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Newsletter for July 2022

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From the desk of the Pastor

Greetings! Thank you all for your cards and letters during my recent hospital stays. I had a Heart Ablation performed on June 16 and it is remarkable how

much better I feel. I appreciate your patience and understanding during this trying time. Hopefully, there will be no more disruptions or distractions complicating things in the near future.

I must consider the scriptures this week as I consider how the technology that healed me was remarkable. While I still do not fully understand the technology, or precisely what the doctor did to correct my heartbeats, I do know that they did.

In our Old Testament lesson this week in 2 Kings 5, we find Naaman, the commander of the army of the king of Aram, who was a great man and in high favor with his master, sick and in need of a cure for Leprosy. His servant who was taken captive from Israel had the nerve, and the faith, to tell Naaman's wife that the prophet from Samaria (Elisha) could heal him.

So Naaman, and his entourage went to the King of Israel who referred Naaman to Elisha. Quite matter of fact in his approach, Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." Did I mention that Naaman thought himself to be an important man?

Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would

surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?"

Fortunately, Naaman had loyal and level headed servants who said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

It would have been easy for me to have said that because I do not understand how this procedure would work, that I did not wish to undergo such a procedure, just as Naaman did. Unfortunately, society today is much like Naaman because they too do not know Jesus, and because what is said in the Bible seems "remarkable" and some call it preposterous, and question its veracity.

Society has gotten so full of itself that unless what they see and do is logical and makes total sense, they cannot accept things not understood. Like Naaman, we so often think because we are so important or rich, or (you fill in the blank), we dismiss people who are doing nothing more than trying to help us. Like Naaman, who would not even consider something as simple as Go Wash, we often distrust knowledge given because we do not understand it, or we dismiss the giver of the information because of who they

*From the
Pastor*

are, or because what they are saying makes no sense to someone like us!

Jesus did not choose the disciples because they were highly qualified or because of any special knowledge or training, but instead because of their heart, and their willingness to follow where led, even though it did not make sense to drop everything and follow Jesus. And to their amazement, when they returned from their first journey they replied, as we read in Luke 10:17: The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!"

Jesus asks the same of us, but so often, we find ourselves too busy, or too whatever, to step out and answer the call. Fortunately, God is patient with us, even when we think ourselves too busy or too important to do something so trivial as Go Wash, or take no purse or change of clothes. Perhaps instead of questioning everything, we should embrace the words from Psalm 30:4-5: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

God calls us to service in many ways, but always because we are the one God has chosen to carry the message of love to someone specific or to the world. Next time God calls, hopefully, you can put your ego and logic aside and respond in the affirmative instead of making an excuse why you cannot go or why that will not work. God is powerful and loving and will never ask anything of us that is not possible, even if it does not seem so.

Take time to reflect on how God is working in your life and remember that just because something does not make sense to you, does not mean that God does not want

you to do it. Be like Naaman's servant and step out in faith and watch God work in marvelous and miraculous ways.

God Bless and Keep you,

Pastor Josyph

****Pastor's Report**

Miles Driven Last month 250

Miles driven month to date – 160

YTD Miles driven to date for 2022 – 558

Visits –6

Home/office –

Hospital Visits –

Nursing Home -

Phone Visits – 6

**** Burnet Presbyterian Women**

Present: Cindy Grant, Pat Collins, JoAnn Holt, Danielle McDonald, Katie Do, Jamie Horn, Peggy Hammond, Nancy Harlow, Armour Shin, Marilyn Petrick, Jane Zimmerman, Helen Tanner, Mary Richmond, Alice Anglin, Cissy Butler and Janie Howell

Sixteen women gathered in the Norris Building at 1:00 PM for a time of fellowship and delicious goodies prepared by Mary Richmond. Moderator Alice Anglin opened the meeting at 1:30 with prayer. Armour Shin led us in our last lesson in the Horizon's Bible Study What My Grandmothers Taught Me by Merryl Blair.

Alice opened the business portion of the meeting with jocularly. Mary reported that our balance as of May 31, 2022, was \$3,069.67. Mary also reported that the Birthday Offering total was \$1,100.00!! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Correspondence included a Thank You note from Mary for the prayers, cards, and plant received from the congregation during the time of her sister-in-law's illness and passing. The note is posted on the PW Bulletin Board.

