

Rick Thompson led the congregation in singing 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus' and 'Come Thou Fount'.

Deborah Hinton, Certified Chaplain of Hermann-Texas Medical Center, led the service. Deb's message came from II Corinthians 4:16-18.

Verse 16- Reflects on trials by fire. God renews us every day. Those in Corinth had been through some ugly times, but each day they became a little bit stronger.

Verse 17- Salt preserves us and gives us a thirst for heaven. Our troubles here on earth are momentary compared to what awaits us.

Verse 18- A compass that brings us back to God if our focus strays from earthly matters. God can recalibrate our compass to eternity, not this life on earth.

Deb tied all of this together with the story of Horatio Spafford. He was a lawyer who had many investments in Chicago who lost so much, including his son, in the fire which wiped out Chicago. He sent his wife and 4 daughters to sail to England. The ship sank during the trek and the only survivor of Horatio's family was his wife. Horatio boarded another ship to join his wife. When the Horatio's ship arrived at the area where his daughters lost their life, he penned a poem. The service closed with the singing of his poem, 'It Is Well With My Soul'.

Steve Mitchell opened the business meeting by requesting the 2025 minutes to be read. There were no questions or corrections offered. Becky Mitchell made the motion to accept the minus as read and Adam Thompson second; congregation approved.

Steve explained he was under the impression Allen was waiting for today's meeting (5/24/26) to be completed, prior to beginning construction on the pavilion.

Questions arose regarding the missing wood stove. There was a recent wedding and the stove was removed to widen the aisle. It was not determined if the stove would be replaced.

Steve Mitchell's term as Treasurer had been completed. Steve volunteered for another term. Becky Mitchell made the motion, Adam Thompson second and the congregation approved.

Inquiry regarding the mower's fees was raised. Jeanne Thompson made a motion to increase the mowing payment to \$400 per mowing. This will allow some compensation for the rising gas prices. Becky Mitchell second and the congregation approved.

Attention was turned to the financial statements. Initially investments were set up on the conservative side. The question was raised if investments needed to be adjusted in hopes of higher returns. After a review and some discussion, Wayne Mitchell made a motion to leave the investments as is. Rick Thompson second and the congregation approved.

Steve asked for any further items for discussion. Jeanne Thompson expressed her appreciation for the mowing crew as the cemetery was beautiful. No further items were brought forward, Adam Thompson made the motion to adjourn and John Altic second.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Mosher, Secretary

Gate Receipts \$1750

Officers and their year of election:

Mike Greer, President 2025

Adam Thompson, Vice President 2024

Steve Mitchell, Treasurer 2026

Ruth Mosher, Secretary, 2023