

Session Agenda
First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston
Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 7:00 pm

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Worship Dave Davison

- 1) **Approval of Agenda**
- 2) **Approval of Minutes**
 Stated Session Meeting April 21, 2009
- 3) **Stated Clerk**

Date	School	Worship	Minister
April 5	44	140	Palm Sunday
April 12	39	200	Easter
April 19	33	105	CDC
April 26	48	122	Gary McGrew

- 4) **Treasurer**
- 5) **Trustees**
- 6) **Stewardship**
 2008 Audit
- 7) **Worship**
 Vandalia Sunday
 Pentecost Sunday
- 8) **Education**
 Vacation Bible School
- 9) **Mission**
 Pentecost Offering
- 10) **Fellowship**
- 11) **Communication**
 Heritage Sunday
- 12) **Property**
- 13) **Administration**
 Nominations Committee/Congregational Meeting
 Annual Evaluations/Job Descriptions
- 14) **Child Development Center**
- 15) **Presbyterian Women**
- 16) **New Business**
 Committee Night, June 2
 Committee Reports, June 9
 Stated Meeting, June 23
 Worship, Bruce Jeffries

First Presbyterian Church
 South Charleston, West Virginia
 STATED SESSION MEETING
 April 21, 2009

The Stated Meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston, was called to order at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 21, 2009 by Gary McGrew, Moderator. Session members present (marked P) or excused (marked Ex) were:

P	Gary McGrew, Moderator	Ex	Marchietta Bailey	Ex	Ellen Bush
Ex	Doug Calderwood	P	Barbara Cruickshank	Ex	Dave Davison
P	Liz Greene	Ex	Rick Hayes	P	Bruce Jeffries
P	Dave Long	Ex	Jan Long	P	Jim Lowe
P	Sandy Melton	P	Mark Nelson	P	Charlie Raines
P	Mallissa Smith	P	Tom Titus		
X	Trustee	P	Greg Smith, Treasurer		

Date	School	Worship	Minister
March 1, 2009	36	117	Communion
March 8, 2009	35	125	Gary McGrew
March 15, 2009	39	97	Bill McMorran
March 22, 2009	44	105	Gary McGrew

Prayers and Concerns were discussed by the Session.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda for the meeting of April 21, 2009 was approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes: Several corrections were noted from March 17, 2009 minutes 1) typo Pal Sunday should read Palm Sunday 2) 'WOW will be on September 16, 2009' 3) Retreat is Oct 30-Nov 1, and 4) there is only 1 automatic faucet that will be installed. The Minutes of March 17, 2009 were approved with corrections.

Stated Clerk: Mark Nelson was named Temporary Clerk of Session. Mark reported that Doug Calderwood, Ellen Bush, Dave Davison, and Marchietta Bailey had requested excused absences. These were approved.

Treasurer Report / Trustee Report: Greg Smith reported budget results to date. Charlie Raines questioned why certain vouchers were assigned to Property committee but no action was taken. Greg also reported on Trustee accounts. Greg noted many of investment funds have dropped well below the minimum principle balance, and may take many years to increase back up the minimum level. Treasurer and Trustee account reports received as information.

Stewardship: Tom Titus reported for the committee.

Worship Committee: Report was submitted for information. There are many special worship services in the late spring and summer. May 17 members for Haiti Mission will give message, and Chris Bono will be guest organist. May 24 will be the Vandalia service. May 31 will be Pentecost featuring the handbells. June 14 will be the first night for Vacation Bible School. On June 21 youth from Lake Norman will lead worship. June 28 will be Heritage Sunday and the youth group will host birthday church chat.

Education Committee: There is a focus on intergenerational activity planning. The Easter event with the day care and shelter was very successful and a big thanks was given to all the volunteers. A report was submitted for information. On May 29 the youth hope to have a dinner theatre as a fund raiser.

Mission Committee: On April 26 there will be a Habitat for Humanity luncheon with a guest speaker. The speaker will be limited to ~ 5 minutes. A report was submitted for information. A portion of the donation of the Spring Dinner will go towards Haiti mission.

Fellowship Committee: Sandy Melton reported that there are 2 remaining WOW events for this spring finishing on April 29, 2009 with the Martin Luther King Jr Male Chorus. Dinner will be at 5:45 and the program will start at 6:30 pm.

Session and property will switch church chat dates in July. On June 21 we will have a covered dish lunch for the Lake Norman students. Fellowship is considering a trip to an outdoor drama this summer as a church event. A report was submitted for information.

Communication Committee: Report was submitted for information. Many Easter cards were sent out. The event recognizing people that have been member of the church for over 50 years went well. The committee discussed trying to get roll information more up to date. Communication will also be renaming the web site and suggestions are welcome from the congregation. The web site is active and does receive many hits.

Property Committee: Report submitted for information. A motion came from Property committee for the Session to endorse the submission, by the Child Development Center, of a grant proposal for a security system. The security system would include security cameras, keypad entry, and doors. The motion was unanimously approved.

Property has been very active over the past month. New handrails have been installed, a new fence is being placed around AC units on the playground, mulching and carpet cleaning has been done, and a stage has been made in the Sunday school room.

Administration Committee: The minutes were received as information. Staff appreciation will be on May 3. Time with children will be used to help recognize the staff. Church Chat will also be in honor of the staff. Each committee should remind its member to provide covered dish or finger food for this event. The nominating committee will kick off in May/June.

Child Development Center: Report submitted for information. The Child Development Center recognition on Sunday, April 19 was a big success. The next major event is Western Day as a fund raiser. The facility is at capacity with a waiting list.

