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Pastor's Pen,

Why Change?

I know some are confused about our redoing our form of governance. There are a number of reasons, but the one that is always in the mix is that to live is to change. Every living being and every organization that keeps moving forward changes. We need to change so that we can call a new pastor who can come in to the church with a form of governance they will understand and so that we can be compliant with the current book and the new book of order that will be out in the next year or so. We are Presbyterian and people who come here will expect that we run our church in the Presbyterian way. I know that Pastor James Kim was on the committee to work with the book of order and that he was trying to look at how we could be more effective in our church organization. However, when I got too the church many of the parts of the matrix were not functioning as he and the session envisioned. It was very hard for me to understand how this church worked through issues. I am grateful for the many people who worked with me to figure out the organization but feel this will not be helpful for a new pastor in the future. Also, the new book of church order did not change as much as many thought, and some of the parts of the Matrix are not congruent with the new Book of Order. As you look for new pastor it will be helpful for them to have a practice of church governance they will be use to, this way they can move things forward quickly, and feel at home. You are a great group of people and they will be lucky to come to Trinity. The next leaders will also get their feet wet sooner if they understand the way your church works is like most Presbyterian churches.

If you have more questions please come and ask. If you were thinking isn't this the way we use to do this? The answer is yes. The change was not bad, for change is always a part of life. We try new things and we sometimes go back to old ways. Again this is part of life. Life is a gift from our God and as we watch people grow up and grow old, we see change is a part of God's plan for almost every kind of object on this earthly plain. Some changes take millions of years but its worth it, for from coal we get diamonds. Some take only and hour, for as young couples come before the Lord to marry there life is forever changed, as two me's become one we. Change in the church should always be a part of who we are for we are the body of Christ and each individual member and if we are going to live and grow in the light of the love we have in God, we will change. Dear ones give this change a chance. If it does not work the way you wish it to your next pastor will probably change up a few things to help you grow and bloom in the light of the living Lord.

I think one of the great truths about churches is that nothing we do has always been done a certain way. The church of Jesus Christ changes and sometimes goes back to old ways. God makes us in a variety of styles so that all of his children find a place. You are in a place where finding and loving God is the first step, and then reaching out to your church friends and to the world follows. I give you a thumbs up for trying the matrix and now a thank you for moving back to the older form of governance. Thanks for your understanding.

Beverly

P.S.: Your support and your questions have been helpful. So don't hesitate to ask me or any elder. My number at home is 972-423-8611. My cell phone has a problem so if you call it and do not get me please leave a message on my home phone.

Worship Schedule

9:00 AM
Bible Study for
All Ages

10:00 AM
Fellowship
Coffee & Doughnuts

10:30 AM
Combined Worship Service
Traditional and
Contemporary

*(Check your calendar for
special Sunday events
and time changes.)*



Financial Status For 2011 Budget Year

Giving for:

Week ending 02/06/11:
\$3,543.50

Year to date:
\$24,570.10

Proposal for a New Organization for TPC

Purpose/cause for new organization:

Based on our new vision, the Session plans to get out of survival mode and move forward. Part of moving forward is making preparations for the called pastor the PNC is charged to call. Being prepared means being a church that is going to welcome and be attractive to the pastor we need. That means being in compliance with the Book of Order (BOO) and not having a structure that is going to require a big learning curve for a new pastor. In addition to the BOO, as a church we need to be compliant with our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. While we can change these, they dictate some action on our part one way or another. Also, it was the sense of the Session that being in compliance meant that the elders needed to be directly responsible for the ministries. Given this, the boards and Sr. leader structure became redundant and therefore implied a change to the organization. One of the original ideas behind creating the matrix organization was to have a structure that we could grow with. We have in fact gotten smaller so with the demands on leadership the redundancy is difficult to justify. The other change needed for compliance with the BOO is to the nomination process.

New Structure:

The Session is the main governing body of the church. It is elected by the congregation from elder candidates nominated through the nominating process (see below.) The Session consists of 9 elders. The Session acts as the Board of Trustees and its member elders act as the ministry leaders of the church. Supporting these ministries are various committees. The following are the proposed ministry categories into which all the ministries and activities fall under.

- Adult (Studies, Men's and Women's ministries)
- Fellowship/Member Involvement/Member Care
- Missions
- Evangelism/Visitors
- Youth
- Children's
- Worship
- Facilities/Services/Finances
- Personnel
- A clerk and treasurer shall be elected by the Session.

