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Dear Members and Friends,

As you may know, beginning Sunday, February 6th the 8:45 a.m. traditional service in the sanctuary will be suspended. This service has been an important part of our church life. For the first fifteen years the service was held in the Chapel with its wonderful acoustics and sense of intimacy. For the past decade, the service has been held in the sanctuary which provided more space and flexibility as the attendance increased. Over the years, many members have served as worship leaders, musicians, ushers, greeters, and sound board technicians. In all, this early morning traditional service has been the service of choice for a devoted and faithful group of our members for a quarter century.

Now we have reached a turning point. After careful and prayerful consideration, the Session determined that two services would best meet the needs of our church during the school year (September – May). It was also decided that our church needed to provide more than one style of worship. The decision was made to have two services, an 8:30 contemporary service in Ellis Hall, and an 11 a.m. traditional service in the sanctuary. This new worship schedule will be reviewed by the Worship and Music Committee later this spring and again in the fall.

The new schedule with two services will continue until Memorial Day and resume after Labor Day. From Memorial Day until Labor Day there will be one combined service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Also, on March 20th Presbyterian Women Sunday services will be held in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and

11 a.m. On Easter Sunday morning and on the Sunday before Christmas both morning services will be in the sanctuary where the Chancel Choir will lead us in worship.

As I have spoken with many of our members who have been attending the 8:45 a.m. traditional service, responses can be grouped in three categories: 1) we will miss this service; 2) we hope it might be possible to resume this early morning traditional service at some point in the future; and 3) we respect the decision made by the Session. Some are planning to attend the 11 a.m. traditional service, some are planning to attend the 8:30 a.m. service, and some are not sure yet.

During this time of transition, it is important to find ways to know others in our church family better that we might encourage one another. I invite you to take advantage of such opportunities including Sunday school, and our Wednesday night fellowship dinners and programs. Six octet groups (supper clubs) have been formed, and more will be organized soon. Also, the prayer trios, which were so popular last fall, will be offered again soon.

Our church vision statement -- Growing, Praising, and Serving (GPS) – challenges us to grow closer to Christ and to each other as we worship and serve together. May God continue to bless our church as we seek to be faithful disciples and strengthen the tie that binds us together.

Luke Harkey

TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

Our Fifth Sunday gathering with John Knox, Ryburn Memorial, and Shiloh Presbyterian Churches will be held this Sunday, January 30, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 610 Charles Road. Our evening begins at 6:00 with a covered dish supper, followed by worship with Betty Shaw preaching.

JOIN US

IN ELLIS FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY

6:00 Meal – 6:30 Program

... an opportunity to pause midweek,
... to build new relationships,
to strengthen existing friendships,
... and to glorify God through
intergenerational activities, worship,
and programs that help us grow in our faith.

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO "GO GREEN" BRING PLATES, CUPS & SILVERWARE FROM HOME WHEN ATTENDING WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER.

Date	Meal	Program
Feb. 2	*Fried Chicken	HomeWork Club/ Food Ministry
Feb. 9	*Pizza	Missions
Feb. 16	*SubSandwiches	Love Songs for All Ages
Feb. 23	‡Covered Dish	Recycling: Taking Care of God's World

*\$3/adult; \$1/under 12; \$10/family max. Bring side dishes & homemade desserts --- completely peanut free please. Child care is available for children 4 and under.

‡See next article "What Is A Covered Dish Dinner?"

WHAT IS A COVERED DISH DINNER?

There will be "covered dish dinners" on Wednesdays, Feb. 23, and April 21. Some folks have questioned what this is. This is where church members bring one or more dishes of food to be placed on the tables in Ellis Hall, along with everyone else's dishes of food. Then everyone gets to enjoy each other's cooking. The "rule of thumb" is: bring enough food to feed your family and four more.

Types of food to be shared are: meat dishes, vegetables, salads, fruits, desserts. Whatever you

choose to bring. It is also just fine to bring prepared or purchased foods that you pick up at the store or fast food place, like a bucket of chicken. Sharing different foods is part of the fun and fellowship.

Serving spoons are provided along with tea. Just remember to pick up your dish before you leave.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On Sunday, February 6, our Middle School Youth invite you to join them in the "Souper Bowl of Caring!" They will hold soup pots for monetary donations and wagons for non-perishable food donations at the church doors following our worship services. All will go directly to our Food Ministry program. Please make checks payable to Shelby Presbyterian Church and noted for "Souper Bowl of Caring."

