

# South Plains Reflector



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**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



## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Although any move has its moments of frustration, moving into Kirk Hall has made me re-think the baggage I carry. Most obviously, I've gotten rid of some books that I both read in school and never use, or that I never read in the first place. Rarely, I've come across something I move to the top of my reading list. Yesterday I found a notebook I've been looking for ever since my last move. Hooray! Arranging furniture has raised other issues about my patterns of work. I'm using a new laptop more often. Which direction should my desk face? Where do I put the books I use most often? How do people know where to find the nursery, their classroom, restrooms, etc, etc?

I hope we'll all take this opportunity to re-think the ways we put our faith into practice in Kirk Hall. We need to make this a welcoming environment. Once we've settled on locations for classes this fall, we'll need signage. Even more important will be clear directions for visitors that make participation easy. Safety and security, especially for children in the new building, require attention to some details we used to take for granted in the Manse. Adult manners seem more appropriate for long halls and resonant walls.

At the core of Christian faith is the reality that church is not a building, it is people. As proud as we are of our new digs, we're more pleased with the ministry in Christ's name that is possible here. As grateful as we are for the gifts of time and money making Kirk Hall a reality, we're more grateful for the Holy Spirit's protection and guidance bringing it about. As many compliments as we have received, we're deeply aware of the source of our blessings in the goodness and creativity of God.

*David*

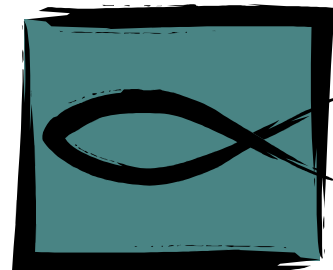
**SAVE THE DATES!**

**June 12**  
**Kirk Hall Dedication**  
**1-3pm**

**July 10**  
**Open House**  
**2-4pm**

## *Prayer Matters*

Marge Riley	Heart procedure April 28
Teresa Maddox	Janet and Kip Riddle's daughter, surgery
Bruce Harper	Joan and Earl Biel's son-in-law, prostate cancer
Brenda Bikos	Chemotherapy
Billy Proffitt	Bernice Gibson's friend, recovering from back surgery
Kristen Walker and her new baby	
Kathy Dwyer	Healing prayers
Crosby Smith	Prayers for good health for this premature baby
Natalie Dalstrom	Martha Smith's mother recovering at home
Sam Goldmann	Thanks for restored hearing
Prayers for Youngs at Grenada Church	
Pat and Connie Shepherd	Health issues, Keplinger family
Mary Stadelman	Linda Harrison's aunt
Jenny Matthews	Friend of Kuhns with recurrence of cancer
Marge Hampton	Recovering at her daughter's house
People of Christ Church, New Zealand and Japan	
Randy Michie	Friend of Jim Higginbotham
Danny Raible	Multiple myeloma, friend of Meg and Travis Taylor
Nancy Eason	Sherry Esch's aunt, car accident and long recovery
Jessica	14 year old with a brain tumor
Ethan Blevins	Friend of the Bucks in treatment for leukemia
Addison Grace	Newborn, friend of Julie and Frank Keplinger
Mary Harris	Neal Harris' mother, Our Lady of Peace
Theresa Naylor	Neal Harris' aunt, Our Lady of Peace
Becky Silver	Hyder's friend, bone marrow transplant
Ernie Moore	Margaret's father-in-law
Larry and Paula Comier	14 month Mission Trip to Liberia, friends of Lyman Drake
Brenda Bikos	Prayers for good health
Marianne Josephson	Leah Wayner's mother, chemotherapy treatment
Pat McCampbell	Prayers for good health
Janet Riddle	Healing prayers
Bill and Claire Smith	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Stan Goodsill	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Gordon Smyth	Health Care, Westminster Canterbury
Glenn Wells	Lyn Johnson's brother
Cecil Shiflett	Recovering from surgery
Marge Riley	Healing prayers
The people of Chile and Haiti	
Elza Ramirez	Don's mother
Dreama Travis	Lucille Campbell's friend, cancer
Doris Richards	Marge Hampton's sister
Alf Dane	Lyn Johnson's uncle
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment



## Military and Government Service

**Canon Andrew White** Afghanistan  
**Eric Neudorfer** USMC, Middle East, nephew of Ted and Linda Makranczy  
**Rob Young** Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowie, USAF, U.S.  
**Rick Young** Grandson of Barbara and Rick Bowe, USAF, U.S.  
**Allen Smith** Fighting cancer  
**Travis McDaniel** National Guard  
**Ralph Pruitt** Deployed to Iraq  
**Charles Jones** USN, Pensacola, FL  
**Josh Sobotincic** Gil and Carole Milks' grandson in U.S.  
**James Webb** Georgia, automobile accident  
**Bradley Smith** Home  
**Marshall Baughman** Afghanistan  
**Michael Kolton** Joanne and Vito Addotta's grandson, deployed to Afghanistan  
**Mark Little** Recovering well with prosthesis  
**Doug Fenton** PCUSA chaplain-PTS  
**Rudy Mukendi** Iraq  
**Andrew Scogna** Rehabilitation



