

# South Plains Reflector



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**MARCH 2011**

**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**



## **REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY**

**Alert!** Kirk Hall is close to completion. As we near this historic moment in the life of our congregation, I have some interim prayers to share:

**I'm thankful:**

- for the good working relationships among Atwood Architects, Martin Horn contractors, their sub-contractors, and the church. Although we've had some bumps in the road, a spirit of cooperation has resulted in solutions.
- for no serious accidents.
- for workable weather.
- for the compliments of the community.
- for incredible leadership from our key people.
- for good humor within the congregation as we have navigated a changing sidewalk with occasional ice and mud.

**I continue to pray for:**

- a safe disposition of the Manse that honors its service and history.
- final approvals from Albemarle County.
- a church recognized by the community for its service.
- continued blessings from Almighty God.

*David*

## *Prayer Matters*

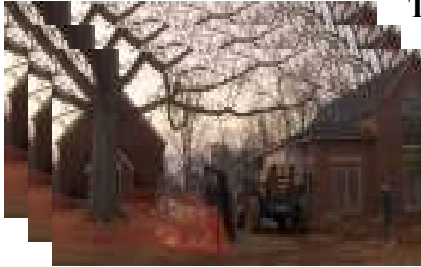
Pat and Connie Shepherd	Health issues, Keplinger family
Donna Young	Bowie's daughter, thanks for remission of cancer
Karen Lohan	Lonne Clapp's daughter, hip replacement surgery
Mary Stadelman	Linda Harrison's aunt
Jenny Matthews	Friend of Kuhns with recurrence of cancer
Barbara Porter	Friend of Drakes with breathing problems
Marge Hampton	Recovering at her daughter's house
People of Christ Church, New Zealand	
Randy Michie	Friend of Jim Higginbotham
Danny Raible	Multiple myeloma, friend of Meg and Travis Taylor
Sue Tracinski	Surgery, January 26, 2011, recovering at home
Nancy Eason	Sherry Esch's aunt, car accident and long recovery
Jessica	14 year old with a brain tumor
Ethan Blevins	Friend of the Bucks in treatment for leukemia
Victims and families of the Tucson shooting	
Addison Grace	Newborn, friend of Julie and Frank Keplinger
Dick Haas	Recovering at home
Mary Harris	Neal Harris' mother, Our Lady of Peace
Theresa Naylor	Neal Harris' aunt, Our Lady of Peace
Becky Silver	Hyder's friend, bone marrow transplant
Ernie Moore	Margaret's father-in-law
Larry and Paula Comier	14 month Mission Trip to Liberia, friends of Lyman Drake
Brenda Bikos	Prayers for good health
Marianne Josephson	Leah Wayner's mother, chemotherapy treatment
Pat McCampbell	Prayers for good health
Janet Riddle	Healing prayers
Bill and Claire Smith	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Janney Borchert	Day's cousin, cancer
Margaret Belanus	Mary Reitsma's mother, possible surgery
Stan Goodsill	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Gordon Smyth	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Glenn Wells	Lyn Johnson's brother
Cecil Shiflett	Recovering from surgery
Marge Riley	Healing prayers
The people of Chile and Haiti	
Elza Ramirez	Don's mother
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

## *Military and Government Service*

Eric Neudorfer	USMC, Middle East, nephew of Makranczys		
Rob Young	Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowie, USAF, U.S.		
Rick Young	Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowie, USAF, U.S.		
Allen Smith	Cancer		
Toni Jaskoski	Addotta's daughter in Baghdad, Iraq		
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, automobile accident		
Bradley Smith	Home		
Marshall Baughman	Afghanistan		
Michael Kolton	Addotta's grandson in U.S.		
Mark Little	Recovering well with prosthesis	Rudy Mukendi	Iraq
Doug Fenton	PCUSA chaplain-PTS	Andrew Scogna	Rehabilitation

## REDISCOVER YOUR SOUL IN REYNOSA

Plans are underway for a summer mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico, in support of Faith Ministry. We want all who are interested to have an opportunity to participate. The trip will be limited to 22, so registration is on a first come-first served basis.