Thank you for your generosity. Thank you, middle school youth and leaders, for your leadership in this great way to address some of the hunger needs right here in Shelby.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. in the back parlor for study and discussion and prayer and fellowship. Our new study is "The Teaching of the 12" by Tony Jones.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

Ninth graders and parents will gather on Sunday, February 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the home of Ann Huston, 406 Country Club Lane, for a covered dish fellowship supper and to discuss plans for the coming weeks of instruction and special events. Bring a dish and your calendar. Instruction will happen during Sunday School, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m., February 20- April 3. Confirmation Sunday is May 22 at 11:00 worship service, followed by reception in Ellis Hall. Confirmands, Parents, and Sponsors will meet for a cookout at the home of Brennan Teddy, 181 Appian Way, later that afternoon.

Please pray for our ninth graders as they prepare for this important milestone in their lives: Morgan Beam, Meg Binion, Grant Byers, Olivia Gebel-Cook, Ann Huston, Kaitlyn Kennedy, Chelsea Lee, Austin McInnis, Brennan Teddy, and Chandler Young.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Sarah Circle will meet Tuesday, February 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Sue Breen, 324-2 Lamar Avenue.

Martha/Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, February 1, at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Shannon Blackley, 812 Hawthorne Road. A light lunch will be served. RSVP Shannon at 704-481-0753.

1900 Circle will meet Tuesday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Donna Simmons, 711 Mayo Street.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENTS

JANUARY-MAY 2011

JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 6: Honorary Life Membership nomination forms are available in the church office; on the back of the form you will find a list of previous SPC recipients. Please complete form(s) and return them to Jane no later than February 6th. An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women honors an individual's faithful service in some area(s) of church work. Men, women, moderators, leaders, teachers, officers, pastors, missionaries and staff have received this honor in the PC(USA) over the years. You can visit the www.presbyterianwomen.org and www.pcusa.org/pw for additional information regarding the PW Honorary Life Membership program.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, is our Ladies' Night Out (also thought of as Tuesday Transformation) for dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Country Club, 1360 East Marion Street, 704-482-1711. The cost for this wonderful buffet meal is \$20 each. Invite your friends to come and enjoy the fellowship and good food on this special evening, Thursday, February 24th. There will be no prep or clean up work; every woman will have the chance just to come enjoy a lovely evening; what a great blessing for every Shelby Presbyterian Woman! **Reservations for dinner are due in the church office by February 20th; thank you!**

Our speaker for this special evening is the Reverend Daria Reagan from First Presbyterian Church in Belmont. You will be very inspired by Daria.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 (please note change of date) is Presbyterian Women's Sunday! Please let Bonnie know of your willingness to assist with either the 8:30 or 11:00 worship services----both services will be traditional and in the sanctuary. The Reverend Grace Boyer will deliver the sermon. Grace is Associate Presbyter for our Presbytery.

We will receive our Birthday Offering, which is a special offering collected in the spring each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. No giving guidelines are suggested other than "give as you are blessed." The offering funds up to five specific projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support. The 2011 recipients are *Across*, "Bring Peace Now" in Jonglei, South Sudan; *Menaul School*, "Bringing the World to Menaul" in Albuquerque, New Mexico; and *Anderson Interfaith Ministries, Inc.*, "Women and Children Succeeding Program" in Anderson, South Carolina. The goal for the 2011 Birthday Offering is \$ 9 0 0 , 0 0 0 . You may visit www.presbyterianwomen.org for additional information regarding Birthday Offerings.

APRIL: Easter lilies ---- reservations and arranging in the church. Anyone interested in taking on this project, contact the church office.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24: Easter Sunday

SATURDAY, APRIL 30: Spring Gathering for the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina meets at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Hendersonville, NC. Margaret Aymer, author of the 2011-2012 Horizons Bible Study, *Confessing the Beatitudes*, will be present.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011: Election of officers for Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team for 2011-2012. Prayerfully consider yourself and other folks to lead our SPC PW. Thank you to those who are (and who have previously) graciously serving at the present time; please consider continuing in your present or another position on the Coordinating Team. Serving on the Coordinating Team is a great way to serve in the ministry of Shelby Presbyterian Church:

