



**First Presbyterian Church
of South Charleston**

**2012 Winter Congregational Meeting
January 29, 2012**

Prayer by the Pastor

Highlights from 2011

*You are invited to share your own personal highlights,
either about your family or about your church*

Memorial Service for those who passed away in 2011

*You are invited to share names of family or friends.
Persons may not have been members of this church*

Church Members

Corene Bryant

Wilson Byer

Guy Cain

Bess Connolly

Pat Graham

Jackie Nash

Norieta Shamblin

Audra Thompson

Lucille Williamson

Election of a Trustee

Bill Miller

Approval of the Pastor's Compensation

Closing Prayer

In the Fall of 2011
church members and friends were asked to respond to a survey

Things We Love About Our Church

Church friends and family and fellowship
youth and activities for youth
spiritual direction provided by Pastor
friendship and the opportunity to do service regardless of how great or small
appreciation toward each other using their individual gifts and talents from God
missions, Christmas Baskets, Mitten Tree
Stocking Stuffers for Heart & Hand, Manna Meal
active youth group with a wonderful leader in Lisa
Bluestone summer camp, mission trip, praise band, music, Pastor Gary
music, the congregation, Session, the Elders, Communion
worship service, VBS, the staff, the Pastor, everything!
wonderful Sunday Sermons
Bible Study, Fellowship, Community Outreach
wonderful Pastor who has very interesting and apropos messages
congregation is very friendly and welcoming to members and also visitors alike
love and concern that members have for one another
devotion to Christ's ministry through the efforts of means provided by his disciples
the minister, Gary McGrew, and his sermons
last, but not least, Church Chat!
formality of the Sunday Services
feeling of belonging – friendliness of members
opportunity to serve
last but not least, our Pastor
all of the smiling faces of my church family that encourage me
always trying to minister to our members, community, and all of the world
our Savior and our Strength, lightens our load and teaches us how to praise Him
the way we come together at Bluestone and grow together in our faith
the love I feel when I'm among my church family – it's like no other feeling
my friends and family, my youth group that I will never forget
being in the youth group, the praise band's music
Wednesday Church, and coming to Bluestone in the fall
wonderful music programs

the best youth director in the world
youth director leading a fantastic youth group that contributes to worship every week
our caring and fun people
Gary and Paula McGrew!
God centered – Bible believing church, family atmosphere
lots of activity – missions, day care, plenty to do! Likes to eat!
the people, the minister, the missions, the fellowship, the youth, and the love!
you might say I was born in my church as my mother was an active member
my youth group and choir, the CD with your music
wonderful pastor
Circle for the cards and their kindness
my friends in the youth group and the church family
the people, Choir and Handbells, Youth Group and Youth Sunday
all of the mission projects, mission-centeredness
music – variety and quantity
friendly and welcoming people, our fellowship, the youth group
willingness to support many things from Christmas baskets to Habitat for Humanity
friendly people that are always genuinely happy to see you
services that the church gives within our community and others
everybody is really nice -- we do really fun stuff
Pastor Gary is great! I love coming here!
love and support of every member of our church family
tireless effort of volunteers
overwhelming generosity of time, energy, and resources
fun, fellowship and joy in the life of our church. Everything!
Bluestone, worshipping God with friends and family
youth are a part of the congregation and are allowed to be heard and participate
fellowship of our Christian family
varied ways in which we musically praise our Lord
awesome leadership in our church
our support of multiple mission programs
we love and care for each other
we welcome new faces with open and loving arms
we do so many missions, spreading the love we have with others
showing others that Presbyterians are not bad people
Bluestone counselors
people who put up with my in spite of myself
person who sent me a card at the very moment I needed it
refuge, Bluestone, people, my church family, our praise band

