

South Plains Reflector

South Plains Presbyterian Church

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DR. DAVID K. GARTH
PASTOR

Sunday Worship

1st Service

8:30am - 9:30am

2nd Service

11:00am - 12:00pm

Christian Education

Classes for all ages meet

9:45am to 10:30am

each Sunday

September through May

Childcare for

infants through 2nd grade

HIGHLIGHTS

February 5

SOUPER BOWL

February 22

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE, 6PM

February 23

LENTEN BIBLE

STUDY, 6:30PM

“SOUP & STUDY”

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Several people have asked me, “Why retire now?” Many factors have gone into the timing, but one that keeps coming back to me is my good health. Debby and I have the luxury of being able to enjoy retirement while we’re still healthy, and not waiting until ill health forces us to stop working. A second consideration is the health of the church. South Plains has strong leadership to move the church forward in the expansion of our ministry. The timing feels right.

In the coming weeks, session will meet with Carson Rhyne, our Executive Presbyter, to outline the process that will take place as I leave. Briefly, the several steps involve: a) saying our goodbyes, an important process to open the way for someone new; b) determining short-term leadership, some sort of interim arrangements for pastoral leadership; c) engaging the whole church in a mission study which will guide a search committee; and d) electing the Pastoral Nominating Committee to conduct the search for the next pastor.

The hard part is saying goodbye, although we are not moving from Albemarle County. I will always treasure the relationships formed and the good work we have done together. I hope we run into each other from time to time outside the church. However, after April 30th, I will not be your pastor. Someone else will have that privilege; and you and I will need to give that person the freedom to enjoy that role without the ghost of pastors past looking on. Thanks be to God for the new day in store for South Plains.

David





If your kids are already day-dreaming about summer camp, Camp Hanover is accepting applications for a session (or two) of fun, adventure and life-changing experiences. More information for Camp Hanover and registration forms are available at info@camphanover.org



Have you picked up your new church directory? They are available in fellowship hall for everyone, whether you sat for a portrait with Olan Mills or not. Please, only one directory to a family.

SOUTH PLAINS MISSION CRAFTERS

Did you know that South Plains Mission Crafters provide a personalized sampler that is given to the owners of each new home that is dedicated by Habitat for Humanity in Greater Charlottesville and in Fluvanna County?

Each sampler is hand-stitched, framed and is a gift from South Plains Presbyterian Church. The sampler features the logo of Habitat for Humanity as well as the name of the family and the year of dedication of the home.

Bernice Gibson has been stitching many of the samplers and has an advance supply ready so names can be added when we learn a house is ready for dedication. We will need about 20 more samplers in 2012. If you are interested in lending a hand to the stitching project, please contact Pat Valentine.



In an effort to provide music for both services, the choir has been trying to alternate singing at the 8:30 and the 11:00 services. This has made scheduling for nursery, readers, and counting duties difficult for the choir members, as well as for their families.

The Worship Team and Choir decided that they still want to provide music at both services, but in a more consistent way. Starting in February, the choir will sing at the 11am service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. They will sing at the 8:30am service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. When there is a 5th Sunday, a hymn sing will be held before each service; and the choir will sing at 11:00. On Easter Sunday there will be a choir at both services.

When possible, we will have music provided by members of the congregation. If you would like to share your musical gifts with the congregation, please speak to organists Margaret Moore and Eleanor Dickerman or Linda Makranczy, Elder for Worship; and we will be thrilled to add your name to the schedule.

SOUTH PLAINS ENDOWMENT FUND



Happy Valentine's Day! Would you like to give a Valentine's Day gift to South Plains Presbyterian Church? How about making a contribution to the Endowment Fund in honor of the church or as a gift in honor or memory of a loved one?

Your donation to the Endowment Fund will be a jump-start toward the Fund's 2012 goal of adding AT LEAST \$5000 in new contributions to the Fund. Your contribution of any amount will help achieve this goal. You may give toward the \$5000 goal at any time during the year.

Envelopes for the Endowment Fund are available in the church office, in pew racks, and in the narthex. You may also make contributions by noting "Endowment" in the memo line of a check.