Moderator

Moderator Elect

Secretary
Treasurer
Historian
Love in Action
Flowers
Circle Representatives
1. Sarah Circle
2. Martha Mary Circle
3. 1900 Circle
Funeral Meals/Receptions

Frances Campbell
Shirley Carothers
Claire Carter
Jerry Dail
Seth Denton
Debbie Ferrell
Frances Forney
Kathy Gardner
Barbara Gebel
Jean Hamner
Ann Harry
Jerry Jackson
Jean LeGrand
Stuart LeGrand
Andy & Jane McCarter
Rachel McInnis
Ashley McIntyre
John Leonell
Betty Mitchell
Tom & Mary Louise Moss
Holly Petrilli
Maude Reid
Julia Robinson
Joyce Ruark
Art Schulz
Ruth Schweppe
Margaret Smevog
Janine Vollmer

PW CO-ORDINATING TEAM UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, Feb. 15th at 10:00 in the conference room
Tuesday, March 15th at 10:00 in the conference room
Tuesday, April 12th at 10:00 in the conference room
Tuesday, May 17th at 10:00 in the conference room

Thank you for expanding your prayer list to include specific children/youth each month. During February, pray for our High School Seniors and College Freshmen.

Our High School Seniors are Victoria Beam, Brock Byers, Ben Cheaney, Rickman Davis, Tom Kelly, Zach McInnis, Natalie Roberts, Marisa Self, Baxter Smith.

Our College Freshmen are Gracie Blackley, Julian Bridges, Taylor Cerwin, Elliot Dodd, Matthew Dodrill, Murphy Taylor, Eric Wehmueller, Hunter Young.

MEMBER CARE

*The love of Christ
can do amazing things.....*

*The love of Christ can open your eyes
and completely change your thinking
about what really matters most in life.*

*The love of Christ can lift you above
what is ordinary and everyday
and make you believe
that forever is not nearly long enough.*

*The love of Christ can open your heart
and convince you once and for all
that miracles really do happen.*

*May His love be the gift
that fills your heart
and your world
all through this New Year!*

*"This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us....."*

I John 3:16

The Member Care Committee's goal is to extend love and care to all of our Shelby Presbyterian Church Family. You are encouraged to contact Margie Trivett, Chairperson, and any member of the committee with situations needing attention.

Please include the following in your prayers:

Cornelia Barnett Nellie Loy
Bill Brooks Frances Macomson

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This ministry is an important part of our Member Care and it would be a tremendous blessing to have more folks involved. The need for a convener of the knitters and crocheters at their quarterly gatherings is very great. Sandra Dwork has graciously served in this role and provided thoughtful devotions and encouragement each time. But Sandra can no longer fill this role, although she still knits for the ministry. Additional folks to knit and/or crochet prayer shawls would also greatly help the ministry.

Many members of Shelby Presbyterian Church have been recipients of this caring ministry of prayers for healing and comfort and strength and the presence of God in their lives. We especially thank Sandra Dwork, Patsy McBride, Margie Trivett, Carolyn Gaston, Marge Senn, Julia Persing, Ann Pharr, and Bonnie Sanford for their dedication to keeping this ministry supplied with beautiful prayer shawls.

Prayerfully consider being part of this ministry; call Margie Trivett, chairperson for Member Care or Bonnie Sanford, Church Educator.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Sunday, February 13th, **children in Kindergarten through Grade 5** are invited to come create Valentines! There will also be refreshments and a special story to enjoy.

Our **Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers** invite youth, not currently attending, to meet them upstairs in the youth rooms for interesting discussions and lively activities with very special adults!

A **new nine week study** on the book of James, begins on February 6th in room #206 with Elizabeth Schweppe. Bring your Bible.

The **F3 Class** continues with *"The Wired Word"*, which addresses current news with biblical emphasis. They also use the Nooma DVD's for other interesting discussions and life applications. They gather on the stage side of Fellowship Hall.

Women in Progress are reading and discussing, *"The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism"* by Timothy Keller. These ladies meet in the Library.

The **Christian Issues Class** meets in the narthex parlor; they are studying *"Listening for God, volume 2"*.

The **Serendipity Class** meets in room #205 and they will be studying *"In the Grip of God's Grace"* by Max Lucado for the weeks of spring.

The **Upper Room** folks are finishing a study on forgiveness and are soon to begin studying, *"Reaching Out,"* by Henri Nouwen.

