

The South Plains Reflector



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Sunday Worship Service

1st Service **8:30 A.M. - 9:30 AM**
2nd Service **11:00 A.M. - 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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Nursery
Childcare for infants through 2nd grade is
available following the Time With Children
portion of the Worship Service.

January Events

- 3** **Session meeting, 10:30am**
- 6** **Choir rehearsal**
- 10** **Congregational Meetings**
- 13** **Choir rehearsal**
- 18-25** **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**
- 19** **Session meeting, 7pm**
- 20** **Choir rehearsal**
- 24** **Cents-ability for Hunger Offering**
Reflector deadline
- 27** **Choir rehearsal**

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Looking back over 2009 some events went past too quickly and others have dragged on forever. In the latter category is the approvals process for Kirk Hall. In truth, I'm told most applications for a special use permit last at least this long. The good news is that we are at the end of that tunnel, waiting only for the administrative procedures with staff to be completed. I am still amazed at the providential timing of our capital campaign which was finished before the recession. I am equally thankful for the spirit of generosity that has supported the campaign. We anticipate breaking ground early next year.

God has also been generous in the supply of fine leaders South Plains has enjoyed. Year after year, you have elected wise and diligent elders. They have often had to learn new roles and deal with unanticipated challenges, but they have neither flinched

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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PRAYER MATTERS

Lyn Johnson's father	Experiencing heart problems
Brendan Skipper family	Keplingers' nephew, at his death
Lisa Lucas	Friend of Drakes
Anne Millstead	Friend of Keatons with myeloma
Ed Sheffield	Colonnades
Lee Goldman	Bev Turner's son-in-law, fluid in his lungs
Caitlyn Halligan	Schumanns' granddaughter, treatment
Ed and Joan McGovern	Death of son
Christine Harper	Daughter of Biels, surgery 12/7
Emerson Smith	Recovering at home
Grace Douglas	Ed Douglas' mother, Winterhaven
Dale Smith	Cousin of the Days, cancer treatment
Anna and Crystal James	Home in Grenada
Greg Koontz	Ramirez' friend with cancer
Gordon Smyth	Broken elbow
Becky Silver	Hyders' friend, recovering at home
Marge Riley	Prayers for good health
Marge Hampton	Radiation therapy
Jack Cason	Third degree burns
Carol Brown	Friend of Kellee Goldmann, treatment
John Burton	Friend of Garths, cancer
Gail Bowers	Friend of Hordykes, chemotherapy
Josie Blackburn	Anorexia
Jonathan Moore	Peace Corps, Philippines
Erika Stuart	Mother of Andrea P. and Laura C.
Janice DeGree	Friend of Kellee Goldmann with cancer
Doris Richards	Marge Hampton's sister
Peggy McCormick	Bettie Mohler's sister
Alf Dane	Lyn Johnson's uncle
Oscar Keplinger	Successful surgery
Jean Thurston	Friend of Jim Higginbotham with cancer
Beverley Cibbarelli	Friend of the Chronisters with cancer
David Drucker	Friend of the Chronisters with cancer
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment
Bruce Clabaugh	Lung cancer

MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Charles Jones	USN, Pensacola, FL
Eric Bergquist	Kristen's brother
Josh Sobotincic	Gil and Carole Milks' grandson in USA
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

Session opened with prayer December 15 and

- Approved weddings for 8/22 and 9/25 for non members
- Discussed transportation needs from Westminster Canterbury
- Noted reception of Mike and Beth Hyder and dismissal of Dick Schneider
- Kirk Hall Fund has received \$470,320 with \$56,664 remaining in pledges to be given. Those more than 50% in arrears in 2010 will be contacted.
- Long Range Planning will present a policy to session for receiving in-kind gifts
- The Rev. Dale Dealtrey will preach 1/31/10 for Dr. Garth
- Thanked Mary Reitsma for her leadership in the Christmas pageant
- As of 12/10/09, 65 pledges had been received for \$167,079
- Missions distributed remaining funds to Presbyterian Outreach, Mission of Hope, Bolivia, and the Grenada Computer Project
- Albemarle County approved a boundary line adjustment for the Grissinger property in order to market it in 2010
- Retiring elders Lisa Climer and Bev Turner were thanked for their service
- Session will meet to act on the budget January 3, 2010, 10:30am
- Session has called congregational meetings for January 10 at 9:30am to present the budget and answer questions, and at noon to present the budget, answer questions and act on changes in the pastor's call
- An update on the Grenada Partnership noted that our emphasis is shifting from the St. Andrews Kirk to the Bell Air Church up north.

Dr. Garth closed the meeting with prayer.

REFLECTIONS

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nor made excuses. We're grateful for retiring elders Lisa Climer and Beverley Turner who have worked tirelessly with fellowship and congregational care this year.

Our relationship with other congregations has broadened our perspective on faith. Union Grove offered overwhelming encouragement at the Supervisors' meeting. Union Run and Beth Israel buoyed us toward better community service through IM-PACT, and they each promise further interaction.

Capping off the year was an overwhelming Sunday School Christmas pageant. It was "overwhelming" only because the sanctuary was crowded with more talent and cute genes than we could stand. Only the original cast in Bethlehem was better.