JANUARY SESSION RECAP

The session met January 17, 7pm. After sharing concerns and an opening prayer, session approved:

- Offering photos of the sanctuary for sale with profits to benefit Vacation Bible School.
- The baptism of Mae Elizabeth Larsen on March 18, 11am.
- Purchase of VBS materials from Living Waters.
- The Souper Bowl offering of food and money on February 5
- A Sexual Misconduct policy for South Plains as required by the Book of Order with copies available through the church office.
- Using white paraments on communion Sundays
- Adult Sunday School curriculum: Christians At The Cross, N. T. Wright
- No Sunday School on Easter
- Having the choir sing at 8:30am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays
- Christmas 2012 Candlelight service on December 16 and Caroling on December 23
- Soup and Study on Thursdays during Lent at 6:30pm
- Ash Wednesday Service, February 22, 6pm
- South Plains Anniversary: October 21, 2012
- Endowment Fund income will not be spent until the principal has reached \$50,000. The Fund will have one fundraiser per year.
- The church will pay off the SunTrust loan on Kirk Hall with surplus monies from 2011 and by borrowing a maximum of \$18,000 from the Grissinger Endowment to be repaid within 5 years.

Session heard reports from:

- The trustees regarding the status of the Grissinger real estate, the Grissinger Endowment, and remaining furniture stored in the Orr's basement.
- Missions regarding progress on the playground
- Congregational Care, Fellowship and Worship regarding the value of a joint meeting for calendar planning
- Nursery workers who need a key to the outside door
- David Garth on his plan to retire April 30, 2012

The meeting was closed with prayer.

South Plains Financial	Year to	2011
December	Date	Budget
Income	222,964.	196,000.
Offering	75	00
Interest/Dividends	7.37	10.00
Other		
Total Income	222,972.12	196,010.00
Expense	80,531.1	83,070.0
Ministerial	3	0
Administrative	13,960.7	14,650.0
Utilities	1	0
Buildings and Grounds	10,720.1	
Worship and Music	5	7,600.00
Christian Education	12,991.4	18,240.0
Congregational Care	7	0
Fellowship	12,308.6	14,330.0
Long Range Planning	8	0
Finance	1,544.65	3,160.00
Evangelism	217.38	1,000.00
Benevolence and Mission	1,558.04	2,000.00
Trustees	65.89	50.00
Other	1,505.65	1,510.00
	596.56	1,450.00
	16,940.0	16,940.0
	0	0
	4,329.51	5,345.00
		18,180.0
	5,528.03	0
Total Expense	162,797.85	187,525.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	60,174.2	
Less: Loan Reduction	7	8,485.00
Adjusted Net Gain	4,298.47	
	55,875.8	
	0	

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Curious about St. Paul? Ever wonder how he got so much done and why he was so negative about a few subjects, such as women?

The Lenten Bible Study will use a new book, "The Life of Paul For Today," to examine the Apostle's life, February 23—March 29.

The book is available from Amazon or Cokesbury (\$13 new) or just bring your Bible.

Join us at 6:30pm for soup, followed by discussion from 7-8. If you plan to attend, circle your name on the Friendship Pad in worship so we can estimate the number of soup servings.

Soup & Study



Our children's playground is almost finished!

Please do not use the equipment until construction is complete, platforms are secure, and the Keep Out signs are removed.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IN LENT

"Christians at the Cross: Finding Hope in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus" is a collection of sermons delivered by N. T. Wright, Bishop of Durham, England, to the people of Easington after the colliery was closed.

Starting on February 26, for 8 sessions, both adult Sunday School classes will join together to explore the meaning of Christ's life, death and resurrection in a contemporary way. It will focus on how Bishop Wright used Christ's Passion to minister to the people of Easington after the town began to die, and will consider how the hope of Christ speaks to us too in this time of economic uncertainty.

If you would like to prepare for the study, please watch the movie "Billy Elliott" which is set in Easington.

Copies of Bishop Wright's book are available from online book sellers.



LET'S HEAR IT FOR ADDISON!

Gymnastics has become an all-consuming passion for nine year old Addison Hall. She began at Classics Gymnastics four years ago. This is her first year of competition. Nine meets are scheduled this spring, taking Addison as far away as Knoxville, Tennessee. She competes in the vault, beam, parallel bars and floor exercises. Practice means long hours each week, although she finds it challenging and fun. Addison has shown a sustained interest for this sport and accepted the discipline it requires. She believes the progress she has made this year is worth all the effort. Interaction with the other girls on the team provides a social outlet.

Gymnastics demands commitment not only for the individual, but for the family as well. Addison is grateful for the support of family and friends that makes beginning competition possible.



IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, AN EARLY DECISION WILL BE MADE CONCERNING CHURCH SERVICES; AND THE INFORMATION WILL BE ON THE CHURCH VOICE MAIL.

SIMPLY CALL 293-4112 AND LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE.

WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Sunday, February 5
Preparing communion Dana Lee
 Lucille Campbell and Bernice Gibson

Elders serving communion
 (1st service) Dana Lee, June Mueller
 (2nd service) Bill Claus, Kellee Eastwood, Julie and Frank Keplinger

Greeters/Ushers
February 5 1st service) Reitsma family
 (2nd service) Phil and Bea Keaton

February 12 (1st service) Bill and Betsy Orr
 (2nd service) Bill and Kellee Eastwood

February 19 (1st service) Bill and Betsy Orr
 (2nd service) Barbara and Warren Cain

February 26 (1st service)
 (2nd service) Mike and Dana Lee

Officer of the Week:
February 5 Carl Buck
February 12 Julie Keplinger
February 19 Kellee Eastwood
February 26 Warren Cain



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Prayer Matters

Bettie Mohler	Laurels for rehabilitation following surgery
David Chronister	Jay and Shirley's son, tests
Guy Hampton	Colonnades
The Craig Brown family	on the death of Craig's mother
Leroy and Pat McCampbell	Leroy is recovering from pneumonia Pat is recovering from a fall
Beverly Little	Severe back pain
Prayers for Stan and Fran Harrison	Linda Harrison's brother and sister-in-law
Prayers for the family of Stavros Kalfoglou,	grandson of Makranczys, suffering from mood disorder
Don Sopher	Fritz and June Mueller's friend
Carol Daniels	Cancer treatment
Rebecca Newman	Healing prayers, Rebecca Kuhns' daughter
Prayers for Douglas family and babies	
Abigail Faith Young	Further surgery, Bowie's great-granddaughter
Douglas and Alexander Arner	Continued prayers
Ethan Blevins	Leukemia
Earl Biel	Healing prayers
Kingsley Brown and wife Janice	
Anne Cargill Baker	Westminster Presbyterian, brain tumor
Bill Morris	POJ, cancer
Laurie Day	Sandy and Larry Day's daughter, knee therapy
Pat Bigler	Chronister's friend, cancer
Miriah Fentress	Clapp's friend, leukemia
George Hambrick	Recovering at home
Michelle Johnson	Vascular Sarcoma
Pat and Connie Shepherd	Health issues, Keplinger family
Jenny Matthews	Friend of Kuhns with recurrence of cancer
Marge Hampton	Thoughtful prayers
Mary Harris	Neal Harris' mother, Our Lady of Peace
Theresa Naylor	Neal Harris' aunt, Our Lady of Peace
Janet Riddle	Healing prayers
Stan Goodsill	HealthCare, 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



Military and Government Service

Canon Andrew White	Iraq, continues to conduct Christian worship service
Rob Young	Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowie, USAF, U.S.
Rick Young	Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowie, USAF, U.S.
Ralph Pruitt	Deployed to Iraq
Charles Jones	USN, Flight School, Meridian, MS
Josh Sobotincic	Gil and Carole Milks' grandson in U.S.
James Webb	Georgia, automobile accident
Marshall Baughman	Home in the U.S.
Michael Kolton	Joanne and Vito Addotta's grandson, Afghanistan

NEWS FROM FELLOWSHIP TEAM

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Kip Riddle
4	Bill Claus Fritz Dietz Karyn Warren
12	Betsy Douglas
13	Richard Lakes
16	Addie Brown
17	Tom Smith
20	Sylvia Sheffield
21	Zada Hall
22	Marge Close

2012 Fellowship Team:

Lucille Campbell	Linda Harrison
Bill and Lonnie Clapp	Bea Keaton
Lisa Climer	June Mueller
Lynn Creamer	Betsy Orr
Kellee Eastwood	Barbara Penington
Bernice Gibson	Sue Tracinski
Darien Hall	

The Fellowship Team encourages others to participate with the team and ask that other volunteers help us as we continue to offer Sunday morning fellowship as well as organize and plan for special events.

Our Sunday morning fellowship schedule remains the same. We have organized so that each Sunday has a Fellowship team member "in charge". Members will call for assistance or you may simply sign up on the Sunday morning schedule located near the serving area. You still have many opportunities to serve, either Sunday morning or during special events.

1st Sunday of each month:

Early fellowship: Sue Tracinski
Late fellowship: Bea Keaton

2nd Sunday

Early: Lucille Campbell, Bernice Gibson,
Barbara Penington
Late: Kellee Eastwood

3rd Sunday

Early: June Mueller
Late:

4th Sunday

Early: Linda Harrison
Late:

5th Sunday (January, April, July, September, December)

Early:
Late:

If you are interested in serving on the 2012 fellowship committee, please notify June Mueller at 589-8221. If you would like to occasionally supply food, please contact one of the team members or "sign up" on our schedule!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!