The **Covenant, Ladies', and Men's Classes** continue with their study of *"The Present Word,"* which is Adult Bible Study curriculum of the Presbyterian Church.

You are encouraged to join any of these classes. Sunday School provides a great opportunity to make new friends and grow spiritually. Want more information, contact Molly Brownlee, chairperson, for the Sunday School Committee or Bonnie Sanford, Church Educator.

FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE

Our memory verse for February is *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."* James 1:17

For great, scripture-based music that both parents and kids will love, check out Seeds Family Worship CDs! The lyrics are God's own Word, straight from the NIV. It's the perfect way to sing, dance, and make a joyful noise unto the Lord, while planting His Word forever in your heart and mind!

Seeds Family Worship songs are available on iTunes and at www.seedsfamilyworship.com.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Are you a prospective member (or a long-time member) who would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, about our Presbyterian and Reformed tradition, and about opportunities at Shelby Presbyterian? Do you have a friend or family member who should be encouraged to learn more about Christian discipleship and church membership? Please note the schedule for our February sessions for prospective members:

Sunday, February 6th at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor's Study
"Stories of Faith: Reflecting on Where We've Been" and *"The Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership"*

Sunday, February 13th at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor's Study
"What All Christians Have in Common" and *"What Does the Bible Teach About the Church and Church Membership"*

Sunday, February 20th at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor's Study
"Our Heritage at Shelby Presbyterian Church"

Sunday, September 27th at 9:45 a.m. in Pastor's Study
"Opportunities for Worship, Nurture, Fellowship, and Service"

Sunday, February 27th

New Members recognized during worship.

New Member Luncheon will follow worship.

Contact Jane in the church office (704-487-8503), Luke Harkey or Bonnie Sanford to express your interest or get more information. You can also indicate your interest by checking the "Interested in Membership" box on the Attendance Registration Pad during morning worship.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

2011 OFFICER'S RETREAT

On January 7-9 the Officers of Shelby Presbyterian Church held their annual retreat at Reynolds Lodge in Montreat. Again this year the retreat was judged to have been a success. There was time for worship, work and fellowship all of which go a long way in building a "leadership team" united in their commitment to provide the leadership and do the work that will be necessary to get us through this period of transition. The officers will need and will appreciate your prayers and support as the issues at Shelby Presbyterian and within our denomination are discussed and acted upon.

One of the things that will require the effort of the Session is considering the vacancy created when Allen accepted a call to another church. The Session will have to consider if the vacancy will be filled, do we have the resources and most importantly what are the responsibilities of the position? Your prayers and thoughts will be asked for and appreciated.

Below is a brief "overview" of the process that needs to be followed in filling a staff vacancy. This will give you some idea of the steps that are to be followed. It is not meant to be anything other than an overview and to provide you with an estimate of the time that will be required. As the Session continues their work, you will be kept informed through the newsletter, announcements in the bulletin, announcements at the Wednesday Night Meal, and any other appropriate way. Your questions and your input will be sought. Feel free to talk with any of the officers.

Also, elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of "Things We Are Glad About" that was developed at the Retreat.

FILLING A STAFF VACANCY

WHERE ARE WE?

In September Luke and I met with Rev. Charles Davenport, Associate Presbyter and Chair of the Committee on Ministry (COM). He told us that the recommendation from the Presbytery was that there be a period of discernment, a time to be sad and a time to celebrate Allen's ministry at Shelby Presbyterian. That period was generally considered

to be about six months. We are four months into that period.

The Session has agreed to begin to look at where we are and to begin work on the vacancy and at least complete that initial work by June. They will look at defining the need and what the staffing should look like.

WHAT'S NEXT:

Once the Session is satisfied that they have defined the position to be filled and that the search should begin, they will notify the COM and ask for guidance and permission to hold a congregational meeting. The COM is now involved and, after being satisfied that the Session has done their work, will grant permission to proceed. A congregational meeting will then be called to elect a Pulpit Nominating Committee (PNC).

The PNC is to be representative of the entire congregation and consider the position to be filled. Normally the PNC consists of 7-9 members who are able to serve from 12-18 months and meet once per week.

The COM will provide guidance and a handbook to be followed.

A Church Information Form (CIF) is prepared and submitted to the Session. Once the CIF is approved by the Session and reviewed by the COM, it goes to the General Assembly and then on line. The PNC will begin to receive Personal Information Forms (PIF) on candidates for the position.

