

The South Plains Reflector



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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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 2009

- 13-17 Vacation Bible School
- 19 *Reflector* deadline
- 20 Architectural Review Board
 1pm, conference room 241
 County office building
- 22 SP Summer Book Club
 "Salvation on Sand Mountain"
 by Dennis Covington

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Since John Calvin will be 500 years old on July 10, 2009, we'll stretch the celebration a little. *Time Magazine* reported earlier in the year on the "new Calvinism" that they say "offers a rock-steady deity" that is only a small improvement over the rock-hard God too many people associate with Presbyterians. Even the *Daily Progress* has noted the anniversary. We can do no less.

I promise to conjure up to the best of my ability the great theologian himself on July 12, although he would not approve of any language that hints of magic. It's true that Calvin practiced and preached a moral discipline that most of us would find intolerable. It's also true that he worked tirelessly to impose his vision of the godly life on the city of Geneva. It is not the case, however, that he was the tyrant that many imagine. He describes himself as a

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PRAYER MATTERS

Steve Mullinnix	Chemotherapy
Marianne Josephson	Mother of Leah Wayner, chemotherapy
Britt Horne	Brother of Lonnie Clapp, back surgery
Ed and Sylvia Sheffield	Settling into a new home
Marge Hampton	Chemotherapy
Jonathan Moore	Peace Corps, Philippines
Catherine Orr	Guatemala teaching trip
Earl Biel	Fractured hip
Jay Chronister	Recovering from surgery
Carroll Harrison	Linda's brother with stroke
Travis Taylor	Travel to China
Bob Claeys	Friend of Mike Lee
Ryan Richards	Mission to Ruhengeri, Rwanda, nephew of Jay and Shirley Chronister
Elsie Norford	Recovering from surgery
Erika Stuart	Mother of Andrea Phillips & Laura Campbell
Garrett Belanus	Grandfather of Mary Reitsma
Janice DeGree	Friend of Kellee Goldmann with cancer
Bob Norrum	Friend of the Drakes
Doris Richards	Marge Hampton's sister
Peggy McCormick	Bettie Mohler's sister
Mary and Jerry Stadelman	Linda Harrison's aunt and uncle
Bill Smith	Barbara Cain's brother, cancer
Lee Goldman	Bev Turner's son-in-law, surgery June 25
Alf Dane	Lyn Johnson's uncle
Oscar Keplinger	Successful surgery
Jean Thurston	Friend of Jim Higginbotham with cancer
Larry Dayhoff	Lost voice from radiation
Beverley Cibbarelli	Friend of the Chronisters, cancer
David Drucker	Friend of the Chronisters, cancer
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment
Bruce Clabaugh	Lung cancer

MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Josh Sobotincic	Gil and Carole Milks' grandson, Iraq
Hannah Skinner	Deployed to Afghanistan
James Webb	Georgia, automobile accident
Chris Niemann	Deployed to Iraq
Bradley Smith	Kuwait
Marshall Baughman	Mosul, Iraq
Capt. Michael Kolton	Addotta's grandson, back in the US
Mark Little	Recovering well with prosthesis
Doug Fenton	PCUSA chaplain-PTS
Thomas Carr	Afghanistan
Rudy Mukendi	Iraq
Michael Maddox	Kip and Janet Riddle's grandson
Andrew Scogna	Rehabilitation

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Nominating Committee, chaired by Travis Taylor and Bev Turner will report to the congregation in September
- Pat Valentine and David Garth attended Presbytery June 16
- Frank and Becky Kurtz were transferred to First Church, Virginia Beach.
- Gary and Rebecca Kuhns received by letter of transfer
- The Cemetery Committee will re-map the cemetery plots
- Vacation Bible School July 13-17. Mission project will be gifts to the Fluvanna Women's Prison
- Questionnaire for adult Sunday School will be distributed
- Summer Book Club to meet June 24, 7pm at the Garths to discuss "The Shack"
- Jay Chronister—Revised Long Range Plan approved
- Linda Makranczy—new Presbyterian Hymnal (1990 ed.) approved
- Lyman Drake reported on completion of cabinets for the narthex
- Travis Taylor reported on Men's lunch, June 11

REFLECTIONS

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timid scholar. In fact, he never had any civil authority and his authority in matters of worship was often challenged and overturned by the lay rulers.

In one sense, he was frustrated by his own theology because it was Calvin himself who devised our system of church government where authority was shared by clergy and laity. We take our name, "Presbyterian," (from the Greek presbuteros or elder) from his notion of government by elders.

His other enduring legacy has been an understanding of God as a loving heavenly Father, concerned with every aspect of our lives, determined to save us from our worst selves. It was only because Calvin knew the human condition so well that he preached such a powerful and glorious savior.

