

# The South Plains Reflector



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## DR. DAVID K. GARTH, PASTOR

### Sunday Worship Service

1st Service 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.  
2nd Service 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

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### Christian Education

Classes for all ages meet from  
9:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. 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.

## Epiphany Celebration

How will you celebrate the TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS? Come to South Plains for an evening of fun and tradition.

As Epiphany celebrates the arrival of the Three Kings with gifts (for baby Jesus), participants will have a choice of hands-on mission projects (gifts for mission programs). At 6:00 p.m. on January 6th, we will all join in a brief worship service and presentation of the mission gifts, after which we'll share dinner. Dessert will be the traditional Three Kings cake, in which three beans are hidden. Those who find the beans in their piece of cake will receive a special gift.

Epiphany Celebration will begin at 5:00 p.m. and last until about 7:30 p.m.

## REPORT ON THE KIRK HALL FUND

During this time when we rejoice over the birth of our Savior, we at South Plains can be thankful for another blessing and that is the growth in funds for the construction of Kirk Hall. As of December 17, a total of \$510,000 in pledges has been received. At the time the capital campaign began in August we had approximately \$229,000 in checking and savings for Kirk Hall. Again using the December 17 date, we have received \$251,400 in payments on pledges, and with other non-pledged contributions we have \$504,489 in the Kirk Hall account, and are receiving payment on pledges and non-pledged contributions on a weekly basis. This is excellent progress toward our goal of at least \$750,000 to \$800,000. The more funds we raise through the Kirk

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## EVENTS CALENDAR JANUARY, 2008

- 2 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper  
Epiphany Celebration - 5:00 p.m.
- 9 Agape Lunch - 11:30 a.m.  
Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Presbyterian Women - 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Session - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Cents-ability Offering
- 30 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

We begin the New Year with several important Prayer Matters. We give thanks to God for:

- New members who have joined in the worship and work of South Plains.
- A stewardship campaign that enables growing mission outreach and programs to nurture our faith.
- The good work of Lis Rufener as our administrative assistant.
- Three years of faithful service from retiring elders Larry Day, David Hordyke and David Poleykett.
- A willing and cheerful spirit on the part of so many participants in the life of this congregation.

We ask God's grace for:

- Friends in need of healing for broken bodies and bruised spirits.
- Our partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Grenada.
- The Construction Oversight committee as they work with architects, contractors, loan officers and county officials to begin work on Kirk Hall.

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## PRAYER MATTERS

Lynn Creamer	Mild heart attack
Kip Riddle	Ill at home
Bob Muller	At the Laurels
Charlotte and Happy Durham	Medical issues
Sue Tallent	Marge Hampton's sister
Mary Fowles	Recovering from eye surgery
Pete Gerard	Andrea Philips' neighbor
Marianne Josephson	Mother of Leah Wayner, cancer
Ryan Barber	Nephew of Linda Makranczy, spinal injury
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment
Marge Riley	Spinal Stenosis
Kim Kelly	Laura Campbell's friend being treated for Lupus
Katie Rathbone	Fractured femur
Grenada Presbyterian Church	Our partner in Grenada
Mike Breeden	Give thanks for progress with brain tumor
Nicole Spencer	Friend of Jan Haire, cancer
Charles Smith	Brother of Carole Milks, treatment for leukemia
Reuben Swanson	Friend of Elsie Norford
Marge Hampton	Macular Degeneration
Georgia Grissinger	Macular Degeneration
Bruce Clabaugh	Lung cancer

### **Military & government service overseas:**

Marshall Baughman	Basic Training, U.S. Army
Michael Maddox	Grandson of Kip and Janet Riddle, deployed to Germany
Doug Fenton	PCUSA chaplain - Walter Reed Hospital
Mark Little	Friend of Cindy Eaton, injured in Iraq
Bradley Smith	Lucille Campbell's grandson, deployed to Alaska

*Dr. Garth is ordinarily in his study at the church from 9:00 a.m. – noon, Monday – Thursday. If he is called away during those hours, he will frequently check for voicemail. You may also reach him at home: (295-0584) or on his cell phone (465-5641).*



## SOUTH PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Happy New Year to all. Hope everyone saved those special stamps from your Christmas mail, especially anything more than the regular \$ .41, also specialty, and foreign ones. Please, no Madonnas, snowflakes etc. or any of the routine flag ones. Do you believe in New Years Resolutions? I could give you some suggestions: support our church missions e.g. coffee, tea, chocolates, stamps. Another one: come to our next P.W. meeting at the Manse, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 A.M. We'll have coffee, cookies and Bible study lesson #5. Thanks for your support, Heide Schumann

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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 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 Christopher Buck
- 21 Preston Stallings
- Meg Taylor
- 25 Marie Grant
- Jenna Poleykett
- Teagan Poleykett
- 27 Bailey Smith Holmes
- 30 Wilson Norford



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### SNOW POLICY

Adopted by the session: In case inclement weather should threaten to cancel worship, David Garth and David Hordyke will gather information from both sides of our parish and make a decision. They will notify the officer of the week; chairs of worship and education; and ask the chair of congregational care to activate the shepherds to call the membership. They will also call TV channel 19 or 29 and WINA (AM 1070).

