



Burnet Presbyterian Church

Newsletter for July, 2025

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Favorite Bus Driver – Burnet Area:

Cary West

For more than four decades, Cary West has been behind the wheel of a big yellow bus, safely transporting students to and from school. As a special education and music teacher, West first began driving buses in 1978, covering extracurricular trips before transitioning to a regular route. Even after retiring from the classroom, she continued driving.

"I love kids, and I wanted to stay connected with the school," West said. "I needed to be busy, and I wanted to contribute. Driving a bus lets me do that."

West was voted Favorite School Bus Driver for the Burnet Area by The Picayune Magazine readers and KBEY 103.9 FM Radio Picayune listeners in the 2025 Locals Love Us contest. She has spent the past six years as a driver for Burnet Consolidated Independent School District, navigating through buffalo and thoroughbred horse ranches and a wildlife reserve. She picks up students ranging from 4 years old to high school seniors, many of whom she has watched grow up over the years.

West's passion for her work extends beyond transportation. She takes pride in keeping students safe, fostering relationships, and providing a positive experience for the children on her route.



When she's not driving, West stays active by playing trumpet in the Hill Country Community Band and participating in local performances at fire stations, senior centers, and events. At 84 years old, she has no plans to slow down anytime soon.

"I've got to keep my brain going," she said. "I don't feel 84, so I'm going to keep going as long as I can."

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Important Dates for July

July 4	Independence Day
July 6	4 th Sunday after Pentecost
July 13	5 th Sunday after Pentecost 4 th of July Lunch after Worship Country Oaks 3:00
July 14	No Host Summer Lunch, 11:00
July 20	6 th Sunday after Pentecost
July 22	Session Meeting, 5:00
July 24	BB's Reading, 9:30
July 27	7 th Sunday after Pentecost
July 31	Fellowship of Church Women, 2:00

NEWS FROM LA CARE

I hope many of you were able to attend the 40th Anniversary Open House for LA Care on Saturday, June 21. Forty years is an amazing accomplishment and we look forward to serving the people in Burnet for another forty years!

Our June Board meeting was a busy one. Teresa Trussner from First Christian Church reported that their diaper drive has been a wonderful success. Since October, they have given out 10,000 diapers! Information for ways you can help is on the Mission Bulletin Board in the Norris Building.

The newly opened Bertram Food Bank is doing well. They are open on Tuesdays from 2-6 PM and beginning July 3, they will be open 10-2 on Thursdays.

Director Lottie McCorkle has been attending many area meetings dealing with ways to help folks with better nutrition. She has also received several proclamations celebrating our 40th anniversary.

We thank everyone for their donations to LA Care. If you wish to contribute groceries, canned meats and tuna are always needed.

Submitted by Janie Howell

Burnet Presbyterian Women

June 9, 2025

Present: Jane Zimmerman, Helen Tanner, Rachel Dawson, Mary Richmond, Peggy Hammond, Cindy Sharpnack, Alice Anglin, Armour Shin, Marilyn Petrick, Nancy Harlow, Linda Weaver, Pat Collins, Karen Brock, Becky Buttery, and Janie Howell.

Fifteen women met in the Norris Building at 1 PM for Create-Your-Own Banana Splits. Pat provided all the delicious toppings with help from Alice. As always, fresh, hot coffee was available.

Alice opened the meeting at 1:30 PM with prayer requests and prayers. Armour led us

in the final two chapters of Acts. Our study this year was meaningful and enjoyed by all. Thank you, Armour.

The business meeting began with jocular. Cindy, our treasurer, reported that our May 31 bank balance is \$3659.77 which includes \$1158.00 for the PW Birthday Offering and \$100.00 for bereavement. Cindy wanted to be sure that all the gifts for the Birthday Offering had been received before she mailed the check.

Correspondence included thank you notes from Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services for our \$360.00 contribution, Charlsie Bremer for our prayers and donation to the Spinner Scholarship Fund in memory of her daughter, Kelli Bremer Pellerin, and Darlene Denton for our support of the BCISD Grandparent Support Group over the past year. Alice also reported email correspondence from Jane Zimmerman which stated that Jane shipped two boxes of Mission Sewing project items to Project CURE in Houston containing 165 baby shirts, 3 flat sheet room dividers, and 24 hospital gowns. Postage for the boxes was \$33.95 and Jane thanked the PW for providing funds for postage.

OLD BUSINESS: The No-Host Summer Lunch will be Monday, July 14 beginning at 11:00 AM in the private room at Trailblazers Restaurant on the Burnet Square. Alice reminded us that we schedule this lunch early so that we can order from the menu before the regular lunch crowd arrives. In addition to good fellowship and good food, the Life Member Committee will announce our Presbyterian Woman of the Year. It's a big day!!