There was no old business.

New Business:

1. Fellowship of Church Women will meet at the Highland Restaurant for a No-Host Lunch and a time of fellowship on Thursday, June 30 at 11:30 AM. All ladies of the church are invited.

2. Our Presbyterian Women will celebrate the end of the 2021-22 study year with a No-Host Summer Lunch at the Trailblazer Restaurant located on the West side of the Burnet Square, on Monday, July 11 beginning at 11:30 AM. At that time, we will also announce the Presbyterian Woman Life Member of the year. All ladies of the church are invited whether or not you attend PW meetings.

3. During the pandemic, the PW had discontinued sending donations to LACare as the funds were not needed due to very low numbers of folks coming for food. As the pandemic has eased, the clientele has increased, inflation has hit the food supply, and LA Care is in need of funding again. Jamie moved and JoAnn seconded that we resume our \$25.00 monthly contribution to LA Care. Motion carried.

4. Mary will be ordering our new Horizon's Study Book for the 2022-23 year at a cost of \$10.00 per book. The PW will pay for the books out of our funds, but if you are able to add a little extra to your monthly contribution, we will appreciate it.

5. The subject of church security has come up again due to the rise in mass shootings. The Session will be discussing the best method for our church to use as we attempt to provide a safe place to worship. One of the possibilities would be to hire an off-duty officer from 9-1 on Sundays as we did in the past. The cost would be \$160.00 (\$40.00 per hour with a 4- hour minimum). After much discussion, Armour moved and Pat seconded that the PW offer to pay for 5

Sundays in the year 2022. Motion carried. Pat will carry our offer to the Session meeting for their further discussion and possible approval.

6. Janie reminded us that in years past, we have given \$25.00 Walmart gift cards to the graduates from Presbyterian Childrens Homes and Services. To date we have not heard from the Home, but we hope to hear very soon. When we know the number of graduates, Alice will send out an email to the PW for a vote to provide the money for the gift cards.

There being no further business, Alice closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Janie Howell, Secretary

**** BPC Security Team**

Hello, Congregation:

The session has appointed me (and I also volunteered), as the team lead for the newly formed BPC Security team. With all of the recent mass shootings, as well as protests, and uneasiness in our great country, we find it prudent to step up our security in our little church in Burnet, Texas. We do not completely know what this will entail, thus the need for a team.

Some recent enhancements, so far, have included trained and "licensed to carry individuals", carrying discreetly during church services. This is a common practice with other church congregations in Burnet. Session has also investigated hiring the City of Burnet and Burnet County Police Departments to be present during Sunday School and Church services. This is quite expensive; however, it is an option.

We also plan on having a congregational training on what do in case of certain emergency situations.

If you would be interested on being on this team, or if you are a licensed to carry individual wishing to be on this team, please

email me at barrydawson65@gmail.com. I will set up a meeting in July so we can discuss our current practices and plans.

Thanks,
Barry Dawson

**** Men of the Church**

The Presbyterian Men of the Church met at Storm's Restaurant at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, June 5, 2022.

Present were Jack Butler, Pastor Josyph, Fred Shin, Dick Spinner, and Billy Don Weaver.

The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Josyph. Treasurer Jack Butler reported a treasury balance of \$614.00.

The Devotional Bible reading was Psalm 5:3: "In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice. In the morning, I lay my request before you and wait in expectation." Commentary on that verse was written by Carol Purves of Cambria, England, and was published in the Upper Room.

Daily prayer early in the morning is a good habit and a good time, usually a quiet time when we can speak to the Lord without interruption and wandering minds. Our prayers should contain praise and thanksgiving, confession, and prayers for ourselves and others.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

The next meeting of the Men of the Church will be at 8:00 a.m., July 10th, since the first Sunday in July is in the middle of a three-day holiday. All men are invited. We usually gather at the church and drive to Storm's, but some drive directly to the restaurant. Ladies also come to the church at 8:00 a.m., then drive to Crazy Gal's Restaurant for breakfast.

