

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.

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 4 New Member Class, 9:45-10:30am
- 7 Choir Practice, 7pm
- 11 New Member Class, 9:45-10:30am
- CROP Walk
- 14 Choir Practice, 7pm
- 17 Presbytery of the James
- 18 190th Anniversary SPPC
- New Member Class, 9:45-10:430m
- Mission Crafters
- Newsletter deadline
- 20 Session, 7pm
- 21 Choir Practice, 7pm
- 25 New Member Class, 9:45-10:30am
- Consecration and
- Anniversary Sunday
- Cents-ability Offering for Hunger
- 28 Choir Practice, 7pm

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

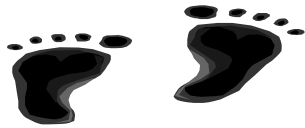


This month we turn our attention once again to our stewardship of possessions, or what we do with what God gave us. The strength of South Plains lies in God's faithfulness. When Presbyterian settlers had no place of worship, God tickled the conscience of John Rogers and his son Thornton to make a gift of this land for a sanctuary. When the winds of war blew over the mountains from the valley and the Keswick train station was burned to the ground, God spared our sanctuary. When only a handful of worshipers showed up Sunday after Sunday, God sent members with cars to pick up children. God provides.

How we respond to God's provision (the old word is 'providence'), is our stewardship. It's how we spend our time, not just on the Lord's Day, but every day.

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CROP

On October 11th South Plains Church has been invited to participate in the 38th annual CROP Hunger Walk. This 10 kilometer walk around the center of Charlottesville (shortcuts can be taken at any time and refreshments will be provided along the route) is intended to raise funds for disaster relief and for our local Meals on Wheels and Emergency Food Bank. It starts at 1:30 PM from First Presbyterian Church and will finish there 2-3 hours later. For those who prefer a shorter walk, a shuttle bus will ferry people from the halfway mark (5 kilometers/3 miles) back to First Presbyterian Church. Would you like to sign up for the walk? Are you interested in making a donation? For those who wish to join the Walk please contact Julie Keplinger at 977-0189 or by email at jakeplinger@gmail.com or Lyn Johnson at 984-6645. Donations are requested in the form of a check made payable to "CROP Hunger Walk". They can be placed in the offering plate during worship service or given directly to Lyn or Julie. We look forward to seeing you for the Walk in support of those less fortunate folk in our community.

**Deadline for the
November
issue of *The
Reflector* is October 18**

WALK

LAST BATCH OF BANDAGES

The last batch of bandages has been mailed...the very last bandages to be sent in an MBF container were gratefully received and shipped to Malawi during the week of September 12. Thanks to all the rip-and-rollers.

We are now focusing on what MBF really needs—caps, toys, blankets, and hospital gowns as well as other needs that come to the attention of Mission Crafters.

FLU SEASON IS UPON US



Here are some special cautions from our district Health Department:

- If you're sick, stay home until you're free of fever for 24 hours
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow
- Use soap and sanitizer in the restrooms
- Keep the kitchen clean
- Clean toys weekly
- Use pre-cut bread during communion

WHO'VE THUNK IT?

37% of white evangelicals think that many religions lead to eternal life, according to Newsweek (quoted in Christian Century 9.22.09)

PRAYER MATTERS

Dale Smith
Jim Higginbotham
Bolivia Mission Trip
John R. Lucas
Cleo Culler
Lisa
Maryam, and Marzieh
Nicaragua Christians
Becky Silver
Susan Carricciu
Richard Schwarz
Gail Bowers
Josie Blackburn
Dave Priddy
Steve Mullinnix
Marianne Josephson
Britt Horne
Jonathan Moore
Erika Stuart
Garrett Belanus
Janice DeGree
Bob Norrum
Doris Richards
Peggy McCormick
Alf Dane
Oscar Keplinger
Jean Thurston
Beverley Cibbarelli
David Drucker
Robert James
Bruce Clabaugh

Day's cousin with cancer
Recovering from heart attack

Brain tumor - Hospice
Newborn in NICU
Successful brain surgery
Iranian women imprisoned for their faith
Ongoing treatments
Friend of the Hyders with leukemia
Friend of the Clapps, surgery
Friend of the Drakes, heart surgery
Friend of the Hordykes, chemotherapy
Anorexia
Broken leg
Chemotherapy
Mother of Leah Wayner, chemotherapy
Sister of Lonnie Clapp, back surgery
Peace Corps, Philippines
Mother of Andrea P. and Laura C.
Grandfather of Mary Reitsma
Friend of Kellee Goldmann with cancer
Friend of the Drakes
Marge Hampton's sister
Bettie Mohler's sister
Lyn Johnson's uncle
Successful surgeon
Friend of Jim Higginbotham with cancer
Friend of the Chronisters with cancer
Friend of the Chronisters with cancer
UVA Hospital, cancer treatment
Lung cancer

SESSION RECAP

The session met September 15 beginning with prayers and concerns.

