

South Plains Reflector



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DR. DAVID K. GARTH, PASTOR

Sunday Worship

1st Service 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
2nd Service 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Christian Education  
Classes for all ages meet from  
9:45 AM to 10:30 AM each Sunday  
September through May

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Childcare for infants through 2nd grade

CALENDAR

3 Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
8 Presbyterian Women, 9:15am
10 Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
14 Consecration Sunday
Catered Lunch
16 Session, 7pm
17 Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
18 Endowment Meeting, 1pm
21 Mission Crafters, 1pm
Reflector deadline
24 Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
28 Cents-ability for Hunger offering

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

The leaves were spectacular during my two days of study leave at Massanetta Springs. With a little help from Fred Holbrook, I found my way up the hill through the golden hickories and reddish sugar maples to Vesper Point, the place where thousands once ended camp days in worship facing the precipice of Massanutten Mountain across the valley. About a third of the camp has been sold for homes, taking advantage of those views, but the majesty of the Shenandoah Valley remains.

The spirit of those camps and conferences also remains as Massanetta has adapted to the changing needs of churches. Mission groups, musicians and middle schoolers make extensive use of the facilities, in addition to the tradition of the Bible Conference. Outdoor ministries continue to expand Christian consciousness of the gifts of creation, and the call of God to service.

As the seasons of life change, our part of God's kingdom is adapting with the building of Kirk Hall. The elevator will offer more accessibility for older members, even as space for learning and fellowship is added for younger folk. Like the color of autumn leaves, our ministry will become more beautiful and varied than ever.

David

Prayer Matters

Vito Addotta	Cancer
Judith Campbell	Hordyke's sister-in-law, cancer
Janet Riddle	Cancer in remission
Anna Koontz	
Allen Heryford	Pat McCampbell's brother, cancer
Ted Moody	Gary Kuhn's friend, coma
Donna Gray	Buck's colleague, stroke
Dick Haas	Recuperating at North Ridge
Bill and Claire Smith	Health Care, Westminster C.
Janney Borchert	Day's cousin, cancer
George Robertson	Day's friend, cancer
Margaret Belanus	Mary Reitsma's mother, possible surgery
Bettie Mohler	Inflamed, arthritic hip
Mary Harris	Neal Harris' mother, Health South
Stan Goodsill	Health Care, Westminster C.
Gordon Smyth	Health Care, Westminster C.
Doris Campbell	Eye surgery
Glenn Wells	Lyn Johnson's brother
Becky Silver	Hyder's friend, leukemia
Theresa Naylor	Neal Harris' aunt
Cecil Shiflett	Recovering from surgery
Mary Fowles	Prayers for good health
Marge Riley	Healing prayers
Joni Kaplan	Warren and Barbara Cain's daughter, thyroid cancer
Bill Clark	Gary Kuhn's brother-in-law
Brenda Bikos	Chemotherapy
Doris Kite	Friend of Gary & Rebecca Kuhns
Lucille Colville	Friend of Lyman & Joan Drake
Barbara Quarles	Betsy Douglas' sister-in-law
The people of Chile and	Haiti
Elza Ramirez	Don's mother
Dreama Travis	Lucille Campbell's friend, cancer
Anne Millstead	Friend of Keatons, myeloma
Marge Hampton	Prayers for good health
Josie Blackburn	Anorexia
Doris Richards	Marge Hampton's sister
Peggy McCormick	Bettie Mohler's sister
Alf Dane	Lyn Johnson's uncle
David Drucker	Chronister's friend, cancer
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment

SESSION RECAP

Session met October 19 with prayer after sharing concerns in the congregation. Session heard reports on:

- Presbytery attended by David Garth and Pat Valentine
- Repair of the church AC unit
- A joyous anniversary October 17
- Kirk Hall financing: the \$450,000 loan authorized by the congregation will include \$150,000 from Sun Trust. Designated gifts over and above pledges for specific items may be discussed with Jay Chronister
- Consecration Sunday November 14 with Fred Holbrook and bagpipes
- Scheduling challenges with Christmas poinsettias
- Results of our index for growth
- A public hearing regarding the Grissinger property
- County approval for kitchen plans

Session acted to:

- Call a congregational meeting December 12 to be held after both services with a combined vote on any changes to the pastor's call. The 2011 budget will be presented.
- Hold a hymn sing on fifth Sundays, prior to both services
- Send \$400 for the District One Mission Trip to SW Va

Closed with prayer.

