

South Plains Reflector



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OCTOBER 2011

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

**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**

Last Sunday afternoon about twenty of my neighbors gathered in the street to discuss vandalism and safety issues. The culprit is a medium-sized black bear who has been feeding at our trash cans and bird seed stations. Our speaker from the Game and Inland Fisheries Department was a fountain of information about bear behavior.

But the most curious learning concerned human behavior. According to the experts, the proven cure for this vandalism is to lock up garbage and bird seed. Nevertheless, one neighbor proposed hiring a trash service to clean up whenever bears turned over our cans. Several were very resistant to putting out their garbage just before the 6:30am pickup. Reading between the lines, some were looking for a way to shoot the bear and avoid the \$2,500 fine.

I suppose it's human nature to avoid changing our behavior even when what we're doing is self-destructive: "Somebody else should take responsibility for us. We should not be required to adapt. Perhaps a little violence will do the trick."

We'll do most anything to avoid doing the right thing. We're not terrible sinners in my neighborhood. Just stubborn about getting our way whatever the cost.

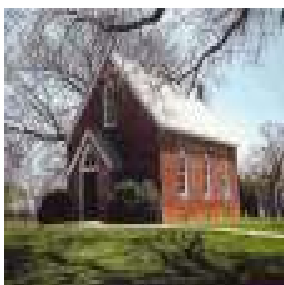
David



JOIN OUR CHOIR

The choir is delighted to welcome Ann and Bob Anderson and Richard Lakes into its ranks, where they are already making an obvious impact. We are hoping that someday the membership will keep growing until we can divide into two balanced choirs, one for each Sunday service.

However, at present, we are trying a new schedule with the choir presenting its anthem sometimes at 8:30 and other times at 11 o'clock. Ideally, the times will alternate; but, depending on circumstances, there might be two 8:30 or two 11 o'clock appearances in a row.



WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER

Celebration of the Lord's Supper **Sunday, October 2**
Preparing communion **Sandy and Larry Day**
 Heide Schumann and Joanne Addotta

Elders serving communion at 8:30am
 (1st service) **Sandy and Larry Day**
 (2nd service) **Jay Chronister, Bill Claus, Pat Valentine and Vito Addotta**

Greeters/Ushers

October 2 (1st service) **Climer Brown family**
 (2nd service) **Phil and Bea Keaton**

October 9 (1st service) **Warren and Barbara Cain**
 (2nd service) **Doug Valentine and Jean Wardell**

October 16 (1st service) **Jill and Myron Borsdam**
 (2nd service) **David and Carolyn Hordyke**

October 23 (1st service) **Taylor family**
 (2nd service) **Jay and Shirley Chronister**

October 30 (1st service) **Martha Yocum and Linda Makranczy**
 (2nd service) **Bill and Kellee Eastwood**

Officer of the Week

October 2 **Chad Wayner** **October 9** **Carl Buck** **October 16** **Julie Keplinger**
October 23 **Kellee Eastwood** **October 30** **Warren Cain**

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

SPPC will publish a new pictorial directory through Olan Mills. You may reserve your appointment time now after church on Sundays or by calling the church office. Each family/household that comes for photography and portrait viewing will receive a complimentary directory and one 8x10 custom color portrait. You will be able to view and select your portraits electronically from a variety of portraits on the day of your sitting. Additional Olan Mills portraits will be available for purchase.

Appointment times are Thursday, 10/27, 2-7:20pm; Friday, 10/28, noon-7pm and Saturday, 10/29, 9:30am-5:10pm. Our goal is 100% participation. **It just won't be complete without you!**



MUSICAL MOMENTS

A Benefit Concert for the Alliance for Interfaith Ministries (AIM)

to celebrate AIM's 30th Anniversary!

