple has inquired about possibly using the church for their wedding. They are not members of the church. Early discussion is that the church sanctuary would be used for the wedding but the reception might be held elsewhere. A search for the church wedding policy produced a 1960's version. Further

search following this session meeting produced the current and very updated POLICIES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF CHURCH PROPERTY document, which was amended February 14, 2015. Debbie Weems will share the updated Policies with the prospective bride if they are still interested.

Additional Worship Committee activity includes continued work to schedule pulpit supply for next quarter and Easter Lily inserts for bulletins on April 6. Alice Anglin has arranged for HEB to provide Easter Lilies.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - no report

OLD BUSINESS: SILER TRUST – ???

NEW BUSINESS: Jamie Horn brought forward a request from a member of the congregation concerning availability of walkers. Some people who use walkers are unable to get them out of their cars at church. A request was made to have donated walkers available and that someone from church designation to meet that person at his/her car with the church walker. It was determined that arrangements could be made on a case-by-case basis to handle such request.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM. Rev. Brantley closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting is April 15, at 5PM.

WHY SUPPORT ISRAEL?

(Article taken from International Christian Embassy Jerusalem –monthly magazine.)

“Post-October 7, many want to know why Christians are still supporting Israel amid the vile accusations and anti-Semitism against the Jewish State and people. Many are searching the web about “Christian Zionism.” Here I’ll discuss Israel’s enduring biblical significance and particularly the calling of Israel starting with Abraham.

Biblical Zionism affirms that God, through divine covenant, bequeathed Israel’s land to Abraham’s descendants as an eternal possession. The covenant is characterized by God’s oath, promising that Israel would have a unique role in world redemption. Even today, the Jewish people’s return to the land signifies

God’s faithfulness to these promises. This view also connects with the Christian understanding of salvation through the Jewish people, particularly in the person of Jesus.”

Genesis 12:3

The concept of Israel’s ‘blessing’ comes from Genesis 12:3 ‘I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

God makes a promise through Abraham to bless those who bless Israel and to curse those who curse them. But the most important aspect is the final phrase: “In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” In Galatians 3, Paul explains that this promise reflects the gospel first being preached to Abraham, affirming that the salvation offered to all through Christ stems from Israel. The blessing of Abraham, a blood covering for sin, is obtained by faith—specifically through Christ’s sacrifice on the cross.

Why support Israel?

Christians are encouraged to support Israel because of the redemptive blessings they have received through the Jewish people. This includes not only spiritual blessings but also a material obligation to support Israel. Romans 15 highlights that gentiles who have received spiritual benefits from Israel have a duty to minister to Israel in material ways.

Biblical Zionism recognizes Israel as both a people and a land chosen by God for world redemption. The Jewish people, through their history and return to the land, have been central to God’s plan of salvation. The ultimate fulfillment of God’s promises will be seen in the messianic age, when Christ’s reign brings peace and righteousness to all the earth. Christians must acknowledge that God has not discarded Israel but continues to work through both Israel and the church to accomplish His redemptive purposes.

Conclusion: The question for Christians today is whether God has fulfilled all His promises to Israel. While some believe that God’s promises were fully realized in the first century, Biblical Zionism holds that God’s

purposes for Israel are ongoing. Christians must bless Israel, recognizing its enduring role in God's plan for redemption. Criticizing Israel unfairly or holding double standards can be seen as anti-Semitic and goes against the biblical call to respect and stand with God's chosen. Submitted by Armour Shin

Church and YouTube Attendance April 2025

Date	Attend	YouTube	Total
April 6	36	10	46
April 13	36	?	36
April 17	25	?	25
April 20	70	4	74
April 27	37	?	37

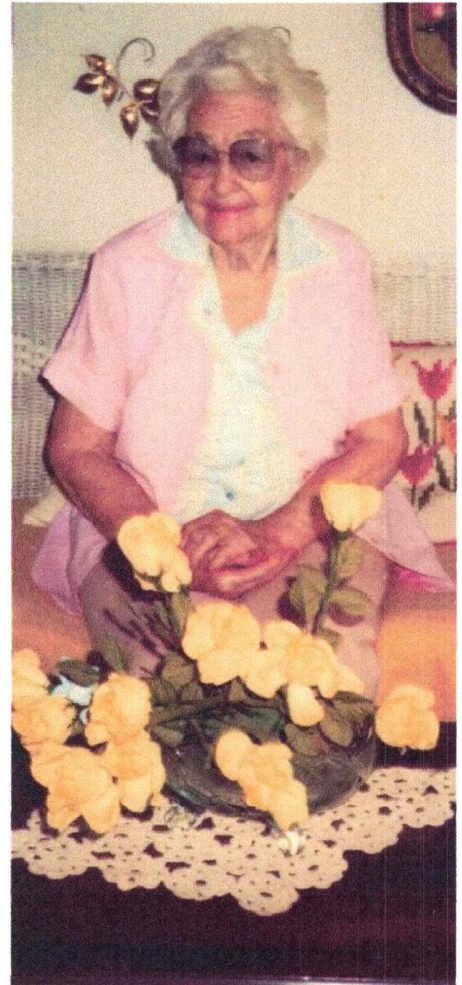
A LABOR OF LOVE



Anyone who has ever searched for something in the church office file cabinets knew that the day would surely come when those cabinets would need a thorough cleaning out. For years we stuffed and stuffed and stuffed more papers until finally there was not room for one more piece.

Pat Collins, with her charming smile and promise of hot coffee, persuaded Alice Anglin, Janie Howell, and Jane Zimmerman to form a team to go through each piece of paper....one by one. We have met twice for two hours each time and we may have finished one drawer.

Will we be finished by December? Will the coffee hold out? Stay tuned!



BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Do you recognize these ladies in the picture on the left? How many can you identify?

What about the special "Mother" pictured above?