Submitted by Richard A. Spinner

****Praying for Persecuted Christians**

This month the focus is on the country of Morocco, which is #27 on the Open Door's Persecuted Christians list. The main religion of Morocco is Islam and the problem for Christians living in Morocco is the country's law that criminalizes "shaking the faith of a Muslim".

Despite this threat, God's plan of salvation is still being spoken in Morocco. Once the people have heard and understand the good news of Jesus Christ, they turn to Him and remain loyal no matter the consequences.

Submitted by Janie Howell

**** News from LACare**

The volume of clients continues to increase and 15 new families were added in May. At the present time, there is a need for **Peanut Butter, Spam and Vienna Sausage**. Thank you to everyone who has contributed food or funds. You are making a difference!

Submitted by Janie Howell

**YOU, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS
ARE INVITED**

Summer Social

July 10, 2022

Following Worship Service

In Fellowship Hall

**Assorted Sandwiches,
Chips, Watermelon, and
Build Your Own Banana Split**

BE THERE FOR FUN AND FOOD!

**** Session Review**

Burnet Presbyterian Church

June 21, 2022

The Burnet Presbyterian Church Stated Session Meeting took place on

June 21, 2022 in the Library at 4:00 p.m. Those present were: '22 Pat Collins, Treasurer, '23 Fred Shin, '23 Alice Anglin, '24 Barry Dawson, '24 Billy Don Weaver, Rev. Josyph Andrews, Moderator, and Linda Weaver, Acting Clerk. A quorum was present.

Pastor Josyph opened the meeting with a prayer.

Agenda, The corrected agenda was duly approved.

Sharing and Caring, cares and concerns for church family were discussed.

Devotional, Pat Collins gave the opening devotional based on GA225 epistle and a letter from Andrew Torba, CEO, GAB.com.

Clerk's Report, the corrected minutes of the May 17 Stated Session minutes were duly approved. Also approved were the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Stated Session meeting and the May 2, 2021 Called meeting which were overlooked by the Clerk (Marsha) before this meeting. Also duly approved were June 6 Congregationl minutes.

Minutes were approved on a motion from Bill Weaver, seconded by Barry Dawson

Linda Weaver, Clerk, shared correspondence. A thank you note from Clayton Zinz, the recipient of Carl Spinner Memorial Scholarship. Also read was a thank you note from the Henry Carroll family for a lovely memorial service.

Pastor's Report, Communion was celebrated on June 5, in the Sanctuary and also on Zoom with Rev. Andrews officiating.

Pastor Josyph reported 6 visits, 3 worships services conducted, 1 funeral

Report on the Presbytery Meeting

Barry Dawson gave a report on the Presbytery Meeting that he and Pastor Josyph attended.

For Treasurer, the Session received and reviewed the report from Pat Collins.

For Evangelism, Pat Collins sent these announcements in an email:

Game Day, Saturday June 11 was enjoyed by 13 gamers plus 1 pizza eater.

Thanksgiving Offering

The 2nd of 3 Meals on Wheels Goody Bags deliveries is scheduled for July 12. Food items have been ordered and is on site. Cost of food was \$568.02, leaving a balance of \$593.98 for the October delivery.

The BB's meet July 28 to review The Space Between Us.

The Spirit Pentecost flag has been removed for repair due to high winds.

For Building and Grounds, Barry Dawson discussed light repair and other maintenance issues. The toilet in the Fellowship Hall was replaced to stop leakage. Doorbells have been installed on both exterior doors, Fellowship Hall and the Parlor entrances. Pantry installation in Fellowship Hall kitchen is on hold pending contact of contractor. Considering installing a motion detector on entrance by parlor.

For Congregational Care, Bill Weaver's emailed report stated that a meeting was planned for June 13th but was postponed due to a member's illness.

Bill Weaver moved from committee to approve a Summer Social covered dish meal after worship on July 10. Motion passed.

Also, the following tentative dates have been discussed but not finalized:

August 21 Back to School meal after worship (tentative)

November 13 Thanksgiving Dinner (Wednesday supper) (tentative)

November 30 Hanging of the Greens and Soup Supper (tentative)

For Mission, Bill Weaver received a letter from City of Burnet requesting help city-wide to clean up properties within city. Asking mainly for physical labor. Session suggested BPC donate money for supplies once we find out their specific needs.