The PNC will receive training on recruiting, interviewing and other techniques applicable to their job.

It is a long process and we can expect to be involved for 18 months to 2 years after we have a PNC.

—Joe Miller, Chairperson
Personnel Committee

DO YOU HAVE CRAFT/HOBBY?

If it's portable, bring it on!! Setting aside time to work on it is the key to getting it done, so mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 6, 2:00-5:00 p.m.**, and join us in Ellis Hall for fellowship and time well-spent with your craft or hobby. Contact Mystie Brotherton (704-482-5043) or Ina Harrington (704-434-2725) for more information.

NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS!

On select Wednesdays (at 6:30 following supper), kids Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will have a special program just for them that includes music, Bible stories and verses, crafts, and games!

Tentative schedule through March . . .

Feb. 2	TBA
Feb. 9	Wonderful Wednesday
Feb. 16	Love Songs for all ages in Ellis Hall
Feb. 23	Wonderful Wednesday
March 9	TBA
March 16	Wonderful Wednesday
March 23	Wonderful Wednesday
March 30	Wonderful Wednesday

MOVIE EVENT:

Everyone is invited to Ellis Hall on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 3:30. Grab a blanket and come eat popcorn while watching the movie **UP!**

For questions or more information on these events, contact Penny Clontz at 704-692-0971.

NEWS FROM RAINBOW CONNECTION

January has been an exciting month for our Rainbow Connection. We had snow! Real snow! Snowman building, sled riding, snowball throwing snow! But what we didn't have was a week of school. However, the Rainbow teachers and assistants used the week to do some much-needed cleaning in their classrooms. The toys have all been sorted and sanitized, shelves and cubbies cleaned, chairs and tables scrubbed, and in some rooms the furniture has even been rearranged! The children were glad to get back to their classes and friends, and we are all enjoying the clean and organized classrooms. We hope the Sunday School classes enjoy them too!

Ellen Carscaddon, Director
Rainbow Connection

*Articles for the March 2011 newsletter
are due in the church office by February 22.*

WANT TO RIDE THE CREEPER TRAIL?

Several folks from SPC would like to get up a trip to the Virginia Creeper Trail (bike path) and camping at Bear Tree Campground near Damascus, Virginia on the weekend of May 13-15. Call Chuck Lampley, 704-480-9568, for details.

THINGS WE ARE GLAD ABOUT

The church officers had a productive weekend at Montreat January 7-9. During the sessions they discussed subjects that were positive in the life of Shelby Presbyterian Church. Below are the items highlighted. More items will be addressed in the March newsletter.

Things We Are Glad About

- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Contemporary Service
- Choices on style of worship
- Stephen Ministry
- VBS change of time
- Circles/Small Groups/Bible Study Groups
- Church Picnic
- Chancel Choir
- Hard work of staff-Luke, Bonnie, Buddy
- Dedication of Sunday School Teachers
- Rainbow Connection
- Summer Unity Service
- Strong Sunday School
- People stepping up (financially, service, prayer trios)
- Friendliness of Church
- Wednesday Night program staying strong
- Music program
- Outreach
- Incorporating Children's Programs
- Prayer Trios
- Young vital families
- Octets
- Soup Lunch
- Youth Outreach - 3rd year of having a youth leader
- Homebound Communion
- New Officers
- Narnia Event
- Christmas Children's Program

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES

... to Dan Elmore and family on the death of his brother, J. B. Elmore Jr., on January 9, 2011.

... to the family and friends of John Weatherly who died on January 22, 2011. John had been a member of SPC for 33 years.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

All men are invited to join this group the first Thursday of each month. We will meet Thursday, **February 3**, at 7:00 a.m. at Ken & Mary's Restaurant, 1628 S. DeKalb Street, for Dutch-treat breakfast and program.

NOTE RECEIVED

From the Family of Allen Jobe,

Thanks to our church family for all the prayers, notes and cards since the passing of Allen Jobe. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we care for Ruth Jobe. She is now 92 and suffers from dementia.

*Peace of Christ to You,
Bill Jobe*

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Mission:

To provide programs that help meet the spiritual needs of all children at Shelby Presbyterian Church.