The Bible Study Committee handed out the schedule for the PW Bible Study 2025-26, The Book of Proverbs. If you were not able to receive your schedule, please see Pat.

Alice thanked Armour for leading our study again next year.

Janie reminded us to fill out an Emergency Contact Form which will be kept in a special notebook in the church office. If you haven't filled out a form and wish to do so, please contact Janie.

NEW BUSINESS: Ginger Henderson, our liaison to PW Mission Presbytery, asked if we could host the Fall Gathering this year. Because we do not have a pastor to help with Communion, we decided that this would not be a good year for us to host. Alice will let Ginger know.

Janie asked if we could volunteer to serve lunch for the BCISD Grandparent Support Group in September even though their schedule has not been set at this time. The PW enthusiastically supported this commitment. Janie will let Darlene Denton know.

There being no further business, Alice closed the meeting with prayer and our friendship circle.

Respectfully Submitted Janie Howell, Secretary

FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCH WOMEN

The Fellowship of Church Women will meet in the Norris Building on Thursday, July 31 at 2 PM. Our speaker will be Erland Schultz from Hope House. Hope House is an amazing place in Liberty Hill where special needs children can grow into adulthood and make their home there forever. Some of the children came when the facility first opened in 1966 and continue to live there as senior citizens.

Come and hear the wonderful story of Hope House!

BPC STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 20, 2025

ELDERS: Class of 2025 Fred Shin; Class of

2026 Debbie Weems (via Zoom for first hour of session); Class of 2025, Jamie Horn; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson (via Zoom - Dallas); Treasurer, Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Moderator, Rev. John Brantley; and Linda Weaver, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present. The meeting began at 5:01 pm.

OPENING PRAYER – Rev. John Brantley

AGENDA: Reviewed and duly approved by Session.

INTRODUCTION: None

SHARING OF CONCERNS OF

CONGREGATION AND DEVOTIONAL:

Prayers for Linda and Bill Weaver, Cleo Dulls, Cindy Sharpnack's husband, Debbie Weems, Dianne Davis, and a joy for Rev. Brantley's wife who was promoted to Principal in Spicewood. Fred Shin gave the devotional from Mathew 11:28, come to me and take my yoke. Jesus is calling us to lean on him and learn to laugh more freely as laughter lightens your load. Barry Dawson will give the next devotional on May 20, 2025.

CLERKS REPORT: The Session minutes for April 25, 2025, were approved by Session by Email on an earlier date. Thank you card read from Nancy Allen on Scholarships given by BPC to her grand-kids.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Pat Collins presented the Report indicating LACare received \$180 from congregation contributions. Joy and Peace offering collected \$960 from congregations contributions, and the Building and Paint Fund received \$60. There was \$270 received for lily purchases and bill has not come in to pay. Fund established at Edward Jones is \$134,500. Covenant sold our shares and waiting on check to add to this fund at Edward Jones. Pat reported Church Secretary, Betty, will be on vacation first week of June, and Karen Brock has volunteered to cover for Betty while she is

out. **Session duly approved vacation for Betty. The Treasurer's Report was approved subject to review on a motion from Jamie Horn, seconded by Fred Shin.**

MISSIONS: Jamie Horn reported \$960 was collected for Joy and Peace Offering and she has \$7,515 to spend on charities. She will submit a report to Session for approval at the next meeting.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Barry Dawson presented two bids from electricians, Common Ground for \$371.88 and SCM Electric for \$1,625.40 to repair electrical in sanctuary. Barry recommended Common Ground as the company has done work for the church in the past. Barry received a text from Ron Petrick right before the meeting that there may be additional electrical needed. **Session voted to table the request, but authorize Barry Dawson to spend up to \$500 so there is not a delay in work order.** Barry stated he would send Email to Session for approval if above \$500. **Session duly approved request.**

CONGREGATION CARE – Linda Weaver announced Father's Day Luncheon would be held on June 15, 2025 following church services. The July 4th celebration will be held on July 13, 2025 following church services. **Session duly approved.**

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Fred Shin stated that his committee was looking to establish a new team to count the contributions following church services. Janie Howell and Dick Spinner, current counters, would like to retire.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Pat Collins presented the amounts for the two scholarships to be \$1,000 each. An email was sent to each Session member to approve before the presentation. **Session duly approved.**

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE –

Debbie Weems emailed the current pulpit supply list for June and July to be:

