

South Plains Reflector



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Sunday Worship

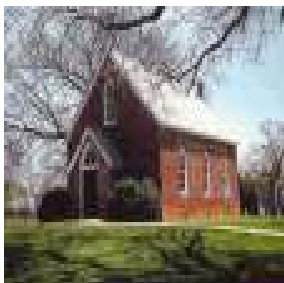
1st Service
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

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**



KIRK HALL: FROM DREAM THROUGH PRAYER TO REALITY

We have now had the opportunity to see how architectural plans for Kirk Hall have become a reality. In August 2007, a major Capital Campaign was undertaken to raise the funds necessary to build Kirk Hall using the slogan "We Will Build It." Based upon the prayers and financial contributions of congregation members and friends, and the hard work of a number of committees staffed by members of the congregation, we were able to move into Kirk Hall in April 2011.

How much did the Kirk Hall Project cost? The following figures include costs attributed to development of the site plan, building design, construction, furnishings, landscaping, and removal of the Manse. It should be noted that all of the above items, except furnishings, required county approval.

Construction	\$1,137,833
Architect fees	125,378
Contingency expenses	64,448
Furnishings	<u>26,958</u>
Total to date*	1,354,617

*There are several additional minimal costs that will be paid for selected furnishing items and landscaping over the next few months as we live in the building.

How are we paying for Kirk Hall?

Contributions of church members and friends	\$ 980,136
Loan from the Grissinger Endowment	300,000
Sun Trust Bank Loan	<u>106,880</u>
Total	\$1,387,016

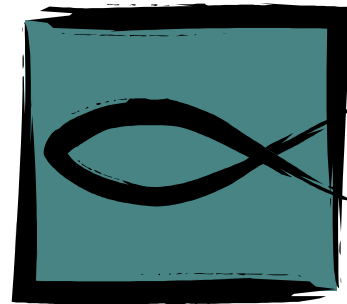
Our loan from Sun Trust was for \$150,000 of which we used only the \$106,880, and that included loan application costs and interest payments through June.

OUR GOAL: To pay off the Sun Trust loan from any balance in the Kirk Hall Fund after the additional expenses cited above are met, from sale of Grissinger lot A which is under contract, and additional member contributions to the Kirk Hall Fund. Such additional contributions will be applied to the principal of our outstanding loans. We are looking to reduce the amount of debt service payments from the annual operating budget.

Any questions? Contact Jay Chronister

Prayer Matters

George Hambrick	UVA Hospital, back pain
Brenda Bikos	Radiation therapy
Phil Riley	Recovering at home
The family of Elza Ramirez,	Don's mother
Marianne Josephson	Leah Wayner's mother
Earl Biel	Home, doing much better
Joan Cabell	Bowie's friend with pneumonia
Michelle Johnson	Vascular Sarcoma
Sally Keplinger	Cancer Treatment
Monford Rice	Cancer surgery, Becky and Frank Kurtz's son-in-law
Barbara Fairsnyder	Joan and Lyman Drake's niece, surgery
Gary Weber	Friend of the Lakes, cancer
Barbara Penington	Back surgery, recovering at home
Billy Scharpf	Home
Guy Hampton	Home, recovering
Betty Kuhns	Gary's mother, home
Charlotte Durham	Arthritis
Kristen Walker and her new baby,	Eloise
Crosby Smith	Home
Prayers for Youngs at Grenada Church	
Pat and Connie Shepherd	Health issues, Keplinger family
Mary Stadelman	Linda Harrison's aunt
Jenny Matthews	Friend of Kuhns with recurrence of cancer
Marge Hampton	Recovering at her daughter's house
Randy Michie	Friend of Jim Higginbotham
Danny Raible	Multiple myeloma, friend of Meg and Travis Taylor
Nancy Eason	Sherry Esch's aunt, car accident and long recovery
Jessica	14 year old with a brain tumor
Mary Harris	Neal Harris' mother, Our Lady of Peace
Theresa Naylor	Neal Harris' aunt, Our Lady of Peace
Janet Riddle	Healing prayers
Claire Smith	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Stan Goodsill	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Gordon Smyth	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Cecil Shiflett	Recovering from surgery
Dreama Travis	Lucille Campbell's friend, cancer
Doris Richards	Marge Hampton's sister
Alf Dane	Lyn Johnson's uncle
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

The *Shake It Up Café, Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe* was an exciting theme for everybody who participated in Vacation Bible School (VBS), July 11-15, 2011. The week was exciting in every way.

For many years South Plains has shared VBS with Union Grove Baptist Church. Directors this year were Hattie Douglas (Union Grove) and Pat Valentine (South Plains). Students and adults, friends, relatives, and neighbors of both congregations, filled Kirk Hall with joy and laughter every evening.



While preschool and elementary students stayed at Kirk Hall for all activities, the rising 7th through rising 12th grade Youth walked across the road to Union Grove for their core lessons after Opening Assembly each evening. Everybody gathered at the end of each session for a Closing Assembly, including snacks that had been made by the students. Snacks included homemade butter and hot bread, fresh squeezed lemonade, and shaken-up ice cream. The Shake It Up Café definitely had great menus!

