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A Voice in the Pines

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BILL BAILEY: HOME AT LAST

Bill Bailey remembers his childhood in Conway, Arkansas, as normal and happy. "I had a lot of friends and I played sports," he said.

When Bill was nine his parents' tumultuous marriage ended in divorce and his mother was left with a small business to run and five children to raise on her own. "Looking back I can see God's grace at work in my family and my life."

Bill's grandmother came down from Texas to help her oldest daughter. "She was the Sarah in our family and taught us all about faith and leaving things behind in order to do God's will and serve others," he said.

A staunch Southern Baptist, she was a woman of great faith and a student of the Bible. "I attribute my love of reading and stories to her."

Bill occasionally attended church with his grandmother, but it was during his years at University of Central Arkansas that his faith became important and he became active in the Baptist congregation of his childhood. His junior year he started getting invitations to fill the pulpit at other Baptist churches.

One Sunday when he was preaching at Quitman, Arkansas, a group of deacons came up to him and offered him a

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part-time position as preacher. "It came as a big surprise—I was still in college, hadn't been to seminary." He was ordained in the Southern Baptist Church in 1975

and continued to preach at First Baptist until he graduated in 1977.

After graduation, he went to Western Kentucky University to study for a Master in Philosophy and Humanities with the goal of being a professor. A local Presbyterian church was looking for a pastor and the head of the department mentioned it to Bill. "I asked him, 'Did you tell them I was a Baptist?' He said no."

Bill went to the church, Round Pond Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Kentucky, and after he preached, they asked if he would stay and fill the pulpit.

"I said, 'I'm a Baptist.' But they were a rural church and were having a hard time finding a pastor so they finally asked, 'Is there any reason why you can't do it?'"

He preached there for three years. When he decided to go to seminary, he chose Princeton and formally changed to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). "I'd been flirting around with Presbyterianism for years."

During his first year at Princeton Seminary he heard about a position as chaplain in Germany working with American kids whose parents were stationed in Germany. He and his wife Anne decided this would be a wonderful opportunity for their family, so he applied for and got the position. Bill and Anne's four

young children attended German schools. Their oldest, Martha, spent her first three years in German schools. "She's fluent in German to this day. The other kids were



Bill and his wife Anne are excited to be returning to Arkansas.

younger but it was a great experience for everyone," he said. "It was fun too."

When they returned to the States, Bill resumed seminary at Princeton. He graduated in 1986 and accepted a call with Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Orlando, Florida, where he served for 10 ½ years. From there he went to First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Kentucky.

This May he was one of 20 pastors and students from Columbia Theological Seminary chosen for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. "It was an amazing experience."

When he learned about the position at the Kirk, "Anne and I had been thinking and praying a couple of years about finding new challenges and ways to grow in our ministry," Bill said. "Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines seemed a good match for my gifts and it seemed like I could be helpful to the Kirk at this time."

They were also interested in being closer to family. Anne's two

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Informal Saturday Service Offers More Options for Visitors and Members

When surgery for poor circulation put Margery McIntosh in a wheelchair, she found things she'd taken for granted—like coming to church on Sunday morning—impossible to manage. Home healthcare nurses come every day to change the dressing on the wounds and can show up anytime between 9:30 to 1:00, she said. “You never know.”

Fortunately for Margery, the Saturday Informal Worship Service made going to church an option. “I felt the service was just made for me! It's easy—I'm up, dressed, the timing is perfect.”

The easy in-and-out of Hoffius Hall compared to the sanctuary was another draw for Margery. “You don't give it a thought until you're in that situation,” she said, “But the sanctuary is not very wheelchair friendly.”

The Informal Worship Service began last April as a joint effort of the Evangelism and Worship Committees. It is held in Hoffius Hall every Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. and is led by Reverend Dave Nottrott, a member of the Evangelism Committee and a retired Methodist minister who began a similar service in his church in Illinois. One of the chief motivations was to attract visitors who may feel uncomfortable in the formal environment of the sanctuary.

“All the studies show that growing churches have more than one type of service,” said Dave.

Less formal services appeal to

people who are new to church and used to the informality of the secular world. Pews, altars and ministers in robes can make them uncomfortable. “If you think about it, the only other place you see robes is on a judge in court.”

Chairs are set in a semi-circle and there is no altar or pulpit. The pastor wears casual clothes and people are encouraged to come in casual dress. There are no bulletins or hymnals, even though music is a big part of the worship. Instead, the words are projected on a screen behind the pastor. The songs are different from the traditional hymns sung on Sunday, said June Stevens, who has attended regularly since the Saturday services began.

“Dave strums his guitar and we sing praise songs. There's always a solo or duet and Patrick, our pianist, is just excellent. He plays Gospel music with extra trills and chords.”

“Informal services use hymns as affirmation rather than liturgy,” said Dave.

While the new service hasn't yet drawn many visitors, it has produced an unexpected result: members who haven't been to church for years because it was too difficult to get here on Sunday morning have started coming again. It also draws members, like June Stevens, who enjoy the uplifting music and friendly atmosphere.

Dave is pleased with the turnout. The first service drew 110, but tapered off to an average of 68. The average for July, when the Kirk

switched to one service for the summer, was 75. “I expected about 50.”

“The casual environment is appealing,” said June. “People speak right up to request a prayer and clap for the soloist—I don't feel comfortable doing that in the sanctuary.”

People stay to mingle and visit after the service. Every time there's a fifth Saturday in a month, they have pizza afterward.

Many members, like June, return to the Kirk the next morning for Sunday service. “They're completely different services,” she explained.

Now that Margery McIntosh is on a walker and improving daily, she may soon have that option, but for now is content with her Saturday evening routine. “I'm delighted with the informal service.”