Presbyterian Women: Spring meeting will be in Beckley.

New Business: There was no new business.

Committee Night	5/5/09
Reports Due	5/12/09
Session Meeting	5/19/09
Worship Leader	Dave Davison

A motion was made to move the June session meeting from June 16 to June 23 due to a conflict with VBS. Unanimously approved.

With a motion from Jim Lowe and a second from Bruce Jeffries, the meeting was closed with prayer at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Gary McGrew, Moderator

Mark Nelson, Acting Clerk of Session

Worship Committee

First Quarter 2009

Doug Calderwood, Mark Hornbacker, Mark Nelson, Gary McGrew, Graham Shook, Dot Thomas

Worship Update

There was a wide array of Worship services in the winter/spring of 2009. Special services included the start of the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday and cantering by members of the congregation as part of the worship service during the month of March. On Palm Sunday the youth lead the processional with liturgical ribbons and the kids and youth choir combined with the adult choir for an anthem. The Maundy Thursday service included the Appalachian sound of Bare Bones, guest musician Bill Rainey, and the Chancel Choir. The joyous Easter Morning service included Mark Hornbaker and Joe Romagnoli singing "You Raise Me Up", backed up by the Men of Praise, and signed by members of the Youth Group. In addition the Easter service included trumpeter Josh Richardson and solos by Joe Romagnoli and Collin Nelson. The congregation has been very supportive of these special services as can be seen by the high attendance on Maundy Thursday and the full sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Musical Group Update

Sanctuary Choir – The Sanctuary Choir continues to grow musically under the direction of Mark Hornbaker and Dot Thomas. Attendance during rehearsals and worship has been very good, and the new members of the choir are making wonderful contributions. The choir has attempted some very difficult selections this year with great results. This spring the choir has really found its voice and is singing out with a sound and confidence like never before. On June 7, (the last Sunday before Mark Hornbaker's summer trip), the choir will present favorite anthems from 2008/2009. The choir will then take the summer off and be back in the loft in September.

Bell Choir – The bell choir played a set of spring selections during worship in late March and special thanks goes out to Lisa and Katie Calderwood for substituting. The bell choir is currently preparing for the Pentecost service on May 31. The choir itself is multigenerational and included many of the middle school youth. The bell choir continues to grow together and is a blessing to the congregation.

Men of Praise – The men of praise continues to be active and participated in worship several times this spring under the direction of Dot Thomas. The addition of Mark Hornbaker as conductor has allowed the men to express a wider range of music expressions and dynamics. The Men of Praise are currently preparing for a concert on May 4.

Children's Music and Drama – During the Wednesday night Music and Drama program the kids prepared the anthem for Palm Sunday and the liturgical ribbons. The younger children then participated in bible games. In the remaining few weeks of the program the youth will work on a skit to be presented during the Mother's Day service.

Woman's Choral - Women of the church that are interested in vocal music are invited to participate in the newly forming Woman's Choral. The choral, under the direction of Dot Thomas, will be a woman's voice group that will occasionally sing for worship and special events.

Other Business

Sunday Samaritan Change – The Sunday Samaritan program during 2008 suffered due to the decreasing pool of volunteer care givers. For 2009 the Worship and Music Committee voted to restructure the Sunday Samaritan program to better match our congregational demographics. In the new structure the youth director will use rotating youth group members to watch smaller kids during worship for 3 Sundays out of 4. The remaining week will be staffed by other volunteers, similar to the 2008 program.

Submitted by Mark Nelson

Stewardship Committee Minutes May 5, 2009

In Attendance: Tom Titus (chair), Carol Bryan, Edna Cobbs, Dave & Becky Davison, Gary McGrew, Marilyn Sherman, and Greg Smith.

Tom Titus opened the meeting with prayer.

The following items were discussed.

1. Mention was made that the Shade Tree Fund is still opened.
2. The proposed 2010 budget totaling \$238,000 was distributed and discussed.

Edna closed the meeting with prayer at 6:43 pm.

Submitted respectively,
Edna Cobbs

Fellowship Committee Minutes

May 5, 2009

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Roberta Cooper, Charlotte Raines, Jack Smith and Sandy Melton

Sandy opened the meeting with prayer.

WOW: Another successful year has been completed. The final balance is not in yet; however we are hopeful that our budget broke even. The Grand Finale was well attended, with 51 paid attendees and approximately 25 Martin Luther King members and family. Lois Coffey has agreed to perform for us for the opening of next year's WOW on September 16, 2009. Becky Letart has agreed to cater for us, and Charlotte has scheduled her through December.

CHURCH CHATS:

Vandalia Gathering-May 23

Menu: rolls with ham, Swiss cheese—me : fruit tray, veggie tray—Roberta: spirals—Charlotte: Jan—meatballs and something sweet: Pat—cheese/pepperoni and something sweet. Drinks—lemonade, tea, coffee.

Pentecost—May 31—Pentecost—Chili—Jack Smith, Lee Snyder, Gary, Carol Anderson, Sandy (vegetarian), Jan (?) white chili. Sandy will ask Ellen Bush to make salad. Charlotte—oyster crackers. We will ask Dave Long to bring red balloons. Gary will ask Worship and Music to get the Birthday cake.

June 7—Lora cancelled the Haiti Luncheon. Sandy will ask CDC board if they will do a thank you church chat for the Grant Committee.

Bible School Meals:

June 14—covered dish: June 15—Lora Hayes, June 16—Cathy Johnson is checking her work schedule: June 17—Liz Greene: June 18—Pizza and salad

June 21—Youth from Lake Norman will lead the worship. Covered-dish luncheon.

Sandy closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Melton