

# 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.

## AN HISTORIC DAY FOR SOUTH PLAINS

October 21<sup>st</sup> was an historic day for our church. We celebrated our 188<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Dedication Sunday, and pledges received to support the construction of Kirk Hall and the funding of our annual operating budget for 2008. Approximately 100 persons attended the worship service at 11:00 AM and then joined together for an excellent luncheon in the manse. A high point of the day was the announcement of the dollar amount of pledges received in support of Kirk Hall and the funds pledged to support the 2008 operating budget.

The Kirk Hall fund has received pledges totaling \$480,172 as of Dedication Sunday. An additional \$236,282 is already in the bank as of that date from contributions received prior to Sunday. Therefore, between pledges and contributions we have \$716,454 towards our goal of at least \$750,000. The estimated cost of what it will take to complete and equip Kirk Hall is approximately \$1,000,000. We have been told that several more pledges and contributions will be forthcoming in the near future. If any members of the congregation have not yet made decisions about pledging, we hope they will give prayerful consideration to supporting Kirk Hall.

We are God's good and faithful stewards and continue to build a solid foundation to support the mission of our church. The annual operating budget is an important part of the building process. South Plains will be able to meet its expenses and support its mission and outreach for 2008 because of the generosity of its people. 1 Chronicles 29:9 says, "Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with a single mind they had offered freely to the Lord". And so we did.

## EVENTS CALENDAR NOVEMBER, 2007

- 4 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
- 7 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Presbyterian Women - 9:15 a.m.
- 14 Agape Lunch - 11:30  
Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Leaf Clean-up - 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Session Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Cents-ability Offering
- 28 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.

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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Tucked amongst the Psalms are 15 songs for pilgrims as they climbed the hill to the Jerusalem temple (Psalms 120-134). After Dedication Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>, I feel like singing every one of them. Here are a few verses:

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream,  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced. (Psalm 126:1-3)

The letter elsewhere in this issue from Jay and Julie is one expression of our thanks to God and to all who participated in this stewardship campaign. Further thanks will become clear as we take the next steps of good stewardship. First, we need to put flesh and blood on the 2008 operating budget so that we are doing Jesus' work with renewed energy in our community and in the world. As God strengthens our fellowship, we have more opportunities to share the love of the gospel in practical ways. Second, we can begin to discover what kind of ministries God would use inside the projected Kirk Hall. Right now, we are "like those who dream." We must become those who research and plan for the future God has opened. And, all the while, "we rejoiced."

*David*

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## PRAYER MATTERS

Phil Riley	Recuperating at home
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment
Marge Riley	Spinal Stenosis
Kim Kelly	Laura Campbell's friend being treated for Lupus
Tammy Worchuckie	Larry and Sandra Day's friend with cancer treatment
Tom Feazell	Marge Hampton's brother-in-law
Katie Rathbone	Fractured femur
Grenada Presbyterian Church	Our partner in Grenada
Matthew Garth	Downsized
Mike Breeden	Diagnosed 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, many problems
Marge Hampton	Macular Degeneration
Georgia Grissinger	Macular Degeneration
Bruce Clabaugh	Lung cancer

Military & government service overseas.

Caroline & Andrew Scogna	Member of special forces, critically injured
Marshall Baughman	Basic Training, U.S. Army
Michael Maddox	Grandson of Kip and Janet Riddle, re-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 at home on leave

*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

## NOVEMBER, 2007

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Sunday, November 4, 2007

**COMMUNION ELEMENTS PREPARATION**  
 Lisa Climer

**ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION**  
 1st Service Joanne Addotta  
 2nd Service William Claus, Vito Addotta,  
 Mary Reitsma and Linda Harrison

**GREETERS / USHERS**  
 Nov. 04 (1st service) Frank and Julie Keplinger  
 (2nd Service) Travis and Meg Taylor  
 Nov. 11 (1st service) Lyman and Joan Drake  
 (2nd service) Dave and Carolyn Hordyke  
 Nov. 18 (1st service) Lyman and Joan Drake  
 (2nd service) Lisa Climer and Craig Brown  
 Nov. 25 (1st service) Larry and Sandy Day  
 (2nd service) Bev Turner and Mary Howard

