

Special Session Meeting
First Presbyterian Church of Normal, Illinois

November 1, 2006. 6:30 p.m.

Co-pastors: Rev. James G. Bell. Rev. Larry Gaylord

<u>Class of 2007</u>	<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Class of 2009</u>
Jim Bouas	Phil Eaton	Sheila Allen
Judy Lindsay	Rob Kelley	Darren Brant, excused
Cathy Rinehart	Kathy Tosh	Mike Breitner
John Tuttle		Mons Schrantz
Lloyd Wiesemann		Sandy Theile
Margaret Wolf, Clerk, excused		Carolyn Markwood, Youth

Moderator Larry Gaylord opened the meeting with prayer, holding up Margaret Wolf and her family.

Larry shared that the purpose of the meeting was to hear of co-pastor Jim Bell's proposal that he be granted a sabbatical from December 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007. During the sabbatical Jim will focus on local community missions with special emphasis on the homeless issue. He will be working closely with other local congregations and service organizations. At the end of the sabbatical, he will meet again with the session to determine the best option for him and the congregation. Jim feels that this move will make it clear that Larry is the head of staff and expressed his full confidence in Larry. He will communicate with the mission committee and let them know of outreach areas in the community. Larry will handle all functions at church, and may request assistance from the parish associates and elders.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the request from Pastor Jim Bell for a mission oriented sabbatical from December 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007.

Joys and concerns were shared, giving thanks for the life of George Wolf and holding Margaret and her family up. The session offered their support in whatever means necessary to Larry during the next few months.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer in unison.

Rev. Larry Gaylord, co-pastor

Rev. James Bell, co-pastor

John Tuttle, acting clerk