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Sermons for the Month of July



July is a five Sunday month, and you may remember the tease in our late June newsletter included two Sunday's lessons and sermons. Now July is here, and here is a reminder of those first two Sunday's plus information on the remaining three. The first Sunday is July 3rd and a communion Sunday. We will also celebrate Betty Robinson's 90th birthday to come on the 4th. The lessons for that Sunday are 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 which examine **The Peace That Comes to You**. On the 10th, the scriptures we will examine are Amos 7:7-17 and Colossians 1:1-14 which speak of **Changing Kingdoms**. We will also ordain and install our new officers during that service. The third Sunday in July, the 17th, the scripture readings are Amos 8:1-12 and Luke 10:38-42 which deal with **Hearing the Word**. The month begins to wind down on the 24th, as we will examine the texts of Colossians 2:6-15 and Luke 11:1-13 and consider **Prayer**. The last day of the month is a Sunday, July 31st, and in Hosea 11:1-11 and Colossians 3:1-11 which stress our faith location and urge, **Don't Go Back**. Every month is a fitting month to gather to hear the Word of God, and while we have that freedom, let us make full use of it.

It Happened in Session

The Session met for its regular meeting on June 21, 2016.

New business

At the Congregational meeting four people were

elected to the Nominating Committee for fiscal year 2017. They were David Byers, Zana Byers, Eleanor Garvey and Mike Ragan. The Session elected Lora Savoie and Deb Lowrance to serve on the committee as the representatives from Session.

The Ordination and Service for the Class of 2018 was rescheduled to July 10th during worship.

Standing Committee reports

It was noted that the regularly scheduled June 5th communion had been cancelled.

Jerry Ragan reported that the construction superintendent for the new building south of the church continues to be a good neighbor. He has removed some rocks and stumps along the property line. He plans to do further cleanup including removing unwanted trees and trimming of bushes upon completion of the building. Jerry has replaced old wiring and lighting in the area of the stairs to the basement which makes it safer for those who go there for supplies.

The regular potluck will be on June 26th, according to June Ragan. She also advised that on July 3rd, after worship, there will be a celebration of Betty Robinson's 90th birthday. Cake and punch will be served.

Eleanor Garvey reported for the MemberCare committee advising that she had sent cards to ten members who have not been able to attend worship recently. She advised that the committee prepared a reception of cookies and lemonade following the memorial service for Janet Mackey. A prayer shawl was given to Reagan Mackey.

The Session gave thanks to Eleanor Garvey, Zana Byers and June Ragan, who are rotating off Session, for their service on Session.

Ladies, Please Read...



Prayer Shawl Meeting: Tuesday, July 5 at 6:30 pm at Eleanor's house.

Ladies' Circle meetings: There will be no meetings this month!



Tuesday, July 12th: Ladies' Out-to-eat at PotPourri House at 11:30 a.m.

**90th Birthday Celebration
For**



Betty Robinson

Sunday, July 3, 2016

11:30 AM AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING A BIRTHDAY CARD!

No gifts, please.



News from Jory Bayne



"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." Romans 12:2

Jory has returned to the US from India and is now in Florida for CRU staff training. At the end of the summer training, he will be assigned to a US city to continue domestic campus ministries. He is also applying for seminary and hopes to begin studying for a long-term career in the ministry. Here is an excerpt from Jory's letter:

"Through the specific things I've been learning this year, the world's needs, and my own passions, I feel the Lord calling me to join **Campus Field Staff with Cru in the United States** for this next season of life. Thank you for your prayers as I have been discerning God's will this last year. Joining staff with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ), I will be pursuing a career of missionary work focused on reaching the college students for Christ. I do have a preference of where I would like to be, but I won't find out my official placement until the end of New Staff Training in July. I will however spend this next season of life in the US and hopefully gain opportunities to win and disciple students to Christ, outreach to international/other minority communities, pursue educational opportunities as they come, dive in relationally with friends and family, commit to a church God leads me to, and to impact the culture of the city I'm in for God's glory."

