

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

- 10 Vacation Bible School meeting
- 12-16 Vacation Bible School, 6-8pm
- 18 Reflector deadline
- 20 Session meeting, 7pm
- 21 "The Great Divorce" book club
- 22 Endowment meeting, 1pm
- 25 Cents-ability for Hunger offering

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Now and again the calendar dictates that Presbytery and session will meet on the same day. The June 15 meeting of the Presbytery of the James was blessedly short, although the round trip to Chase City was almost 240 miles. The major blessing was our examination of a transferring minister and two recent seminary graduates as candidates for the ministry. Too often this procedure is either perfunctory or punishing. This time the questions were friendly, but pointed enough to give us confidence in approving these three people.

The sermon for worship that morning flipped the commandment against bearing false witness to encourage "true witness." We hear a lot about transparency these days, but less about the virtue of simply telling the truth. The credibility of the Christian witness carries more weight than the best advertising and the fanciest programs. When we have confidence in each other, it's contagious and spreads throughout the community. People can believe gospel. The work of the Holy Spirit becomes incarnate. On this day Presbytery bore witness to the integrity of church leadership.

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Prayer Matters



Dennis and Joanne Rawls	Friends of Mike and Dana
Bob and Michelle Keller	Shirley Chronister's brother and wife
Family of Megan Glancy,	fatal auto accident
Pat Valentine	PCUSA General Assembly Commissioner
Ben Sparks	Friend of Garths , stroke
James Harris	Union Grove, recovering
Barbara Cason	Norford's friend, surgery
Jeff Garrett	Linda Harrison's son
People of the Gulf of Mexico	
Leroy McCampbell	Fractured vertebrae
Lucille Colville	Drake's friend
Stuart and Beverly Little on	the death of their son
Kenneth Biller	Janet Riddle's brother
Warren Giles	Premature birth
Beverly Little	Recovering from surgery
Marianne Josephson	Mother of Leah Wayner
Otha and Tiffany Gentry	
Oakell Buck	Carl Buck's father
Stephanie Poleykett	David Poleykett's niece
Cecil Shifflett	Diagnosed with cancer
Janet Riddle	Prayers for good health
Janis Hampton	Marge's daughter-in-law
Barbara Quarles	Betsy Douglas' sister-in-law
Bonnie Bikos	Knee replacement, home
The people of Chile and Haiti	
Elza Ramirez	Don's mother
Dreama Travis	Lucille Campbell's friend
Willie Claus	Gordonsville Residence House
Jim Kettrick	Friend of Higginbothams
Anne Millstead	Friend of Keatons
Becky Silver	Hyder's friend
Marge Riley	Prayers for good health
Marge Hampton	Prayers for good health
Gail Bowers	Hordyke's friend, cancer
Josie Blackburn	Anorexia
Erika Stuart	Mother of Andrea and Laura
Doris Richards	Marge Hampton's sister
Peggy McCormick	Bettie Mohler's sister
Alf Dane	Lyn Johnson's uncle
David Drucker	Friend of the Chronisters
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment
Skipper Family	Wisdom and discernment

SESSION RECAP

Your Session met June 15, shared prayer concerns about Shirley Chronister's brother and sister-in-law and :

- Elected Lyman Drake (chair) and Bill Orr as representatives on the Nominating Committee for elders.
- Heard a report on the Presbytery meeting from Lyman Drake.
- Capped the total cost for the Kirk Hall project at \$1,304,526 including architect fees, contingent costs, and furnishings; session noted that projected contributions and loans will meet that total cost; and the total loans will not exceed the \$450,000 authorized by the congregation.
- Approved procedures for Kirk Hall expenses.
- Distributed results of the Time and Talent Survey.
- Heard an update on Vacation Bible School with Union Grove, July 12-16.

June Mueller 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)

At session meeting we talked into the night about a budget for the total Kirk Hall project that would be not only financially responsible, but also present a clear picture to the session and congregation. I am grateful again for the care and skill that continues to support our work for Jesus Christ. Thanks.

David

South Plains Financial	Year to	
May 2010	Date	Budget
Income		
Offering	73,829.94	174,080.00
Interest/Dividends	3.04	10.00
Other		
Total Income	73,832.98	174,090.00
Expense		
Ministerial	33,059.83	81,425.00
Administrative	6,012.17	14,340.00
Utilities	2,329.78	7,070.00
Buildings and Grounds	3,240.60	13,150.00
Worship and Music	4,512.53	14,210.00
Christian Education	112.22	3,100.00
Congregational Care	88.00	1,000.00
Fellowship	169.10	1,500.00
Long Range Planning		50.00
Finance	53.19	1,220.00
Evangelism	458.07	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	6,721.87	16,600.00
Trustees	70.00	2,650.00
Other	348.00	2,040.00
Total Expense	57,175.36	159,805.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	16,657.62	14,285.00

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Penington
- 2 Barbara Higgenbotham
- 5 Larry Day
David Poleykett
- 12 Albert Evans Jr.
- 14 Mary Howard
- 15 Ron Creamer
Kit Gray
- 19 Gilbert Milks
- 23 Leroy McCampbell
- 25 Mike Lee
- 27 Brenda Bikos
Ed Douglas
- 30 David Hordyke



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
AUGUST
issue of *The
Reflector* is
July 18**

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

Bill Eastwood
27 River Ridge Drive
Palmyra, VA 22963
651-341-9359

Matt and Sherry Esch
4 Fleetwood Drive
Palmyra, VA 22963
589-9526

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Margaret Moore
3946 Rock Branch Road
North Garden, VA 22959

Beverly Turner (after 6/29)
The Colonnades
2600 Barracks Road, Cottage 30
Charlottesville, VA 22901



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

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.