One way of measuring a program is by numbers. Total student registration for VBS was 46. Adult leadership numbered 47.

Registrants:

Toddler-Pre K (1-rising K) - 13

Younger Elementary (Rising Grades 1-3) - 7

Older Elementary (Rising Grades 4-6) - 12

Youth (Rising Grades 7-12) - 14

Thank you to all who answered the call for adult leadership at VBS. “How can I help?” and “Yes, I will” were the enthusiastic responses we heard again and again. Whether it involved wearing costumes or teaching or cooking or crafts, everyone shared time, talent, and love in enormous portions!

Mission Projects for VBS were collections of cereal (children LOVE to choose cereal) and Linus blankets for children facing trauma. About 180 boxes of cereal were donated to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank as a gift from the participants in Shake It Up Café. Parents and other adults made six blankets for the Linus Project. The two mission donations were a true blessing of generosity!

Was Vacation Bible School a success? While we certainly observed that all went well during the week, the true measure of impact will be determined in decades to come as children and youth grow in their faith, using what they learned and observed at Vacation Bible School as just one of many stepping stones to a Christ-centered life. We trust that the students' exploration of five Biblical celebrations and the five “secret ingredients” for living as a follower of God will continue long into the future.

Shake It Up Café was a well-named theme for VBS. From all indications it really did shake up South Plains and Union Grove and all who participated!



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Olan Mills will be coming to South Plains October 27-29 to photograph our members for a new pictorial directory. Sign-up sheets and information will be available soon.

Military and Government Service

Canon Andrew White	Afghanistan
Eric Neudorfer	USMC, Middle East, nephew of Ted and Linda Makranczy
Rob Young	Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowie, USAF, U.S.
Rick Young	Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowe, USAF, U.S.
Allen Smith	Fighting cancer
Travis McDaniel	National Guard
Ralph Pruitt	Deployed to Iraq
Charles Jones	USN, Pensacola, FL
Josh Sobotincic	Gil and Carole Milks' grandson in U.S.
James Webb	Georgia, automobile accident
Marshall Baughman	Afghanistan
Michael Kolton	Joanne and Vito Addotta's grandson, deployed to Afghanistan
Mark Little	Recovering well with prosthesis
Doug Fenton	PCUSA chaplain-PTS
Rudy Mukendi	Iraq
Andrew Scogna	Rehabilitation



South Plains Financial	Year to	2011
	June	Date
Income		
Offering	104,021.25	196,000.00
Interest/Dividends	3.32	10.00
Other		
Total Income	104,024.57	196,010.00
Expense		
Ministerial	39,637.29	83,070.00
Administrative	7,872.58	14,650.00
Utilities	5,216.62	7,600.00
Buildings and Grounds	5,748.82	18,240.00
Worship and Music	6,132.47	14,330.00
Christian Education	325.78	3,160.00
Congregational Care	106.01	1,000.00
Fellowship	518.68	2,000.00
Long Range Planning	65.89	50.00
Finance	36.46	1,510.00
Evangelism	109.06	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	7,051.02	16,940.00
Trustees	1,244.00	5,345.00
Other	1,605.00	18,180.00
Total Expense	75,669.68	187,525.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	28,354.89	8,485.00



- 4 **Carl Buck**
- Anne Tinsler**
- Pat Valentine**
- 5 **Bee-Ca Lin**
- 6 **Diane Stallings**
- 12 **Evangeline Wayner**
- 14 **Bill Eastwood**
- 15 **Jason Reitsma**
- 17 **Lisa Climer**
- 18 **Tony Lin**
- 19 **Jan Haire**
- 23 **Hunter Campbell**
- 24 **Stan Goodsill**
- Hunter Lang**
- Bill Scharpf**
- 26 **Carolyn Hordyke**
- 27 **Mary Reitsma**
- 28 **Will Phillips**
- Paul Cheek**
- 31 **Jo Smith**
- Larry Fitzgerald**

JULY SESSION RECAP

Your session met at 7pm, July 19, and before prayer, shared concerns for the congregation.

Session approved:

- A called meeting 10:30am, Sunday, August 14, to receive new members
- A meeting of the Albemarle Historical Society in Kirk Hall on October 16.
- Linda Makranczy and Julie Keplinger as co-chairs of the nominating committee to present a slate of three elders, one trustee and one congregational member for the nominating committee.
- A congregational meeting to elect officers September 25.
- A congregational meeting to endorse the Long Range Plan, 10am, Sunday, August 21 in Kirk Hall.
- Consecration Sunday on November 13 with George Conway preaching.
- A letter of thanks to Preston Stallings for his work on Kirk Hall.

Session heard reports of:

- Thanks to Pat Valentine, Hattie Douglas, and Jonne Clemmer for their leadership in a wonderful VBS with 46 kids and 47 adults participating.
- Trustees to present policies for the use of our facilities in August.
- Potluck dinner 6:15pm, Wednesday, September 21.
- South Plains' Anniversary on Sunday, October 9.
- Ice Cream Social with Fluvanna Choraleers on August 28, 4:30pm.
- Update on Kirk Hall expenses (see article).
- Plans for a nursery July 31 and August 7 during adult special Sunday School.