Ice Melt is available on the Manse deck and to the left of the sanctuary door where a shovel is kept.

### NEW MEMBERS

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, South Plains received four new members into our church family. Bill Clapp, and Bea and Phil Keaton joined by reaffirmation of faith and Lonne Dillinger joined by letter of transfer from Cunningham Methodist Church. All said that they were attracted by the warm friendly atmosphere of South Plains and also by Dr. Garth. The Keatons had actually been neighbors of David Garth's parents and describe them as very special people who had a very special son!

Bill Clapp was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and grew up in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle Pennsylvania, majoring in psychology and economics. After a career working for AT & T, Bill and his wife retired to Lake Monticello, which they learned about from Bill's sister, Joan Biel. The Biels were also instrumental in introducing him to South Plains. In 2003, Bill's wife died after they had been married for fifty years. Bill has three children and seven grandchildren and enjoys golf, gardening, hunting and bird watching.

Lonne Dillinger was born in Great Neck, New York. She graduated from Becker College in Worcester, Massachusetts, where she majored in business. She and her husband were married for forty-eight years before his death in 2005. She has three children and eight grandchildren including a set of quadruplets who are now nineteen years old and attending college. While her children were growing up, Lonne was a "stay-at-home-mom" and later went on to become a business manager at a doctor's office. Lonne enjoys gardening, knitting, crocheting, decorating and bird watching. A year ago, Lonne and Bill Clapp met at a party and are now very glad that after tragedies in both of their lives, they have found happiness together.

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### AGAPE

On Wednesday, January 9th at 11:30, a representative from the Thomas Jefferson Health District will talk about pandemic flu: What it is and should we be concerned?; How does seasonal flu differ from pandemic flu?; "Let's all get ready". Come with questions and concerns about this illness and how we can prepare for it. Plan to enjoy a light lunch of soup, veggies, bread and dessert at 12:00 (arrive by 11:30) and take part in an important discussion.

## **REPORT ON THE KIRK HALL FUND**

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Hall Campaign the less we will need to borrow to complete and equip the facility. If there are any members who have not pledged to the fund who would like to make a pledge, please contact Jay Chronister. In addition, we are always happy to receive non-pledged contributions, and have envelopes available for that purpose.

What is next? The Construction Oversight Committee, chaired by Frank Keplinger, that will oversee the final planning of Kirk Hall will begin meeting after the holidays. The congregation will have an opportunity to present any questions about, or suggestions for Kirk Hall to the committee prior to finalizing the design with the architect. After we approve the final design, we will need to acquire the construction bids and necessary Presbytery and County approvals. Session will then finalize funding of the project.

If you have any questions about the campaign please contact me. We will make a presentation about Kirk Hall at the next congregational meeting.

In Christ,  
Jay Chronister,  
Chair – Capital Campaign Committee

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## **THANK YOU!!!**

South Plains owes a BIG "thank you" to Michaux Grant. He provided two men and machinery from his company to clean our leaves. They worked two different days to do this and it looks great.

I would also like to thank the men from the church that came out and helped with the leaves on Sat. Nov. 17. Great job guys.

Larry Day

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Thank you all so much for your prayers for our nephew Ryan and his family. Ryan is doing quite well. He wears a back brace, but has resumed his life (minus dirt bikes) and is back at work. God is good.

Linda and Ted Makranczy

**The deadline for the February issue of  
The Reflector is January 20th.**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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Bea Keaton was born in the province of Manitoba and raised in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada. She graduated from the Regina School of Commerce in Canada and worked as a flight attendant with Air Canada for many years. She has been a tour guide/greeter/group coordinator at Michie Tavern for twenty years. It was on one of Bea's flights for Air Canada that she and Phil met. They have been married for forty years and have one daughter and three grandsons who live in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Bea enjoys reading, walking, kayaking, traveling and learning to play the organ and dulcimer. She has also been involved with the deaf community for many years and is "fluent" in sign language.

Phil Keaton was born and raised in Winston Salem, North Carolina. He graduated from NC State in Raleigh. Before retiring, Phil had a thirty year sales career as an independent sales representative in the home furnishing industry. When Phil started his career in home furnishings he was assigned the Virginia territory and was told he could live anywhere in the state. He and Bea chose Charlottesville, at first living in Ivy Farm and more recently at Lake Monticello. They have never regretted moving to this area. Phil enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, reading, rifle/pistol shooting and reloading and traveling. He is a retired commander of the Albemarle County Sheriff's Department Reserve and continues to be a sworn deputy.

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## **HABITAT**

Thanks to all who have volunteered to work on the District One sponsored Habitat for Humanity house on Valley Road extended in the last few months. South Plains are due to supply volunteers on January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested and need more information please let Bill Orr or David Poleykett know.

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## **FOOD DONATIONS**

Thanks to all who contributed food items during Advent. Around 200 items were delivered to local food banks prior to Christmas.