



Session Notes

by Matt Mitchell

Meetings can be difficult. More times than not we look at a meeting and think, "I do NOT want to be there." There are a million other things we feel that we could be doing rather than sitting in a room "taking care of business." Now, I'll admit, there are times when I certainly feel that way; times when I just wish I were at home. However, our Session meetings seem to be different. When we meet together there is a sense that what we are doing in that room has eternal significance. There is a feeling that we are truly living the call that God has placed in our lives to lead His church. That being said, these are some of the things that we discussed during our March Session meeting:

We continued talking about the denominational issues that are facing the Presbyterian Church. We will be forming a Denominational Concerns Committee that will begin looking at many of the obstacles that lie in front of us as a denomination. This committee will be made up

of a few elders and others within the church. If you are interested please contact Baron (baron@wpclubbock.org) and let him know. Several of us are travelling to Minneapolis in August to meet with pastors from all over the United States to discuss future plans. We would love to have people from this committee join us.

It's always a reminder of God's merciful hand upon this church when we look at our financial sheet and see that things are going well for us. Giving continues to be on pace and for that we are grateful. The Foundation Board has the Westminster Endowment up and running and is currently moving money into that account.

Discipleship and Edifying made a motion to cancel Sunday School on May 1st so that the church will be able to join the Youth Ministry in celebrating our Seniors graduating from High School. They are encouraging everyone to

attend as a means of supporting Shawn and those students. We believe that this is one of the ways that we remain faithful to our baptismal vows to raise our children as a church family.

Bev Sumrow reported that the Belize Mission Trip was a huge success and that the China trip is full, with others still wanting to sign up! What a joy to see people engaging in opportunities to serve.

Our Organization and Leadership Team continues to do very good work as they lead in many of the behind the scenes areas. I praise God for their hard work and for their willingness to serve. All in all we have a great Session that plans for you, has meetings for you, gives up its time for you, but mostly prays for you. I hope you appreciate them and thank them when you get the chance.

Missional Thoughts

by Matt Mitchell

The **Belize 2011 Mission Trip** was a huge success. So many incredible things happened that it is impossible to put them all in one short article. Over the next few weeks I will be posting different team members' thoughts about the trip, so be watching! This week is always a special time for me. Many of you know that we have been going to Belize for 14 years, and so for many of us it's like going home. Stepping off the plane and feeling like you're at home is a great feeling.

This year was a different experience for us. We stayed at the new King's Children's Home that is currently being built. Many of us worked on the new structure while many others were at the old home playing with kids, helping with homework, helping with their library, doing laundry and ironing clothes, and helping the staff with other chores as well. The relationship that has grown between Leonie (the director of the home) and our church is a blessing for us all, and I hope you will have a chance to experience that some day.

A huge blessing of this trip is what it does for our church. You cannot imagine how wonderful it is to see students and adults from 10-65 all working together, praying together, laughing together, and worshipping together. I think it is a true picture of the Kingdom of God. Our students learn so much from our adults, and I know the inverse is true as well. Thank you to all of you who supported us through prayer, pancakes, finances, and all of the other ways that Westminster makes it possible for this incredible mission to happen. You are appreciated and loved.

Worship Word

by Matt Spitsberg

We NEED YOU!



WPC Worship Service Media is switching to Apple/Mac computers, and is in need of some new operators.

Training provided!

Contact Matt Spitsberg
matts@wpclubbock.org

Flower Sentiments

The flowers in the Sanctuary during March were given ...

... by Brandy & Lonny Langston in honor of their 5th anniversary and their children: Brittany, Tyler, Abigail, and Meagan.

... by Dean & Audrey Key in honor of their 26th Wedding Anniversary.

... in memory and celebration of the life of Mike Pearson by Brenda Pearson and her family.

... by Kyle, Karen, Tara, and Justin McNeely in celebration of Jack McNeely's 90th birthday.

Open Dates on Flower Chart

Please sign up to provide a floral tribute for our worship services, in honor or memory of loved ones, to the glory of God, or in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, or other special event. The flower chart is located to the right of the Administrator's Office in the main hallway. Minimum cost of the weekly flower arrangement is \$50.00. Open dates are May 1 and May 8.



WPC has been asked to assist in a Family Promise weekend coming in April. Many of you have helped in the past by setting up, bringing meals, sitting with families, and spending the night. We are looking for new people who might be interested in joining this great mission to help families who are trying to move toward a more stable lifestyle.

If you are interested, please contact Becky Helmer at becky@helmeronline.com

Music Ministry

by Boyce Wyrick

Here We Are ... in Lent.