Sunday, October 16, 3pm, University Baptist Church



Prayer Matters

Carole Milks	Outpatient surgery
Kingsley Brown and wife Janice	
Carol Daniels	Friend of Drakes and M. Lees, recovering from surgery
Fritz Mueller	Back therapy
Bill Morris	POJ, cancer
Anne Cargill	Westminster Presbyterian, brain tumor
Harry Johns	POJ, cancer
Gordon Smyth	Healthcare, Westminster Canterbury
Laurie Day	Sandy and Larry Day's daughter, prolonged knee therapy
Abigail Faith Young	Doing well
Pat Bigler	Chronister's friend, cancer
Bonnie Bikos at Brenda's death	
Miriah Fentress	Clapp's friend, leukemia
George Hambrick	Colonnades
Joan Cabell	Bowie's friend with pneumonia
Michelle Johnson	Vascular Sarcoma
Monford Rice	Cancer surgery, Becky and Frank Kurtz's son-in-law
Gary Weber	Friend of the Lakes, cancer
Billy Scharpf	Home
Charlotte Durham	Arthritis
Bruce Harper	Joan and Earl Biel's son-in-law, prostate cancer
Kristen Walker and her new baby, Eloise	
Crosby Smith	Home
Prayers for Youngs at Grenada Church	
Pat and Connie Shepherd	Health issues, Keplinger family
Jenny Matthews	Friend of Kuhns with recurrence of cancer
Marge Hampton	Thoughtful prayers
Randy Michie	Friend of Jim Higginbotham
Danny Raible	Multiple myeloma, friend of Meg and Travis Taylor
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
Stan Goodsill	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



We are very pleased to announce Session members for the class of 2014: Phil Keaton, Lyn Johnson and Linda Makranczy.

Jay Chronister was elected Trustee.

Joanne Addotta was elected to the Nominating Committee.

ALBEMARLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OCTOBER 16, 2011, 2PM

Members and friends of South Plains are invited to the October meeting of the Albemarle County Historical Society. This is an open meeting; everyone is welcome. Plan to attend—no reservations required. The Historical Society program will feature a presentation on the history of elegant Keswick Hall, just down the road from South Plains. The speaker will trace the building from its beginning as a private home for the Crawford family to its current status as a gracious country inn. The speaker will be Patricia Castelli, the hotel's resident historian and author of the new book, "The Story of Keswick Hall."

The program will also include a brief history of South Plains and an opportunity for guests to visit the historic sanctuary. Many people who travel past South Plains frequently are eager to visit the "sweet little church on Route 22." They will learn that the ministry of the "sweet little church" continues to be vibrant after nearly 200 years.

Refreshments will be served following the program. Afternoon tea will be featured, with period cookies from the era of the opening of Keswick Hall., Please plan to attend the meeting, enjoy the elegant refreshments, and share in a gracious afternoon at South Plains.

Massanetta Springs Family Conference

October 7-9, 2011

Great family weekend of fellowship, fall fun and faithful living

Brochures and registration information: massanettasprings.org

October 9

Anniversary Celebration

192nd year!

Potluck lunch to follow 11am service

Sign-up sheet in Kirk Hall

ARE YOU READY??

Mark Your Calendars!!

November 13

Consecration Sunday

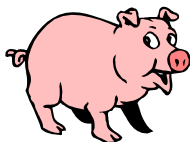
GEORGE CONWAY
guest speaker

Followed by catered
Celebration luncheon
12:30pm

"share the gifts"

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET

Coming in November, the SPPC community will have the opportunity to give gifts of love that keep on giving. Heifer animals, trees, bees and fish will be available as well as simple gifts of hope through the Medical Benevolence Foundation.



Watch for more information, and save your gift list.

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 Sobotinc	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 August	Year to Date	2011
		Budget
Income		
	142,624.7	196,000.0
Offering	5	0
Interest/Dividends	4.31	10.00
Other		
Total Income	142,629.0	196,010.0
	6	0
Expense		
Ministerial	53,319.30	83,070.00
Administrative	9,757.56	14,650.00
Utilities	6,926.47	7,600.00
Buildings and Grounds	9,000.08	18,240.00
Worship and Music	8,407.30	14,330.00
Christian Education	674.73	3,160.00
Congregational Care	106.01	1,000.00
Fellowship	662.79	2,000.00
Long Range Planning	65.89	50.00
Finance	36.46	1,510.00
Evangelism	246.56	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	9,001.02	16,940.00
Trustees	1,244.00	5,345.00
Other	2,104.40	18,180.00
Total Expense	101,552.5	187,525.0
	7	0
Net Gain/(Loss)	41,076.49	8,485.00



