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Letter from New Hope Presbytery...

Dear Friends in New Hope Presbytery,

Many of you may be aware that as of Tuesday, May 10, a majority of Presbyteries have voted in the affirmative with regard to Amendment 10-A, which means that in our Form of Government, the following language:

Those who are called to office in the church are lead to a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

Will be replaced by:

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

The debate surrounding ordination standards in the PC (USA) has occupied much energy and attention for many years. The debate itself has been rooted in the somewhat naïve view that we could legislate our way to harmony on this issue. On the contrary, too often the result has been fracture and division.

Here in our Presbytery, however, while varying viewpoints and convictions have been deeply held, we have been able to “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”. We write today, not necessarily to comment on the change in the constitution, but with the fervent prayer, that the Presbytery of New Hope will continue to be a place where divergent viewpoints are respected, and where a commitment to collegiality is an enduring principle.

We know that some view this constitutional change with great remorse, thinking it represents a departure from Biblical standards, while others view it as a return to the Presbyterian tradition of trusting local communities to determine who is best suited to serve. We also know that some are wary of what might happen next, when ordinations which might be “allowed” under the new language might one day become “mandated”. Our view is that when the constitution is amended, what will be important is the language itself, not what someone might do with it, or with a hypothetical future amendment debate. Taken on its own terms, the new language challenges us all to be “guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates” for ordination, candidates who are expected to “submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life”. Thus, while the specificity of the ordination standards have changed, it seems clear to us that candidates for ordination in the PC (USA) are still to be held to very high standards.

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Sinners will, and have always been, elected to serve as officers in our churches. All who are in positions of leadership have enjoyed a measure of grace and forbearance, not only by the God we serve, but also those who have nominated, elected, and ordained us. Reminded of this, perhaps we can commit ourselves to continued expressions of forbearance as we live into an amended constitution.

Toward that end, we challenge those who would celebrate this amendment to do so with the knowledge that some among us are grieving it, thus, let your celebrations be tempered by your love for those neighbors. And we challenge those who are grieving this amendment, and who find no reason to celebrate, to stay connected and engaged with those who have stood on the other side of this debate.

Our Presbytery has held together in remarkable ways over the years, not because we agree on everything. But we have found common ground in our commitment to build up the church of Jesus Christ, a commitment that gives us our identity and our sense of purpose as we move into the future of God's design.

Grace and peace,
Phyllis Supple, Moderator of Presbytery
Ed McLeod, Moderator of Council



Join Us @The Table
Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of Java and feast with us in this coffeehouse style worship.



Food Bag Items for July
canned green beans,
canned carrots,


"Lunching Ladies" Summer Invitation
On Tuesdays June 21, July 12, and August 9, the women (all ages) in the church will meet at 11:00 a.m. for lunch as "Lunching Ladies" to keep our fellowship going. So, if you can't make it to one date, then mark your calendar for the others because we will miss you if you don't come. Even if you haven't attended a Presbyterian Women's Magdalene or Fellowship Circle before, we are eager to have you join us just for lunch and friendship.




Next Movie Night: Saturday, July 9
WBPC will hold three more movie nights this summer. Join us for the next one: Field of Dreams at 8:30 p.m. on July 9. Concession sales and donations will benefit mission work.

Food Bag Challenge Items
Bring one item each week!
July 3—peanut butter
June 10—canned meat
June 17—applesauce
June 24—dried beans
July 31—macaroni and cheese

WIHN Help Needed!
Our next WIHN week is fast approaching and will be the week of July 10-17, 2011, and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please consider helping as an evening host, overnight host, driver, meal preparer or set-up person during this week. We really need a male and female to be overnight hosts each night since we usually have a large number of guests. Please consider giving a little of your time, YOU will get more out of it than you give. You may sign up online at <http://wbpresbyterian.com> and on the sign up board which is located in the Narthex.

Bicycle Found 
We have found a bicycle on the grounds. Please call the office if you have lost one.



50+ Friday, July 15
11:30 D&S
South Hills

WELCOME BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Peggy Stevens	1
Mike Upchurch	1
Linda Bradley	2
Willagene Minnis	2
Pat Byers	4
David Herrin	4
Dorothy Smith	4
Jimmie Smith	4
Gene Reese	7
Mary Jane Roberts	8
Watson Whitehurst	8
Hazel Raynor	12
Lachlen Fischer	13
Bob Carlson	15
Carolyn Kimes	16
Drew Ware	18
Crosby Barnette	19
Shawn Burmester	20
Carolyn Pittman	20
Ruth Craven	21
Denise Weeks	22
Rita Burmester	23
Keith Cassel	23
Keith Esbenshade	24
Miranda Johnson	25
Mike McIntire	25
Sandy Irving	26
Zack Reynolds	26
Mike Padgett	27
Marelise Boshoff	28
Christopher Kelly	31
Janet Westerman	31



Vacation Bible School Success!

This year's Vacation Bible School was attended by a record-breaking 65 children, both from our church and from the community. The children had fun visiting the Shake It Up Café where they received heaping helpings of God's word and are now taking God's recipe into the world! Thanks to all of our fabulous volunteers, including our VBS Co-Chairs, **Blythe Clifford** and **Allisen Fischer**. **We are so grateful for the following individuals who volunteered with VBS (and for those whose names we may have neglected to mention):**

Frank Alcorn
Clara Bechtle
Marcia Bennett
Anna Boshoff
Samantha Boshoff
Jessica Brustofski
Becky Burmester
Brenda Byers
Janet Cherry
Katherine Anh Clapp
Bill Clifford
Betty Connette
Sally Curtis

Amber Doyle
John Ann Earnhardt
Sam Gale
Bruce Grady
Val Guzzo
Donna Herrin
Morgan Herrin
Emilie Hoke
Eli Howell
Graham Howell
Robin Howell
Sandy Irving

Hunter King
Tyler King
Dana Kreykes
Kim Moser
David Parker
Katie Parker
Mary Grayson Parker
Brandi Peede
Wesley Peede
Sara Reasor
David Reynolds
Judy Shelton

Joyce Smith
Suzanne Smith
Karen Taylor
Christine Thomson
Barbara Tierney
Kate Trimble
Beth Ware
Henry Wessell
Macon Wessell
Ollie Wessell
Janet Westerman
Sarah Wetherby



Thanks also to the many volunteers who donated food, supplies, and time & talents behind the scenes! We couldn't have done it without all of you!