People Who Made a Difference in My Spiritual Life

Annabelle Hoppe, Mrs. Marion Pauley, Mrs. McChesney
husband who brought me back to the church, and my faith
mother and father, Col. Bruce Reed, my chaplain
Dr. Bennett, my minister as a youth
my wife; my children; and grandchild, what miracles
my brothers and sisters in Christ at First Presby
Eddie Grigsby, former pastor, Gary McGrew, David Sutton, former pastor, Mr. Mac
Pat Glasser, Bible teacher at Circle; JoAnn Platt, Isabelle Nelson
Genevieve Halstead; Grace, former D.C.E.; my mother
my parents, a lifetime of examples
Ruth Ours, her faithfulness to FPSC, faithfully worked on our church history records
Sarabeth, her witness and service to the church, even from her hospital bed
Noreita Shamblin, Genevieve Halstead, Guy & Mary Cain, David & Finley Sutton
Bill & Bonnie French, Bob Titus, Tom Titus, Gary McGrew
Gary with his Sunday lessons, Wednesday Bible Study, and casual conversations
congregational members – many of whom who have passed away
my wife, who sets the example I should (always) be following
friends who have set an example for me
Sunday School members who continually inspire me!
Annabelle Hoppe
Mark Nelson, Lisa Calderwood, and everyone who teaches me through Bible School
Pastor Gary and Time with Children
my daughters; first Bible Study teacher, Barbara Olson
Daphne Boder
First Presby of South Charleston, Marilyn Smith, Corene Bryant
my husband who comes to church with me
JoAnn Platt who invited me here, because she said “I love my church
Rev. Paul Chesney, Kay Long, Gary McGrew, Mary Cain
Kay Long, Mike King, the Good Time Girls
Presbyterian Women’s Groups and all they do
Young at Heart folk
all the help and care that church people give
support and caring from my church, church families, community
the organizations, support from people
Lisa Calderwood has had the biggest impact on my life in the church
I am comforted knowing I can always go to Lisa to talk about anything

I love seeing all the younger children of the church every Sunday
 watching the children learn about God
 Pastor, fellowship, family and friends, church
 congregation lesson taught from the Scripture in the Bible by Pastor Gary McGrew
 Pastor Gary, from whom I learned that each day is a gift
 importance of a faithful prayer life
 blessings come every day, and we need to open our eyes
 Sarabeth, who sends cards with a Bible verse on each one that she signs with love
 Marilyn Smith, for her passion for “Prayer Warriors” and her joy in loving Jesus Christ
 My father and mother, my wife and my mother-in-law, my older brother
 Rev. Walter White, Dr. Tracey Spencer, elder; Gary McGrew
 Rev. Ingram Hedgpath, Rev. Bob Pate, Rev. Wayne Grigsby
 My mother, father, and wife
 Dr. Walter White, Gary, Mother, wife
 mother and grandmother and our daughter
 Dot Thomas – she is my guide, hope, support, hero
 Gary McGrew & Paula for all that they do
 Bible teachers and all their hard work
 Young at Heart
 mission work
 Guy & Mary Cain, Wilson & Margaret Byer, Noreita Shamblin
 grandparents, parents, husband, children, Miss Ethel, Frances, Angela
 Mom and Dad who took me to Sunday School
 my first minister, Dr, Witherspoon
 Church Elders and Deacons, choir, Circle, committees, Gary
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lowe – for their guidance and support
 Gary McGrew
 church family, friendships, caring, support, spirit of love

Church Adult Membership January 2012 214

Pastor

Baptisms	0
Funerals	7
Weddings	2
Sermons (Sunday Only)	39

Mission Committee

(Touching Lives with Hands-ON Love)

Committee Members: Sandy Melton*, Malissa Smith*, Ellen Bush, Lora Hayes,
Cathy Johnson, Judy Lowe, Marsha Miller, Becky Nelson, Martha Racer,
Gary McGrew (* denotes Session member)

