

The 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

- 3 Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- 7 Souper Bowl
- Hygiene Kit Workshop, noon
- 8 Presbyterian Women, 9:15am
- 10 Pastor's Class, 6pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- 16 Session, 7pm
- 17 Pastor's Class, 6pm
- Ash Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Choir Rehearsal, 7pm
- 21 Mission Crafters
- Newsletter Deadline
- 24 Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY



Our hunger for God is perennial. We satisfy it for a season and we imagine that we have harvested everlasting spiritual fruit. But that fruit does not keep as long as we hoped. Before a year has passed, our spirits are growling like an empty stomach whether we know what we want or not.

This winter while we are longing for springtime, I suggest that we look more carefully at the ancient spiritual practices of our faith, practices that have sustained Christians for centuries. Beginning 6 PM Wednesday, February 10, I invite you to meet with me in the Manse to engage five of the disciplines proven to shape our souls: Spiritual reading, Praying, Fasting, Examining ourselves, and Following a rule. Our meeting dates are February 10, 17 (with an Ash Wednesday Service), March 3, 10, 17, and 24.

We will use as our guide Marjorie Thompson's classic, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*. Marjorie is a Presbyterian Minister working for Cokesbury's Upper Room as Director of the Pathways Center for Spiritual Leadership. Although reading her book is not a requirement, it can be ordered from Cokesbury for \$14.95 (800 672-1789).

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PRAYER MATTERS

Bill Clapp	UVA Medical Center
Art Ordell	Recovering at home
Ann Young	Grenada missionary
Jim Kettrick	Friend of Higginbothams
Kip Riddle	Grenada
Oscar Keplinger	Recovering from treatment
People of Haiti	Earthquake
Dan Hudak	Cain's friend with cancer
Rick Walz	Friend of Chronisters, at home
Juanita Pugh's Family	Lucille Campbell's sister-in-law
Garland West	Illness
Barbara Ann Rehrig	Kuhn's cousin with cancer
Brendan Skipper family	Keplinger's nephew, at his death
Lisa Lucas	Friend of Drakes
George Wells	Lyn Johnson's father, heart
Anne Millstead	Friend of Keatons with myeloma
Lee Goldman	Bev Turner's son-in-law
Caitlyn Halligan	Schumann's granddaughter, home
Dale Smith	Cousin of the Days, cancer
Greg Koontz	Ramirez' friend with cancer
Gordon Smyth	Broken elbow
Becky Silver	Hyder's friend, at home
Marge Riley	Prayers for good health
Marge Hampton	Prayers for good health
Carol Brown	Friend of Kellee Goldmann
John Burton	Friend of Garths, cancer
Gail Bowers	Friend of Hordykes, chemo
Josie Blackburn	Anorexia
Jonathan Moore	Peace Corps, Philippines
Erika Stuart	Mother of Andrea P. and Laura
Janice DeGree	Friend of Kellee Goldmann
Doris Richards	Marge Hampton's sister
Peggy McCormick	Bettie Mohler's sister
Alf Dane	Lyn Johnson's uncle
Jean Thurston	Friend of Jim Higginbotham
Beverly Cibbarelli	Friend of the Chronisters
David Drucker	Friend of the Chronisters
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment

Military and Government Service

Ralph Pruitt	Deployed to Iraq
Charles Jones	USN, Pensacola, FL
Eric Bergquist	Kristen's brother
Josh Sobotincic	Gil and Carole Milks' grandson
Hannah Skinner	Deployed to Afghanistan
James Webb	Georgia, automobile accident
Chris Niemann	Deployed to Iraq
Bradley Smith	Alaska
Marshall Baughman	Mosul, Iraq
Capt. 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

SESSION RECAP

- opened with prayers after sharing concerns and welcoming new elders Warren Cain and June Mueller.
- approved Pastor's vacation Feb 22-24
- suggested changes to the webpage being renovated by Linda Harrison and Dana Lee
- noted the reception of Myron and Jill Borsdam by transfer
- heard that Kirk Hall bids are due Jan 27
- received a report of satisfactory audits for the church
- approved \$750 from Missions budget for Haiti relief and reception of individual gifts
- discussed needed repairs to the sidewalk
- received an invitation from Congregation Beth Israel to attend Shabot service, 6:15 PM Feb 5 at 301 E. Jefferson St.