Responsibilities:

To recruit volunteers and secure needed program supplies for nurseries, Vacation Bible School, Second Grade First Communion Class, Kindergarten and First Grade Bible presentations, Fifth Grade Catechism instruction, as well as for the Children & Worship program, worship bulletins and busy packets for use during worship, Children's Sabbath Worship, special outings, seasonal events, and occasionally Moments with the Children during worship.

Interested?

Anyone interested in serving on the Children's Committee should call Jane in the church office, 704-487-8503.

BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

In Galatians 6, Paul tells us to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." At Shelby Presbyterian Church our Stephen Ministers have been trained and organized to do just that. They provide one-to-one care, prayer, and support to those who are going through a difficult time. If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, please call Kathy Wilson at 704-482-5322.

CONGRATULATIONS

... to Shelby High School's Soccer Team who recently won the 2A Division State Championship game in Raleigh. Coached by David Steeves, the team members included: Ben Cheaney, Shem Blackley, and Michael Cheaney. Seth Crow was the goalie and the grandson of Jean Canipe. This was the second year in a row for the team to win the state competition.

SHELBY COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE AT SPC ON FEBRUARY 15

Severe winter weather throughout much of the United States has caused the cancellation of more than 14,000 blood and platelet donations since January 1. More than 3,200 of these donations were in the Carolinas Region. ***There is a critical need for donors now.*** Blood is perishable and has no substitute. Red blood cells have a shelf life of only 42 days and platelets just 5 days – they must be replenished constantly.

A Blood Drive will be held in our fellowship hall on **Tuesday, February 15, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Drink plenty of water and avoid caffeine on the day of the drive. Please bring a photo ID.

All blood types are needed, but type O negative donors can make the difference between an adequate blood supply and a shortage.

The Red Cross has set our goal at 20 units which means we need at least 30 people to give so there will be 20 productive units. At our Blood Drive on December 21st, 23 people presented, and we had 18 productive units. Because each unit of blood can be separated into as many as three products, donors at this drive saved as many as *54 lives!*

SESSION MEETING NOTES

JANUARY 18, 2011

The Session of Shelby Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 7:00 PM in the Back Parlor at the Church.

Elders present were Nancy Blackley, Joyce Boyette, Jack Breen, Robert Burns, Mary Conner, Robin Fichter, Richard Fletcher, Chuck Lampley, Mimi Martin, Joe Miller, Ali Paksoy, John Schweppe III, Larry Wilson, and Jeanne Spragins.

Elder excused was Robin Holland.

Also present were Pastor Luke Harkey, Educator Bonnie Sanford, and Joe Ogburn, Dean of College of Elders. The Session was called to order by Dr. Harkey, Moderator, after it was determined that a quorum was present. Dr Harkey led the Session in a "Word Share Prayer" devotional which the Elders discussed in small groups followed by prayer.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Elder Jeanne Spragins, Clerk of the Session, announced that the Session had received a letter from Josh Jones, thanking them for a contribution to Young Life.

She also stated that a request had been made by First Presbyterian Church of Mandarin, Florida, that the membership of Amy Stoune be transferred from SPC. Motion, which was seconded, that the action be approved with regret, carried.

Elder Joe Miller was selected as Vice-Clerk of Session.

Educator Bonnie Sanford announced that there would be activities for children during the Wednesday night program and hopes for a good response.

Joe Ogburn, Dean of the College of Elders, announced that there would be four meetings of the College of Elders in 2011. Members of the College are waiting for suggestions from the Session as to how to help with church programs and activities in light of recent staff changes.

Dr Harkey asked for members of the Session who are willing to give devotionals at Session meetings to sign up. He mentioned that Allen Huff's departure has created opportunities for members to take on new responsibilities to meet the needs of the church.

Dr Harkey distributed a list of those who regularly attend the 8:45 am service. He asked the Session to speak to those affected by the suspension of this service, reiterating that this decision was

made only after months of prayer and discussion. It was suggested that we alter the church signage and place announcements in the newspaper to reflect the change in the schedule of services.

MINUTES OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the stated Session meeting of December 14, 2010. After discussion, the motion was voted upon and approved.

COMMITTEES:

Finance--Elder Robert Burns distributed copies of the proposed Church budget for 2011. He stated that the total budget has been decreased by 10% from that of 2010. This reflects the elimination of salaries and benefits for an associate pastor and assistant secretary. If another staff person is added in 2011 adjustments will have to be made. He invited any interested persons to attend the next finance committee meeting on February 10, 2011, at noon. Elder Burns proposed that the 2011 budget be adopted. After discussion the motion was approved.

