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The Pastor's Pen

Prayer--a simple word that, in all its essence, merely means to communicate with God. When we pray, we are doing a couple of things: reaching out to God, letting God know we haven't forgotten about Him and allowing God to work in our lives. That brings us to 1 Chronicles 4:10. I am not going to copy it here because I want you all to pick up your Bibles and see for yourself what prayer has done and what prayer can do. In the midst of all the lists of families stands one individual who needed God and wasn't afraid to ask for what he needed. Do you need God? Do you need God to work in your life? Are you afraid to ask? Don't be. God is waiting for you to pray this prayer. You will see a miraculous change in your life and in the life of this church. So get started and don't stop. It won't take more than a few seconds every day. I'm looking forward to God's results of your constant prayer.

Love and blessings, Jo



Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture

February 1

Deuteronomy 18:15–20
 Psalm 111
 1 Corinthians 8:1–13
 Mark 1:21–28

February 8

Isaiah 40:21–31
 Psalm 147:1–11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16–23
 Mark 1:29–39

February 15

(Transfiguration of the Lord)
 2 Kings 2:1–12
 Psalm 50:1–6
 2 Corinthians 4:3–6
 Mark 9:2–9

February 18

(Ash Wednesday)
 Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or
 Isaiah 58:1–12
 Psalm 51:1–17
 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10
 Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21

February 22

Genesis 9:8–17
 Psalm 25:1–10
 1 Peter 3:18–22
 Mark 1:9–15

WORK TO BE DONE
 Stained glass windows and
 Fellowship Hall windows

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February Birthdays

Lei Stewart	9
Ryann Bohannon	15
Sarah Bolstad	15
Carole Henry	17
Val Maeris	19
Ken Dodson	28

Events this Month

February 1
Communion worship, 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.
February 3
Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
February 5
Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
February 11
Open Hearts Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
February 18
Lenten dinner, 6:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday service, 6:30 p.m.
February 25
Lenten dinner, 6:00 p.m.
Open Hearts Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
February 28
knotty prayers, 10:00 a.m.

March Fellowship Dinner hosted

by Betsy and Tammy

Baptist Church. Vaunda will be welcomed into our church family this coming Sunday, November 16, 2014.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting have been read and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Betsy Dodson reported:
\$24,428.53 in our checking account
\$28,899.74 in our money market account
\$8,900.00 in restoration funds

Committee Reports

Property: Betsy reported that a new thermostat is needed for the fellowship hall. Jean recommended contacting Gulf Power regarding the Energy Select program.

Christian Education: Tammy reported Women's Bible Study will begin again in January with a study of the Gospel of Luke. "Partners in Prayer" and a special needs ministry will begin meeting in January, 2015 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The special needs ministry will be called "Open Hearts Ministry". She noted we can download lessons from a few websites therefore incurring no cost for this material. Tammy also noted that the meetings in November and December, 2015, will be held on different Wednesdays. Tammy reported she is still working on the calendar for 2015. Tammy stated she would like to establish a small library in the parlor of the fellowship hall using books relating to religion which have been donated by the congregation. A discussion followed regarding collection of books and how to control distribution. It was agreed that a sign-in/sign-out log book would be the preferred method to have some control over where the books are. Tammy stated the need for Session members to sit with different people at the fellowship dinners. It was decided to have prayer shawl blessing quarterly. The first blessing will be held the last Sunday in March, 2015.

Stewardship: No report

Worship: Jo presented the new pottery communion set purchased at Montreat. She also noted that she will be absent December 28, 2014, and February 8 and 15, 2015. Visitors
Tammy will fill in on December 28, 2014, and will confer with Margaret regarding procuring a supply pastor for the Sundays in February. We will have communion the first Sunday in February, 2015.

Membership/Mission: Jean reported she visited the Student Affairs Office at FSU/PSC. The college wants to begin a religion course and will be looking for speakers. She left our contact information with the office secretary. Jean reported she has been assured the "Ghost Walk 2015" will include our church and we will be asked to have the sanctuary open for the event.

Clerk's Report/Nominating Committee: Jean reported the congregation was presented with Linda Lade as nominee to



Welcome

Congratulations to Colleen and Wyatt on their baptism and to our new members:

Chris, Colleen and Wyatt Hayslip
Anne and Steve Smith
Daniel Finlay

Session Highlights

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Session members present:
Tammy Mendiola
Margaret Neustaedter
Betsy Dodson
Jean Mourey

Absent:
Leslie Yandle

Moderator
Jo Kublik

Visitor
Vaunda Leonard

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order

Pastor Jo Kublik began with a reading from Ephesians.

A quorum was declared by Jo and the meeting was called to order with prayer given by Jo.

Jo presented Vaunda Leonard to the session. Vaunda is seeking membership in our church.

Jean questioned Vaunda's current membership with another church. We will request a letter of transfer from Wallace

be an active Session member on Sunday November 9, 2014. The nomination was unanimously approved and Linda will be installed in January 2015.

Personnel: No report.

Old Business: Tammy reported the owners of the Children's Home will be speaking to the congregation at a future fellowship luncheon.

Session training will be held this Saturday, November 15.

Holiday Faire is scheduled for December 5, 2014. Tammy has filled all vendor spaces. Jeanette Harman is organizing food.

Sharon Stebbins is organizing the Jesse Tree for Advent

"Partners in Prayer" will meet the first Monday in December.

"Presby 101" classes will be held December 7 and 14, 2014.

New Business:

Betsy reported she has been contacted by Robert Blocker, a pastor of a church in North Carolina, requesting the use of our church for a Martin Luther King, Jr. service January 18, 2015. He will be contacting her later this month to see if this has been approved. It was agreed to charge for this event the same as would be charged for use of our facilities for a wedding.

Betsy presented two coffee mugs donated by Cheryl Nugent. These are commemorative mugs with Bible verse imprinted. We will give one to Bill Stewart whose aunt donated the large stained glass window at the front of the sanctuary. The other will be kept for a later event.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

The next stated meeting will be January 8, 2015.

Jean Mourey
Clerk of Session

The Wordless Sermon

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The

pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

Sometimes We Wonder

Sometimes we wonder "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, She's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a taste, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."

"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers.

"Yuck," says her daughter.

"How about a couple raw eggs?"

"Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?"

"Mom, those are all yucky!"


To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!" God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful. God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every Spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance!

Food for Thought

What if you woke up this morning and only had what you thanked God for yesterday.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Communion, 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30	2	3	4	5 Session Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	6	7
8 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	9 Lei Stewart	10 Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.	11 Open Hearts Ministry, 6:30 p.m. Melissa Reiter	12	13	14 
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2nd Thessalonians

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