Meeting closed with prayer

Sylvia and Ed Sheffield have relocated to "The Woodland" in Farmville, VA. Farmville is close to the town of Crewe where they both grew up. Ed is in the Rehabilitation Center at The Woodland, and Sylvia is in an apartment. Sylvia reports that Ed is getting excellent care and has recovered from the heart attack he experienced the end of November. However, there are many challenges ahead. They have enjoyed connecting with old friends from the area, but would love to hear from South Plains friends as well. The address is 102B Varner Street, Farmville, VA 23901, and the phone number is (434)391-1071.

**Deadline for the
MARCH
issue of *The
Reflector* is
FEBRUARY 21**

REFLECTIONS

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Learning will be hands-on or spirit-on as the case may be. Discussion will alternate with practice and feedback. There are no experts in Christian spirituality, only practitioners, those who make periodic attempts to place themselves at the disposal of the Spirit of God. Let me know if you're coming.

South Plains Financial December 2009	Year to Date	Budget
Income		
Offering	186,390.62	178,270.00
Interest/Dividends	9.58	20.00
Other	1,111.00	
Total Income	187,511.20	178,290.00
Expense		
Ministerial	75,678.41	77,714.00
Administrative	13,788.02	20,160.00
Utilities	6,199.38	9,550.00
Buildings and Grounds	9,979.60	11,680.00
Worship and Music	11,547.99	13,910.00
Christian Education	2,245.60	2,500.00
Congregational Care	170.00	1,000.00
Fellowship	1,389.75	1,400.00
Long Range Planning		50.00
Finance	1,628.80	1,000.00
Evangelism	523.84	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	16,063.71	16,090.00
Trustees	2,294.00	4,370.00
Other	10,805.00	10,060.00
Total Expense	152,314.10	170,934.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	35,197.10	7,356.00

DIRECTORY CHANGES

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warrencain@embarqmail.com

**Ed and Sylvia
Sheffield**
102B Varner Street
Farmville, VA 23901



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Kip Riddle
4 Bill Claus
Fritz Dietz
Karyn Warren
12 Betsy Douglas
16 Addie Brown
17 Tom Smith
20 Sylvia Sheffield
21 Zada Hall
22 Marjorie Close
27 Asa Smith



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

National in scope, yet local in impact, the Souper Bowl of Caring works toward making the weekend of the big game an unprecedented time of giving and serving in this country. Local communities are affected both through youth involvement and money raised for charity. A national story is created by youth across the country simultaneously showing compassion and serving others.

The Souper Bowl of Caring is fundamentally a faith initiative, as the idea was born of a prayer. We seek to love God by loving our neighbors. Through this, young people will see that by God's grace, they can make a difference in the lives of others. This year's donations will go to the Fluvanna Food Bank.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations after both services on February 7. Please be generous.

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, December 13, **Mike and Beth Hyder** joined South Plains by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville. The Hyderys have been married for 21 years and live in Keswick with two dogs and a cat. They met in Charlottesville at Mike's office Christmas party. Beth grew up in Staunton, Virginia, and attended Sweet Briar College, majoring in economics. Following graduation she moved with her roommate to Charlottesville. She worked in hotel sales and marketing for Omni hotels and was Director of Catering at Glenmore Country Club. She is now a real estate agent with Real Estate III. She enjoys gardening, making Nantucket baskets, reading and travel. Mike grew up in Bristol, Tennessee. He attended the University of Tennessee, majoring in accounting. Following his graduation, he was a naval aviator. After leaving the Navy he began a career in investments in Charlottesville. He is now an investment advisor for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. The Hyderys were attracted to South Plains by its warmth and welcoming feeling. They also like the informal, casual atmosphere of our worship services.