Meeting closed with prayer at 9pm.



South Plains contributed a communion set to Effective Ministries for use in a church in Nigeria. They hope to send pictures from the Nigerian Church. Words from Cindy Brookshire of Effective Ministries: “We are thrilled absolutely beyond words. The communion set will definitely be used for God’s glory.”



South Plains and area Presbyterian congregations have begun work on the 15th home sponsored through HABITAT FOR HUMANITY as part of phase 1 of Habitat’s Sunrise Development in the Belmont-Carlton neighborhood.

Our church volunteers are needed for the following Saturday workdays over the next 4 months: August 6 and October 15. All churches are participating on August 13. September 17th is reserved for young adults (18-30) from our area Presbyterian churches, and October 8th for families with young children. That’s a big day with children’s activities and supervision.

Summer Build Schedule: 7:45am—2:30pm with lunch from 11-11:30.

Regular Schedule: 8:45am-3:30pm with lunch from 12-12:30

More information and directions are available in the church office. You may also contact Chad Wayner (227-2027) or visit cvillehabitat.org



ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON AUGUST 28!

4:30PM

Get ready for a fun time together enjoying ice cream sundaes and banana splits!

If you have a freezer and are willing to make a freezer full of ice cream, contact Audrey Lee or Debby Garth.

Everyone welcome!!

Under the direction of Kirk Dunklee, the Fluvanna Choraleers will be performing all types of music literature. The program will include old standards, musical comedy, patriotic, folk song arrangements, and a sing along. Hopefully, an enjoyable program for a variety of musical tastes.



CAN YOU PREDICT THE FUTURE?

Maybe not. But we all can assure the future for South Plains by making faithful donations to The Endowment Fund. On July 24, new information about The Endowment Fund was shared with the congregation:

*New brochures explain the history, guidelines, and purposes of the Fund. Brochures are available in the Narthex and in Kirk Hall.

*Endowment fund envelopes are now available for your convenience in the pew racks in the sanctuary.

You are invited to make donations to The Endowment Fund at any time for any reason. Reasons for donations are unending—memorial gifts, honor gifts, celebration gifts, or donations for no reason at all except that you believe in the future of South Plains Presbyterian Church!

The Endowment Fund committee's goal for 2011 is to add \$5,000 to The Endowment Fund by December 31. You are invited to help meet that goal at any time, with donations of any amount. Together we shall meet and exceed the goal and help assure the future.



CHARLOTTESVILLE ALBEMARLE CROP WALK

The 40th Annual Charlottesville Albemarle CROP WALK will be on Sunday, October 16, 2011. Put this date on your calendar!

Last year \$25,072 was raised for local and international hunger relief.

Our CROP WALK will follow a 10 kilometer route which starts and ends at First Presbyterian Church. (A 5 km walk can end at Cherry Avenue Christian Church with a ride back to First Presbyterian Church).



Please consider participating in some way! More information in the Fall.

<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>
Jay Chronister	Warren Cain	Carl Buck
Linda Makranczy	Julie Keplinger	Kellee Eastwood
Travis Taylor	June Mueller	Chad Wayner

SESSION CONTACT PERSON

Clerk of Session	Linda Harrison 296-9992
Administration and Finance	Warren Cain 295-2113
Building and Grounds	Carl Buck 244-0871
Christian Education	Kellee Eastwood 589-2705
Congregational Care	Julie Keplinger* 977-0189
Evangelism and Outreach	Travis Taylor 973-2318
Missions	Chad Wayner 227-2027
Fellowship	June Mueller 589-8221
Long-Range Planning	Jay Chronister 589-3685
Worship	Linda Makranczy 589-2651
	*Trustee

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	David K. Garth, ThD
Treasurer	Doug Valentine
Organists	Eleanor Dickerman Margaret Moore
Presbyterian Women	Mary Reitsma, Kellee Eastwood, Co-Moderators
Administrative Assistant	Dana Lee

REGULARLY-SCHEDULED EVENTS

Church School	9:45am
Morning Worship	8:30am & 11am
Choir	Wednesdays, 7pm
Session	Third Tuesday, 7pm
Presbyterian Women	Second Monday, 9:30am
The South Plains Mission Crafters and Benevolence Society	Third Sunday, noon
Agape	As scheduled
Ungroup	As scheduled

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY EACH SUNDAY AND THOSE WHO PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP.

**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER REFLECTOR
AUGUST 28**



AUGUST

South Plains Presbyterian Church

SUN

MON


TUES

WED

THURS

FRI

SAT

	1	2	3	5	5	6 Habitat Work Day
7 Nag Hammadi, 9:45am	8	9	10 Finance mtg. 2:30pm	11	12	13
14 Session mtg. 10:30am	15	16 Session, 7pm	17	18	19	20
21 Congregational mtg. 10am: Long Range Plan	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Ice Cream Social, 4:30pm	29	30	31		