Military and Government Service

Travis McDaniel	National Guard
Ralph Pruitt	Deployed to Iraq
Charles Jones	USN, Pensacola, FL
Josh Sobotincic	Gil and Carole Milks' grandson in USA
James Webb	Georgia, auto accident
Bradley Smith	Alaska
Marshall Baughman	Mosul, Iraq
Michael Kolton	Addotta's grandson in U.S.
Mark Little	Recovering well with prosthesis
Doug Fenton	PCUSA chaplain-PTS
Rudy Mukendi	Iraq
2 Andrew Scogna	Rehabilitation

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
MARY KAY AND PAUL CHEEK**

On October 17th, Paul and Mary Kay Cheek were received into membership at South Plains by letter of transfer from Falls Church Presbyterian Church. Paul and Mary Kay live at Lake Monticello where they retired because it would be a nice community in which to entertain their four grown children and ten grandchildren. Paul worked for 42 years as an analysis and operations manager for the CIA. Mary Kay worked as a painting teacher and substitute teacher while raising their children. They lived in London for three years—



1978-1981—and Paul has traveled to many countries because of his job. Paul and Mary Kay both grew up in Evanston, Illinois, and attended college at DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. Paul went on to Indiana University for his Master’s Degree. This year the Cheeks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They say they were drawn to South Plains by the comfortable and caring nature of the congregation. Please make an effort to get to know Paul and Mary Kay.

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IT IS COMING!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

NOVEMBER 14

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY
with Fred Holbrook and his bagpipes**

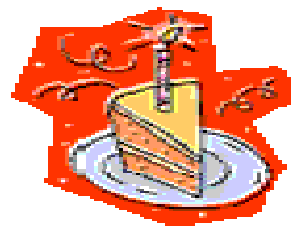
**Followed by catered
CELEBRATION LUNCHEON
12:30pm**

*“Valuing the Past—
Visioning the Future”*

**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Bonnie Bikos**
- 4 Chris Campbell
Lonne Clapp
Mary Ward**
- 5 Audrey Lee**
- 11 John Thompson**
- 17 Ed Sheffield**
- 21 Charlotte Durham**
- 23 Kendal Poleykett**
- 25 Bethany Reitsma**
- 26 Jean Wardell**
- 28 Annette Behnke
Zeke Hampton
Ron Smith**

**Deadline for the
DECEMBER
issue of *The
Reflector* is NOVEMBER 21**



LIFE AFTER MANSE

After numerous conferences, including inspections with building professionals, session has concluded that the Manse cannot be moved. Our building permit requires that the Manse no longer remain next to Kirk Hall. Session has reluctantly decided to seek bids to salvage usable parts of the Manse and demolish the remainder. The timing depends upon the completion of the new building in late winter or early spring. If you have stories about how this structure has been used over the years, email them to David at southplainspc@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS UNGROUP

**Date and location to be determined.
We'll let you know as soon as we know!**

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Sunday, November 7

Communion elements preparation : Linda Makranczy
Kellee and Bill Eastwood

Elders serving communion

(1st service) Linda Makranczy and June Mueller

(2nd service) Julie and Frank Keplinger
Dana Lee and Vito Addotta

Greeters/Ushers

November 7 (1st service) Lyman and Joan Drake

(2nd service) Phil and Bea Keaton

November 14 (1st service) Bill and Betsy Orr

(2nd service) Julie and Frank Keplinger

November 21 (1st service) Lucille Campbell and Bernice Gibson

(2nd service) Larry and Sandy Day

November 28 (1st service) Pat and Doug Valentine

(2nd service) Linda Harrison and Don Ramirez

Officer of the Week

November 7 Travis Taylor

November 14 Jay Chronister

November 21 June Mueller

November 28 Lyman Drake

OUR DAILY BREAD

**Large print booklets
are available**

In the center of the booklet, you'll find an order form to have a booklet mailed directly to you at no charge.

On that form, request a large print subscription and mail in the envelope provided.

HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 4, 9AM

Bring your scissors, work gloves, and wire cutters and be ready to DECORATE!

Coffee, donuts and lots of fun and hard work will be provided. Call Julie Keplinger (977-0189) with any questions.

“Our Kirk Hall was planted on the words of God.”

-from Jeff Buck when stones were placed in the foundation



KIRK HALL UPDATE

Progress and Needs in Funding Kirk Hall

Each week we see significant progress on the construction of Kirk Hall. We have also seen progress in fulfilling much of the funding needed to complete and furnish the building. Payment on pledges made to the Kirk Hall Fund have progressed in such a fashion that we feel confident that with expected payment of outstanding pledges, pledged and non-pledged contributions received to date, and with loans that were authorized by the congregation, we will be able to meet the original budget planned for the facility.