The dates are June 25—July 2. A deposit of \$100 is requested with submission of application.

## MINISTRY IN SW VIRGINIA

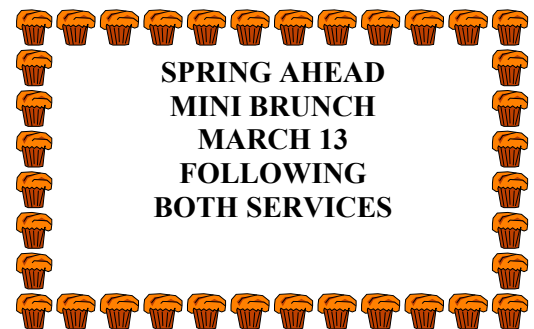
A trip to the Appalachian coal field region of the southwest corner of Virginia is set for July 25—31. Team members will participate in a ministry of home repair and improvement coordinated by a local community ministry.

Total cost is \$135 each, plus travel and food expenses.

Call church office for more information.



South Plains Financial	Year to	2011
	January	Budget
	Date	
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	21,400.00	196,000.00
Interest/Dividends	0.68	10.00
Other		
Total Income	21,400.68	196,010.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Ministerial	6,403.17	83,070.00
Administrative	867.37	14,650.00
Utilities	815.69	7,600.00
Buildings and Grounds	589.96	18,240.00
Worship and Music	1,000.00	14,330.00
Christian Education		3,160.00
Congregational Care		1,000.00
Fellowship		2,000.00
Long Range Planning		50.00
Finance	26.21	1,510.00
Evangelism		1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	1,050.00	16,940.00
Trustees	70.00	5,345.00
Other		18,180.00
Total Expense	10,822.40	187,525.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	10,578.28	8,485.00



**PW MEETING**  
**MARCH 14**  
**9:15AM**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## MANSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The manse committee tried far and wide to find someone interested in moving the manse, or dismantling it and moving it, but without success. A contract has been made with Salvage Rights of Orange to remove any parts or portions they can use.

The refrigerator and range are not needed in Kirk Hall and cannot be stored. Anyone interested in the refrigerator and range (both) may make a bid to the church office by March 15. Highest bidder gets them.

At the request of the staff of the hospital in St. George's, on the island of Grenada, Mission Crafters has packed and mailed 470 baby caps for use in the newborn nursery. Three years ago, about 500 caps were delivered to the hospital. According to staff, the little caps were regarded as "true treasures" by the mothers as they selected caps for their newborns. Thanks to all knitters and crocheters who use their creative talents to provide these simple gifts of love for babies around the world.



## JANUARY SESSION RECAP

The session met February 15 after sharing concerns and prayers. Session approved:

- A service of wholeness and healing, 5pm, Sunday, February 27
- A policy for snow closure announcements, primarily using the church's telephone greeting
- The efforts of the trustees, led by Bill Orr, to sell the Grissinger property
- The work of the Manse Disposition committee to remove the Manse following documentation by an architectural historian and salvage of usable materials
- A resolution organizing management of the cemetery and the Grissinger endowment for the cemetery
- The offer of the cemetery committee and trustees to pay for landscaping on the cemetery side of church property
- A preliminary job description for a sexton

Session heard plans to attend presbytery on February 19; for an open house for the community when Kirk Hall is occupied; the Souper offering of 111 food items and \$160; a dedication dinner for Kirk Hall.

David closed the meeting with prayer.



**DEADLINE FOR  
APRIL  
REFLECTOR  
MARCH 28**

## HANDEL COMES TO SOUTH PLAINS! HALLELUJAH!!!

Starting on March 13, the Adult Sunday School classes will study the Lenten portion of Handel's masterpiece oratorio, "Messiah." The Biblical text of the famous arias, recitatives, and choruses will be the focus of the study.