On Sunday, January 17, **Jill and Myron Borsdam** joined our church. There will be more about them in our next *Reflector*.

Please welcome the Hyderys and Borsdams to our church family!



WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Sunday, February 7

Communion elements preparation Linda Harrison and Bill Orr
Linda Makranczy and Kellee Goldmann

Elders serving communion
(1st service) Linda Harrison
(2nd service) Linda Makranczy, Lyman Drake
Marion Thompson, Vito Addotta

Greeters / Ushers

February 7	(1 st service)	The Reitsma Family
	(2 nd service)	Phil and Bea Keaton
February 14	(1 st service)	Frank and Julie Keplinger
	(2 nd service)	Warren and Barbara Cain
February 21	(1 st service)	Mike and Dana Lee
	(2 nd service)	Jean Wardell and Lyman Drake
February 28	(1 st service)	Brenda Bikos and Lisa Climer
	(2 nd service)	Bill Claus and Mary Howard

Officer of the Week

February 7	Bill Orr	February 21	Lyn Johnson
February 14	Julie Keplinger	February 28	Warren Cain

“There is a hunger abroad in our time, haunting lives and hearts. Like an empty stomach aching beneath the sleek coat of a seemingly well-fed creature, it reveals that something is missing from the diet of our rational, secular, and affluent culture. Both within and beyond traditional faith communities, a hunger for spiritual depth and integrity is gaining momentum...”

-from chapter one
“Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life”



REMEMBER FLOWERS!

Flowers are such a beautiful way to say Thank you to God for his grace and glory and to honor or remember a loved one. The weekly flowers in the sanctuary are provided by members of the congregation for this very purpose - - - and its easy to do!

The first step is to sign up on the flower board (on the bulletin board on the left hand side as you walk in the narthex). The next step is to decide whether you would like to design your own arrangement or order them from a florist. If you choose to design your own, the flowers can come directly out of your garden or can be purchased at your local grocery store. You can also order the arrangement directly from Plantscapes Florist and they will deliver them to the church with no delivery charge. Have the invoice sent to you. Plantscapes makes beautiful arrangements and has a standard fee of \$36.00 for SPPC alter arrangements. Their phone number is 971-5477. The final step is to let Dana know who or what the flowers are for. She can be reached at 293-4112 or by email at southplainspc@gmail.org. The information will be in that Sunday’s bulletin, if she hears from you by the Wednesday before.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fellowship Committee met on Sunday, January 24 at 10:15am, to discuss plans and to share ideas for 2010. We look forward to the groundbreaking for Kirk Hall (date to be announced later).

A long-range goal of this committee includes arranging for informal fellowship in the Manse after worship services each Sunday. Coffee, tea, juice and assorted snack foods will be provided. This time is meant to foster a sense of Christian family in an informal, relaxed atmosphere.

One of the proposed goals for 2010 is to encourage continued and even more participation in the Fellowship time offered after both the 8:30 and 11am worship services. Committee members listed who have already volunteered for 2010 will be willing to pair with those folks who would like to serve on a given Sunday.

Wouldn’t it be great if many members signed either once or twice a year and all of the weekly slots were filled?!

Are you willing to pair with someone on the committee? Perhaps a member of the committee will phone you in the months ahead. You may sign an opening on the schedule at any time (calendar is in the kitchen—tasks are described and are not meant to be burdensome). Coffee, tea, lemonade and paper supplies are kept in the kitchen.

Thank you for past and future participation which insures continued fellowship, hospitality, and joy in serving.

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| <p>Fellowship
Committee
Members</p> <p>Lucille Campbell
 Bill & Lonnie Clapp
 Lisa Climer
 Debby Garth
 Bernice Gibson
 Kellee Goldmann
 Darien Hall
 Linda Harrison
 Bea Keaton
 Julie Keplinger
 June Mueller
 Betsy Orr
 Barbara Pennington</p> |
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