

South Plains Reflector



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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

CALENDAR

August 1

“Raising the Roof” task force meeting, 9:30, David’s office

Scripture Reader meeting
10am, sanctuary

8

Adult/Youth Class, 9:45am
“The Last Battle”

15

Rev. Pryor preaching
Adult/Youth Class, 9:45am
“The Last Battle”

17

Session, 7pm

22

Reflector deadline

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR’S STUDY

Talking about C.S. Lewis’ *Great Divorce* between heaven and hell produced a lot of laughter in the South Plains Book Club along with the more serious thoughts about human destiny. The characters in this fantasy who cannot yet trust God for salvation are pictured as ghosts who need “thickening” to become fully real in heaven. (This may be some comfort for those of us getting thicker as life goes on). When they get further from God, they shrink until they are microscopic specks in the grander scheme of creation. Of course they are not aware of either their size or their lack of substance since they see their world as perfectly proportioned to themselves.

This portrayal of self-centeredness captures the essence of sin and evil. I’m convinced that sin is basically irrational. It doesn’t make sense to keep hurting ourselves and those around us. It doesn’t work to keep trying to remake the world to fit our wants and desires.

St. Augustine thought evil was the absence of good. Seen from the road, a church that does no harm to the neighborhood and just decorates the landscape may appear innocuous. In the eyes of

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Prayer Matters



Meredith Taylor Bill Clark	Scheduled for Fall surgery Gary Kuhns' brother-in-law, kidney stone
Valerie Curry	Friend of Warren and Barbara with cancer
Marge Riley Brenda Bikos	Fall, recovering at home Chemotherapy
Ann and Riley Higgins	Daughter and granddaughter of the Valentines
Hal & Barbara Saufley SW VA Mission Trip including David Garth and Jeff Buck	In-laws of Jane Govan
Doris Kite	Friend of Gary and Rebecca Kuhns
Gordon Smyth Michael Glass	Broken hip Police officer at L.M.
Phil Keaton Becky Silver	Recovering from back surgery Hyder's friend, leukemia in remission
Dennis & Joanne Rawls Barbara Cason	Friends of Mike and Dana Lee Norford's friend, surgery
People of the Gulf of Mexico Lucille Colville	
Kenneth Biller Warren Giles	Friend of Lyman and Joan Drake
Marianne Josephson Otha and Tiffany Gentry	Janet Riddle's brother, Premature birth
Stephanie Poleykett Cecil Shifflett	Mother of Leah Wayner,
Janet Riddle Janis Hampton	David Poleykett's niece Diagnosed with cancer
Barbara Quarles The people of Chile and	Prayers for good health Marge's daughter-in-law
Elza Ramirez Dreama Travis	Betsy Douglas' sister-in-law
Jim Kettrick Anne Millstead	Haiti
Marge Hampton Josie Blackburn	Don's mother
Erika Stuart Doris Richards	Lucille Campbell's friend, cancer
Peggy McCormick Alf Dane	Friend of Higginbothams
David Drucker	Friend of Keatons, myeloma
Robert James	Prayers for good health
Skipper Family	Anorexia
	Mother of Andrea and Laura
	Marge Hampton's sister
	Bettie Mohler's sister
	Lyn Johnson's uncle
	Friend of the Chronisters with cancer
	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment
	Wisdom and discernment

SESSION RECAP

On July 20 Session shared concerns and prayer, then:

- approved a vacation Sunday, Aug 15, for David Garth
- approved purchase of tables, chairs, and carts for the new fellowship hall at a cost of \$6,700 to be delivered in 2011
- set Bring a Friend Sunday for Sept 26
- heard that we have a renter for the vacancy in the Grissinger house and expect to close on the sale of a lot in August
- heard an update on Kirk Hall:
 - a) additional expenses for using brick on the back wall and for a 2 phase converter for power supply;
 - b) Albemarle County insists we stockpile dirt on our parking lot until it's used for backfill. Additional parking will be available on the grass as needed.
- rejoiced over the success of VBS with Union Grove
- reviewed the mid-year financial report

Travis Taylor closed with prayer.



Military and Government Service

Travis McDaniel	National Guard
Ralph Pruitt	Deployed to Iraq
Charles Jones	USN, Pensacola, FL
Eric Bergquist	Kristen's brother
Josh Sobotincic	Gil and Carole Milks' grandson in USA
James Webb	Georgia, auto accident
Bradley Smith	Alaska
Marshall Baughman	Mosul, Iraq
Michael Kolton	Addotta's grandson in U.S.
Mark Little	Recovering well with prosthesis
Doug Fenton	PCUSA chaplain-PTS
Rudy Mukendi	Iraq
Andrew Scogna	Rehabilitation

Reflections (continued from page 1)

God, however, the absence of active mission is a loss, a deficit in the economy of the kingdom, a thinning of the good creation. I love the sound of construction and the hum of our congregation laughing and crying together.