From "Behold the Man of God," to the final chorus, "Amen," the study will look at Christ's life and Passion. Join us as we take a deeper look at the words that continue to inspire through the most renowned work of Handel.



Thank you for all the beautiful cards and thoughtful prayers offered after my mother's death. Your support means a lot.

Debby Garth

Our daughter Donna Young has been on the prayer list for cancer. In six months since discovery, her cancer is now in remission. Thank the Lord. We also thank all for their prayers and supportive comments during this stressful period.

Rick and Barbara Bowie

### WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR MARCH

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Sunday, March 6  
Preparation of the Elements for Communion : Linda Makranczy

#### Elders serving communion

(1<sup>st</sup> service) Jay Chronister, Linda Makranczy  
(2<sup>nd</sup> service) Frank and Julie Keplinger  
Dana Lee, Bill Claus

#### Greeters/Ushers

March 6 (1<sup>st</sup> service) Jill and Myron Borsdam  
(2<sup>nd</sup> service) Phil and Bea Keaton

March 13 (1<sup>st</sup> service) Barbara Penington and Bernice Gibson  
(2<sup>nd</sup> service) Linda Harrison and Don Ramirez

March 20 (1<sup>st</sup> service) Warren and Barbara Cain  
(2<sup>nd</sup> service) David and Carolyn Hordyke

March 27 (1<sup>st</sup> service) Carole Milks and Linda Makranczy  
(2<sup>nd</sup> service) Dana and Mike Lee

#### Officer of the Week

March 6 Travis Taylor                      March 20 June Mueller  
March 13 Jay Chronister                    March 27 Chad Wayner



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 JOSEPH MATICS  
4 MARION THOMPSON  
11 STUART LITTLE  
14 HEIDE SCHUMANN  
15 BOB TRACINSKI  
18 GODON SMYTH  
20 MARGUERITE MATICS  
MARYBETH SMYTH  
21 RACHEL SMITH  
22 RILEY PHILLIPS  
23 TRAVIS TAYLOR  
29 RUTHANNA FOARD



## **KIRK HALL UPDATE**

**Kirk Hall is scheduled for completion by the contractor by the end of March. The occupancy permit and the removal of the Manse are pending.**

### **Dates to remember:**

- **March 13, Sunday: beginning at 9:30am, small groups may walk through Kirk Hall with supervision of the contractor**
- **March 15, Tuesday, 6:00pm, Albemarle County Planning Commission meets at the County Office Building to consider our application to remove the Manse. Please come to support our belief that no further conditions should be imposed on the church in order to remove the Manse.**
- **March or April: Board of Supervisors will act on our application to remove the Manse.**



**The month of March will be significant to the realization of our church goal of a new fellowship hall. Our contractor has indicated that construction of Kirk Hall should be completed on March 23. In addition to the contractor finishing the building, we must complete landscaping prior to the county granting us the occupancy permit. We chose to be responsible for the landscaping as a cost savings when we negotiated the contract for construction. We will undertake this function when weather permits and the contractor completes final grading around the building and other areas where construction affected the property. Volunteer time will be needed for this important activity, and those of you who are able to contribute time and talents to the effort please respond when the call for help comes out.**

**We have notified the vendors from whom we are purchasing new furnishings that we should be able to accept deliveries on April 11. If possible, we will move that acceptance date to earlier in April. After we receive permission from the county to occupy Kirk Hall, we will also begin to move many current furnishings from the Manse to the new building. Again, volunteer help will be needed.**

**There is a committee planning for the removal of the Manse after we occupy Kirk Hall. As mentioned above, a hearing on our Special Use Permit request is March 15 before the Planning Commission.**

**The congregation's vision for Kirk Hall is becoming a reality through God's Grace and Blessings, and the time, talents, and financial support of the congregation. Pray that the contractor's deadline can be met and we can soon begin the joyful process of occupying Kirk Hall and developing enhanced programming that will serve as our witness to God's love.**

## **IMPACT**

**IMPACT**, a network of 31 faith communities that includes South Plains, has been researching the need for better mental health services in our area. On Monday, March 28, 6:15 PM at University Hall, please plan to meet with **IMPACT** and our community officials to ask for more help for the mentally ill. Here are some of the facts we've discovered:

In 2009, approximately 26,000 persons in the Region Ten Planning District were experiencing mental health problems, 57% from the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. According to a report published in 2007 about psychiatric care in Virginia, "on a given day, regional and local jails [in the state of Virginia] care for about 60 percent of mentally ill persons, more than those served by State hospitals and licensed hospitals combined."

