

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.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 2 Summer Book Club, Orrs, 7pm
- 6 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
- 11 Ungroup, 6pm, Makranczys
- 12 Sunday School planning meeting, 9-11am
- 13 Sunday School resumes
 Congregational meeting, noon
- 14 Presbyterian Women, 9am
- 15 Session, 7pm
- 20 Worship at Union Grove, 11am only
 Sunday School at South Plains
 Mission Crafters
 Reflector deadline
- 27 Union Grove worships with us
 Pot Luck lunch
 Cents-ability Hunger Offering

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Happy New Year! I know the calendar says it's four months away. Nevertheless, Labor Day has always felt more like the start of new initiatives and a fresh effort to improve. Schools are in session. Football season kicks off. The choir is back in worship and work begins in earnest for all the programs of the church.

Best of all, we can count on seeing friends back from vacation. Sunday School and the Ungroup are re-convening this month. If you have never experienced these twin pillars of South Plains' life, now's your opportunity. Perhaps a word of explanation is in order.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for September 13 after the 11am worship for the purpose of:

- Electing new elders, a trustee, and a nominating committee
- Approving the revised Long-Range Plan
- Approving the establishment of the Grissinger Endowment for the cemetery

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

P.W. will meet on September 14 at the Manse, 9am social hour and 9:30 meeting.

The Bible Study book is entitled Joshua, a Journey of Faith.



To contribute to the various Mission commitments of the South Plains Presbyterian Women, you may also purchase note cards—(10—\$5.00 pkg.)

UNGROUP

Ungroup, the pot luck group open to all adults of South Plains, will meet Friday, September 11 at the Makranczys at 6pm.

Please sign up at the Manse, telling what you will be contributing to the meal, or call Linda (589-2651).

See you there!



FAIR TRADE/ EQUAL EXCHANGE

Fairly Traded Fellowship Blend Coffee, Tea, Chocolate Bars and Baking Cocoa - a mission of love! These items are on sale in the Manse.

These items are sold "at cost" in order that each purchase will also be a contribution to our church's mission of helping small farmers all over the world.

PRAYER MATTERS

Maryam, and Marzieh Nicaragua Christians Scouts at Camp Shenandoah Beverly Little Becky Silver Susan Carricciu Richard Schwarz Gail Bowers Josie Blackburn Dave Priddy Bernice Gibson Steve Mullinnix Marianne Josephson Britt Horne Marge Hampton Jonathan Moore Earl Biel Carroll Harrison 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	Iranian women imprisoned for their faith Medical services cut by the recession 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 Recovering from surgery Chemotherapy Mother of Leah Wayner, chemotherapy Sister of Lonnie Clapp, back surgery Surgery, August 25 Peace Corps, Philippines Fractured hip Linda's brother with stroke 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 surgery Friend of Jim Higginbotham with cancer Friend of the Chronisters with cancer Friend of the Chronisters with cancer UVA Hospital, cancer treatment Lung cancer
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HELP WANTED: TODDLER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Starting next month, the church will be offering a toddler Sunday School class between 9:45 and 10:30am. We need teachers. Couples and singles are invited to join a teaching team to minister to our youngest members. We plan to have 2 adults each week guiding these children. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, please contact Lyn Johnson (984-6645).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children and youth Sunday School classes will kick off with an Assembly in the Sanctuary at 9:40am on September 13. After a time of praise and worship, the students and their teachers will move to the Manse to continue their classes. Everyone is welcome to attend the Assembly.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

If you love children and are willing to help in the nursery sometime, please contact Mary Reitsma (591-0323).

MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Eric Bergquist Josh Sobotincic Hannah Skinner James Webb Chris Niemann Bradley Smith Marshall Baughman Capt. Michael Kolton Mark Little Doug Fenton Thomas Carr Rudy Mukendi Michael Maddox Andrew Scogna	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 Afghanistan Iraq Kip and Janet Riddle's grandson Rehabilitation
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REFLECTIONS

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This is not your father's Sunday School. We have broadly-graded classes for children from the cradle to 12th grade. A superb set of teachers has planned for new curriculum when Rally Day September 13 begins the new year. Adult Sunday School will require drawing on some unexplored resources of talent as Marion Thompson accepts a call to teach our older elementary children. Your ideas and leadership are needed to fill some big shoes.