Shrove Tuesday (also known as **Pancake Tuesday**, **Fat Tuesday**, and **Mardi Gras**) is a term used in English-speaking countries, especially the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, and many parts of the United States for the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of fasting and prayer called Lent.

The word *shrove* is related to the English verb *to shrive*, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance. During the week before Lent, sometimes called Shrovetide in English, Christians were expected to go to confession in preparation for the penitential season of turning to God. Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday and noted in histories dating back to 1000 AD. The popular celebratory aspect of the day had developed long before the Protestant Reformation and was associated with releasing high spirits before the somber season of Lent. Many of you are familiar with the Carnival tradition associated with Mardi Gras in predominantly Catholic countries.

In the United States, the term Shrove Tuesday is less widely known outside of those who observe the liturgical traditions of the Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, and Catholic churches. With the increase of many immigrant populations since the 19th century and the rise of highly publicized festivals, Mardi Gras has become more familiar as the designation for that day.

There are many musical traditions in the Lenten season, but note (as was in one of Baron's recent sermons) that the 40 days of Lent *do not* include Sundays ... how odd is that? So rather than all Sundays of Lent having anthems and hymns solely focusing on absolution, confession, and penance, our anthems have presented a wide variety of musical styles and

subjects of the Christian faith. As we draw closer to Holy Week, our anthems will be more driven by the aspects of Lent. Our current sermon series, "I Believe," is presenting a much-needed focus on the **Apostles' Creed**. It continues to be a good focus on each portion of this statement of faith which we recite each Sunday.

Looking ahead to Holy Week, we will have a wide range of music. **Palm Sunday** we will combine the forces of the childrens' choirs, the youth choir, the bell choir, and the adult choir to present a call to worship *and* an anthem. This marks the first time in a very long time that we have had a collaborative effort of such size. As has been our tradition for more than a decade, our **Good Friday** service will be a *Tenebrae* Service ... the Service of Darkness in which we combine the adult choir, the organ, an orchestra, and the congregation in worship commemorating the events of the day of the crucifixion of our Lord, Jesus, the Christ. This solemn service prepares us for the glory that is **Easter Sunday**. On the **Day of Resurrection**, our church will once again ring with joyous songs of praise to our Risen King, and you will want to be in the pews as both services lift voices in anthems and hymns with the Easter message of hope and love!

Upcoming Anthems in the Traditional Service

April 3 "I Will Remember Thee"
Jay Althouse

April 10 "God So Loved the World"
John Stainer/Lloyd Larson Prime Chimers

April 17, Palm Sunday "Blessed Is He Who Comes"
Becki Slagle Mayo Children, Youth, Handbells, Adults

"Hosanna and Hallelujah!"
Joel Raney Children, Youth, Handbells, Adults

April 24, Easter Sunday "Hallelujah!" from *Messiah*
Georg Friedrich Handel

"One Great Hour of Sharing" - Special Outreach Offering on Palm Sunday, 4/17 & Easter Sunday, 4/24

Youth Ministry

by Shawn Mayo

Sometimes working with students can feel like you're herding cats. However, it can be so rewarding when you have a student who 'gets it'. What I mean by that is when teenagers take their eyes off themselves and begin to serve those around them, or when they begin to understand how God views them and it changes their perspective on relationships. These are the moments we, as youth workers, try to craft.

We love to help students discover who God created them to be. I had one such encounter during Spring Break; it was amazing! Students who didn't skip town came to church and helped paint our youth room (They did a great job, and you should come down and take a look of their handiwork). On our second day of painting as our time was finished, I had a student ask me, "Hey, is there anything I can do to help you clean up?" My heart as a youth worker leapt at that moment. I find deep meaning even in the smallest movement toward Christ's example. This student didn't ask for authority, he asked for responsibility. He received both. He didn't ask to be first, but to be last. When a student makes even the smallest move toward Jesus, I jump for joy; and I encourage you to look for little teachable moments like this with our teenagers.

Children's Ministry

by Leslie Roach

Kids' Nite Out

Friday, April 8th 6:00pm—10:30pm

Open to birth—5th grade, \$8 per child, \$16 max per family

Dinner: Dogs/Chips Activity: K-5th Grade: Texas Tech Baseball Game

Register your kids online at www.wpclubbock.org/ministries-children

Deadline to register: Wed. April 6th at 5pm or when we reach 50 kids

Family Potluck & Scavenger Egg Hunt

This isn't your grandmother's egg hunt. Parents please plan on attending with your children, as we will be traveling in cars for the hunt.