With Love,
Jory Bayne

*"Come and Go" Birthday Celebration For
Betty (Anna) Robinson*



July 4th, 2016
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
Prestige Estates
6928 Paluxy Dr.,
Apt. 313
Tyler, Texas 75703



No gifts, please...just your presence



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

**SYNOD OF THE SUN
PW GATHERING**
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth
July 21-23, 2016

Keynote Speaker: The Reverend Doctor Cynthia Rigby

Submit registration form to Claudia Anderson. PW Gathering information and registration forms are on the bulletin board in the elevator lobby.



Becky's Music Notes

July 2016



Psalm 95: "O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

There are several Psalms in the Bible that refer to "making a joyful noise"; Psalm 96; Psalm 98; Psalm 100; just to name a few. Music has been a part of my life since I can remember. My mother was a piano major and taught piano lessons in the home for many years. She was also organist for different churches in Cedar Rapids, where I grew up. My father took piano lessons as a child; I remember him and Mom playing duets periodically on the piano. When the organist job, at Highland, came open in 1990, I talked with Mom about it. I had not touched a keyboard in 10-12 years and was not sure if I could even play. With Mom's encouragement, I decided to give it a try. I took organ lessons from Larry Marta at TJC in April and May 1990. I was officially hired during the summer of 1990 as Highland's Organist. I continued to take lessons from Larry for several years and even took a few music classes.

Growing up my parents were at band, orchestra & choir concerts, football games, piano recitals, operas and church to listen to their children play and or sing. All four of their children were involved in music in one way or another growing up. My oldest brother, Mark, played saxophone and cello. My brother, Dave, played trombone. He marched in the Iowa State Band when he was in college. My sister, Sharon, played piano, violin and sang; her major in college was music, specializing in Opera. She still plays violin, viola and piano, and teaches all three. She has been in the chorus at the Lyric Opera in Chicago for about 25 years. I grew up playing piano, flute, and actually took a year of harp lessons in junior high. And, believe it or not, I took a summer of organ lessons from my mother when I was in high school.

When Mom and Dad moved to Tyler in 1993, Mom and I decided to try playing piano/organ duets, again. The first time we ever played together I was in high school and it was "The Palms" (your welcome, Sara). And we have since added several pieces to our "library". Music has ALWAYS been a big part of my life and has continued to be as John and I got married and had children. Ask Katy or Chrissy about music at our house or in the cars, they will tell you, music was on most of the time. Of course, what we listen to at home ranges from country, to rock, to blue grass, to jazz. When the girls were little, there was a little "Veggie Tales" thrown in as well. That was and is our "joyful noise" at home.

Love and Prayers,

Becky Davis



Highland Highlights for July 2016:

Sunday, July 3rd:

11:30 AM - 90th Birthday celebration reception for Betty Robinson

Monday, July 4th:

1:30 to 3:00 PM - Open House Birthday Party for Betty Robinson at Prestige Estates.

Thursday, July 21st:

June 2016 Newsletter Submission Deadline!

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship Service
11:30 AM - Fellowship Time

Office Hours:

Mon. thru Thurs.; 8:30 am to noon

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4	June Ragan	18	Claudia Anderson
4	Betty Robinson	24	Bill Flores
9	Lee Shafer	30	Bev Bugay

The AUGUST 2015 Highland Herald submission DEADLINE is JULY 21st!

PLEASE submit your articles, information, events, etc. to your friendly Highland Secretary by this date! I would like to get the newsletter emailed and mailed no later than Thursday, July 28th.



Thank you, Dorothy Ragan. ☺

Fellowship Snacks

Blessed are those who share FELLOWSHIP in CHRIST, for GOD lives in their FRIENDSHIP.

Please join together each Sunday after Worship for some conversation, laughs and to welcome our guests. Refreshments will be provided by the Fellowship committee.