Need for additional funds for items that were not included in the adopted budget for Kirk Hall have also been identified as we work with the contractor and church committees. Among these needs are funds for: (1) landscaping around the building, (2) remaining costs of three classrooms added to complete the ground floor, (3) an enhanced electrical system required for the elevator being installed in the building, (4) kitchen furnishings, (5) an audio system, (6) additional classroom and nursery furnishings, and (7) window coverings.

If you would like to make a designated contribution over and above your pledge to the Kirk Hall Fund for any of the above needs, please contact Jay Chronister, Chair of the Kirk Hall Campaign Fund. He will be maintaining a list of areas of need, and those areas to which members may have already made a designated contribution.

AIM

Each year state employees are allowed to make pre-tax payroll contributions to charities in Virginia. The time for signing up is during November and this program is organized by the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign. Members of your congregation are invited to make such a contribution to the Alliance for Interfaith Ministries (AIM). Your congregation is one of the 46 supporting congregations for this outreach program in the local community.

If you choose to participate in this program by making a personal donation, enter the CVC Code 3966 on the paperwork with your employer. Your contribution will be put to use to help local residents who are struggling to keep up with their basic needs such as rent and utility bills. AIM will use your money wisely! For more information, call the AIM office at 972-1704. Thank you.

from David— “AIM” is the primary way South Plains gives emergency assistance for heat and electricity.

The Fellowship Committee cordially invites you to share in providing refreshments for Sunday Morning Fellowship. Let a member of the committee work with you. Select a Sunday in November or December and sign up in the kitchen or contact June Mueller (589-8221).

South Plains Financial	Year to	
September	Date	Budget
Income		
Offering	138,548.69	174,080.00
Interest/Dividends	5.36	10.00
Other		
Total Income	138,554.05	174,090.00
Expense		
Ministerial	59,057.57	81,425.00
Administrative	10,428.71	14,340.00
Utilities	4,596.63	7,070.00
Buildings and Grounds	6,698.86	13,150.00
Worship and Music	8,360.23	14,210.00
Christian Education	692.64	3,100.00
Congregational Care	88.00	1,000.00
Fellowship	390.82	1,500.00
Long Range Planning		50.00
Finance	226.86	1,220.00
Evangelism	458.07	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	11,589.46	16,600.00
Trustees	95.00	2,650.00
Other	368.00	2,040.00
Total Expense	103,050.85	159,805.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	35,503.20	14,285.00



CROP HUNGER WALK

South Plains raised \$595 this year for the Crop Walk on October 10th.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks to walkers Betsy Orr and Warren Cain.

**Walk with us next year!
-Dana**

Consecration Sunday November 14, 2010

Yes, its coming. What is coming? Consecration Sunday; the day we turn in our pledges to support the various functions that South Plains' Stewardship supports. We will gather at the manse for a catered Celebration Luncheon at 12:30pm.

Stewardship Nuggets copyright 1999 by Herb Miller

Why Should We Pledge?

After we make the major discipleship decision of committing ourselves to give money to help accomplish God's causes, we arrive at another question: to pledge or not to pledge. we know we want to give, but we aren't sure we want to pledge.

The answer, of course, is that you don't have to pledge. We would have trouble citing a chapter and verse in the Bible that makes pledging mandatory. But in addition to helping us live up to the high standards of spiritual maturity we set for ourselves, making a pledge is quite natural, just as we want to pledge ourselves at other important moments in our lives.

Many years ago, I stood at a church altar and said, "Yes, I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and accept him as my personal Savior." Did I have to do that? Not really, I suppose. Perhaps I could have made that decision quietly and silently in my own heart, right there in the pew. But I wanted to and needed to make my commitment concrete by pledging my faith with words.

Later in life I came to another church altar and made a pledge to a beautiful young lady that I would commit my love and my life to her. Did I have to do that? Some would say these days that you don't have to do that. But I wanted to make that commitment concrete by pledging my love in words.

Making a financial pledge to support God's causes is not mandatory. But it is definitely practical. It is definitely helpful. And it is definitely beneficial to building and maintaining a strong spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ. (Herb Miller, "Stewardship Nuggets")

We look forward to seeing you on November 14th for both the worship service (8:30 am or 11am) and the Catered Luncheon (not pot luck) afterward at 12:30pm.

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NOVEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 	3 Choir Practice 7pm	4	5	6
7 	8 Presbyterian Women 9:15am	9	10 Choir Practice 7pm	11 	12	13
14 Consecration Sunday	15	16 Session, 7pm	17 Choir Practice 7pm	18 Endowment mtg., 1pm	19	20
21 Mission Crafters Reflector deadline	22	23	24 Choir Practice 7pm	25 	26	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent Cents-ability Offering	29	30	<i>“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good His love endures forever”</i>			