

# 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.

### Christian Education

Classes for all ages meet from  
9:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. each Sunday  
September through May

### Nursery

Childcare for infants through 2nd grade is  
available following the Time With Children  
portion of the Worship Service.

## EVENTS CALENDAR MAY, 2008

- 4 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
- 7 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Pastor Garth on study leave, Charles  
Pickell preaching (see article on page 2)
- 12 Presbyterian Women - 9:30 a.m.
- 13 Olan Mills photographs for directory  
(see article on page 2)
- 18 Mission Crafters - 2:00 p.m.
- 20 Session - 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Cents-ability Offering
- 28 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.

## PROGRESS ON KIRK HALL

Over the past weeks, the Kirk Hall Finance Committee and the Kirk Hall Construction Oversight Committee have been at work on matters directly related to moving ahead with the eventual construction project.

The Construction Oversight Committee has been working with the architect on the design of Kirk Hall. The committee wants to thank those members of the congregation who met with the architect on a Sunday afternoon in March. It was very helpful. We have a new site plan for the building which is available for viewing in the Manse, and the committee has received a preliminary revised floor plan. The

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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

The month of May fairly bursts with newness. Graduations will send young people to schools and jobs they can scarcely imagine. Summer plans will thrust new experiences on us through leisure or not-so-leisurely activities. Romances and weddings promise new relationships. And the cold, bare ground is renewing itself with green things.

Pentecost puts an exclamation point on the church calendar at the end of our journey from Advent through Easter. This year May 11 celebrates Mother's Day and Pentecost together as the birthday for mother church. According to Acts 2, it was

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The deadline for the June issue of  
The Reflector is May 18th.



## SAY CHEESE!

As reported in the April Reflector, Olan Mills will be at the Manse Tuesday May 13 from 3 to 9pm to take pictures for a phone directory. Please make an effort to be there. Sign up starts April 27.

## GUEST PREACHER MAY 11

South Plains Presbyterian Church welcomes Dr. Charles Pickell to the pulpit Sunday May 11th. Dr. Pickell will be preaching "Power for the Church."

*"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8*

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## PRAYER MATTERS

Rebecca Kuhns

Sophia Helena Faith Wayner

Lawrence Harrison

Lee Pfeiffer

Austin Johnston

Jean Pace

Monford Rice family

Joan Drake

Charles Perry

Bill Clark

Korean Presbyterian Church

Emily Dutterer

Joe Steckler

Martha Keplinger

Becky Kropkowski

Larry Dayhoof

Bob Muller

Charlotte Durham

Marianne Josephson

Robert James

Marge Riley

Kim Kelly

Grenada Presbyterian Church

Charles Smith

Reuben Swanson

Marge Hampton

Georgia Grissinger

Bruce Clabaugh

Military and Government Service:

Marshall Baughman

Michael Maddox

Doug Fenton

Mark Little

Bradley Smith

Foot surgery

Thanks for a health birth 4/10/08

Linda Harrison's brother, bypass surgery

Marge Hampton's relative, cancer

Marge Hampton's relative, eye lesion

Broken shoulder

Relative of Kurtz' with Alzheimers

Recuperating at home

WCBR resident facing surgery 4/16

Brother-in-law of Gary Kuhns

Sanctuary burned

Peace Corps, worships in Grenada church

Friend of Jan Haire

Frank's mother, heart problems

Friend of the Garth's

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Now at home

At home and at church

Mother of Leah Wayner, improving

UVA Hospital, cancer treatment

Spinal stenosis, recovering from surgery

Laura Campbell's friend being treated for lupus

Our partner in Grenada

Brother of Carole Milks treatment for leukemia

Friend of Elsie Norford

Macular Degeneration

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Lung cancer

Basic Training, US Army

Kip & Janet Riddle's grandson - Germany

PCUSA chaplain - Walter Reed Hospital

Friend of Cindy Eaton, injured in Iraq

Lucille Campbell's grandson - deployed/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).*

## WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION MAY, 2008

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
Sunday, May 4, 2008

**COMMUNION ELEMENTS PREPARATION**  
Heidi and Peter Schumann

**ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION**  
1st Service: Lyn Johnson, Linda Harrison  
2nd Service: Bev Turner, Lisa Climer,  
Dana Lee, Mary Howard

**GREETERS / USHERS**  
May 4 (1st service) Lyn Johnson, Bill Orr  
(2nd Service) Carolyn and Dave Hordyke  
May 11 (1st service) Frank and Julie Keplinger  
(2nd service) Linda Harrison and Don Ramirez  
May 18 (1st service) Larry and Sandra Day  
(2nd service) Laura Campbell  
Harper Campbell  
May 25 (1st service) Dana and Mike Lee  
(2nd service) Stan and Penny Goodwill

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**Officer of The Week**  
May 4 - May 10 Jay Chronister  
May 11 - May 17 Lisa Climer  
May 18 - May 24 Lyman Drake  
May 25 - May 31 Linda Harrison

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------|--------------------|
| May 3  | Les Fink           |
| May 5  | Lyn Johnson        |
| May 8  | Georgia Grissinger |
| May 12 | Christina Eaton    |
| May 21 | Donald Ramirez     |
| May 22 | Art Ordel          |
| May 25 | Elsie Norford      |
| May 30 | Frank Kurtz        |



## THE GOOD NEWS BEARS!

Imagine you are a child who has never, ever, had a toy to call your own. Imagine you have been taken by a caring relative to a mission hospital for a series of health-promoting injections. Imagine your fear of the procedure. Imagine being given a stuffed toy bear of your very own – even the fear of the injections is diminished! Then imagine being told that the bear was made for you by people you'll never meet - Christians who know the Lord and are reaching out to you as a way of sharing the Good News of Jesus' love.

