

South Plains Reflector



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SEPTEMBER 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**

Ever since I was five years old, my life has run on two different calendars. One calendar starts January 1st with all the promise of resolutions and taxes. The other calendar starts roughly September 1st with the arrival of another school year. Families come back from vacation. The summer break (which hasn't meant much lately) is over, and programming for church gets in gear again. In many ways, this September promises more excitement, more stimulating friendships, and more renewal than merely dropping that crystal ball in Times Square.

We've already experienced some of the potential of gatherings in Kirk Hall. Our Sunday School this year looks nothing like it has in the past. The possibilities for outreach to the community are just beginning to emerge. Many of us welcome the challenge of the new day at South Plains. And while we can take no pride in surviving earthquake and hurricane, we do take comfort in the evidence of God's providential protection.

I look forward to what God will do with us in the coming months. The busyness of the congregation may seem more intense. The learning curve will be steeper as we welcome new members and integrate new ministries into this community of faith. The character of our stewardship will test our ability to manage resources with faithfulness and care. Above all, we can expect the creativity of the Holy Spirit to surprise us. As usual, the best and warmest blessing is your presence in this fellowship.

Happy New Year!

David



WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER

Celebration of the Lord's Supper **Sunday, September 4**
Preparing communion **Joanne and Vito Addotta**

Elders serving communion at 8:30am
(1st service) Joanne and Vito Addotta

Greeters/Ushers

September 4 (1st service) Barbara and Warren Cain
The Second Service will be held at Union Grove at 11am

September 11 (1st service) the Reitsma family
(2nd service) Jean Wardell and Bill Claus

September 18 (1st service) Pat Valentine and Bernice Gibson
(2nd service) Mike and Dana Lee
Union Grove will be joining us for both services

September 25 (1st service) Bill and Betsy Orr
(2nd service) Julie and Frank Keplinger

Officer of the Week

September 4 Travis Taylor	September 11 Jay Chronister	
September 18 June Mueller	September 25 Linda Makranczy	



NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are excited to announce that we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names with faces. Please plan to have your picture taken.

More information will be given to you in the next few weeks. The photography dates are October 27, 28 and 29. Sign-up for portraits begins September 25.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

From Albert Connette, Olivet Presbyterian...

Based on feedback, we will not be recruiting volunteers for most Saturdays in September and October for the 15th Habitat for Humanity house. This house is part of the first phase of the Sunrise Neighborhood Development which is replacing an old mobile home park in the city with a mixed-income housing development that will include units for all current trailer residents.

Young adults (18-30) have the opportunity to share in this service/discipleship ministry on Saturday, September 17th, families with children on Saturday, October 8th, and any age on Saturday, October 29th.

Prayer Matters

Carol Daniels	Friend of Drakes and M. Lees, recovering from surgery
Gordon Smyth	Stroke
Laurie Day	Sandy and Larry Day's daughter, prolonged knee therapy
Ernie Schmitt at the death of his wife	
Family of Allison Buck at her death	
Michelle Harrison	Linda Harrison's niece, suffered second heart attack
Rick and Karen Young	Bowie's grandson expecting Rick and Barbara's 7th great grandchild, severe complications with pregnancy
Earl Hilgert at the death of his wife	
Pat Bigler	Chronister's friend, cancer
Bonnie Bikos at Brenda's death	
Miriah Fentress	Clapp's friend, leukemia
George Hambrick	UVA Hospital
Robert Confer	Matthew Esch's grandfather, health issues
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
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
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
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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Jerry and Pat Vial live in Northwestern Goochland and have relocated from Northern Virginia. They said South Plains feels like home and they “enjoy our Sunday worship service, Dr. Garth’s sermons, and our attention to sacredness and tradition.” Pat is a former dance instructor in classical ballet and holds a Dance Masters of America Lifetime membership. Her interests are reading, gardening, and needlework. Jerry worked 38 years for C&P Telephone, Bell Atlantic, and Verizon as a technician, supervisor, and engineer before retiring. He enjoys building furniture kits of antique reproductions, reading, and gardening.

Bob and Ann Anderson come to us from Frenchtown, New Jersey, and are building a home in Palmyra. Ann was a public school teacher, teaching music and math. She has been teaching piano all of her adult life and has been involved in church music for 20 years. Bob retired as an accounts payable manager with a wholesale lumberyard and is permanently retired as a church organist. Bob and Ann moved to Charlottesville to be closer to one son and his family and found our church through online research, looking for a church with a small but growing congregation. Both Bob and Ann are looking forward to belonging to our church family.



UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson
24 Spruce Drive
Palmyra, VA 22963
589-2070

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vial
4650 Old Fredericksburg Road
Mineral, VA 23117-2130
804-457-3170



**ARE YOU READY?
IT’S COMING!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
CONSECRATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 13
“SHARE THE GIFTS”**

Plan to join us for a potluck lunch following the 11am worship service on Sunday, September 18th, for this is the Sunday that we will be hosting Union Grove. All are invited to stay for crafters after lunch.