REGULAR ANNUAL OFFERINGS

Christmas Joy Gift	<u>450</u>
Mission PCUSA	<u>22055</u>
One Great Hour of Sharing	<u>1025</u>
Peacemaking	<u>285</u>
Pentecost Children at Risk	<u>455</u>
Presbytery of West Virginia	<u>6345</u>
Thank Offering to Davis-Stuart	<u>160</u>
Two-Cents-Per-Meal	<u>1426</u>

FAITH IN ACTION *(Recipients of financial gifts plus goods and services)*

Child Development Center	CDC Scholarships
Christmas Festival	Christmas Food Baskets
Easter Festival	Fall Festival
Furniture Ministry	Habitat for Humanity
Haiti Medical Mission	Heart and Hand
Lineweaver's Cottage at Davis Stuart	Shoebox Ministry
Sojourners	Souper Bowl of Caring
Youth Mission Trip	Presby decals for cars

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

Host a soup and sandwich luncheon for SC community during Easter season
Bring a teddy bear to church during Fire Safety Week
Donate bears/stuffed animals to the local Fire Department or Hospital
Invite police and firemen to Church Chat in their honor during the week of 9-11

Property Committee

The following are projects completed by the Property Committee in 2011

Installed, painted 4 new emergency exit doors
Installed new playground water fountain and poured new concrete walkway.
Installed new exit signs or replaced bulbs, installed new emergency lighting fixtures.
Cleaned carpets twice in Parlor, Mizpah Room, Sanctuary; and once in the offices
Provided “Thank You Lunch” for So. Chas. City workers for sidewalk repairs
Installed “No Smoking and Close Fire Door signs
Pruned two apple trees
Installed shelves in the Furniture Mission Bldg
Repaired parapet caps on Ed. Bldg. to reduce moisture into third floor classrooms
Repaired front step of the Educational Bldg
Removed unwanted furniture from Youth Room
Mulched front flower beds
Repaired Educational Bldg. front column bases and front wall wooden trim
Installed vent ports in the front columns
Relocated fire proof filing cabinet from paper supply room
Removed mold from walls of furnace room on third floor of old section of the church
Installed plexiglass panels on the rails of the loft of CDC PreK room
Repaired the front Sanctuary (left) column base.
Replaced kitchen AC compressor unit and air handler
New programmable thermostat installed
Completed physical inspection of church property
Kitchen rear door lock has been repaired
Repaired leak on the boiler room furnace of the ED. Bldg
Repaired a leaking mop sink faucet and installed a failsafe valve on the discharge pipe
Installed knife display rack in kitchen

The following items are projected events for repairs

Install new front Sanctuary outside entry light
Install new programmable thermostats in Ed. Bldg, Fellowship Hall, Third Floor Youth Rm
Install additional vent ports on Sanctuary columns and paint
Install additional shelving in music room
Schedule Tom Sawyer Day this spring
Schedule touch up painting in lower hallway
Prepare plans for upgrade of church marquee sign
Complete Educational Bldg. front door painting
Complete painting of front stoops on B Street, Ed. Bldg and front of Sanctuary front doors

Worship Committee

Committee Members: Doug Calderwood, Mark Hornbaker, Dave Long
Gary McGrew, Mark Nelson, Graham Shook, Dot Thomas

Worship

The main goal of the Worship Committee during 2011 was to provide a meaningful worship service for the members of the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston. This was achieved through special worship services, Gary's motivational and inspiring preaching, and our talented musical groups. Gary put our committee to the test in 2011 by taking a well-deserved sabbatical. Particularly special worship services in 2011 included Maundy Thursday/Easter Worship with a wide variety of music, including original music composed by Dr. Mark Hornbaker, and guests, Vandalia themed worship service, Youth Sunday where the entire service was developed and lead by the youth group. This Advent season was exceptional and included the Men of Praise, a service of lessons and carols with the Handbell Choir, and the Christmas Eve worship service featuring the Chancel Choir and special guest musicians. The youth led a traditional Christmas Pageant and presented liturgical ribbons (under the direction of Lisa Calderwood). Other special worship services included Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Mothers Day, Pentecost, Memorial Day, Christmas in July, Hymn Sing, Bluestone Sunday, Rally Day, Heritage Sunday, World Communion Sunday, and Thanksgiving to name a few.