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**Officer of The Week**  
 Oct. 28 - Nov. 03 Julie Keplinger  
 Nov. 04 - Nov. 10 Lisa Climer  
 Nov. 11 - Nov. 17 Larry Day  
 Nov. 18 - Nov. 24 Linda Harrison  
 Nov. 25 - Dec. 01 Dave Hordyke

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November 4 Guest Pastor: Beth McCrary  
 Liturgist: Joanne Addotta  
 November 11 Guest Pastor: Kathryn Cameron  
 Liturgist: Pat Valentine

## POINSETTIAS

The Christmas holidays are rapidly approaching. This means that its time to consider purchasing poinsettias for the season. They cost \$10.00 each. They are a great way to remember or honor a special person or event. They can be removed from the church on Sunday the 23rd. You can also donate your poinsettia to a needy family. The church will see that it gets delivered. Envelopes will be in the pew boxes beginning Sunday, November 17th. The church will be decorated on Saturday, December 8th beginning at 9:00 A.M. It's great fun!!! Come if you can.

## MISSION CHALLENGE '07

Forty-eight PC(USA) missionaries recently gathered on the campus of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary as they prepared to spend the month of October visiting 144 of the denomination's 173 presbyteries as part of "Mission Challenge '07."

The itinerating mission personnel asked congregations in these presbyteries to select at least one mission worker and build a relationship with him or her through prayer, correspondence and financial support. They also challenged presbyteries to seek 100 percent participation by all of their congregations in support of at least one PC(USA) mission worker. 700 Presbyterians also gathered for "World Mission '07: A Celebration of Grace" - "a time of inspiration, sharing, learning and challenge," said the Rev. Hunter Farrell, a former Africa and Peru missionary who director of World Mission for the PC(USA)'s General Assembly Council.

"The grace of God has sustained our church's world mission efforts for the past 170 years and is worthy of our celebration," Farrell says. "Thousands of people around the world can name a Presbyterian from the United States as the one who first brought the good news of Jesus Christ to them, their family or their people group."

He said the responses to "Mission Challenge '07" and the "World Mission '07" celebration reflect "a renewed passion for world mission in our church today. There is a surge of Presbyterians stepping out in faith to support world mission through prayer, giving and/or hands-on involvement."

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## DR. SUE MAKIN

Dr. Sue Makin was the Presbyterian missionary representing Mission Challenge '07 who visited the Presbytery of the James, which included a visit to District One at First Presbyterian Church, describing her Mission activities.

Sue Makin has been under appointment as a PC (USA) mission worker since 1987. She now serves as an obstetrician/gynecologist at the Mulanje Mission Hospital in Mulanje, Malawi. Sue works with a team of Malawian clinicians at this 190-bed mission hospital, which is serving very poor people in south-

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ern Malawi. Because of the severe scarcity of obstetrician/gynecologists in Malawi, in addition to practicing at Mulanje Mission, Sue is a consulting gynecologist at five other hospitals in central and southern Malawi.

Prior to her assignment to Malawi, Sue worked for eight years at the Good Shepherd Hospital near Kananga, Democratic Republic of Congo.

The medical work that would become the Mulanje Mission Hospital was started in 1887 by missionaries from the Church of Scotland. It is now owned by the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. The mission of the hospital is to provide preventive, curative, and palliative care to the surrounding community and to show the love of Christ in all that we do.

"My fifteen years in Africa working as a doctor for women have been tremendously rewarding and challenging," says Sue. "Many of the rewards come from serving friendly, appreciative people who live in extremely poor conditions, yet show warmth and love in their interactions. Although health care indicators for Malawi show that standards of medical care are, in general, very inadequate, still there is great joy in the work. I feel blessed to be able to use my education and training in this environment."

Born in Jacksonville, Florida, Sue grew up in Florida and attended the University of Florida for both her bachelor's and her M.D. degree. Her training in obstetrics and gynecology was a Louisiana State University, Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The PC(USA) supported her French language study in Canada and a Diploma in Tropical medicine from the prince Leopold Institute in Antwerp, Belgium, before she went Zaire, now the DRC. Sue is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Gainesville, Florida.