- Several communications were received
- A June 19, 2010 wedding was approved
- Jay Chronister was elected to go to Presbytery October 17
- A class for **new and prospective members** will be taught in the pastor's study at 9:45 during October Sunday School.
- Lyn Johnson will coordinate the **Crop Walk, Oct. 11**
- Bill Orr described plans to make the Grissinger property marketable.
- The 190th Anniversary celebration was set for Oct. 18
- **Consecration Sunday** for our pledges will be Nov. 8
- A committee to recommend furnishings and equipment for Kirk Hall is being formed.
- After hearing from Lyman Drake how many county vehicles use our parking lot, session asked David Garth to express our hope that the county and church would work more cooperatively in future.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

- Next meeting is October 20.

MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Charles Jones
Eric Bergquist
Josh Sobotincic
Hannah Skinner
James Webb
Chris Niemann
Bradley Smith
Marshall Baughman
Capt. Michael Kolton
Mark Little
Doug Fenton
Rudy Mukendi
Michael Maddox
Andrew Scogna

USN
Kristen's brother
Gil and Carole Milks' grandson, Iraq
Deployed to Afghanistan
Georgia, automobile accident
Deployed to Iraq
Kuwait
Mosul, Iraq
Addotta's grandson in U.S.
Recovering well with prosthesis
PCUSA chaplain-PTS
Iraq
Kip and Janet Riddle's grandson
Rehabilitation

REFLECTIONS

It's the way we invest our energies at home, work, and school as well as in church. It's our attitude at worship: grateful or sour with resentment. It's the development of talents and gifts to serve. And, of course, it's money.

When we see ourselves as stewards or caretakers of all the gifts we enjoy, we consider our contributions through the church with prayer and thought. For most of us, tithing our income and our accumulated assets (or giving 10%) is just enough to make us think twice about filling out that estimate of giving card. Tithers are usually more careful with all their spending because they ask themselves not only what they want, but what they really need and what God can do with their gifts. Just as Jesus fed thousands with a few loaves and fishes, God multiplies our gifts. It will happen again November 8 when we consecrate our plans to give, our service for Christ's sake.

South Plains Financial August 2009	Year to Date	2009
		Budget
Income		
Offering	125,236.12	178,270.00
Interest/Dividends	7.03	20.00
Other	1,111.00	
Total Income	126,354.15	178,290.00
Expense		
Ministerial	50,116.84	77,714.00
Administrative	9,984.79	20,160.00
Utilities	4,493.52	9,550.00
Buildings and Grounds	7,499.52	11,680.00
Worship and Music	7,914.10	13,910.00
Christian Education	906.63	2,500.00
Congregational Care	126.00	1,000.00
Fellowship	1,114.43	1,400.00
Long Range Planning		50.00
Finance	395.65	1,000.00
Evangelism	276.17	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	10,307.84	16,090.00
Trustees	95.00	4,370.00
Other	5,100.00	10,060.00
Total Expense	98,330.49	170,934.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	28,023.66	7,356.00

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Jim Higginbotham
2	Linda Harrison
3	Alex Smith
5	Beth Hyder
8	Anne Shiflett
11	Warren Cain
	Aimee Creamer
13	Mike Hyder
14	Cathy Lewis
15	Happy Durham
16	Sharon Reitsma
21	Nick Creamer
	Ella Grace Phillips
22	Linda Dietz
23	Grace Ordell
25	Judy Dutterer
29	Lyman Drake
30	Pat McCampbell
31	Lynn Creamer
	Bettie Mohler

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

COMMUNION ELEMENTS PREPARATION

Pat and Doug Valentine
Heide and Peter Schumann

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION

(1st Service) Pat and Doug Valentine
(2nd Service) Sandy Day, Larry Day
Dana Lee, Lyn Johnson

GREETERS / USHERS

October 4 (1st service) Linda Harrison, Don Ramirez
(2nd service) Warren and Barbara Cain
October 11 (1st service) Jay and Shirley Chronister
(2nd service) Phil and Bea Keaton
October 18 (1st service) Linda Makranczy
(2nd service) Kellee Goldmann, Jean Wardell
October 25 (1st service) Julie and Frank Keplinger
(2nd service) David and Carolyn Hordyke

OFFICER OF THE WEEK

October 4-10 Travis Taylor
October 11-17 Julie Keplinger
October 18-24 Linda Makranczy
October 25-31 Beverley Turner