David

South Plains Financial June 2010	Year to	Budget
	Date	
Income		
Offering	90,334.94	174,080.00
Interest/Dividends	3.63	10.00
Other		
Total Income	90,338.57	174,090.00
Expense		
Ministerial	39,503.79	81,425.00
Administrative	6,989.99	14,340.00
Utilities	2,832.50	7,070.00
Buildings and Grounds	4,368.36	13,150.00
Worship and Music	5,312.53	14,210.00
Christian Education	112.22	3,100.00
Congregational Care	88.00	1,000.00
Fellowship	297.24	1,500.00
Long Range Planning		50.00
Finance	205.87	1,220.00
Evangelism	458.07	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	7,771.87	16,600.00
Trustees	70.00	2,650.00
Other	583.00	2,040.00
Total Expense	68,593.44	159,805.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	21,745.13	14,285.00

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- August 4 Carl Buck
Anne Tinsler
Pat Valentine
- August 5 Bee-Ca Lin
- August 6 Diane Stallings
- August 14 Bill Eastwood
- August 15 Jason Reitsma
- August 17 Lisa Climer
- August 18 Tony Lin
- August 19 Jan Haire
- August 23 Hunter Campbell
- August 24 Stanley Goodsill
Hunter Lang
William Scharpf
- August 26 Carolyn Hordyke
- August 27 Mary Reitsma
- August 28 Will Phillips
- August 31 Jo Smith



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lyman Drake has been appointed chair of our nominating committee. Members are Bill Orr, Pat Valentine, Shirley Chronister, and Chad Wayner.

If you have suggestions for the office of elder, please pass them on.

**Deadline for the
SEPTEMBER
issue of *The
Reflector* is
AUGUST 22**

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Chad and Leah Wayner
New home phone: 434-227-2027



UNGROUP

The next Ungroup will be held **Friday September 10th** at 7 PM at Warren and Barbara Cain's house.

*"Have you
remembered your church in your
estate plans?"*

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR AUGUST

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Sunday, August 1

Communion elements preparation : Linda Makranczy
Heide Schumann

Elders serving communion

(1st service) Linda Makranczy, Travis Taylor
(2nd service) Linda Harrison, Lyman Drake
Mary Howard

Greeters / Ushers

August 1 (1st service) Mike and Dana Lee
(2nd service) Phil and Bea Keaton
August 8 (1st service) Warren and Barbara Cain
(2nd service) Kellee Goldmann, Bill Eastwood
August 15 (1st service) Lisa Climer
(2nd service) Jean Wardell
August 22 (1st service) Julie Keplinger and Lyman Drake
(2nd service) Julie and Frank Keplinger
August 29 (1st service) Joan and Lyman Drake
(2nd service) David and Carolyn Hordyke

Officer of the Week

August 1—Lyman Drake
August 8—Linda Makranczy
August 15—William Orr
August 22—Julie Keplinger
August 29—Lyn Johnson

We are now sending the **Reflector** to our members and friends by e-mail. Copies are also available in the sanctuary foyer and in the Manse.

If you do not receive a copy by e-mail, and would like to, please make sure the church office has your e-mail address. Also please indicate if you would like the e-mail address published in our church directory.

If you do not have e-mail and cannot pick up a copy of the Reflector any month, please call the church office and one will be mailed to you.

Prayers are important in our lives. Please review your prayer matters from time to time and keep our bulletin and newsletter up to date.

"THE BEST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EVER"

That is how one of the helpers and a parent to children in the junior and youth VBS classes described vacation bible school this year, and he was right. Our first year providing separate curricula for the younger and older children was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work and leadership of many folk at South Plains and Union Grove churches. Sharing out the week in song was particularly moving and Spirit-filled.

Your willingness to help, work together with difficult schedules, boundless imagination and creative problem solving were just some of the gifts shared. Thank you to everyone who helped with storytelling, games, snacks, crafts, music, leading discussions, shepherding, preparing, organizing, donations and general encouragement. Your contributions were essential to the success of the whole. Thank you, thank you, thank you for the enormous blessing you bestowed on our children and youth.

If you were not able to participate in VBS this year, please plan on working with us next year.



SOUTH PLAINS WEB PAGE

Kudos again to Linda Harrison for her work on our web page. She has installed several flash slide shows showing our groundbreaking, baby cap dedication Sunday, and VBS. Thanks for your pictures.

Enjoy it today!

WHAT IS THE SOUTH PLAINS ENDOWMENT FUND?

With the unknown needs of the future in mind, **The South Plains Endowment Fund** was established in 2000. **The Fund** was divided for two purposes: the Building and Grounds Fund and the Mission Fund. Gifts may be made to the entire Fund or to either of the individual purposes.

The Endowment is a permanent fund from which principal is not used. Income from the funds may be used for major repairs, additions, or capital expenditure improvements to church property, and to maintain and enhance the benevolence and mission programs of the Church.

We don't know what the needs of South Plains will be in 25, 50, or 100 years. Only God knows. **The Endowment Fund** will be there to meet those needs.

You are invited to contribute to **The Endowment Fund** at any time. Our gifts to **The Endowment Fund** today will make a lasting difference!

For more information about different ways to give to **The Endowment Fund**, please see Pat Valentine, Fritz Dietz, Vito Addotta, Bill Claus, or Edgar Lee.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

To any member of Presbyterian Women and to any member of the South Plains congregation who has contributed to saving stamps for Missions, both Peggy Reinhold and I say **Thank You.**"

Mrs. Reinhold tells me that the large collection of Redwood Forest, Black Cinema, T.V., Radio, Disney memories, as well as other commemorative stamps sold well at good prices.

She also writes, "your stamps continue to help the church in the Congo supply medical care, witness to its faith in Jesus Christ, print Christian Education materials, and distribute Bibles in the heart language of the people. Thank God for the faithfulness of Christians."

Keep it up and cut your stamps wisely so there is a clean border. Our Missions need us.

-Janet Haire