As an interim step to maintain continuity, for 2011 the Senior Leaders that are not current Session elders will participate in Session meetings but will not be voting members.

Nominations will be conducted by a committee, five of whose members are elected annually by the congregation from open nominations from the floor. Additionally the committee shall consist of two ruling elders. One of those elders shall be from the class that is going off Session and shall be the moderator. The pastor is a member of the committee in an ex officio capacity. This committee will create a slate of candidates to be voted on by the congregation. The slate will be for the class of elders which start the following January to serve for three years. The nominating committee shall make other nominations as needed throughout the year. The current Session will be divided into three classes. The class of 2011 shall consist of the elders on Session prior to the latest election plus one other. They are: Robin Dilger, Al Gober, Paul Leddy, and Debra Sweeney. The Session will divide the remaining elders into the classes of 2012 and 2013.

The Session has passed a standing rule for the nominating committee as follows: Those who serve on the nominating committee shall not nominate committee members nor spouses of committee members, nor those who have not been a member of the church for less than one year.

The Executive Director shall be appointed by Session to serve as a staff member (unpaid) to provide administrative support to the pastor. This position is also responsible for facilitating communications between committees and for training in procedures. Other duties, as needed, may be added.

Important Dates

Birthdays

3/3 Don Hudson
3/5 Patrick Mallory
3/7 Blanca Rincon
Lisa Carter
Jill Kuklenz
3/8 Becky Howard
3/9 Nancy Hearon
3/10 Al Gober
3/12 Frank Dimino
Dakota Woods
3/15 Blake Ward
3/20 Nathan Carroll
3/24 Jeffrey Ding
3/25 Robin Dilger
3/26 Jules Burt
3/28 Ronald McKee
Emerich Hopkins
3/30 Sarah Meyers



Anniversaries

3/15 Lloyd & Amy Olson



Ushers

3/6 Terri Decker
Brad Decker
Debi Ward

3/13 Kate Bobo
Rachel Bobo
Joseph Uwakwe
Joe Cesspooch

3/20 Gloria Parsons
Nancy Hearon
Joy Koch
Marilyn Schilling

2/27 Ruth Horton
Charlie Horton
Daniel Bauer
Harvey Wright



Please Note!

If your name is missing from the anniversary or birthday list, please let the church office know. Thanks!

Note to

New Members: You need to give your information to the church office if you haven't already done so. We would like to be able to acknowledge your special days!

Children's Ministries



The Children's Choir has started back up meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM; Sunday School is at 9:00 AM. This is for any child between the ages of 4 years thru 5th grade. We will be singing in worship services about once every six weeks, the first time being about mid March and then Palm Sunday which we are working on now. Please join us.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to help with the Children's Worship once or twice a month. This would give Ms. Amy a chance to attend worship services occasionally. Please contact Ruth Horton if this is something you think you could do.

On Sunday, Feb. 13, we held our Hearts for Healing/Valentine's event and had 8 children in attendance. We had a wonderful time making hearts, eating hearts (well, cupcakes and candy), and delivering these hearts to some members of our congregation. If you missed this event maybe you can join us at our next event.



Please remember the following upcoming events:

- March 26 at 11:00 AM - Sowing Seeds of Love (adopting a flower bed at the church and planting flowers)
- April 15 at 6:30 PM - Easter Event - making Resurrection Eggs - These eggs will tell the story of Jesus' time from Palm Sunday through Easter. Dinner will be provided.
- May 8 - during Children's Worship - Caring Hearts/Warm Soles- We will be collecting socks (and other items) and adopting a unit to send these to our soldiers either in Iraq or Afghanistan, in appreciation for their service to our country.
- July 18 - 22 - VBS (more to follow)

Ruth Horton and Children's Ministries Team

PULSE Student News

Senior High Youth Connection (SHYC) 2011

Trinity connected!

“What’s Love Got to Do with It” was the theme of the annual high school youth conference sponsored by Grace Presbytery Jan. 28-31 at Austin College in Sherman. Representing TPC were Wes Stiefer and his parents, Tricia and Wes, Rachel Maduro, Tyler Winn and Lee Ann Bandy. More than 600 high school students and their adult sponsors attended the event which focused on deepening relationships with God and one another.