SEPTEMBER SESSION RECAP

Session met September 18, 7pm upstairs in Kirk Hall. After sharing concerns and an opening prayer, we approved:

- Pastor's study leave October 19-23
- Pat Valentine and Julie Keplinger as commissioners to Presbytery October 15
- Transfer of Michaux and Marie Grant to Grace Episcopal Church
- Gifts of china from the Lakes, punchbowl from the Days and coffee pot from Jonne Clemmer
- Purchase of Shepherd Staff financial software of \$450, paid from reserves
- Sunday School teachers and curriculum
- Celebration of Evangelism Sunday for October 9 together with our 192nd Anniversary

Session heard reports that:

- Average attendance in 2011 is 37 at 8:30 and 63 at 11 o'clock
- Plans for a congregational life survey on October 2
- Kellee Eastwood's family will loan us a folding wheelchair
- Meredith Newton is settling into her mission year at U. Wisconsin
- October 2, 5-7:30pm is game night for South Plains, Union Grove and Grace, grades 7-12
- October 9th Anniversary potluck at noon with Fellowship providing dessert, fruit and a vegetable tray
- Missions Committee is preparing guidelines for financial support
- Permanent strategies to deal with humidity downstairs are underway; for now, the box fans will remain on until winter
- A directory board is planned for the entrance to Kirk Hall
- Outside doors should be pulled shut and locked when leaving Kirk Hall.

Special Cards —from time to time there will be a card on the counter in fellowship hall. If you know the addressee and wish to add a note, please sign, and it will be sent on. How important to know that a congregation sends its thoughts and best wishes.

CHARLOTTESVILLE ALBEMARLE CROP WALK

The 40th Annual Charlottesville Albemarle CROP WALK will be on **Sunday, October 16, 2011, 1pm.** Put this date on your calendar and walk with us!

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).

If you don't wish to walk, please plan to sponsor someone who is walking. Walkers, please contact Dana Lee for packet.



EVANGELISM SUNDAY

South Plains will celebrate Evangelism Sunday on October 9. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread the word about South Plains and our Christian faith by actively inviting a friend or neighbor to come to church with you. As noted in the PCUSA website: recent data shows that the most effective way to share one's faith is through meaningful relationships. Upwards of 80% of formerly unchurched people who came to faith in Christ said that their decision was the direct result of a friend, family member, or acquaintance. We have all become desensitized or even immune to the less personal means of communication like television, internet, and advertisements. Say it in your voice: "Come to church with me, October 9th."

Sharing your faith can be difficult, but it can also be empowering, compassionate, loving, and fulfilling. Acts 1:8 says "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Christ calls us to share our faith!



STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

The efforts of all stamp collectors are really appreciated. Through your donations, \$8,000 was collected last year for the Missions in the Congo.

Please keep it up, and I will do my best to sort them all without having to throw away any stamps.

Thanks to you all—Jan Haire

The "Nitty Gritty of Collecting Stamps"

1. Stamps must be cut from envelopes, leaving 1/4" around each stamp.
2. Do not soak stamps off the envelopes.
3. Do not tear stamps from an envelope (they will be discarded if you do).

What are the stamps that are to be collected and are known to sell?

1. All commemorative stamps such as well-known figures from movie/TV, scientists, baseball, presidents, U.S. Capitol, Sunday funnies, Fish & Wildlife,
2. All foreign stamps,
3. Old stamps (prior to 1920),
4. Do not send stamps presorted or non-profit, Christmas, veggies, lone birds, teapots, or flowers.



YOUTH (Grades 7-12)

Get-Together & GAME NIGHT

Grace Episcopal

Union Grove Baptist

South Plains Presbyterian

OCTOBER 2 5:00-7:30pm

Kirk Hall, South Plains Presbyterian

Dinner will be provided

<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

<p>DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER REFLECTOR OCTOBER 26</p>
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SUN MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT

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2 Youth Dinner/Game Night 5-7:30pm	3 International Habitat Day	4	5	6	7	8
9 Evangelism Sunday Anniversary Celebration	10 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	11	12 Finance mtg. 2:30pm	13	14	15 POJ mtg.
16 CROP Walk Mission Crafters	17	18 Session 7pm	19	20	21	22
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