Bill Weaver to followup on specific needs.

For Stewardship, included in Fred's emailed report was the List of current fund status attached for your information. At some point, next month perhaps, Session needs to formally establish the funds – voting, record in minutes.

List of funds, May, 2022

	Session resolution	Description/Purpose
Unrestricted	unknown	General operating fund
Designated Reserve	unknown	3 months of annual budget set aside
Taxes payable	unknown	Payroll tax
Memorial	unknown	Fund received in memory of deceased
Susannah's Music	2/19/2019	Enhancement of Music Program
Flower	unknown	Flowers for worship service
LACare	unknown	LaCare
Building Remodel	?	Building Remodeling
Joy /OGHS /Peace	unknown	Presbytery initiated solicitation
Scholarship	2/19/2019	Graduating BHS student going to a technical school
Spinner Scholarship	4/20/2021	Changed Scholarship to Carl Spinner Scholarship
Thanksgiving Basket	11/17/2021**	Meals on Wheels Goody Bags, 3 x year
Incr/Decr in FMV Investments	3/31/2022**	Incr/Decr in Presbytery Foundation + New Covenant Fund

Notes:

1. unknown - too old to search for Session resolution
2. Susannah's Music and Spinner Scholarship fund had session resolution.
3. Building Remodeling - no Session resolution.
4. Thanksgiving Basket - no Session resolution but first appeared date indicated.
5. Incr/Decr in FMV investments - no Session resolution but first appeared date indicated.

Conclusion: A resolution will be defined at next August meeting.

For Christian Education, Alice Anglin presented Presbyterian Material for the children of the church. The program is called “Flex” for all ages and the costs is \$160 per year. **Session suggested that the material be made available to Pastor and Jean Andrews for review.**

For Worship, Alice Anglin made a proposal from Committee to add Brothers and Sisters-in-laws to the Bereavement list and as an addition to Session Minutes 12/21/10.

Motion passed. The proposal will be added to the Bereavement guidelines.

For Unfinished Business – None
For New Business

At the May 2022 Session meeting Pat Collins was assigned the task of providing Sunday security options for the church. Burnet County Sheriff's Office provided us with a plan. Burnet PD did not respond after two phone calls. Following is the motion for church security using Burnet County Sheriff's Office (BCSO):

Pat Collins moved that BPC resume Sunday morning church security, which was suspended once church closed due to the pandemic, using Burnet County Sheriff

deputies. The hourly rate is \$40 with a 4-hour minimum.

Description of what the deputies will do is listed below. Terms should be included in Minutes.

BPC's Contact with BCSO is Deputy Scott Orrison

Officer will arrive around 9:15am to check out perimeter of church and inside of church

Officer will be in uniform, armed and will carry Sheriff Department radio

Officer will circulate throughout church facility during devotions and Sunday School

Once congregation moves into church, officer will make sure unused exterior doors are locked

(1. Norris Hall, 2. Office, 3. Handicap Parking)
Front door to church will remain unlocked during church service

During church service Officer will be stationed in cry room off narthex as well as outside

the front door of the church to keep watch on perimeter of building and to be aware of anyone approaching church

Officer will remain after service, and while money is being counted and processed, to make sure that entire church facility is cleared and locked

Anyone attending church who is carrying should let the Sheriff Deputy know

BCSO is to provide BPC with name of officer 3 days before Sunday in order to have a paycheck ready for officer on the Sunday he/she works

Hourly rate is \$40/hour, 4-hour minimum

BPC will submit to BCSO an Application for Secondary Employment of Law Enforcement and a Liability Agreement Form

SECURITY TRAINING

A member of the congregation has requested that we have training which would prepare members of the congregation to defend and protect themselves, in the event of various types of emergencies.

I propose that we talk with Tracy Weems to see if he would be willing to guide us in this training, which could take place during a Saturday afternoon lunch or following church.

Barry Dawson seconded and the motion was tabled.

New Business continued, Fred Shin moved that Session compensate Dr. John Roberts, Piano accompanist, for filling in two Sundays, \$200 x 2 = \$400.

Pat seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was duly ended. Pastor Josyph closed the meeting with a prayer. Next meeting will be a called meeting on June 28, 2022.

Thank You!