The little bears we create at South Plains really are Good News Bears! They are sent to the Medical Benevolence Foundation to be distributed to children who visit medical hospitals. Every child who visits an MBF hospital receives a toy. Many of our bears are a cooperative effort of ladies and children in the congregation. On behalf of the recipient children in far-away places, THANK YOU.

## A TON OF WORK

### IT'S BANDAGE ROLLING SEASON AGAIN!

Last year we received 100 boxes of sheets to roll into bandages for Medical Benevolence hospitals in foreign countries. Remember? The delivery equaled a TON of sheet pieces!

And then we learned that ripping the sheets is a "linty" endeavor. It's great to rip the sheets into strips on a porch or deck. All that lint is ultimately picked up by birds for nest-making... natural recycling!

Now that it is "outside" time again, we need to think again about RIPPING and ROLLING. We still have plenty of boxes of sheets.

Ripping sheets into strips is therapeutic... it's even considered arm exercise by savvy mission promoters!

Rolling bandages is a great activity wherever you are – riding as a passenger in a car, enjoying the sunset on your deck, listening to a radio show or a taped book, sharing some visit-time with family or friends. Won't you consider taking home a sheet box for your summertime "downtime?" Plenty of boxes are still available in the upstairs high school room.

Thanks to all who have already contributed time and effort to the bandage project. Let's work together to finish our TON OF WORK by the end of the summer.

## REFLECTIONS *(Continued from page 1)*

at this Jewish feast that the Holy Spirit fell upon Christians in Jerusalem, pushing them into the wider world with the gospel of Christ. Jesus had commanded his disciples to wait in the city until the power of the Holy Spirit sent them out as his witnesses. With the coming of the Spirit, the church had her commission and the energy to fulfill it.

We observe Pentecost in order to remember what we're about as South Plains Presbyterian Church. More to the point, we need to draw upon that same strength and guidance for our witness. Our neighbors who see and hear our message may speak our language, but communication of the gospel still depends upon making a spiritual connection. The changing season has set the stage for openness and adventure. We need to pray for grace to see changes in ourselves, in the church, and in the people we greet on Sunday mornings.

*David*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008

Vacation Bible School will be held July 7th-11th from 6-8pm. This year's theme is the *Friendship Trek* where we will hike through the Bible to meet Jesus, our Forever Friend. Once again, Union Grove will be joining us for the week of fun. Volunteers are needed to teach all grade levels, help with crafts, games, and music, and donate and prepare snacks. Please contact Meg Taylor at 973-2318 or [megtaylor11@embarq.com](mailto:megtaylor11@embarq.com) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

## SAFTY FIRST

It is important that parents walk their children down to the nursery (during worship) and check in with the person providing childcare to make sure there is adequate coverage for the amount of children. Members of the congregation sign up to support this important part of congregational care and are scheduled to provide one adult each week. If another adult is needed one of the parents should remain behind to help.

## SPECIAL OFFERING

The session has authorized a special offering during May in order to help our neighbors at Union Run Baptist Church with their renovations and repairs. Envelopes are in the pew racks. Checks should be designated "Union Run."

## SOUTH PLAINS INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT – MARCH 2008

### EXPENSES

|                          | <u>YTD Total</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Ministerial              | \$ 17,904.00     | \$ 74,073.00  |
| Administrative           | 3,073.00         | 17,810.00     |
| Utilities                | 1,787.00         | 7,750.00      |
| Building & Grounds       | 1,806.00         | 10,130.00     |
| Worship & Music          | 2,871.00         | 14,010.00     |
| Christian Ed.            | 222.00           | 1,800.00      |
| Congregational Care      | 113.00           | 1,700.00      |
| Fellowship               | 0.00             | 1,200.00      |
| Evangelism               | 424.00           | 1,200.00      |
| Benevolence & Mission    | 900.00           | 14,700.00     |
| Trustees                 | 0.00             | 2,700.00      |
| Other Expenses           | 208.00           | 12,584.00     |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 29,308.00     | \$ 159,657.00 |

### INCOME

|                    |              |               |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| General Offering   | \$ 43,276.00 | \$ 150,000.00 |
| Interest/Dividends | 3.00         |               |
| Other Income       | 416.00       |               |
| Total Income       | \$ 43,695.00 |               |

## KIRK HALL *(Continued from page 1)*

architect has been meeting with the Albemarle County Planning Office staff on the master plan to acquire appropriate approvals.

The Finance Committee is gathering the information necessary to complete an application for a construction loan for Kirk Hall from the PCUSA Investment and Loan Program. The goal is to borrow enough to close the gap between what we will have received in payment on pledges by the time we begin construction and the total cost of the project (construction plus ancillary costs). That balance will then be converted to a mortgage at the completion of construction. One of the major tasks of the committee is to determine what an affordable debt service amount will be for the project.

We will keep you apprised on the progress of these two committees as we proceed.