It was a Great Day at the Lake

Almost 100 of the Western Boulevard crowd gathered at Falls Lake June 18 for a fun time of eating, boating, swimming, mixers and songs. Appreciation is expressed to Ron Pittman and the entire Pittman Crew for planning and cooking, to Andy Kotnik for assistance with everything, to Mollie Tucker and the youth for the morning mixers, to Mike Reese and Bruce Grady for leading the mid-afternoon program. Thanks to everyone who attended for making this a fun event for all.





Lifesaver Training Returns!

Believe it or not, it has been over a year since Western Boulevard purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to use in cardiac emergencies. We are blessed to have a number of members willing to be trained in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and in the use of our AED. The American Heart Association has updated the guidelines for administration of CPR and it is time for all of us, myself included, to update and review our skills. We will begin training in July and all those who have trained in the past will need to attend class again. As in our previous classes, we are blessed to have a wonderful instructor, Linda Clayton, RN, as our CPR Instructor-Trainer. The classes are also open to new Lifesavers. The registration cost is \$30 per person. I have books available for you to borrow and return on class day. You may also choose to purchase a book for \$12 if you wish. Reminder: you must be physically able to perform CPR for two minutes to participate in the class. Please contact me at 816-9157 or at JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com for any questions and to register for class. I will provide you with your book upon your registration. I look forward to seeing you in class!

Class Dates and Times

Saturday, July 23 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
 Saturday, August 13 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
 Saturday, September 17 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
 (All classes will be held in the WBPC parlor.)

—Joyce Smith

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>MAY 2011</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 30,386.00	134,894.50
Open Offering	1,659.20	9,634.60
Church School	101.00	550.57
Total Offering	32,146.20	145,079.67
Prior Receipts		10,654.30
Expenses	<u>32,059.11</u>	<u>139,368.32</u>
Net Total	\$ 87.09	16,365.65

Recently your Session

- Examined confirmation class of 10 youth:
Katherine Anh Clapp, Owen Clapp, Mary Todd Earnhardt, Eli Howell, Noah Milchuck, Andrew Mitchell, Cody Nance, David Parker, Stephen Reese, David Reynolds
- Approved motion from Mission Outreach for special offering in August for Haiti Orphanage.
- Received new members into WBPC:
Julie Butcher & Dorcas Miller (and Chris); Brian & Collins Whitfield (and Owen); Armand Ndepeku & Juliette Fotso (Cynthia and Elvina)
- Approved preachers for June 26th and July 3rd.
- Approved curriculum for VBS.

Brown Bag Ministry has Changed Location

Brown Bag Ministry has relocated its Apex operations to St. Mary Magdalene's School. The school is located a few miles from St. Andrews off of Apex-Barbeque Road. According to Map Quest the exact address for the school is: 625 Magdala Place, Apex, NC 27502 (919-657-4800). It's about 20 minutes from WBPC. They start at 9:30 a.m. and WBPC is scheduled to help on the 1st Saturday of each month from July to December 2011. So come on out and join in the fun!

WBPC Staff Summer Vacation

Betty Connette is out of the office on study leave and vacation until July 3. Call or email the church office if you have pastoral care needs: santi@wbpresbyterian.org or (919) 851-4713. Bruce Grady will be out of town June 22-24 and June 30-July 1. Joe Matthews is covering any needs that arise when Bruce is away. Santi Matthews is on vacation June 27-July 1. Thank you Carolyn Pittman, Mavis Stott, and Nancy Wade for covering the office this week. The office will be closed Friday, July 1 & Monday, July 4.

Our beloved custodian for 50 years, William Horton, 85, died on June 8, 2011. Please be in prayer for the family.



PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: George Barrick, Kaye Byrd, Darlyne Larson, Daisy Lowery, John McClellan, Shirley Owens, Jean Perdue, Jimmie Smith

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Dorothy Allen (sister of Mary Jane Roberts), Martin & Ann Beach and daughter Robann (friends of Cookie & Tony Littlefield), Patrick Carlson (son of Bob and Deb Carlson), Karen Estes (niece of Lou Gene Hemphill), Dorothy Glasgow (mother of Lori Grippo), Thomas E. Grady (father of Bruce Grady), Douglas Griffith (nephew of Greg and Shirley Griffith), Janice Johnson (niece of Mary Jane Roberts), Marilyn Reese (daughter-in-law of Peggy and Gene Reese), Mary Reynolds (mother of Bob Reynolds), Ron Rice (brother-in-law of John Clapp), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill)

UNIHEALTH / THE OAKS: Carlyle Craven, Ella McNeil

WAKE MED: Linda Bradley (daughter of Louise Beck)

REX REHAB: Dot Smith

LAURELS OF CHATHAM: Betsy Roberts

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff, Mary Clifford

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

MORNINGSIDE: Brady Jefcoat, Eleanor Sykes

ACTIVE MILITARY:

(Iraq): Ginny Iskandarov (niece of Janet Westerman)

Elnur Iskandarov (husband of niece of Janet Westerman)

*Sympathy extended to **Betty Dean** and family upon the death of her husband, Jim on June 14.*