AT THE LAST SESSION MEETING, MEMBERS APPROVED A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO COINCIDE WITH THE NATIONAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING ON FEBRUARY 5, 2012

BRING YOUR FOOD ITEMS TO CHURCH WITH YOU ON FEBRUARY 5!

MONETARY DONATIONS HAPPILY ACCEPTED ENVELOPES IN PEWS

DEADLINE FOR MARCH REFLECTOR FEBRUARY 26



MAKING AN IMPACT

For the last 5 years, congregations in the Charlottesville-Albemarle community have been able to come together, networking small commitments of time to facilitate significant changes in the circumstances that affect the lives of those in our community for whom life is often a day-to-day struggle. Improvements include:

- Extension of bus routes and service hours
- Dental services for uninsured working poor
- County-City-UVA Affordable Housing Task Force and Plans
- Police and Correctional Center Interpretive Service Programs
- Treatment Program for those with mental illness leaving prison
- Protection and expansion of pre-school opportunities

South Plains has been part of IMPACT for three years. The issue of concern this year is unemployment and job readiness for youth and young adults who do not attend college. As in past years, the issue was determined through listening sessions in all congregations, a meeting of Justice Ministry Team members to focus issues raised, and a final vote at IMPACT's annual assembly the end of September.

A Research Committee, which includes members from most participating congregations, has been meeting and guiding the investigation into the issue, the current programs addressing it, and the gaps and needs that might be addressed to better prepare young people for the job market.

The Research Committee will present its findings and recommendations to a rally of congregational Justice Team Ministry members on Monday, March 5. Final recommendations for action will be communicated with program directors or policy makers at the annual Nehemiah Action Assembly on Monday, March 26.

Mark your calendar and come together with others in living out our faith's call to seek God's justice, joining your small contribution of hours with those of other people of faith to make an IMPACT for our struggling neighbors.



HELPERS AT OUR DECEMBER CLEAN-UP



USHERS/GREETERS ARE ALWAYS WANTED AND NEEDED.

PLEASE SEE LINDA MAKRANCZY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH IN THIS WAY.

BEAUTIFUL 8x10 PRINTS OF THE NARTHEX AND THE ORGAN/WINDOW ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. AN ORDER FORM IS AVAILABLE IN KIRK HALL. PROFITS WILL BENEFIT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

THE SESSION

CLASS OF 2012

**Warren Cain
Julie Keplinger
June Mueller**

CLASS OF 2013

**Carl Buck
Kellee Eastwood
Chad Wayner**

CLASS OF 2014

**Lyn Johnson
Phil Keaton
Linda Makranczy**

SESSION CONTACT PERSON

**Clerk of Session
Administration and Finance
Building and Grounds
Christian Education
Congregational Care
Evangelism and Outreach
Missions
Fellowship
Long-Range Planning
Worship**

**Linda Harrison 296-9992
Warren Cain 295-2113
Carl Buck 244-0871
Kellee Eastwood 589-2705
Julie Keplinger* 977-0189
Lyn Johnson 984-6645
Chad Wayner 227-2027
June Mueller 589-8221
Phil Keaton 589-2332
Linda Makranczy 589-2651
*Trustee**

CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Organists**

**Presbyterian Women
Office Administrator**

**David K. Garth, ThD
Doug Valentine
Mike Lee
Eleanor Dickerman
Margaret Moore
Mary Reitsma, Kellee Eastwood, Co-Moderators
Dana Lee**

REGULARLY-SCHEDULED EVENTS


**Church School
Morning Worship
Choir
Session
Presbyterian Women
The South Plains Mission Crafters and Benevolence Society
Agape
Ungroup**

**9:45am
8:30am & 11am
Wednesdays, 7pm
Third Tuesday, 7pm
Second Monday, 9:30am
Third Sunday, noon
As scheduled
As scheduled**

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February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Choir, 7pm</i>	2	3	4
5 <i>Souper Bowl of Caring Offering</i> <i>11am Choir</i>	6	7 <i>Called Session Meeting, 7pm</i>	8 <i>Choir, 7pm</i>	9	10	11
12 <i>8:30am Choir</i>	13 <i>Presbyterian Women, 9:15am</i>	14 	15 <i>Choir, 7pm</i>	16	17	18
19 <i>Mission Crafters</i> <i>11am Choir</i>	20	21 <i>Session, 7pm</i>	22 <i>Ash Wednesday Service, 6pm</i> <i>Choir, 7pm</i>	23 <i>“Soup & Study” Lenten Bible Study 6:30—8pm</i>	24	25
26 <i>8:30am Choir</i>	27	28	29 <i>Choir, 7pm</i>			