Please pray for Pvt. Ross Clayton, son of April Linthicum, and grandson of Chuck and Deb Tompkins who will be deployed to Kuwait on July 21st. Also be in prayer for all of our other men and women in the Armed Forces. Also, please keep the Christians, Kurds, and Jews in your prayers in N. Iraq.



The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16b NLT

Cancer Patients: Mike Burrow, Jonah Daily, John Davis, David Garvey, Jeff Hedges, Rita Kelly, HK Park, Jan Park, Donna Richardson, Lee Shafer, Carl Trent, and Leon Welborn; **Continuing Concerns:** Mike Arbour, Jory Bayne, Joy Carreno, Ross Clayton, Bobbie Cohen, Sharon Cohen, Bonnie Cottrill, Sally Ferrell, Eleanor Garvey, Mark Garvey, Ann Gstohl, Joan Heck, Jean Hedges, Jean Jeffers, Claudine Peter, Steve Savoie, Sue Sharp, and Michael Williams. Be also in prayer for Scott and Reagan and the family of Janet Mackey who passed away June 30, 2016. *(In the spirit of getting the best out of our prayer ministry, please submit names for the Prayer list, a brief reason and then a subsequent update to the request, by the monthly deadline for the Highland Herald. This will enable us to keep the list current and to give thanks for God's answers. Also submit updates for the prayer list.)*



Canned vegetables are the July PATH items. Monetary gifts are always accepted. The Summer box fan drive at Home Depot continues in July and August. More information is on the bulletin board!

Time for the School Bus to be on the road again.

Current needs are:



- Kleenex tissues
- Erasers-pencil tops and regular
- Germ-X
- Colored pencils
- Pencils with # 2 lead

The children and I are grateful for all that you give.

Deb Tompkins





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The View from the Back Page

As Reagan and I continue to get used to life without Janet and discover all the ways we have to re-order our lives while dealing with the initial numbing and confusion of grief, I find casual concentration difficult to maintain. So for this month's back page article, I'm just going to scatter shoot some topics.

The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. General Assembly met the last two weeks of June. While controversy was generally missing, also missing was anything which might point toward a greater support for the actual field of missions in a denomination - the local churches. In addition, the lack of controversy was also a result of a kind of homogenization of language. If you can empty words of their most specific meanings and contexts, then the bland simplicity of "See Spot. See Spot run. Run, Spot, run!" literalism takes their place. What should have been scandalous is passed off as over-thinking and misusing words and misunderstanding the heart. (If you want details, you can ask me about it when you have a few minutes.)

A pastor's conference in August asks an interesting question in one of the proposed sessions - "Who Moved? Something Has Changed Between the Church and the Culture." The answer is probably less sexy, since both the Church and the Culture have moved. Which moved the most, and whose movement most effected the other is difficult to assess. We notice the effects - a coarsened culture with almost shameless crudity and a confused Church that lacks confidence. It might be interesting to find out what responses they feel might be required.

Enjoy your vacations, and remember prayer can and should be done anywhere and everywhere!

Scott Mackey



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Highland Presbyterian Church

Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 8:30 AM till Noon
 Sunday School 9:30 AM—Sunday Worship 10:30 AM



God Bless America

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Betty (Anna) Robinson Open House July 4th from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Prestige Estates 				1	2
3  Holy Communion Betty Robinson's 90th Birthday Celebration after Worship service.	4  June Ragan Betty Robinson Independence Day HOLIDAY! Office Closed	5 6:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Meeting	6	7	8	 Lee Shafer
10 Installation and Ordination of Elders	11	12 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 11:30 AM Ladies' Out to Eat	13	14	15	16
17	18  Claudia Anderson	19 6 PM - Session Meeting	20	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> AUGUST Highland Herald Deadline!! </div>	22	23  SYNOD of the SUN PW Gathering
24  Pot Luck  Bill Flores	25	26	27	28	29	30  Bev Bugay
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