Music

Our music program is one of the congregations' greatest treasures and includes the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir (under the inspiring direction of Mark Nelson), Men of Praise, the Ladies Chorale and the BluesTones. Our choir director Dr. Mark Hornbaker and music director Dot Thomas continue to bless us with their talents, dedication, and inspiration.

Intern Program continued this year with the participation of Shuba Narasimhan and Hannah Stephen.

The tradition of dedicating a music selection to a member of the congregation who has had a large impact through the years on the music program continued in 2011. This year Becky Nelson was honored with the dedication of "I Danced in the Morning".

Money was received in memory of Wilson Byer for tuning the pianos in the church.

Behind the Scenes

In addition to Sunday morning services, the Worship Committee was responsible for coordinating assisting elders, communion preparation, greeters, ushers, flowers, minute for mission, and guest speakers. We also provided support for Music and Drama for children and youth on Wednesday.

The pipes for the organ received some much needed tender loving care in 2011 with the installation of a thermostatically controlled heater installed in the left pipe bay.

Choir members also received some TLC in 2011 when their music folder slots were expanded.

2012 Plans

2012 will be a wonderful time for Worship at the First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston. We will continue to build on our strengths, continue the traditions of congregation, and try new things. In 2012 we plan on upgrading the sanctuary sound system to include a sound board that can be controlled by an iPad, new microphones and stands, and possibly some speaker/monitor upgrades, also. Moving the Chancel Choir to the main floor of the sanctuary is a “work-in-progress” and we plan on fine tuning this arrangement in 2012. Please do not hesitate to tell us what is meaningful to you in our services, and other things you would like to see in the future.

Education Committee

Members: Marchetia Bailey, Nancy Bennett, Jan Cole, Judy Lowe, Lisa Calderwood

2011 Highlights

- Sunday School classes for children through adults gave opportunity for education and fellowship every week. Children's class lead teachers Paula and Gary McGrew, Youth teachers Lisa Calderwood and Dave Long, and adult teachers Jim Lowe, Tom Davis and Graham Shook.
- Our annual Spring and Fall festivals were well attended by our students as well as many visitors and CDC students. Easter crafts and candy were the focus of the spring festival while the fall festival was all about the costumes. As usual volunteers made all the difference.
- Wednesday night M.A.D. program meant many hours were spent preparing for participation in special worship services on Palm Sunday, Mother's Day, Youth Sunday and the Christmas program. Activities included handchimes, ribbons, signing, dancing, drama and music.
- The children and youth spent a wonderful week at Bluestone in June.
- An absolutely fantastic VBS that made the sacraments and mandates that we follow as Presbyterians into a movie featuring the children and youth. Many thanks to producers Kim & Chris Cobb and Wendy & Mark Nelson and to everyone who helped make this – and every education experience – a success and blessing for the children.
- The youth's GroupWorkcamp home repair mission trip to Keansburg, NJ.
- Rally Day proved to be a memorable and explosive event for everyone of the church
- Many many hours of fellowship, worship, service, and learning with the youth, including Bluestone Retreats, 24 Hour Famine, Cardboard City, lock-ins, movie nights, and a lot of fun.
- Children's Christmas Program, "Christmas Letters: The Musical"

Goals for 2012

- Include even more members – of all ages -- of the church and community in education activities. Giving everyone the opportunity to enjoy learning about Jesus.

