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“For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.”

Galatians 5:13

SESSION MINI-MINUTES

Submitted by Jan Mernone, Clerk

Really busy time...so no extras this month, just our church business which I am typing as I look out at the pea soup which is our atmosphere today due to the Canadian fires. The May 2023 Income and Expense Statement showed income of \$18,506.99 and expenses of \$24,364.95, sad but true!

The **Clerk** reported that Communion on July 2 will be prepared and served by Birgit Kreck, Gerry Sullivan-Clark, and Linda and Gayle Talley. **Personnel** will be looking at self-evaluations from each of our paid employees and meeting with them in August. (Any member of the congregation who would like to speak to a personnel member about our staff may contact any personnel member listed here: Jan Mernone, Gerry Sullivan-Clark, Kathy Johnson, Anna Sosbe, Ebbie Crawford, Brad Deck, or Eleanor Mitchell)

Member Care reported that there is confusion on the overlapping duties with the Deacons. There will be continuing discussion about what the Department we call Member Care will be responsible for. The name will be changed appropriately, or it may revert to being a subcommittee of Mission and Outreach.

Maintaining has had the AC repaired in the office and classroom wing, seen that weeds were sprayed, and helped with set-up for Head Start graduation.

Nurture is planning a service for July 2 showing our patriot pride as well as celebrating communion. There will be a “hymn sing” in the sanctuary on July 23 followed downstairs by a salad and dessert pitch in. Children’s Sunday school will be suspended until July 30. There was a discussion about the sound quality of our Facebook stream, for some it’s dim and for some okay. The conclusion was that Facebook is not really suited for streaming.

Mission and Outreach is asking us to join with First Baptist to sponsor a Community Breakfast on July 22 from 8-10 using our kitchen and fellowship hall. GPC will be participating in the Home Tour on September 23, serving refreshments. They are also asking for a special offering in August to purchase 2 garden wells.

Old Business There will be a Congregations Meeting on August 13 for a first reading of a change to our bylaws about the number of Session and Deacon members. We are considering reducing the size of the Boards from 9 to 6 because of the reduced size of our congregation and the difficulty of finding

people to serve. The final reading will be on October 15 at our Fall Congregational Meeting, along with electing elders and deacons for 2026. **New Business** The church will be open for a Memorial Service for Jan Krull on July 8 with Rev. Tom Vandergriff officiating. Upon request from Dr. Suzanne Coyle, our church will be the site of 8 sessions for couples using the “Hold Me Tight” materials. These will be administered by her students. Pastor Peter will be in attendance and will lock up. Pastor Peter has asked for vacation time from August 31 to September 5. That’s all folks...(Woody Woodpecker Mernone)

Ye Ole Clerk

WELCOME TO BREAKFAST

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

On Saturday, July 22, from 8 -10 a.m. we will join First Baptist in sponsoring a Community Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

If you would like to help cook, clean up, or host please contact Kathy Johnson. Watch the bulletin for more details.

OUR LAST RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

Submitted by Presbyterian Women

Maybe you’ve always thought of our Rummage Sale as an easy place to dispose of things you no longer needed. Its longer purpose was a way to make money to support the missions in which we had a special interest. When our Church had a larger membership, it was an easier way to accomplish these goals. We are now, for the most part, an aging group of church-goers unable to what we used to do. So whether we are looking for an easier way to help our missions, OR to discontinue their support, we are calling this our last Rummage/Bake Sale!

Another kink which led to this decision is the lack of a truck to transport our left-overs to Salvation Army. For several years we paid our former renter to load his truck and deliver the contents. Since he is no longer a possibility for this service, we would have to depend on our own trucks, vans or maybe our Scout parents.

We have a volunteer to head up our Bake Sale and others who will help her. Will we have enough variety of baked goods to offer our customers? Some come specifically for our home-baked items.

Our sale does involve days or preparation sorting donations, carting them to Fellowship Hall, arranging and pricing, not to mention cashiering, bagging and packing up the left-overs. The routine has worked well in the past so we’re hoping you’ll all commit to one last time! Like our Minutes for Missions always say, “If we each do a little, it adds up to a lot.”

RUMMAGE and BAKE SALE SCHEDULE

Donations Accepted - July 26 – August 12

Moving things to Fellowship Hall - August 15

Pricing - August 15, 16 and 17

Sale Days - August 18 and 19

Packing and Loading – After the sale on August 19

HISTORY TOUR

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

Restore Old Town Greenwood is hosting a home tour on Saturday, September 23, and our home will be on the tour! As the first church in Greenwood we are an important part of the city's history. This will be a great opportunity to share our heritage with our neighbors. We will be needing lots of volunteers so make your calendar now and watch for requests for help in the coming weeks.

NOTE FROM MISSION AND OUTREACH

Submitted by Judy Lovejoy

Thanks to all who contributed to the Pentecost Offering and to those who helped distribute water at the Freedom Festival Parade.

Watch for an exciting new mission opportunity coming in August!



