



Burnet Presbyterian Church

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Meet Our New Secretary

Theresa Bailey will begin as our church secretary on Monday, January 5, 2026. Theresa's primary expertise is listed as "Project Coordinator and People Manager." We are her next project!

Theresa worked 20 years for EDS in Dallas and Plano. She also worked for Perkins Coie, AT&T and Accenture.

For the first week, Karen Brock and Pat Collins will be working with Theresa.

Please welcome Theresa.

P.W. Christmas Gathering

We were blessed with mild temperatures, no wind, and sunshine as we gathered at Armour and Fred Shin's beautiful home for our annual Christmas Party. Spirits were high as we enjoyed unhurried fellowship, something we seldom get with our busy schedules.

Armour warmly welcomed us and we introduced ourselves. We had several guests present including Marilyn Peters, our pastor's wife; Maria, Fred's sister and her daughter, Janice; Mary, Karen Brock's sister; Dottie Bye, our favorite hairdresser and

friend; and Ann Hunt, Alice's granddaughter. Also present were Cleo Dulls (which was a wonderful surprise for us) and our former interim pastor, Carol Clarke. After we sang the Doxology, we began filling our plates and enjoying the absolute feast that had been prepared by the ladies. Every year seems more wonderful than the last.

There is something to be said for being with friends around the table and enjoying a meal together. Jesus knew that and we know it. The love and bonding that takes place cannot be measured and we all enjoyed every minute of table time.

Now it was time for the game to begin! Carolee Frampton did a great job of keeping track of who opened what and when a gift was "frozen", though several tried to con her into stealing "just one more time." Ann was such a good sport about having many gifts stolen from her. Nutcrackers were very popular items to steal whether they were on a pillow or free standing, and anything sparkly didn't stand a chance of being kept by the first person who opened the gift. It was a fun gift exchange!

In addition to fellowship, food, and fun, our other purpose for gathering was to contribute to the Annual Red Stocking Fund which supports our mission projects for the coming year. As of December 28, our total

offering for projects in 2026 was \$1780.00! Thank you to everyone who contributed, and as always, if you haven't had the opportunity and wish to support the PW, it is not too late.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 12 at 1:00 PM in the Norris Building for coffee and dessert. The official meeting begins at 1:30, when Armour will lead us in our study of Proverbs, Chapters 15-18. See you then!

Submitted by Janie Howell, Secretary

The BB's Read Again Thursday January 22, 2026 9:30am – Fellowship Hall

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi was highly recommended for the BB's 2026 reading. Author Allen Levi is an attorney, judge, singer/songwriter and author. This is his first novel and it is listed as a National Bestseller.

Theo, an old man in his 80's (not old by BPC standards) with a secret, arrived in Golden, GA; no one knows from where he came nor why. Upon discovering 92 pencil portraits hanging in the local coffeeshop, Theo began purchasing them, one by one, and returning them to their "rightful owners." Theo meets each owner and they share their story with him.

Theo then shares what he sees the individual in the portrait to be. The book cover description which caught my eye is "A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, *Theo of Golden* is a beautifully crafted novel about the power of creative generosity, the importance of wonder to a purposeful life, and the invisible threads of kindness that bind us to one another."

Please join the BB's for coffee, breakfast and what will surely be interesting conversation.

NEWS FROM LA CARE FOOD PANTRY

It is heartwarming to see our community come together to ensure that our neighbors have enough to eat. Our partnership with HEB has always been valuable, but the new program that includes meats and canned goods in addition to breads and produce is truly bountiful. Pizza Hut has become a new partner and you can imagine how popular that is!

During the Christmas Season we are humbled to receive many monetary donations from businesses and individuals. Burnet takes care of its own.

As we begin 2026, we thank everyone who supports LA Care in any way. We truly couldn't do anything without you. Happy New Year!

Important Dates for January

Jan. 4	Congregational Meeting after worship
Jan. 4	Dick Spinner's birthday -- family party
Jan. 10	Session Retreat, 9 am
Jan. 11	New Beginnings Luncheon after worship
Jan. 11	Country Oaks, 3 pm
Jan. 14	LACare Board Meeting, 8:45 am
Jan. 29	Fellowship of Church Women, 2 pm

Men of the Church Update

Men of the Church will delay the restart of their Bible Study until a mutually compatible time can be agreed upon.

This church is blessed with retired men and working men; their common theme is that they are all very busy men, in many different ways.

In the meantime, BPC is blessed with two excellent adult Sunday School classes conducted by knowledgeable leaders.

The Mavericks Class, led by Jamie Horn, picks their own materials.

The Disciples Class, led by Cissy Butler, uses PC(USA) materials, which change each quarter.