Stewardship Committee

Members: Hersha Brown, Carol Bryan, Greg Smith, Tom Titus, David Davison, elder

Items of interest in 2011

1. The church's 2011 projected expenditures are over the 2011 Budget.
2. Worked with the Shade Tree Committee to promote our endowment program of giving and review the appropriate committee composition.
2. Coordinated the 2012 budgetary process and Stewardship campaign. This year's campaign based on "Extravagant Generosity" materials.
3. Oversaw the disbursement of the Scholarship Fund.
4. Greg Smith continued as Treasurer until relocated for employment in mid-August. We thank him for his many years of faithful service and contributions to this church. David Davison was the interim treasurer until year end.
5. Maintained the brochure holders around the church entrances. Carol Bryan provides this service.
6. Recruited Bill Miller to lead audit of the church's finances.
7. Provided newsletter articles to educate advertise the church programs.

We look to expand the 2012 activities to revisit our long range planning, continue to work with Property on asset life planning and continue to educate and encourage stewardship and opportunities to share our talents and treasure.

Administration Committee

Committee Members: Becky Davison, Chair; Susan Smith, Greg and Jaclyn Smith
Tom and Nadine Davis, Bob and Barbara Cruickshank, Bob and Joan Eads

Purpose: Committee is to function as an arm of the Session with oversight of basic administrative matters in the church and with oversight and care of the church staff.

Operational Highlights:

- Met with current staff members as needed to receive feedback and information
- Used job evaluation forms and obtained Session input on staff performance
- Conducted performance reviews with all staff, wrote final reports, and filed with church
- Hosted annual congregational dinner, staff recognition reception, and several Church Chats
- Oversaw the implementation of the staff Christmas gift
- Prepared the 2012 annual Administration operation budget
- Completed the Nominating Committee and Elder-elect selections
- Nominated a Clerk of the Session and a Church Treasurer

2012 Committee Goals/Objectives:

- Work within the established 2012 budget guidelines
- Review and revise administration policy and procedures as necessary
- Host annual congregational dinner, staff recognition reception, and several Church Chats
- Elect a new Nominating Committee for Elder-elect selections
- Nominate a Clerk of the Session and Church Treasurer
- Conduct annual performance reviews with all staff

We invite any former Elder or member of the church to join the committee and share their time and talents and become an active part of our church Administration Committee. Please accept this as your formal invitation to help make a difference. The Administration Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month.

Fellowship Committee

Committee Members: * Pat Kent, * John Powell, Co- Chair, Charlotte Raines, Roberta Cooper, Jan Powell, Jack Smith (* Members of Session)

In keeping with the mission of the committee we have coordinated many special events and provided opportunities for fellowship for our congregation.

Church Chat provides an opportunity for the congregation to get together welcome any guests each Sunday. As in previous years a schedule is prepared so that all groups within the church family participate in this activity by providing food on their designated day. This system continues to work very well and enables us to provide this opportunity largely independent of any pledge monies. We are grateful to all of these groups and especially to Charlie and Charlotte Raines who give of their time to prepare the Fellowship Hall for Church Chat every Sunday morning.

Worship on Wednesday (WOW) is our midweek activity that features a catered dinner by R-3Cs Robin Joseph on most nights from September to May. After the dinner participants can attend a Bible Study led by Pastor Gary McGrew, join Mark Nelson and other helpers in the Children's Program, remain in the Fellowship Hall for informal conversation, and/ or join the weekly choir practice. This year attendance for dinner averaged between 30-40 folks. Other activities on Wednesday evening throughout the year included the Fall Festival and Easter Celebration both of which were attended by the children enrolled in CDC and their parents. The latter two activities were joint efforts with the Education and Mission committees.

Some other highlights of the year include:

- * Music by the Martin Luther King Jr. Male Chorus for the WOW grand finale in April
- * In May we coordinated the Pentecost luncheon of chili, cornbread and salad provided by committee and congregation members as well as birthday cake provided by the education committee.
- * We coordinated dinners for Bible School in June
- * With the invaluable help of Tom Titus we coordinated the "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" event featuring a West Virginia Power baseball game in July

- * In September we coordinated the Church Picnic at Little Creek Park. Many thanks to Jan and John Powell who procured and prepared much of the food for this event.
- * In October we coordinated the annual retreat and the Bluestone Conference Center. This event was attended by folks of all ages and is a unique opportunity to have fellowship together and enjoy the wonders of nature that God has created.