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Submitted by Dave Baker
Liaison for BSA Troop #266

BSA Troop #266 Troop Meetings are
Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:30 pm
Meeting in the Fellowship Hall



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

- ❖ Meetings are as follows: 7/13, 7/20 and 7/27
- ❖ 7/2 Sunday to 7/9 Sunday – Summer Camp @Ransburg Scout Reservation – Leave Church @ 7:30am
- ❖ 7/13 Thursday – Bring Scout Book for Advancement Recording 7:00pm
- ❖ 7/14 Friday to 7/16 Sunday – Firecrafter Mid-Summer Rival @ Camp Krietenstein – Leave Church @ 5:00am
- ❖ 7/17 Monday - Adult Committee Meeting at GPC - Time @ 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- ❖ 7/27 Thursday – Path to Eagle for Life Scouts (30 minutes) @ 6:30pm

CUB SCOUTS #266–Meetings are every Thursday at 6 pm until 7 pm except the 4th Thursday go until 8:30

- ❖ **NO MEETINGS for JULY through MID-AUGUST**

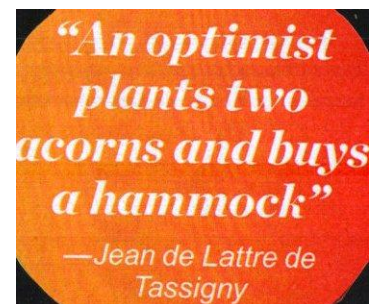
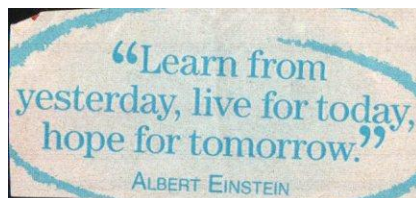
BROWNIES / GIRL SCOUTS – See Leaders for information. Meetings are 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall - Time 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Please see or call the Brownies Leaders for more Activities for the month.

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Anybody interested in Scouting please contact the Scout Leaders or the Church Office.



Submitted by Fran Mitchell



HYMN SING

Submitted by Ebbie Crawford

NURTURE Group is pleased to announce a summer "Hymn Sing" to be featured in our 10:30 a.m. Worship Service on July 23, 2023. After Worship, we invite all our congregation to join us in a "Salad (or) Dessert" pitch-in luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Drinks will be provided.

So, come one, come all.....We are excited to make this time together to worship with our favorite hymns/songs and then enjoy each other's company in Fellowship Hall over a host of salads and delicious desserts.

See you July 23, 2023. "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"!

Nurture Group: Dave Baker, Ebbie Crawford, Dana Baker, Janett Lowes, Gary Vandergriff, Kay Talley, Pastor Peter

NEW PLAYGROUND

Submitted by Lauren Underwood

It is with great joy that I share that the installation of the new playground equipment is complete! We still have few other items to finalize the look of the new playground, including new benches, but putting together the main unit was definitely a success for those involved! I want to thank Fred Johnson, Karl and Birgit Kreck, Brad Deck and Pastor Peter for coming out to assist us over the two days it took to complete. Along with a few members of my theater family, James Marietta, Sasha Haywood and Thea Locker, we put together over 1,900 pieces of wood and bolts to create a fun space for the children in our congregation, Head Start and community.



Bulletin Boards
by Eleanor



Submitted by Fran Mitchell

AH! MYSTERY!!

Where have all the fireflies gone?
 it's June, and I've only seen a few.
 They're usually out at night
 and visible to plain view.
 Kids love to catch them
 and keep them in a jar--
 Watching their lights go on and off--
 wondering where their switches are.
 They are the only bug
 that I would ever touch--
 They never make a sound or buzz--
 or sting, or bite, or such.
 They are a silent wonder,
 a gift from God above;
 Just one of the many marvels
 He's provided us through His love.
 So, I'll watch again tonight,
 and hope to see some more.
 I hope they're only
 running late this year--
 And not a thing of yore.

Fran M.

Recipe of the Month

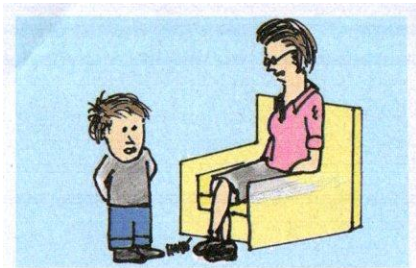
Submitted by Linda Talley

- ❖ Zesty Ranch Queso Dip
- ❖ 1 lb Velveeta cheese – regular or Mexican
- ❖ 1 can Rotel tomatoes & chilies (undrained)
- ❖ 1 container (8oz) sour cream
- ❖ 1 cup ranch dressing



Combine ingredients in a glass bowl, microwave for 8 minutes, stirring every 3 minutes.
 ENJOY!

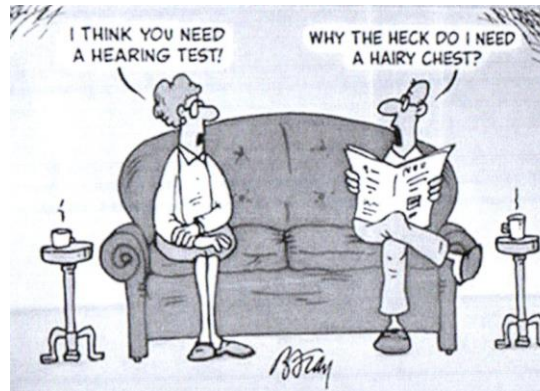
Q How does a scientist freshen her breath?
A With experi-mints!



"You're really good with children, Grandma. You ever thought of having your own?"

JUST FOR FUN

Submitted by Fran Mitchell



BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 6 Carol Paquette
Gail Rozkydol
- 7 Ebbie Crawford
- 8 Bev Fiandt
- 13 Kathy Johnson
- 14 Lindsey Zeigler
- 21 Corey Davis
- 24 Gary Vandergriff
- 26 Betty Price
- 28 Birgit Kreck
Barb Malasics

AUGUST

- 9 Vickie Marcus
Travis Nelson
- 10 Joshua Hensley
Kathy Wood
- 11 Karl Kreck
- 13 Chris Talley
- 14 Dannette Morgan
- 16 Jack Judge
- 17 Anna Marcus
- 18 Bob Jewell
- 22 Lynn Laughlin
- 26 Linda Talley
- 28 Xavier Ellis
- 30 Cash Nelson

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