Wednesday, April 13th, 5:45pm to 7:30pm

Children's Ministry will provide Chicken Strips & Drinks. Please bring a side dish to share.

No desserts, please, as we will have a TON of candy & ice cream to feast on!

Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly for food and eggs!

RSVP at www.wpclubbock.org/ministries-children

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HOLY WEEK EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

Sunday, April 17th, 11am Service

Kids will be escorted by their Sunday School leaders to the Sanctuary immediately following Sunday School. Kids will be dismissed to parents by 11:15am

HALLEJUAH CAMPS

Preschool Age: Monday, April 18th

K-2nd Grade: Tuesday, April 19th

3rd—5th Grade: Wednesday, April 20th

4pm to 6pm each day

Limited to 15 kids per camp

Come journey with us as we touch, taste, feel, and walk step by step through all that Jesus experienced during His last days.

REGISTER NOW at www.wpclubbock.org/ministries-children as spots are limited and will go fast.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 24th

10am Sunday School for all Kids

April Birthdays

SIDE-LINED SAINTS BIRTHDAYS

Charles Hiemstra - 8th

April Anniversaries

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Frank & Jerry Caldwell - 2nd (56 years)

Lamar & Bettye Jones - 6th (62 years)

Len & Lucy Hutchison - 21st (60 years)

Directory Corrections

Tom Carter - new phone #: 470-1353 (cell)

Sarah Carter - new phone #: 470-1354 (cell)

Helen Edgar - new e-mail address:

helenqedgar@gmail.com

Jane Quade - new address: 3601 46th St. 79413

Thank You

To the Westminster Sewing Ministry, the American Cancer Society thanks you!

Thanks for the contribution of the hats, pillows, bags, and turbans. Our cancer patients really appreciate all you do for them.

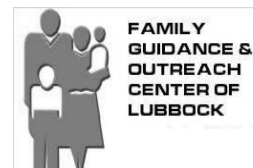
Vina Silasi

American Cancer Society

I would like to extend our thanks to your Women's Group that makes the wonderful hats. They are so appreciated by our patients. Thank you for thinking of our patients. It is such a joy for me to see the difference it makes in cancer patients' lives.

Melanie Zurinski

Southwest Cancer Treatment and Research Center
UMC



#5 Briercroft Office Park, Lubbock, TX 79412
www.lubbockparentconnection.org

Family Guidance & Outreach Center of Lubbock
invites you to our annual

Candlelight Vigil

Sunday, April 3, 2011

5:30pm

First Church of the Nazarene

6110 Chicago Ave.

*In memory of the 242 children of Texas
who died as a result of child abuse
and neglect in 2010.*

Announcements

PrimeTimers

Exciting things are happening with the PRIMETIMERS!

This past Monday (the 21st), the group toured Hope Lodge, with our own Mikell Bollinger, who is Director of the Large Gifts to the American Cancer Society Of Lubbock, and decided to get involved with Hope Lodge! Several members of the group have already expressed interest in volunteering on site, but as a group, we will begin collecting items to donate to Hope Lodge. First on our list, casseroles! Please bring a casserole (or more if you like), that will feed 2 to 4 people, freezer ready. You may purchase or even better, make yourself. These are offered to patients and their care-givers, to cook on site, while staying in the Lodge. We are very excited to put our faith in action at HOPE LODGE!!!

April 11th will be the next PrimeTimers luncheon. Our speaker will be Stacy Brown, local Christian seminar and retreat speaker. Stacy's topic is, "The Legacy We Leave Our Children." Circle Monday, April 11th, 11:30 a.m. on your calendars. Join us for our pot luck luncheon followed by the program in the Church Parlor. Even if you've never participated, you are always welcome to join our monthly luncheons. Questions? Call Alice @ 748 - 1801.



Saturday, April 16th , 11:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m. in the FMC

Spring Fling Luncheon & Program

\$10 per person

Guests welcome

Sign up on Sundays in the Narthex or RSVP to Jan in the Church Office, 799-3621. Child Care and Transportation are available without a fee, but a reservation is required

Bring items* for WoW's "Personal Hygiene Ministry"

* Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Etc.

Christ in the Passover

Did you know that Jesus' Last Supper was actually a Jewish Passover? Shoshannah Weinisch of Jews for Jesus will re-create the traditional Passover service and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus' death and Resurrection.

We, as a congregation, will participate in a Model Seder on Palm Sunday, **April 17th at 6 p.m. in the FMC.**

This is a worshipful experience and NOT a dinner meal. Families are invited to participate, but please be advised that the service will run approximately 75 minutes. We will also share in Communion by intinction.