The Ungroup adopted its name in defiance of any attempt to program its meetings. Since they lack an official job description, let me hazard a working definition: "Ungroup" refers to friends and members of South Plains who agree to eat with and talk to one another with the understanding that anyone is welcome. Can you think of a better start on your New Year's resolution than these two activities.

David

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Deadline for the
October
issue of *The
Reflector* is September 20

South Plains Financial July 2009	Year to Date	2009
		Budget
Income		
Offering	102,821.12	178,270.00
Interest/Dividends	6.27	20.00
Other	1,111.00	
Total Income	103,938.39	178,290.00
Expense		
Ministerial	43,809.45	77,714.00
Administrative	9,243.78	20,160.00
Utilities	3,828.63	9,550.00
Buildings and Grounds	6,030.72	11,680.00
Worship and Music	6,807.35	13,910.00
Christian Education	734.84	2,500.00
Congregational Care	126.00	1,000.00
Fellowship	868.10	1,200.00
Long Range Planning		250.00
Finance		1,000.00
Evangelism	276.17	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	9,457.84	16,090.00
Trustees	95.00	4,370.00
Other	4,480.00	10,060.00
Total Expense	85,757.88	170,934.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	18,180.51	7,356.00

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Doug Valentine
- 3 Elizabeth Smith
- 4 Devin Creamer
- 7 Betty McClanahan
- 8 Betsy Lang
- 12 Beverley Turner
- 14 Frank Keplinger
- 17 Phillip Riley
- 18 Barbara Cain
Craig Brown
Marge Hampton
- 19 David Garth
- 23 Landon Creamer
- 25 Guy Hampton
- 26 Bess Brown
- 27 Joan Drake
Kellee Goldmann



PIEDMONT CASA

Last year over 1,125 children were reported to be abused or neglected in Charlottesville and Albemarle. Make a difference in the life of a child. To become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) call today 971-7515 or visit www.pcasa.org. Fall training begins in October. Volunteering with Piedmont CASA is a rewarding experience. No special experience is necessary and volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, complete an application, background screening, and attend training.

ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who returned a questionnaire. The results have been collated, and the Christian Education Committee is moving forward with plans for new studies for the upcoming Sunday School year, based on your preferences. Classes start again on September 13th at 9:45

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

COMMUNION ELEMENTS PREPARATION
Joanne and Vito Addotta

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION

1st Service: Joanne and Vito Addotta
2nd Service: Bill Claus, Joanne Addotta
Vito Addotta, Les Fink

GREETERS / USHERS

September 6 (1st service) Carole Milks, Brenda Bikos
(2nd Service) Phil and Bea Keaton

September 13 (1st service) Linda Harrison, Don Ramirez
(2nd service) Kellee Goldman, Jean Wardell

September 20 Services at Union Grove, 11am

September 27 (1st service) Pat and Doug Valentine
(2nd service) Lisa Climer and family

OFFICER OF THE WEEK

September 6-12 Jay Chronister
September 13-19 Lisa Climer
September 20-26 Julie Keplinger
September 27-October 3 Travis Taylor

KIRK HALL PIANO FUND

LET THERE BE MUSIC!

When Kirk Hall is built we will need a piano in the new building. Marge Hampton is thinking ahead and would like to establish a fund to purchase a new piano.

You may make your donation and identify it either in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one or simply mark it "Kirk Hall Piano Fund."



MUSICAL MOMENTS

**A Benefit Concert for the
Alliance for Interfaith Ministries
(AIM)**

**Sunday, October 4
3-5pm**

Meadows Presbyterian Church

**Local congregations
presenting vocal and
instrumental solos, ensembles,
and choirs for your listening
pleasure.**

**Suggested donation \$10 per
adult.**

**AIM is a nonprofit organization
that relies on donations to
provide emergency assistance
to local families facing
financial crises.**

Refreshments will be served.