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## **AGAPE LUNCH**

Come, have lunch with some llamas! Ed Lee will bring some llamas to the November 14th Agape Lunch at The Manse. The llamas will stay outside while we eat a light lunch of soup, veggies, bread and dessert. Ed will tell us about raising and showing these endearing animals. Plan to arrive at The Manse about 11:30 for the 12:00 noon lunch.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

South Plains is due to supply volunteers for the District One sponsored Habitat for Humanity house currently being built in Charlottesville. We need people November 17<sup>th</sup> when the siding is going up. If you are interested let David Poleykett know and he can give you more details.

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## **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The Outreach and evangelism team has set tentative dates for two special events. Church wide Christmas caroling will take place on Sunday, December 23 at 4:00. We will meet in The Manse for seasonal treats and to organize into two groups to share the joy of the season through song. Looking ahead to the New Year, please plan on participating in South Plains' second annual Epiphany celebration to be held at the manse on January 6, time to be announced. More information about both of these activities will be available next month.

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## **AN HISTORIC DAY ...**

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From both of us, we want to express our deep and heartfelt appreciation to the committee members and members of the congregation who tirelessly gave of their time and talents to both campaigns, and to those who prayerfully pledged their support to a growing ministry for the church. South Plains is richly blessed with members who commit time, talent and resources to express their love for our Savior and the mission He has set forth for this church.

In Christ,  
Jay Chronister, Chair,  
Kirk Hall Campaign Committee  
Julie Keplinger, Chair,  
Session Stewardship Committee

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## **LEAF CLEAN-UP**

There will be a leaf clean-up at the Church on Saturday, November 17th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please bring tarps and rakes if you have them. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Day at 589-6747.

**The deadline for the December issue of The Reflector is November 18th.**



## SOUTH PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The included 2008 budget was adopted by the PW of South Plains at our October meeting. PW is self-sustaining without monetary input from the General Fund. It is all "second-mile" giving, over & above any contributions made to South Plains Church.

PW sponsors the Presbyterian Coffee Project at South Plains, providing supplies of Fair Trade/ Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea & Chocolate for sale at very reasonable cost. This is an opportunity for church members to support a mission which builds more equitable trade relations between US consumers & small farmers in developing countries. Equal Exchange is a worker-owned Fair Trade organization which since 1986 has offered US consumers high quality fairly traded coffee & now offers fairly traded tea & chocolate. More printed information is available in "The Manse". A new supply of "Very Dark Chocolate" bars is now available, for those who've been waiting. As you know, they only ship chocolate from October through April ... so, come on down!

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### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Bonnie Bikos
- 4 Chris Campbell  
Mary Ward
- 11 John Thompson
- 15 Joel Willis
- 17 Edward Sheffield
- 21 Charlotte Durham
- 23 Kendal Poleykett
- 25 Bob Muller  
Bethany Reitsma
- 26 Jean Wardell
- 28 Annette Behnke  
Zeke Hampton  
Ron Smith
- 30 Emerson Smith



## SOUTH PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2008

|                                               |               |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Churchwide (PW)                               | \$ 25.00      |
| PW, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic                 | 25.00         |
| PW, Presbytery of the James                   | 50.00         |
| Sunnyside Presbyterian Home                   | 50.00         |
| Presbyterian Home and Family Services         | 75.00         |
| Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands | 25.00         |
| Together in Service                           | 450.00        |
| Local Missions:                               |               |
| Hospice of the Piedmont                       | 50.00         |
| Westminster Canterbury of The Blue Ridge      | 25.00         |
| Valley Mission                                | 50.00         |
| Habitat For Humanity - Albemarle              | 25.00         |
| Fluvanna                                      | 25.00         |
| Lunches                                       | 50.00         |
| Salvation Army                                | 50.00         |
| AIM - Ablemarle and Fluvanna                  | 50.00         |
| MAACA - Albemarle and Fluvanna                | 50.00         |
| COPPC                                         | 25.00         |
| FCSS                                          | 25.00         |
| Disasters                                     |               |
| National/International:                       |               |
| Networkers                                    |               |
| Spring Gathering                              | 25.00         |
| Disasters                                     |               |
| Sunshine Fund (Flowers, Cards, etc.)          | 150.00        |
| To be Held In Reserve (Conferences, etc.)     | <u>400.00</u> |

**Total Proposed Budget** **\$1,250.00**

Special Offerings:  
 Birthday Offering - May, 2008  
 Thank Offering - Nov., 2008  
 Least Coin - Monthly  
 Kirk Hall Fund - To be determined

Approved and Adopted - October 8, 2007