There is no cost for this event. Please RSVP to the Church office by Wednesday, April 13th (799-3621). Questions? Please call Carol Keeling (798-1856) or Cheryl Sebastian (794-2157).



The WPC Sewing Ministry

Fellowship of the Scissors and Needles has partnered with TeethSavers for the Little Dresses and Little Britches for Africa project.

By the end of March, over 250 little dresses and little britches will be delivered to Dr. Jack Rudd and the TeethSavers team to take to children in their Clinics. The patterns are very easy to cut and sew, making a great method for learning how to use your sewing machines!

Additionally, the Stockings Patriots are busy tracing and cutting out stockings. No sewing skills needed for this project -- just happy hearts and willing hands.

WSM FSN is working hard to further the mission -- *to share the warmth of God's Love by creating gifts of comfort for our community and to the ends of the world.*

If you would like to share the joy of delivering WSM gifts of love to a church member or friend, please call Paulette English (806-795-0207) or drop by Room 206 during the FSN work sessions.

Purchase an Easter Lily in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones

On Easter Sunday, April 24, we will cover a barren wood cross with white lilies and ivy, to convert it to the Easter Cross, the Cross of Glory. Approximately 100 Easter lilies are used. If you would like to give one or more lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the tear-off form in your worship bulletin and place it in the offering plate, along with payment for the lilies. Each lily will cost \$9.00. Order deadline is noon, Monday, April 18 (Monday after Palm Sunday).

New Baby Ministry

In recognition of the growing number of the families at Westminster, and in keeping with the women's ministry mission of Sharing Lives, Being Fed, and Serving Others, the WoW (Women of Westminster) Connection Team is beginning a program called the New Baby Ministry. Anne Arrington and I will be co-chairing this new ministry.

The purpose of the group is to minister to new moms as they transition home with baby. It can be such an overwhelming time, and we are wanting to help that transition go as smoothly as possible by offering to bring meals to these families in the following days after they arrive home. Our hope is to get 15-20 volunteers who are willing to serve by preparing and delivering a meal during these pivotal times for these families. It is our thought also that by having a core group of 15-20 volunteers, it will not become burdensome to those involved in the meal process. We are going to have an online calendar set up and when a new mom is getting close to delivery, we will determine the mom's needs. Once the baby arrives, the calendar will be emailed, and the people on this committee can sign up online.

We are really looking forward to this new ministry and to embracing these families and their new babies.

If this sounds like a ministry that you would like to be a part of, please email Amber Clifford at amber_clifford@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you and getting this process started for Westminster and these families.

Christian Concerns Westminster Cares

Please phone Jan in the church office (799-3621) to notify WPC of birth, death, illness, or hospitalization. We care, and we want to know! (Please remember that HIPAA regulations do not permit the hospitals to share patients' names with WPC staff.)

Church-wide Prayer Team "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." —Isaiah 56: 7. Join a church-wide prayer team of all ages, which will be broken into smaller teams to meet on a rotating basis during the Sunday School hour each week in the prayer room. Contact: Bev Day, 794-0038, Leslie Roach, 799-3621, ext. 219, or Sally Andrews, 797-0097.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Mack Elston, Juanell Johnson, Jennifer Jones

SYMPATHY TO: the family and friends of longtime member Marie Wid, age 96, who died March 8 in Delta, CO. A memorial service was held March 19 at the Presbyterian Church of Delta, with interment at a later date at Highland Memory Gardens in Des Moines, IA. Our sympathy also goes to other families and friends whose loved ones have recently passed away: 'Cile Redus and family in the death of her son, Charles "Chip" Redus, age 60, on March 23 in Lubbock. Services were held March 18 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Sherry Peel, daughter of Mabry Peel and sister to Diane Abbott, died on March 29 in Austin, TX. Services are pending here at Westminster. Ermis Goble, age 86, died on March 29 in Lubbock. Services are pending here at Westminster, with burial in Plainview, TX.

GENERAL CONCERNS

The following suffer from general health concerns: Anne Bulls, Walt Clark, Norma Couch, Ann Davis, Eunice Dersch, Monica Dunlap, Mae Egbe, Mack Elston, Eugenia Gray, Anne Griffin, Dana Hale, Jack Helms, Wallace Hess, Charles & Wilhelmina Hiemstra, Ann Jenson, Juanell Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Harold Laverty, Harold Laverty (respiratory problems), Bertha Lemaster, Harvey & Micky McEachern, Helen McGarrett, Margene Peachee (recovering from broken hand), Mabry Peel, Wayne Plowman (treatment for Myelodysplastic Syndrome), Helen Price, Betty Turner, Peggy Vannoy, and Helen Walker. Erik Herrera needs prayer for strength as he goes through therapy for Myasthenia Gravis.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

(We will list friends and extended family for a month. Following that time, please call the office if you wish for them to remain on the list.)