Speaking from experience in The Disciples Class, there is great opportunity for discussion among both men and women. Knowing well attendees of The Mavericks, I would bet the same!

If you don't already attend Adult Sunday School, please consider it as a New Year's resolution. Coffee is hot by 9am and the doughnuts may still be warm.

Submitted by Pat Collins, 2025 Chair Christian Education

BPC STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

ELDERS: Class of 2025 Fred Shin; Class of 2025 Jamie Horn; Class of 2027 Barry Dawson; Treasurer, Class of 2027 Pat Collins; Moderator, Rev. John Brantley; Dr. Ken

Peters; and Linda Weaver, Clerk of Session. A quorum was present. The meeting began at 5:00 pm.

OPENING PRAYER: - Rev. John Brantley opened the meeting with a prayer.

AGENDA: Reviewed and duly approved by Session.

INTRODUCTION: - None.

SHARING OF CONCERNS OF CONGREGATION AND DEVOTIONAL: -

Rev. John Brantley asked for prayers for his family. Fred Shin gave the devotional from Charles Kirk that all paths lead to God.

CLERKS REPORT: - The Session Minutes for October 28, 2025 and November 2, 2025 were duly approved by Session. Clerk reported Ministerial Alliance Report submitted by Dick Spinner. Dr. Ken Peters stated he would try to attend future Ministerial Alliance meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT: - Pat Collins requested a motion to move \$81,471.00 to Edward Jones and place in a 2 yr CD. Motion made by Jamie Horn, seconded by Fred Shin.*

EVANGELISM: - Looking ahead, the Joy Offering will be collected Sunday December 21, 2025. There is \$4500 in Local Needs to be disbursed. \$1000 to LACare and \$1,000 to the Helping Center Marble Falls was duly approved by Session. She also reported gift bags for Christmas to 49 residents of Country Oaks and requested \$500. Session duly approved.

MISSIONS: - Minutes from Mission set for Dec 7 and Dec 14, 2026. She stated Giving Tuesday had catalogs available for any project you would like to make donation.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: - Barry reported Ron Petrick was handling the kitchen project. Lowes is scheduled to come to give estimate.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: - Hanging of the

Greens set for Dec 3 with a soup supper. The Christmas Party Luncheon is set for December 21, 2025. January 11, 2026 will be a "New Beginnings Luncheon." A reminder, Lynn Marie's 103 birthday is December 3, 2025, and church is invited to Country Oaks for cake.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: - Confirmed Siler Trust is now BPC Trust with First Financial Trust in the amount of \$1,310,965.10. BPC received the first annual distribution in the amount of \$65,548.26 on October 16, 2025. Stewardship Committee recommends 1/2 of dividend go to Missions and 1/2 go to Operating Funds. Session duly approved. Session also approved 2026 Budget and authorized presentation to the Church Congregation.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: - No report.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE: -

Hanging of the Greens set for Dec 3 with a soup supper. Advent schedule set. Christmas Eve Service to beginning at 5:30. Communion servers and liturgists will be assigned by Karen Brock.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: - No report.

OLD BUSINESS: - None.

NEW BUSINESS: - 1. PW donated \$1,000 to the repair potty in fellowship hall from child's potty to adult potty. 2\ Linda Weaver resigned as Clerk of Session and Chairman of Congregational Committee as of last meeting in December. 3\ The Office Computer is not working properly. Pat Collins made a motion to purchase a new computer, seconded by Jamie Horn. Session duly approved. 4\ Fred Shin stated new Elder training was needed for Ron Petrick and Karen Brock. Dr. Peters stated he would visit with them. 5\ Pat requested approval to run ads in Burnet Bulletin and Highlander for the Church Secretary position. Session duly approved on a motion from Fred Shin, seconded by

Jamie Horn. Pat asked Karen Brock to assist with interviews and evaluations and Session duly approved.

The meeting adjourned on November 18, 2025 at 6PM. Rev. Brantley closed the meeting with a prayer. Next meeting is December 7, 2025 following Church Service. Dr. Ken Peters will moderate.

Recipe for Friendship

Start with an open heart and willingness to meet new people. Mix trust, empathy and understanding thoroughly in large bowl, ensuring that all lumps of misunderstanding are smoothed out. Add laughter and fun, stirring until joyful and light. Sprinkle in loyalty, respect, and forgiveness generously throughout the mixture. Bake in a warm and supportive environment, allowing the bond to strengthen over time through shared experiences and communication. Serve daily with a generous helping of mutual support.

-Linda Berggren, with AI Assist

Submitted by Pat Collins

Thank You Note

Thank you church family for all of your cards, texts, calls and especially your prayers for us as Alan had his heart valve replacement. The support of so many dear people means so much to us. We look forward to seeing everyone soon. -- Helen & Alan Tanner