South Plains Financial	Year to	2011
March	Date	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	52,419.25	196,000.00
Interest/Dividends	2.11	10.00
Other		
Total Income	52,421.36	196,010.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Ministerial	19,719.41	83,070.00
Administrative	3,200.00	14,650.00
Utilities	2,836.43	7,600.00
Buildings and Grounds	1,773.71	18,240.00
Worship and Music	2,888.46	14,330.00
Christian Education	5.25	3,160.00
Congregational Care	45.25	1,000.00
Fellowship	149.41	2,000.00
Long Range Planning	65.89	50.00
Finance	26.21	1,510.00
Evangelism		1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	3,151.90	16,940.00
Trustees	70.00	5,345.00
Other	802.50	18,180.00
Total Expense	34,734.42	187,525.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	17,686.94	8,485.00

### ALLIANCE FOR INTER-FAITH MINISTRIES

#### What Your Gifts Accomplish for the Needy

A recent success story: A 30 year old father (with a young son) had his name come to the top of the waiting list for public housing. He was required to take possession of the apartment in 7 days, but did not have enough funds for the deposit since he had just paid all his bills. CARES suggested he contact social services, and they jumped quickly through the necessary hoops to come up with the funds to add to his limited funds for the deposit. The MA-CAA Hope House director had just learned of a family who was downsizing their house, and they gave him 2 beds and a couch. Hope House was also able to give him some kitchen supplies that had been given to them in excess. It was great to see how four agencies worked together in a very short period of time to help this man and his son get into their new housing.

**DEADLINE FOR  
JUNE REFLECTOR  
MAY 31**

## **APRIL SESSION RECAP**

Session met April 19 in Kirk Hall and opened by sharing concerns and prayers. Session approved:

- a) Pastor's continuing education May 5;
- b) previous minutes;
- c) trustees' removal of the manse oil tank at no cost; pumping of the old septic tank for \$285; removal of the manse for \$20,000 plus fees; with thanks to Lyman Drake;
- d) good audit reports on all the church accounts;
- e) missions: Joy Gift offering for 12/18/2011; seeking grants for Habitat new owner samplers;
- f) policies for the sexton's job description;
- g) Dedication of Kirk Hall for June 12, 1-3 PM with hors d'oeuvres; Open House for the community July 10, 2-4;
- h) purchase of water filtration system for approximately \$3500;
- i) acceptance of the gift of a stamp collection to be sold for the endowment fund; placement of plants in the fellowship hall on a trial basis;
- j) keys for each session member;
- k) a letter of commendation for Maurice Kuper's work on Kirk Hall;
- l) formation of a committee to recommend a comprehensive plan for interior decoration for the fellowship hall and corridor.

Session heard with thanks to God

- a) our receipt of a temporary certificate of occupancy; and the offer of different furnishings for Kirk Hall (see above);
- b) a letter from presbytery acknowledging the good work of Bob Pryor, retiring director of Camp Hanover;
- c) the re-energizing of our shepherd plan;
- d) mission committee gifts of 470 caps to the Grenada Hospital and \$500 to disaster assistance for Japan;
- e) a facebook site for the church;
- f) Baby Cap dedication on June 19;
- g) plans for Maundy Thursday and Easter worship;
- h) Christian education plans for summer and fall.

The meeting adjourned with prayer after 10 PM

## MISSION CRAFTERS

The May gathering of Mission Crafters will be on May 15, following 11am worship. The Missions Room has been set up, complete with storage, fabrics, patterns and other supplies, ironing board and iron, and a donated sewing machine! The room is at the end of the long hall in Kirk Hall, last room on the right. Please join the group for knitting, stitching, cutting, and, of course, good conversation. Everyone is welcome.

Dedication of all items from Mission Crafters will be held during worship on June 19, 2011. If you have been working on caps, children's hospital gowns, bears, or quilts, please bring them to the Mission Room before June 12.