Nominating--Elder Mary Conner announced that during the congregational meeting on January 23, 2011, nominations would be made for two at-large members of the nominating committee. At present those serving on the committee are Elders Mary Conner and Larry Wilson, Deacon Lance Ware, and at-large members Barbara Blackburn and Sherry Young.

Worship and Music--Elder Richard Fletcher said that this committee is working to strengthen the contemporary service this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elder Richard Fletcher announced that Presbytery will meet Saturday, January 29, 2011, in Morganton. He and Elder Jack Breen will be voting commissioners. If any other Elder would like to serve as an alternate, he/she can contact him.

Copies of the Church Record for 2010 were distributed by Clerk Jeanne Spragins. After discussion, it was moved that the document be approved. This was seconded and approved.

Elder Joe Miller announced that by the first of June, 2011, the Session will begin planning to fill our staff vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER:

Dr. Harkey adjourned the meeting and led the Session in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Jeanne Spragins, Clerk of Session

2011 STEWARDSHIP

January 2 Attendance

Sunday School.....	97
8:30 Worship.....	23
8:45 Worship.....	43
11:00 Worship.....	144

January 9 Attendance

Sunday School.....	105
8:30 Worship.....	42
8:45 Worship.....	37
11:00 Worship.....	115
Officer's Retreat.....	28

January 16 Attendance

Sunday School.....	135
8:30 Worship.....	52
8:45 Worship.....	48
11:00 Worship.....	168

January 23 Attendance

Sunday School.....	137
8:30 Worship.....	59
8:45 Worship.....	27
11:00 Worship.....	168

2011 Operating Budget.....	\$586,361.00
2011 Monthly Budget Needs.....	\$ 48,863.42
Funds Received through 1/24/11.....	\$ 42,149.62
5¢-a-Meal through 1/24/11.....	\$ 216.28

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

... to the Building Fund in memory of John Weatherly.

... to the Food Ministry in memory of Allen Jobe, John Weatherly.

... to the Memorial Fund in memory of J. B. Elmore Jr., Allen Jobe.

ARE YOU ON DUTY IN FEBRUARY?

9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Fellowship Time

Feb. 6	Jenny Dickson & Kyrin Billinsky
13	Melissa & Bill DeVane
20	Barbara & Glenn Moore
27	Margie & John Auten

11:00 Deacons Taking Up & Counting Offering & Ushers

Tom Fletcher	Molly Brownlee
Ben Brooks	Mystie Brotherton
Lance Ware	

11:00 Sound Board

Feb. 6	Larry Wilson
13	Lee Huston
20	Joe Petrilli
27	John Brotherton

Sanctuary Worship Guild

Feb. 6	Barbara Dixon & Rachel White
13	Stuart Schweppe & Beverly Elmore
20	Faye McCants & Grace Teddy
27	Marlene Lovelace & Debbie Griffin

Nursery Caregivers + Fran McSwain

Not Yet Scheduled

11:00 Children & Worship Leader/Greeter

Feb. 13	Margo Greene/Jason Greene
27	Penny Clontz/Tracy Williams

Sunday Night Youth Fellowship Meals

Feb. 6	No Supper at Church
13	Paul & Shawn McNeary Scott & Nancy Hendrix
20	Chip & Shannon Blackley Steve & Ina Harrington
27	Trip Boines Kip & Robin Smith

Wednesday Night Elders & Deacons

Feb. 2	Robin Holland & Larry Wilson Penny Clontz & Ben Brooks
9	Nancy Blackley & Mimi Martin Tom Fletcher & Margie Trivett
16	Richard Fletcher & Jeanne Spragins Becca Schweppe & David Steeves
23	Ali Paksoy & Jack Breen Mystie Brotherton & Margie Auten

Sanctuary Flowers

Feb. 6	<i>As you can see, all Sundays in Feb. are</i>
13	<i>available to place flowers in the Sanctuary.</i>
20	<i>Call the church office, 704-487-8503,</i>
27	<i>& Jane will put you on the calendar.</i>

REMEMBER

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 6

THERE WILL BE WORSHIP

AT 8:30 A.M. IN ELLIS HALL

AND

11:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY.