Thank you for choosing me to be the recipient of the Carl Spinner Memorial Scholarship. Next year I will be attending TSTC in Hutto, Texas where I will earn a degree in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning. This scholarship will help me achieve my goal of becoming a licensed HVAC Tech, and owning my own business. Thank you so much.

Clayton Zinz

Meals on Wheels Goodie Bags

Will be packed on Tuesday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m. to take to the M.O.W. office.

Please bring plastic grocery bags and give them to Pat, or leave them in the kitchen. Thank you!!

Burnet Book Marks

Will Meet Thursday, July 28 at 9:30 in the Church Library to review "The Space Between Us".
Breakfast will be served.



Pictured from L-R: Karen Brock, Pat Collins, Janie Howell, and Alice Anglin. This is how many ladies it took to fill in for our very competent and organized church secretary. Betty has been in NYC with her granddaughter and a brand spanking new great grandson, Sage, who was born on June 16. They all flew back to Texas on Monday, June 27. Congratulations, great grandmother Betty. Most importantly, welcome back!



Dear Pastor Josyph,
Thank you and the church so much for the beautiful memorial service for our dad, Henry Carroll. He had expressed his wish to have the service at Burnet Presbyterian Church. Although he had moved to Double Creek Assisted Living in Round Rock, he still considered himself as a member of the church. He and our mom really loved the church. Also, we would like to thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement. They meant so much to us and were a wonderful addition to the service.

Sincerely,
Bruce, Dan, Libby & Mary





Foot Soldier

Walking in the Way of the Lord One House at a Time

By Rick Espitia
Citizens Gazette

Richard Spinner may not walk as fast as some, but at 93 years of age, he still covers a little more ground than many. Spinner, who lives in Burnet, has taken to the streets over the years in what he calls Prayer Walking.

The semi-retired Presbyterian minister says he read about another preacher who took to the streets and thought it might be something he could try. On any given weekend he will spend one or two hours on a Saturday, walking through the Burnet neighborhoods, stopping in front of the various homes and saying a prayer.

"I don't bother those in the houses," he says. "I just stop and look at the house and say a prayer for those who reside in them."

Spinner has been walking for several years and says he has finished walking the entire north side of town and will now be working on covering the south side as well.

In addition to his Prayer Walking, Spinner is a regular at the Burnet Farmer's Market that is held on the town square on Saturdays. Spinner will pull out a small notepad and make his way down the row of vendors, checking on everyone's wellbeing. While making his rounds he asks if they might feel they could use a prayer, which he then notes in his book. After getting together what people might need in a prayer, he says he goes to the Burnet Presbyterian Church on the corner of the square and says a prayer for each person who asked.

Spinner's work as a minister is his second career. He was in the Air Force for 26 years and after retiring in 1972, attended the Austin Presbyterian Seminary. From there he

ministered in a church in Broken Bow, Oklahoma for 10 years.

But the Air Force had conditioned him to be on the move so he decided to help out as a visiting or interim minister for churches who needed him. That became his job until 1992, when he officially retired.

Only retirement isn't actually a word that applies. Spinner continues to preach on occasion and keeps busy with his Prayer Walking. He also ministers for residents at the Country Oaks Assisted Living where he is a resident. He also holds a Bible study he calls "The Old Bricks Bible Class."

Spinner says he tells older people that there is always something they can do, no matter what shape they think they are in or whatever age they are.

"Everyone can say a prayer," he says. "Everyone can help a neighbor. Everyone can be kind."

Spinner says there is no real formal way to pray, but it seems to help when you can get away from distractions and be alone sometimes. He also suggests that you pray each morning right after getting up, before they day gets busy.

Spinner follows his own advice about doing something if you are able.

"I can't do much now, but I can walk and I can pray."

Spinner says he grew up on a farm and loves being outdoors. He plans to continue his walks as long as he can.

And does praying work? Spinner says he has been told by a number of people on the square that their prayers seemed to be answered. One vendor who asked him to pray for her financial situation told him that she recently had a big sales day which helped provide some relief. But Spinner says he can't say whose prayers get answered.

"I prayed for the same thing for 16 years and then one day, my prayer got answered," he says.

But one thing is certain for Spinner, he will never quit praying.