There Was This Puzzle

I recently took a friend to the clinic for his radiation therapy. After checking in we chatted until they took my friend back to the treatment area. Then I opened my book and was about to read when I noticed an elderly man working a jigsaw puzzle. The pieces that formed the puzzle's borders had all been put in place fixing both the size and shape of the puzzle. It appeared that someone had sorted out the rest of the pieces, placing some near the top of the puzzle, some near the bottom, and others along the edges. The man was talking on his cell phone as he worked and occasionally slipped a piece into its proper place, bringing the puzzle one step closer to being complete.

After a few minutes a lady came by, paused for a moment, and then sat down across from the man. Neither said anything to the other. He continued his phone conversation making periodic contributions to the puzzle. For the first few minutes she just sat there looking at the puzzle. Then she began touching the pieces in front of her one at a time; adjusting them ever so slightly. It occurred to me in doing so she was declaring that she was now a part of the puzzle building community.

My book was all but forgotten as I watched the two strangers working on the puzzle together. Then the man got up and left. Apparently the person he had been waiting for had finished their treatment and it was time to go. A few minutes later the lady left as well. The table was empty and the puzzle abandoned. Apparently it is true that nature abhors a vacuum because before long another man came along, took a seat, and resumed the work of completing the puzzle. He was still working diligently when my friend emerged from the treatment room and it was our turn to leave.

That evening I was thinking about that table, the puzzle, and the three people I had watched and realized it was a reflection of life in general. We arrive in this world much as that lady arrived at the table. By the time we arrived God had already defined the shape and nature of things and has put the borders in place. The generations who came before us have put some of the pieces in place, but there are many more waiting for someone to figure out where they belong and to put them in their place. At first we just watch. Then after a while we begin to touch the things and people around us. At some point we claim our place at the table. Finally we begin adding to the puzzle. What we do, how we do it, and why we do it all add to the color and texture of the puzzle we call life. Together, lead by the Holy Spirit we can do amazing things and together we can leave our mark on the world.

John R. Fowler.



John is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Prosper.

Trinity Organization

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Organizational Structure

Congregation

Session

Robin Dilger, Al Gober, John Smith, Paul Leddy

Board of Trustees

Paul Leddy, Steve Thomas, John Fiedler, Doug Stokes

Personnel

Cheryl Leddy, Debra Whinnie, Mike Bacon, Brad Webb,
 Camille Marchelletta, Robin Dilger

Executive Director

Steve Thomas

Management Board

Pastor
 Session Elder Al Gober
 Senior Leaders:
 TBD, Missions Ministries
 Pam Hampson, Adult Ministries
 Mike Bacon, Youth Ministries
 TBD, Children's Ministries
 Debra Sweeney, Worship
 Joy Koch, Trinity Tots

Facilitating Board

Pastor
 Session Elder John Smith
 Senior Leaders:
 Steve Thomas, Services
 Dennis Yates, Facilities
 Larry Johnson, Finance

Facilitating Ministries Team

Finance	Larry Johnson	214-618-0942
Facilities	Dennis Yates	972-795-4902
Services	Steve Thomas	469-384-1966

Program Ministries Team

<u>Adult Ministries</u>	Pam Hampson	972-370-6577
Small Groups	Open	
Sunday Adult Studies	Open	
Women	TBD	
Men	Lloyd Olson	214-906-4572
Member Involvement	Open	
Member Care	Mimi Montgomery	214-618-0942
	Camille Marchelletta	972-625-6693
Fellowship	Larry Johnson	972-625-4926
<u>Missions Ministries</u>	Open	
Visitors	Priscilla Hounam	972-625-0099
Mission/Outreach	Open	
Evangelism	Open	

Youth Ministries

Education/Missions	Open	
	Mike Bacon	
	Lee Ann Bandy	
Fellowship	Open	

Children's Ministries

Education	Open	
Children's Church	Ruth Horton	972-370-1588
Nursery	Amy Olson	972-624-1007
VBS	Lyn Gray	972-625-7860
Trinity Tots	Amy Olson	
	Joy Koch	

Worship

Traditional Service	Debra Sweeney	972-625-1432
Choir	Ellen Fowler	972-624-0738
Contemporary Service	Jack Montgomery	972-548-7625
Christian Music	TBD	
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