

**SESSION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 9, 2009**

With proper notice being given, the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Arkansas, met in a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library of the Annex.

Those present were Elders Melanie Gloster, Alan Solomon, Kevin Thompson, LaWanda West, Larry Davis, Martha Nell Richards, Anne Douglas, Charles Morgan, and Moderator Reverend John Arnold. Also present were Youth/Education Director Jane Portis, prospective members Matt Arnold, Jake Boyles, Will Gloster, and Caitlyn Barber, and Clerk Sheila Moore.

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Reverend John Arnold called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, and gave the opening prayer. Reverend John Arnold said the purpose of the meeting was to receive the confirmands and to discuss installation of a shower in the Annex.

CONFIRMANDS RECEIVED

Reverend John Arnold presented Matt Arnold, Jake Boyles, and Will Gloster as confirmands ready to be received, and Caitlin Barber as a candidate for baptism and as a confirmand ready to be received. Reverend Arnold stated that they had received extensive instruction in the faith as well as in the procedures of the Presbyterian Church.

Each confirmand gave their Faith Statement, and Reverend Arnold and Session members asked questions of the confirmands.

MOTION - was made by Larry Davis and seconded by LaWanda West to approve the examination and receive the confirmands. The motion passed unanimously.

Reverend John Arnold presented Caitlyn Barber for baptism.

MOTION - was made by LaWanda West and seconded by Anne Douglas to receive Caitlyn Barber for baptism. The motion passed unanimously.

The confirmands will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, April 12, 2009, and will participate as service leaders in the Tenebrae service on April 9, 2009.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Reverend John Arnold presented a request for a shower to be installed in the annex. A \$3,000 donation has been made toward this project. Reverend John Arnold, Bob Ransdell, Greg Brown and Pat Davitt have explored the building and determined that the

shower should be installed in the men' s restroom in the north end of the Annex. Greg Brown will perform the construction and has made assurances that the project will not exceed the \$3,000 donation.

MOTION - was made by Charles Morgan and seconded by Anne Douglas to install a shower in the men' s restroom in the north end of the Annex with the provision that the project not exceed the \$3,000 donation. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Reverend John Arnold closed the meeting with prayer.

Reverend John Arnold, Moderator

Sheila Moore, Clerk of Session