**A Warm Welcome
to
New Members
Beth and Mike Hyder**

South Plains Financial	Year to	
November 2009	Date	Budget
Income		
Offering	170,047.12	178,270.00
Interest/Dividends	9.01	20.00
Other	1,111.00	
Total Income	171,167.13	178,290.00
Expense		
Ministerial	69,387.81	77,714.00
Administrative	12,760.17	20,160.00
Utilities	5,839.38	9,550.00
Buildings and Grounds	10,217.73	11,680.00
Worship and Music	10,900.93	13,910.00
Christian Education	1,775.37	2,500.00
Congregational Care	170.00	1,000.00
Fellowship	1,333.24	1,200.00
Long Range Planning		250.00
Finance	1,628.80	1,000.00
Evangelism	309.98	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	13,684.38	16,090.00
Trustees	2,294.00	4,370.00
Other	7,565.00	10,060.00
Total Expense	137,866.79	170,934.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	33,300.34	7,356.00

THANKS TO LEADERS

At its last meeting, the session expressed thanks to God for the leadership of **Lisa Climer** with fellowship and **Bev Turner** with congregational care. South Plains is blessed with strong and diligent leadership.

**Deadline for the
February
issue of *The
Reflector* is
January 24**

**January 3
10:30am
Session will hold a
called meeting to
finalize the 2010 budget**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Kay Payne
- 5 Shelby Poleykett
- 7 Shirley Chronister
- 10 Peter Schumann
- 12 Janet Riddle
- 13 Penny Goodsill
- 14 Ted Makranczy
- 15 Harper Campbell
- 17 Leah Wayner
- 19 Billie Scharpf
- 20 Bernice Gibson
- Christopher Buck
- 21 Preston Stallings
- Meg Taylor
- 25 Marie Grant
- Jenna Poleykett
- Teagan Poleykett
- 27 Bailey Smith Holmes
- 30 Shorty Norford



Congregational Meetings

The session has called congregational meetings on Sunday, January 10. At 9:30, session will present the 2010 budget and answer questions. At noon, the session will again present the 2010 budget and answer questions. The congregation will act on any changes to the pastor's call at the noon meeting.

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR JANUARY

Celebration of the Lord's Supper		Sunday, January 3
Communion elements preparation	Julie and Frank Keplinger Phil and Bea Keaton	
Elders serving communion		
(1st Service)	Julie and Frank Keplinger	
(2nd Service)	Bill Claus, Dana Lee Mary Howard, Jay Chronister	
Greeters / Ushers		
January 3	(1st service)	Betsy and Ed Douglas
	(2nd service)	Phil and Bea Keaton
January 10	(1st service)	Warren and Barbara Cain
	(2nd service)	Carole Milks and Lyman Drake
January 17	(1st service)	Lyn Johnson and June Mueller
	(2nd service)	Lisa Climer and Family
January 24	(1st service)	Bill and Betsy Orr
	(2nd service)	Pat and Doug Valentine
January 31	(1st service)	Joan and Lyman Drake
	(2nd service)	Kellee Goldmann and Linda Makranczy
Officer of the Week		
January 3-9	Travis Taylor	
January 10-16	Jay Chronister	
January 17-23	June Mueller	
January 24-30	Lyman Drake	
January 31-February 6	Linda Makranczy	

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to make the Sunday School Christmas Pageant such a resounding success. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and worship. As we come together to celebrate the birth of our Lord it is good to be reminded of the wonder of that time through the words of scripture and music.

For those of you who do not know, the pageant this year was definitely a Spirit-led affair, and I want to share the amazing story. In September, the Christian Education committee decided upon a tableaux-based pageant. This would fit with the limited space in the sanctuary, play to the strengths and talents of the entire congregation from babes to octogenarians, and have a strong scriptural foundation. None of the catalogs we had offered such a pageant, and I was not having much luck finding one. A few weeks later Rev. Garth received from the minister at Tabor Church nine copies of a tableaux-based Christmas pageant. She wondered if South Plains could use them. The answer was "YES!" and we all participated in the result.

I never cease to be amazed at the workings of God. The pageant was meant to be, led by the Holy Spirit through many willing servants at South Plains. I thank God for his love and awesome beneficence. I thank God for you, my beloved church family, and look forward to continuing with you in worship in all its forms throughout the coming year.

-Lyn Johnson

“FirstRock” Summer Mexico Mission Trip District 1, Presbytery of the James

Where: Reynosa, Mexico (across the border from McAllen, Texas).
When: July 3 – July 11, 2010 (may vary with final travel arrangements).
What: Construction of 1-2 small block homes with family, church, and community members.



What it really is:
A life changing and life-affirming experience.

Group Info: Approximately 30 enthusiastic participants. Inter-generational group of rising 10th graders and up; rising 6th – 9th graders with participating family member.

Registration Information: Application and \$100 registration fee must be *received by January 15, 2010*, to reserve your spot. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with “Mexico” in the memo line, sent with application to: Kim Wells, First Presbyterian Church, 500 Park Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

Orientation: There will be an organizational meeting for all interested in early January. Please contact one of the trip organizers below for more information.

Travel: Travel includes a combination of air and ground transportation, to be determined by size of group and availability of flights.

Costs: Transportation and logistical costs to and from Reynosa will be the responsibility of individual participants. The registration fee will be applied toward these expenses. Based on past experience, we expect the cost to be approximately \$500/person. Fundraising is being discussed to assist costs of overall trip. Do not let the cost of the trip discourage you from applying. Construction materials, construction supervisor fees, and van, food and lodging expenses while on site in Reynosa will be paid for through the generous financial support of District 1 churches and individuals.

Local contacts for information and questions:

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