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR JULY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Sunday, July 4

Communion elements preparation Joanne and Vito Addotta

Elders serving communion

(1st service) Joanne and Vito Addotta
(2nd service) Les Fink, Jay Chronister
Lyman Drake, Warren Cain

Greeters / Ushers

July 4 (1st service) Linda and Ted Makranczy
(2nd service) Kellee Goldmann and Bill Eastwood
July 11 (1st service) Carole and Gilbert Milks
(2nd service) Julie and Frank Keplinger
July 18 (1st service) Barbara and Warren Cain
(2nd service) Chad, Leah and Sophia Wayner
July 25 (1st service) Sandy and Larry Day
(2nd service) Jean Wardell and Heidi Schumann

Officer of the Week

July 4 Warren Cain
July 11 Travis Taylor
July 18 Jay Chronister
July 25 June Mueller

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

LYN JOHNSON'S TEXT FROM OUR GROUNDBREAKING ON JUNE 6

Welcome!

This is a very exciting and much anticipated morning as we break ground for Kirk Hall. We have great plans for her—in ministry, fellowship, outreach and service. One of the biggest changes we will see is space. Having enough space to expand the Christian education programs for children and adults. Space for Mission Crafters to create and store items for donation locally and around the world. Space for the choir to practice. Space for a library. Space for the Sunday School classes to rehearse pageants. Space for fellowship, both within the congregation and as a place to invite the surrounding community to meet and share in a welcoming, safe and caring environment.

The church is founded on the Word of God. Later, when it is time to pour the foundation, the children of South Plains will place stones marked with Bible verses in the hole.

Kirk Hall will literally be built upon the word of God. We are blessed by the opportunities Kirk Hall will provide to proclaim the Kingdom and enrich our community.

Thank you to all of you for making this dream a reality and for being here this morning to share in this wonderful day.



FRANK KEPLINGER'S THOUGHTS FROM OUR GROUNDBREAKING

To have the honor to welcome everyone to the ceremony was a true privilege. A story comes to my mind. My mother once struggled to bend down to pick up a penny that was lying on the ground. Someone said to her why go to all that trouble to pick up a penny. She said, "It does say In God We Trust; also, if you had four dollars and ninety nine cents and you really needed five dollars, that penny would be very important."

In thinking about that it causes me to realize how very important each and every contribution is to the success of our building project. Resources, time, talent, tears, smiles, speaking at public hearings, and prayers are all wonderful gifts. It also struck me about all those who came before us to keep the church together to make it possible for us to look to the future as well. Some came great distances that we haven't seen in a long time, to be part of the celebration. We thanked our neighbors of Union Grove Church, our architects our builder our generous congregation the construction oversight committee. All important to getting Kirk Hall built. With Atwood Architects, Martin Horn, and Preston Stallings as stewards of our resources working together to complete Kirk Hall we can be confident of a successful outcome. It is with a grateful heart and the blessings of God we move forward.

**THE SOUTH PLAINS ENDOWMENT FUND
WELCOMES
ALL CONTRIBUTIONS – GREAT AND SMALL**

South Plains Presbyterian Church has been dedicated to the worship of God and ministry in God's name since 1819. Through South Plains the Lord has touched thousands of hearts and lives across the years.

Those who came before us committed themselves to establish and sustain ministry at South Plains. Because of their dedication, South Plains exists today as a worshipping community.

Now it is our responsibility to make certain worship and ministry continue at South Plains for generations to come. One way to assure the future of the ministry of the church is to build a significant Endowment Fund.

How can YOU give to the Endowment Fund? Let us suggest several reasons for making contributions to the Fund::

1. Give a memorial gift to the Endowment Fund in memory of a loved one, friend, or church member.
2. Tell the pastor, a member of the Endowment Committee, or a family member that you wish to designate the Endowment Fund for memorials.
3. Honor a family member, friend, church member with a celebration gift for a birthday, anniversary, special accomplishment, or "just because."
4. Celebrate the birthday of South Plains in October with a lasting gift to the Endowment Fund. This year a gift in any amount or specifically in a "191" amount of \$1.91, \$19.10, \$191.00, \$1,910, or \$19,100 would be a special way to honor the 191st anniversary of the congregation..
5. Honor a baptism or confirmation with a donation to the Endowment Fund.
6. Let a gift to the Endowment Fund honor Sunday School or VBS volunteers, church staff, choir or the choir directors, Pastor, Session, Trustees - or any other folks dedicated to the work and worship of South Plains.
7. Make a one-time significant gift to the Endowment Fund.
8. Make a bequest to the Endowment Fund in your will.
9. Teach philanthropy by encouraging children to make modest gifts to The Endowment Fund that will assure the future of South Plains for them and for their children's children.

In the above list everybody should be able to find *at least* one reason to give to the Endowment Fund. Gifts to the Endowment may be small or LARGE.

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

FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to all who helped to make our Fellowship Time at the Kirk Hall groundbreaking such an enjoyable time. What wonderful sharing!

During the “changes and challenges” of a construction site, we ask for your continued support of Fellowship time after Sunday worship services.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to sign up in the kitchen for fellowship time.

Thanks for your past and future participation.

Fellowship Team

DEDICATION ON JUNE 20

Thank you to all who contributed time and talent to produce the wonderful collection of items for Dedication on June 20. The colorful display in the sanctuary was only the “tip of the iceberg” of the many items.

Baby Caps - 1288

Baby blankets - 38

Baby quilts - 12

Stuffed bears - 99

Plush toys - 14

Baby hospital gowns - 125

Shrugs (for adults) - 4

All of these items will be distributed to mission hospitals around the world by Medical Benevolence Foundation, the medical mission unit of Presbyterian Church (USA).



Mothers and children will be blessed by gifts from members and friends of South Plains who are sharing the love of Jesus Christ through the work of their hands.