Jeff & Elizabeth Benson & Family (Ken & Christie Benson's son & family in Japan), Jennifer Breazeale (Robert Hook's friend), Involved in critical incident as police officer; Tina Chavez (Robert Hook's friend) Treatment for colon cancer; Leonard Cruse (Carolyn Farrer's father) Vascular Dementia; Will Cruse (Carolyn Farrer's brother) Caretaker to his father; Richard Dodge (Nancy Dodge's brother) In final stages of cancer; Becky Ellison and Noah, Evie, & Hannah (Robert & Linda Sanders's daughter and grandchildren) The father left for Afghanistan for 3 months, they live in Denton; Samantha Galloway (John & Betty Schmitz's great-granddaughter) Infant, breathing problems and hole in her heart; Ruby Katmann and her daughter Kay Keeling (Maureen Davis' friends) Severe health issues; Jim McKee (Mary Zickefoose's brother) Diagnosed with throat cancer; Natalie Nazworth (Beth Lee's daughter) Difficulty recovering from laser eye surgery; Eriq Neale (Ken & Sharon Romines' son) Surgery 3/29 at Methodist Hospital in Dallas for Stage 2 metastasized liver cancer, lives in Denton, TX; Ryland Roe-Tubbs (Ryan & Geanna Tubbs' son) Young child who moved from family & friends to Galveston, TX; John Simmons (Phillip Saffel's father) On list for liver transplant; Mike Thomas (Katie Eliason's father) Health issues--lives in Frisco, TX.

SEMINARY STUDENTS

Emily Roberts, Dillon Ferguson, Jessi Fleming, Max Hochenedel

MISSIONARIES

Will & Amanda Johnson (Youth with a Mission) China

Katie Mathis (iGO Global) Middle East

Keith & Kelly Rodgers (Hope for Nicaragua), Nicaragua

Jack Rudd (Teethsavers) Teethsavers in Africa & Central America

Doran & Amy Schoenhals (Campus Crusade) Texas

Brandon & Jenny Scott (CAM International) Guatemala

Billy & Jess Streu (Operation Mobilization) Bosnia

Tim Tam (Amarillo office), Beth Garner, Kenny Logan, Pedro Perez (Word at Work Ministry) Belize

MILITARY PERSONNEL

AIR FORCE

Jonathan Hogan (Doug Hogan's son) Texas, Adam Keith (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son) Italy, Zachary Laird (Ruth Huffaker's grandson) Arizona, Billy Sullivan (Edie Logan's grandson) Missouri.

ARMY

Keith Anderson (Beth Anderson Lee's son) Texas, Craig Combs (Samantha McKay's friend), Iraq; David Hale (Becky Benson Hale's husband) Georgia. Rick Miller (Martha Daniel's nephew) Afghanistan, Zane Wilson (Lynnette Wilson's son) S. Carolina. Garrett Zuerker (Mike Zuerker's cousin), Afghanistan

COAST GUARD

Michael Taylor Knight (Friend of many WPC Youth) Virginia

MARINES

Beau Babcock (Mike Zuerker's cousin) Afghanistan, Bryan Perry (John & Betty Schmitz's grandson-in-law) California, Paula Sepeda (Todd Faison's sister-in-law) California, Nick Sims (John & Debbie Sims's son) Rhode Island, Cole Stanley (Jim & Peggy Young's grandson-in-law) in Virginia being treated for injuries from a roadside bomb explosion in Afghanistan, Sean Vannoy (Peggy Vannoy's grandson) California,

NAVY

Jeff Benson (Becky Benson Hale's brother) Japan, Jay English (Jerry & Paulette English's grandson) Japan, Mark A. Gilreath (Tamara Gilreath's husband) Colorado, Jonathan Loper (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son-in-law) Washington, D.C.



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Tami Hodnett.....Part-Time Media Coordinator
Freddie Bryant.....Custodian
Rosa Aleman.....Housekeeper
Joe Sarratt.....Part-Time Custodian
Robert Sanders.....Night Sexton

Worship Times

Sundays

9:00am.....Contemporary Worship
 10:00am.....Sunday School for Children
 Fellowship Time for Adults
 10:15am.....Sunday School for Adults
 11:00am.....Traditional Worship

Wednesdays

5:30pm.....Supper (with reservation)
 Family Ministry Center
 6:00pm.....Wednesday Nite Live

Return service requested.

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