HABITAT AMERICORPS

Habitat AmeriCorps is looking for enthusiastic service-minded people who want to partner with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville for a year to help us meet the housing needs of low-income families in our area. Construction experience is desirable, but not required. Participants receive a living allowance, health insurance, child care, and an Education Award.

To access the on-line application, log on to CvilleHabitat.org and click on the link under Current News.

**Deadline for the
August
issue of *The
Reflector* is July 19**

South Plains Financial May 2009	Year to	2009
	Date	Budget
Income		
Offering	71,201.00	178,270.00
Interest/Dividends	5.04	20.00
Other	1,111.00	
Total Income	72,317.04	178,290.00
Expense		
Ministerial	31,293.71	77,714.00
Administrative	7,478.70	20,160.00
Utilities	3,253.90	9,550.00
Buildings and Grounds	4,015.81	11,680.00
Worship and Music	5,168.94	13,910.00
Christian Education	476.24	2,500.00
Congregational Care	126.00	1,000.00
Fellowship	565.09	1,200.00
Long Range Planning		250.00
Finance		1,000.00
Evangelism	276.17	1,450.00
Benevolence and Mission	7,650.00	16,090.00
Trustees	70.00	4,370.00
Other	2,240.00	10,060.00
Total Expense	62,614.56	170,934.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	9,702.48	7,356.00

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Pennington
- 5 Larry Day
David Poleykett
- 12 Al Evans
- 14 Mary Howard
- 15 Ron Creamer
- 19 Gilbert Milks
- 23 Leroy McCampbell
- 25 Michael Lee
- 27 Brenda Bikos
Ed Douglas
- 30 David Hordyke



UPDATE ON KIRK HALL- June 22, 2009

We are making slow progress in seeking County of Albemarle approval of our plans for Kirk Hall and the eventual addition of a larger sanctuary for South Plains. As noted to you previously we have received approval from the Albemarle County Planning Commission and the County Board of Supervisors. On Monday June 22 the Application for the Site Development Plans and Site Plan Waiver was submitted to the County by the architect. The Architectural Review Board has received material for our architect and will hold a public hearing on our plans on July 20. For those of you who may have forgotten, we submitted our first request for a Special Use Permit and Architectural Review Board Application on June 12, 2008.

What now? Patience and Prayer!!

Get thinking!

With the advent of Kirk Hall will come the opportunity to offer two adult Sunday School classes. The Christian Education committee would like to know in which types of classes you would like to participate at South Plains. Would you like to engage in short studies of selected books of the Bible or longer, in-depth studies? Would you like to learn more about the Presbyterian denomination by studying the Confessions or Book of Order, or through offerings from the PCUSA? Do you want to learn more about other Christian denominations? Would you like a study series based on Pastor Garth's sermons? Would you like to study books on types of prayer, discipleship, and other aspects of the Christian life? Would you like to join a book discussion group that may include books with unorthodox views of Christianity? Are you keen to learn more about Bible history? Are you willing to join a teaching team? Please start thinking and praying about the types of classes that you would find most beneficial in your faith journey and spiritual growth, and how the Lord wants you to participate. Sample curricula can be found at www.pcusa.org/webelieve, www.cokesbury.com, and elsewhere online.

Later this summer a questionnaire will be circulated to the congregation when we will ask you to state your preferences. Based on your feedback, the Christian Education committee and the Session will work to provide Sunday School classes that meet the current needs of the church. Thank you for being part of this new endeavor as we embrace the opportunities Kirk Hall opens up to us and the community. May His Kingdom reign.

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION JULY 2009

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Sunday, July 5, 2009

COMMUNION ELEMENTS PREPARATION
Pat and Doug Valentine
Joanne and Vito Addotta

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION
1st Service: Pat and Doug Valentine
2nd Service: Bill Claus, Joanne Addotta
Vito Addotta, Beverley Turner

GREETERS / USHERS

July 5	(1st service)	Brenda Bikos, Mary Howard
	(2nd Service)	Phil and Bea Keaton
July 12	(1st service)	Sandy and Larry Day
	(2nd service)	Julie and Frank Keplinger
July 19	(1st service)	Ted and Linda Makranczy
	(2nd service)	Mike and Dana Lee
July 26	(1st service)	Chad and Leah Wayner
	(2nd service)	Mary Beth and Gordon Smyth

OFFICER OF THE WEEK

July 5-July 11	Jay Chronister
July 12-July 18	Linda Makranczy
July 19-July 25	Lyman Drake
July 26-August 1	Lisa Climer