June 1 Ken Peters	July 6 Ken Peters
Robert Centeno	Robert Centeno
June 8 Bill Poe	July 13 Bill Poe
Recorded hymns	Recorded hymns
June 15 Scott Nowack	July 20 Scott Nowack
Recorded hymns	John Roberts
June 22 Bill Poe	July 27 Ken Peters
John Roberts	John Roberts
June 29 Ken Peters	
John Roberts	

Debbie also stated Robert Centeno wants a vacation beginning June 8 to July 5. **Session duly approved.** Robert has pre-recorded music for the services when John is not available. Debbie requested a new meeting time for the Worship and Music Committee as she is working now. **Session duly approved.**

Debbie reported leaven bread will be used in the Maundy Thursday Communion. **Session duly approved.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: No report

OLD BUSINESS: SILER TRUST – Fred Shin gave an update (1) from Attorney Troy Voelker saying Troy sent Grant Seabourne, FFT, a revision agreement, but Grant stated he has not had time to review it.

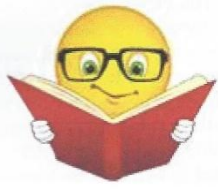
(2) Waiting on revised policies and procedures from St. Andrews Church for a guideline for BPC.

(3) Debbie to finalize letter to pulpit supply concerning YouTube policies

NEW BUSINESS: Debbie Weems presented a draft for a job description for a part time minister. Session reviewed the draft and made changes. Increased Salary to \$25,000, changed Pastoral Care and Funerals as “negotiable”.

Session elected Barry Dawson to approach the candidate with the church offer.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47PM. Rev. Brantley closed the meeting with a prayer. Next meeting is June 17, at 5PM.



**The BB's
Read Again!**
**Thursday July 24, 2025,
9:30am**

Travels with Charley, In Search of America, by John Steinbeck is a book which avid readers will take to and remember. It might be a book which should be given to older grandchildren for their reading enjoyment, both now and when they grow older.

John Steinbeck was born February 27, 1902 in Salinas CA and died December 20, 1968 at the age of 66, having lived much of his adult life in New York. During his "dash" years (1902-1968) he had 3 wives, 2 sons and authored a total of 33 books, fiction and non-fiction, including *The Red Pony*, *Of Mice and Men* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Grapes of Wrath*. He won the 1962 Nobel Prize in Literature for "for his realistic and imaginative writings, combining as they do sympathetic humor and keen social perception". According to Wikipedia "He has been called "a giant of American letters." Amen to that!

According to John he had written about many places in America, most of which he had never seen. In 1960 that all changed. He had custom made a large pickup truck with a camper built atop the truck bed. He loaded that truck with everything imaginable and most importantly he loaded Charley, his standard "Blue" 10-year old poodle. Charley was a dog who could pronounce the letter "F"; "Frrr" instead of "arf". He could pronounce that letter, it was determined, because of crooked top teeth which overlapped his lower lip.

Throughout his travels his focus remained with the people he encountered. According to the book back

"he reflects on the American character, on racial hostility, on a particular form of American loneliness he finds almost everywhere, and on the unexpected kindness of strangers that is also a very real part of our national identity."

Hope to see you at the review Thursday, July 24, beginning at 9:30am. There will be breakfast and coffee.

Submitted by Pat Collins



Moderator Alice Anglin officially welcomed Marilyn and Ron Petrick into our church family during the Father's Day Favorites Lunch on June 15.

To the Church and PW,

Ron and I want to thank you for our "Welcome Gift." For years, I have always felt welcomed at PW. For Ron, it was when he first walked into the church at the Ash Wednesday Service in 2024. Before the service was over, everyone had introduced themselves to him. With tears in his eyes, he knew this was going to be our new church home.
Ron and Marilyn Petrick

Updates for Church Directory

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TX 78611; Phone: 512-265-1295

Church and YouTube Attendance

June 2025

Date	Attendance	YouTube	Total
June 1	46	5	51
June 8	39	4	43
June 15	40	6	46
June 22	33	5	38
June 29			



Father's Day Luncheon

Favorite foods requested by the men were provided. The luncheon started off with Corn hole game played by the men to determine who was first in the buffet. Some had to go back to end of line because they missed the hole. All in all, it was a fun day, good food, and fellowship.

On June 8, Rev. Bill Poe preached a special sermon and sang "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness", accompanied by his guitar, to present a moving reminder of the Day of Pentecost to the congregation.

July Birthdays

July 7 – Carol Clarke

July 18 – Betty Carpenter

July 25 – Bette Roberts

Anniversaries

July 14 – Armour & Fred Shin

July 16 – Marilyn & Ron Petrick

July 30 – Cindy & Dee Grant



BLAST FROM THE PAST

This photo was taken on July 4, 2014. Some people never age, but can you identify the little boy?