



Presbyterian Link



July 20, 2008

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Moderator David Etheridge called the meeting to order. He led us through a brief devotional from John 14:27: the peace that was Jesus' which he gave to us. He then opened the meeting with prayer.

John Tucker (Interim PNC) announced that the committee had interviewed one potential candidate last week and will be interviewing a second candidate in the near future.

Caroline Peerman (Pulpit Supply, Home Communion) read a thank you note from Sherwood Smith. She also announced that home communion had been taken to Diane Emmett and Delano Douglas will be our preacher August 3, 2008.

Mark Younkin (Ministry Beyond the Congregation) requested permission for John Farmer, representing Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, to preach September 14, 2008 (Mission Sunday). Motion passed. John will also make a presentation following a Koinonia luncheon after worship, hosted by the MBC Committee.

Mark requested that John's ministry with ICF be given a \$1,200 contribution from ACT for Mission funds. Motion passed.

Mark also announced that the Camp Elpis tuition offering had raised an additional \$200, raising the offering total to \$1,100. The ACT for Mission match is \$1,100 for a total gift of \$2,200.

Anne Mabry (Worship and Discipleship) reported that thank you notes had been sent to Geraldine Kauffman for her work with flowers and landscaping and to Karen Blaesing for her work with communion preparation.

Approval was granted to make bulletin changes requested by Elder Sang-il Lee.

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REMINDERS FOR AUGUST

- August 1 ~ Men's lunch at Napoli's
- August 3 ~ Delano Douglas preaching
- August 5 ~ Circles I and II meet
- August 10 ~ Dale Walker preaching
- August 10 ~ Children's Church
- August 10 ~ Koinonia lunch following Worship
- August 12 ~ Committee Meeting Night
- August 17 ~ Stated Session Meeting
- August 24 ~ Children's Church
- August 25 ~ Link Deadline

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, 2008 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Rob Gilliam (Ministry Support) reviewed the June Financial report.

Minutes of the June 22, 2008 Stated meeting were approved as presented.

A piece of correspondence from Presbytery office was read confirming the election of Cynthia Erb to Presbytery's Division of Church Development/Redevelopment.

Prayer requests received from the Congregation were read by the Clerk. Prayers of intercession were offered for those named and to close the meeting.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	July 2008	YTD
Pledges	\$10,580.00	\$58,089.00
Non-Pledges	\$530.00	\$4,010.00
Plate Offering	\$304.05	\$2,892.66
Total Expenses	\$7,028.59	\$59,615.84

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TAKE NOTE



Presbyterian Men's Lunch at Napoli's

Friday August 1

11:45 pm

Those who have the lunch hour free, join us for food and fellowship

Summer Sunday School Mini-Series

In response to requests, a Sunday School mini-series featuring the book of Obadiah began Sunday, July 27 and should last 2 or 3 Sundays since Obadiah is short.

Come and explore this tiny Old Testament book with us.

For more information, contact Brenda Mocsiran

Committee Meeting Night

Tuesday, August 12

7 pm



MISSION NEWS

FROM MINISTRY BEYOND THE CONGREGATION

Mission Worker Sunday will be September 7, 2008.

John Farmer, with Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, will be invited to preach during Worship and to also make a presentation at a Koinonia luncheon following Worship.



FOR AND ABOUT KIDS

Children's Church

We will have Children's Church on the following Sundays this summer:

August 10th Led by Denise Tucker

August 24th Led by Anne Mabry

If you are willing to be an assistance during any of these Sundays, we would love to have you!

We would also like to host at least two "Movie Nights" this summer. Please let Anne Mabry or Stephanie Moehlenkamp know if you have suggestions for good family movies.

BIBLICAL MATH

In the ancient Mediterranean world, astrology and astrometry were the same discipline. Mathematics and magic were also the same. The Gospel of John, written about 90 AD, is the most mystical and abstract of the four gospels. John presents a mystical side of Jesus and emphasizes miracles over parables. His symbolism is full of numerology. John replaces parables with numbers. We find a network of numerical symbols in John that we don't find in the other Gospels. Concepts may be hidden by numbers, but they are meant for our discovery.

How do you read John to understand its symbolism? Pay attention to the numbers.

ONE— God

TWO—Society (Adam & Eve; Mosaic Law of 2 witnesses)

THREE—Heavenly number; the Divine; the Trinity

FOUR—Earth (parts of the compass; 4 elements)

FIVE— Man; humanity (arms, legs, head)

SIX— Evil; incompleteness

SEVEN—Heaven and Earth (3+4); Perfection

EIGHT—In the construction of a church, completion, perfection (the visible world was created in 7 days; the kingdom of God followed; $7 + 1 = 8$, thus the church's baptistery and font had an octagonal shape)

TWELVE—Harmony

FORTY— Completion; completed task

SIXTY—peculiarly sacred because it is the product of 3, 4, and 5 (Heaven, Earth and Man).

5,000—Infinite

The one miracle that all four Gospels contain is the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5,000, symbolizing an infinitude of humans.

An example of infinity is the mathematical object, the Mobius Strip, a lemniscate (in Latin, lemniscus, or ribbon). You can make one. Cut a strip of paper about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide and 10 inches long. Hold one end and give the other end a half twist. Tape the top end to the bottom end, making a circle with only one surface. Holding it on the corner of a table, write a Bible verse on it and wear it on your wrist.

Elder Margaret Liebchen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST 2008

August 1 Friday

11:45 Presbyterian Men's lunch at Napoli's

August 3 Sunday

10 am Delano Douglas Preaching
Communion
2 Cents-A-Meal Offering
Canned Food Sunday

August 5 Tuesday

10 am Circle I meets in parlor
7 pm Circle II meets in parlor

August 6 Wednesday

9:30 Prayer Fellowship
11 - 12:30 Second Helping Lunch

August 10 Sunday

10 am Dale Walker preaching
Children's Church
Koinonia Lunch immediately following
Worship

August 12 Tuesday

7 pm Committee Meeting Night

August 13 Wednesday

9:30 Prayer Fellowship
11 - 12:30 Second Helping Lunch

August 17 Sunday

10 am Worship
6 pm Stated Session Meeting

August 20 Wednesday

9:30 Prayer Fellowship
11 - 12:30 Second Helping Lunch

August 24 Sunday

10 am Worship
Children's Church

August 25 Monday

Link Deadline

August 27 Wednesday

9:30 Prayer Fellowship
11 - 12:30 Second Helping Lunch





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August 2008

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| 2 Lynn Copes | 31 Leslie Doss |
| 3 Jerry Sodders | |
| 4 Brenda Mocsiran | |
| 6 Garry Taylor | |
| 8 Micah Geyer | |
| 10 Diann Martin | |
| 13 Joshua Larkin | |
| 15 Frances Harvey | |
| 19 Rebecca Kauffman | |
| 19 Louise Phillips | |
| 23 Jessicah Collins | |
| 23 Emma Hanson | |
| 26 Lauren Bogert | |
| 29 Sue Simmons | |

& ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|
| 16 John & Patty Eller |
| 20 Gary & Barbie Andrews |
| 25 Chuck & Brenda Mocsiran |
| 26 Sang-il & June Lee |



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