We look forward the continuing these events in 2012 and appreciate the support of all who have attended them in 2011

Oakhurst Child Development Center Board

God continues to bless the CDC with a wonderful director and great staff to continue our mission to provide quality childcare in a Christian setting. We are at full capacity (72) with a waiting list.

- Our Security System went into effect March 15, 2011.
- We spent the remaining monies from our grant from The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation to purchase and install an outdoor water fountain in April.
- We contributed \$5500 to the church for new air conditioning units.
- We contributed \$12,000 to the church for use of the building.
- We purchased a third bus in December. It is a 2001 GMC/Giardin with 45,000 miles. Total cost was \$20,000.

Under the direction of Bonnie Logan, the Child Development Center has had an exceptional year.

Trustees

State law does not allow church congregations to hold direct title to property. Instead, each congregation owns property through trustees it appoints or elects. The Trustees of First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston, serve as fiduciary caretakers of the church's real and personal properties and of any permanent endowment funds. The Trustees' role is in compliance with the Book of Order which says they shall "receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the church; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the church, all subject to the authority of the Session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA)." Trustees are also required to perform these real estate functions under provisions of article one, chapter thirty-five of the West Virginia Code.

Trustees currently hold title to the grounds, buildings and building contents of the Church bound by First and Second Avenues and B Street in the City of South Charleston. Trustees also hold title to the three new buses primarily used by the Oakhurst Child Development Center. In addition, the Church owns a passenger van for general church use. All this property has recently been appraised in excess of three million dollars. The Trustees have obtained adequate insurance coverage by Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company on all this property as well as coverage for liabilities that may arise from operation of the Church and the Child Development Center.

Trustees manage seven distinct funds on behalf of the Session. This management of funds derives from the *Charter for Trustees of First Presbyterian Church - South Charleston* ratified by the Congregation on August 16, 1987, and from the *Book of Order*. The seven funds currently invested and managed are the: Scholarship Fund, Cruickshank Fund (music), Manse Fund, Mission Service Fund, Oakhurst Fund (proceeds of the sale of Oakhurst Presbyterian Church real estate), Mullen Fund, and an Unrestricted Fund. Fund management was recently changed from Merrill Lynch to Hilliard-Lyons, Inc.

With the help of Church Office Manager Becky Smith and the Property Committee, the Trustees maintain the inventory of the Church's real and personal property.

MINISTERS

EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

Gary McGrew, *Pastor*
Dot Thomas, *Director of Music Ministry*
Mark Hornbaker, *Choral Director*
Mark Nelson, *Director of Handbells*
Lisa Calderwood, *Youth Programming*
Rebecca Smith, *Office Manager*
Joan Eads, *Presbyterian Women Moderator*
John Powell, *Treasurer*
Becky Davison, *Clerk of the Session*
David & Janet George, *Custodians*
Bonnie Logan, *Director of Oakhurst Child Development Center*

SESSION

Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Doug Calderwood	Jan Cole	Joe Fuller
Lisa Calderwood	Bob Cruickshank	Shawn Hawkins
Becky Davison	Dave Davison	Brad Snyder
Pat Kent	John Powell	Dave Long
		Tom Titus

COMMITTEES

Administration	Becky Davison
Education	Lisa Calderwood, Jan Cole
Fellowship	Pat Kent, John Powell
Missions	Joe Fuller, Shawn Hawkins
Property	Bob Cruickshank, Brad Snyder
Stewardship	David Davison, Tom Titus
Worship	Doug Calderwood, Dave Long

TRUSTEES

Trustees are elected by the Congregation to serve three-year terms
The current terms of the Trustees expire on the following dates

Dwight Sherman, Jr.	December 31, 2012
John Melton	December 31, 2013
Bill Miller, Jr.	December 31, 2014