**October 9
Anniversary Celebration
192nd year!
Potluck lunch to follow 11am service**

There will be a joint meeting of the Worship committee and the Care and Concern committee on Monday, September 19, 10:15am. If you are interested in being on one of these committees or want more information, please contact: Linda Makranczy lindamak@comcast.net or Julie Keplinger jakeplinger@gmail.com

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 July	Year to Date	2011 Budget
Income		
Offering	124,606.00	196,000.00
Interest/Dividends	3.78	10.00
Other		
Total Income	124,609.78	196,010.00
Expense		
Ministerial	46,434.01	83,070.00
Administrative	8,714.89	14,650.00
Utilities	5,861.13	7,600.00
Buildings and Grounds	7,377.66	18,240.00
Worship and Music	7,467.95	14,330.00
Christian Education	747.48	3,160.00
Congregational Care	106.01	1,000.00
Fellowship	619.21	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	7,951.02	16,940.00
Trustees	1,244.00	5,345.00
Other (Debt Service &c.)	2,569.92	18,180.00
Total Expense	89,442.19	187,525.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	35,167.59	8,485.00



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Doug Valentine
4 Devin Creamer
7 Betty McClanahan
8 Betsy Lang
11 Mary Anne Fitzgerald
12 Beverley Turner
13 Jerry Vial
14 Frank Keplinger
15 Martha Yocum
17 Phil Riley
18 Craig Brown
 Marge Hampton
 Barbara Cain
19 David Garth
23 Landon Creamer
25 Guy Hampton
26 Bess Brown
27 Joan Drake
 Kellee Eastwood

AUGUST SESSION RECAP

The session met August 16. After prayer, we approved:

- the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society meeting in Kirk Hall on October 16
- the Piedmont Mission Group meeting here on September 11
- a plan to remove unusable table and chairs from downstairs in Kirk Hall
- Mike Lee as Financial Secretary effective January 1, 2012
- a Minute for Mission with Athletes in Action
- a “Use of Facilities” policy subject to later revision

Session heard reports:

- an exchange with South Plains at Union Grove September 4 after our 8:30 service here; and with Union Grove here September 18
- canceling the September 21 potluck supper
- congregational meetings August 21 for the Long Range Plan and September 25 to elect new officers
- from the Trustees regarding attempts to sell the Grissinger property and maintenance of the house
- Christian Education will finalize teachers for 2011-12 Sunday School, curriculum and classrooms on August 18
- to install a dehumidifier downstairs in Kirk Hall
- for the Ice Cream Social, 4:30pm, August 28
- Pictures taken for a pictorial directory

October 27, 2pm-7:20pm

October 28, 12pm— 7pm

October 29, 9:30am—5:10pm



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 coming.



HURRAY!!

TWO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS FALL

This is an exciting and long-anticipated event made possible by Kirk Hall. Starting September 11, 2011, there will be two adult Sunday School offerings at South Plains.

The first class, entitled "Invitation to the Old Testament," has a traditional Bible study format. The study will use DVD presentations, selected study passages, examination of the historic context of the verses and more to explore key issues in the Old Testament. Study materials will be provided.

The second class will take the form of a discussion group studying the book "God's Tapestry: Reading the Bible in a World of Religious Diversity" by W. Eugene March, published by the Westminster John Knox Press. Dr. March is the A. B. Rhodes Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The study will begin with an introductory session followed by 12 weekly sessions in which individual chapters with discussion questions will be explored. Study materials will be provided.

We hope that you will take advantage of these two interesting classes to grow spiritually and enjoy a rich time of fellowship.

For more information contact Lyn Johnson (984-6645) or email (ltw6r@virginia.edu). She'll be on vacation August 26-September 4 but will respond as soon as she can to any messages.

Want to purchase a copy of "God's Tapestry"?

Available online from the Westminster John Knox Press for \$15.00. search www.wjkbooks.com, "religion and culture", page 2

Other sites: www.cokesbury.com—search by title, \$9.75

www.amazon.com, search by author, \$9.01 new and \$4.11 used

There may be others -

CALLING YOUTH GRADES 7-12
SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 2, 2011

For Youth Dinner and Game Night

5pm—7:30pm

Other churches will be included in this kick-of event

(details in the October Reflector)

ALBEMARLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members and Friends of South Plains Presbyterian Church are warmly invited to attend the Fall Meeting of the Albemarle Historical Society on October 16, 2pm, in Kirk Hall.

Program: The Story of Keswick Hall AND A Brief History of South Plains

No RSVP

(more information in the October Reflector)

AND THE BEAT GOES ON . . .

The HEARTBEAT of South Plains Mission Crafters is love. That BEAT goes on all year round as individuals continue knitting, crocheting, and sewing items that will be used in local, national, and international Christian outreach. While most of the projects (baby caps, gowns, sweaters, blankets) are sent to foreign mission hospitals, some projects benefit local efforts (Habitat for Humanity samplers and a new project for Project Linus).

YOU are invited to be part of Mission Crafters. On September 18, after the Union Grove-South Plains worship service and luncheon, Mission Crafters will resume the BEAT as they gather to share summertime projects, continue traditional projects, learn of new projects, and express loving concern through the work of their hands.

Everybody is invited to attend any Mission Crafters gathering on the third Sunday of each month from September through June. A loving heart for sharing is the only skill required. We have projects for every skill level. We need you to help us make sure the BEAT goes on and on and on!

Don't forget! September 18—following luncheon until about 4pm. Please join in the fellowship and fun, and we promise you'll feel the BEAT!



<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 OCTOBER REFLECTOR SEPTEMBER 25</p>



SEPTEMBER

South Plains Presbyterian Church

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4 8:30 service here 11:00 service at Union Grove	5	6	7	8	9	10 Memorial Service for Brenda Bikos 1pm
11 1st day of Sunday School	12	13	14 Finance mtg. 2:30pm	15	16	17
18 Union Grove worshipping here—pot luck lunch Mission Crafters	19 Worship and Care and Concern meeting 10:15am	20 Session 7pm	21	22	23	24
25 Congregational meeting and Election of new Elders	26	27	28	29	30	
SEPTEMBER 25—BEGIN SIGN-UP FOR PHOTO DIRECTORY						