*Before me, even as behind, God is  
and all is well.*

John Greenleaf Whittier



### SOUTH PLAINS ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund Committee is working on a new brochure and developing informational programs for the congregation. Look for more about South Plains Endowment Fund in coming months. In the meantime, why not celebrate Spring with a gift to the Endowment Fund, marked for Mission or Building and Grounds Fund, or both? Donations of any size are welcome for the Endowment Fund . . . it will assure a strong future for South Plains Presbyterian Church.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR MAY

<b>Celebration of the Lord's Supper</b>	<b>Sunday, May 1</b>
<b>Preparing communion</b>	<b>Sandra and Larry Day</b>
<b>Elders serving communion</b>	
(1 <sup>st</sup> service)	<b>Sandra and Larry Day</b>
(2 <sup>nd</sup> service)	<b>Kellee Eastwood, Bill Claus Vito Addotta, Les Fink</b>
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	
<b>May 1</b>	(1 <sup>st</sup> service) <b>The Taylor Family</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> service) <b>Bea and Phil Keaton</b>
<b>May 8</b>	(1 <sup>st</sup> service) <b>Jill and Myron Borsdam</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> service) <b>Janet and Kip Riddle</b>
<b>May 15</b>	(1 <sup>st</sup> service) <b>Dana and Mike Lee</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> service) <b>Doug Valentine and Linda Makranczy</b>
<b>May 22</b>	(1 <sup>st</sup> service) <b>Bernice Gibson and Lucille Campbell</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> service) <b>Jean Wardell and Mary Howard</b>
<b>May 29</b>	(1 <sup>st</sup> service) <b>Barbara and Warren Cain</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> service) <b>Julie and Frank Keplinger</b>
	<b>Officer of the Week</b>
<b>May 1</b>	<b>June Mueller</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Travis Taylor</b>
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Jay Chronister</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Warren Cain</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Linda Makranczy</b>



<b>3</b>	<b>Les Fink</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Lyn Johnson</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Matthew Esch Sherry Esch</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Bill Clapp</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Christina Eaton</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Meredith Taylor</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Donald Ramirez</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Art Ordel</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Elsie Norford</b>

## SAVE THE DATES

### SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Dedication of Kirk Hall, 1—3pm. We will be making plans for that event in the coming weeks.

We are compiling a list of guests to invite. Do you have someone in mind that you would like on that list? If so, please give those names and addresses to Dana Lee at the church office or e-mail them to the office (southplainspc@gmail.com).

### SUNDAY, JULY 12

Open House, 2-4pm. We will be inviting the community to visit South Plains' Kirk Hall.



## WE HAVE AN ELEVATOR!

Unless you're really missing the stairs in the old Manse, you're enjoying our new elevator in Kirk Hall.

There are some things you should know:

1. Schindler Elevator is providing preventative maintenance to keep it safe and reliable.
2. In case of emergency, there is a telephone in the elevator that will connect you directly to a maintenance technician. You would be able to talk to that technician, explain the problem, and be reassured that help is on the way. There should be no reason that this telephone connection would not work. You would not call the fire department.
3. If the elevator emergency button is pushed and there is no response from the elevator, a service call will be initiated immediately.
4. Emergency call-back service is available on a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week basis. Our maintenance agreement is for 8am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Other hours will be billed at an additional sum.
5. For safety reasons, children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

**MOVING INTO A NEW BUILDING TAKES TIME AND TALENT. HERE'S A TO-DO LIST TO MAKE KIRK HALL MORE USEFUL. CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE ITEMS?**

1. Touch up black stair railing
2. Touch up flat white walls
3. Install wall phones in kitchen and nursery
4. Install quilt hanger in nursery
5. Install coat rack in toddler room
6. Install medicine cabinet with mirror in pastor's restroom
7. Install shelves in pastor's restroom
8. Renovate/make session boxes
9. Hang ship's bell
10. Clean out basement of Manse: sanctuary shingles, crushed stone bags, etc.

**40TH ANNUAL CHARLOTTESVILLE/ALBEMARLE  
CROP HUNGER WALK  
CROP WALK DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2011**



The CROP WALK Committee is pleased to announce that a total of \$25,072 was raised by last fall's Charlottesville/Albemarle CROP HUNGER WALK. Both the Community Meals on Wheels and the Emergency Food Bank have received checks for \$3,134 to support their very important work in our community. The balance of the funds raised is being used to combat hunger and to provide disaster relief through the various programs of Church World Service.

Sunday, October 16th will be date for next fall's CROP HUNGER WALK. Please plan to participate with us in this very important service project. This will be our 40th annual CROP HUNGER WALK in Charlottesville and Albemarle. You'll be hearing more this Fall!





# MAY

## South Plains Presbyterian Church

**SUN      MON      TUES      WED      THURS      FRI      SAT**

1 Intro to SPPC 9:45am	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Intro to SPPC 9:45am	9 PW 9:15am	10	11 Finance mtg. 2:30pm Choir, 7pm	12	13	14
15 Intro to SPPC 9:45am Mission Crafters noon	16	17 Session 7pm	18 Choir, 7pm	19	20 Ungroup 6:30pm	21
22 Intro to SPPC 9:45am Cents-ability	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Hymn Sing	30	31 Reflector deadline				

*When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them;  
and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone  
has prayed for you.*