Nationally, 20-25% of the homeless population suffers from some form of serious mental illness while only 6% of the general population experiences serious mental illness. In our own community, we learned that one third of the homeless individuals in the PACEM program have mental-health related issues and receive no treatment.

Crime and homelessness can be addressed with compassion and justice by meeting these needs of the mentally ill:

1. More medication and treatment for low income persons experiencing moderate mental illness. Without help, they wind up institutionalized at our expense.
2. Ex-offenders with diagnosed mental illness need adequate access to therapy, medication and case management when they are released from jail or prison in order to prevent a return to incarceration.
3. Supportive housing for low income persons diagnosed with mental illness is the foundation for treatment.

Though we cannot solve all of the problems surrounding mental health services in our community, by addressing the issues of access to treatment and housing for those experiencing mental health problems, we hope to find some justice for all who have experienced mental illness and all who love someone that has.

For more information about the **IMPACT** action meeting 6:15 PM, March 28, call Audrey Lee, Debby or David Garth.

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

The Long Range Planning Committee has begun meeting with the charge of updating the plan for the church for the next five years. Earlier plans had placed major emphasis on the construction of Kirk Hall. Now it is time to more clearly define a vision for the future of South Plains that will entail the full range of activities related to the ministry of the church. The availability of Kirk Hall opens up a variety of areas in which we will be able to enhance and expand programs for the congregation as well as needs identified in our broader community. The plan we are working with is for the next five years, with special strategic emphasis on the next two years.



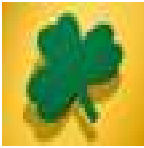
Although the Long Range Planning Committee has responsibility for coordinating and developing the plan, Elders have responsibility for making recommendations for goals and programs in the areas that fall under the purview of the committees they chair. We also want to extend an invitation to members of the congregation to let us know of ideas and recommendations on program needs you feel we should consider. Among the areas that Session teams plan for are: Worship (including music), Christian Education, Outreach and Evangelism, Congregational Care, Fellowship, Administration and Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Mission and Presbyterian Women. You can contact Elders individually about your thoughts, or members of the planning committee who are: Jay Chronister (chair), Barbara Higginbotham, Lyn Johnson, Frank Keplinger, Travis Traylor, Bob Tracinski, and Pat Valentine.



# MARCH

## South Plains Presbyterian Church

**SUN      MON      TUES      WED      THURS      FRI      SAT**

		<p>1 <b>Admin. and Personnel</b> 7pm</p>	<p>2 <b>Bible Study</b> 6:30pm <b>Choir, 7pm</b></p>			
<p>6</p> 			<p>9 <b>Finance</b> 1:30pm <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> 6:30pm</p>			
<p>13 <b>Spring Ahead Mini Brunch</b> following both services <b>Tour Kirk Hall</b></p>	<p>14 <b>PW Meeting</b> 9:15am</p>	<p>15 <b>Planning Commission</b> 6:00pm <b>Session, 7pm</b></p>	<p>16 <b>Choir, 7pm</b></p>	<p>17</p>  <p><b>Endowment</b> 1:30pm</p>		
<p>20 <b>Mission Crafters</b> 12pm</p>			<p>23 <b>Choir, 7pm</b></p>			
<p>27 <b>Community Worship Camp</b> <b>Hanover</b> 5-7pm</p>	<p>28 <b>IMPACT</b> 6:30pm <b>University Hall</b>  <b>Reflector deadline</b></p>		<p>30 <b>Choir, 7pm</b></p>	<p>31</p> 