—Judy Carroll

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2 through September 3

One worship service only
beginning at 10:00 a.m.

No Focus Class

Beginning September 10

Worship times will be
8:30 and 10:45

Focus Class meets at 9:40

Please note:

*The time for the second service
has been changed to 10:45.*

Interim Worship Leaders

Aug 6

Liturgist: Don Trent

Sermon: Sylvia Tate

Aug 13

Liturgist: Don Robinson

Sermon: Don Trent

Aug 20

Reverend Bailey preaches

**Reception for Bailey family
following the service**

INFORMAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 5	<i>The Bread of Life</i> John 6:24-35 Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
August 12	<i>Reflecting or Transmitting?</i> Ephesians 4:25, 5:2
August 19	Special preacher to be announced
August 26	<i>Shout for Joy</i> I Kings 8

What Really Happened in Birmingham?

In general, reports in the printed press about the decisions of the 217th General Assembly in Birmingham were confused, inaccurate, and in some cases, perhaps deliberately false. An AP article reprinted in the Hot Springs *Sentinel-Record* reported that the denomination had “granted new leeway” for ordination of homosexual ministers, and indicated that presbyteries and local churches could make their own decisions.

Even *Christian Century* misunderstood the action of the Assembly, stating that “57% of the voting delegates” approved allowing “the regional presbyteries and congregations to ordain homosexual Christians as ministers and lay elders.”

Of course, no such thing happened. The standards of our denomination did not change. The report of the *Theological Task*

Force on Peace, Unity and Purity was largely adopted, with only minor changes. The Task Force, incidentally, was composed of Church leaders in equal numbers of those in favor of and those opposed to ordination of homosexuals. This task force was the first in our history to present a unanimous report.

The adopted report gave authority to the presbyteries, in the case of ministers; and local churches, in the case of elders, to decide whether or not candidates for ordination comply with the “essential tenets” of the faith, and whether or not the standards set by the denomination have been met. This puts the responsibility for the decision to ordain with those who know best the people involved. Their decision is subject to judicial or administrative review by the higher governing bodies. In an

overwhelming vote (405 to 92), the Assembly kept the requirement that ministers live in “fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness.” There will be, of course, abuses of the procedure and test cases and the filing of charges; *just as there are now.*

This Assembly also corrected the *faux pas* of the previous Assembly, which proposed divestiture of funds from any company which does business with Israel in a way that helps to fund violence against Palestinians. The Assembly apologized to Israel for its one-sidedness. The new statement encourages the denomination to insure that funds are not helping to break the peace by *either side* in the ongoing conflict.

If you have questions about these actions or others, such as the statement on the Trinity, I will be happy to attempt to answer them for you.

—Don Trent

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KIRK COUNTY FAIR

Sponsored by Communication, Evangelism, and Membership Committees

Hoffius Hall

August 9, 5:30 p.m.

Chicken Supper: \$ 5.00

Tickets on sale through August 6

Exhibits

Homemade Crafts, Plants and Flowers, Produce and Preserves

Variety Show

Featuring our very own talented Kirk Members

If you call by July 30, you can still enter an exhibit or participate in the variety show. Call Madelyn 922-5702, to enter an exhibit. Call Yvonne, 922-9232, or Helen, 922-0024, to share your talent.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

AUGUST 23

Sponsored by Planning and Coordinating and Administration Committees

Roast Pig Dinner at 5:30

Catered by Hoggs Catering, \$10 per person

Annual Meeting at 7:00

Your questions are welcome. Please fill out the form below.

Forms must be in the office by August 8, 11 a.m.

My question to the Session is: _____

Name _____ Phone _____

All questions must be signed for us to consider, but we will be glad to read your question so you may remain anonymous. Please circle yes or no below.

I will read my question: YES NO I wish to remain anonymous YES NO

Meet the Elders Elect for the Class of 2009

Each year five elders rotate off the Session as new ones take their places in November. This year we say goodbye to the Class of 2006 and elect the Class of 2009.

The Nominating Committee received a big response from their request for nominees from the congregation. Thank you to those who submitted names.

After many prayers, meetings and much consideration, the Nominating Committee narrowed down the list of very talented Christians to five. The names were presented to the congregation at a called congregational meeting on July 16, and the slate was approved.

We introduce them here.

Clerk of Session and Trustee

Bob Rosenthal

Bob's activities in the Presbyterian Church began when he was growing up in St. Louis. This included one summer spent as the moderator of the Youth Camp at Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Missouri. He did take a 12-year side trip to the Methodist Church, but returned to the Presbyterians.

Bob's career was with Diebold, where he became Division Vice President. He and his wife Judy saw much of the U.S.A. as they moved to such diverse places as Cape Girardeau, Birmingham, Seat-



tle, and Leawood, near Kansas City, before retiring to the Village in 1994.

The Rosenthals joined the Kirk that same year, and Bob became active as Stewardship Moderator for two years and one year as Clerk of Session. He joined and has enjoyed the Men's Bible Study since 1998, moderates the Issues Forum Committee, and serves on the Planning and Coordinating Committee.

Bob and Judy have four sons, three in the St. Louis area and one in Kansas City, twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

CLERK'S CORNER



We are having a wave both heat and blessings. Your newly elected class of 2009 will begin their new exciting journey with their new family, the Session, this month. Welcome aboard!

Next I want to welcome Bill and Anne Bailey and the rest of their family to the Village and especially to the Kirk. Our prayers for you are an uneventful, safe move with no surprises except good ones. There is great excitement about your new ministry here at the Kirk. We look forward to having you with us during our annual Congregational Business Meeting August 23rd after our Summer Supper. (I heard they are serving a real whole roasted pig.) The Session looks forward to having you with us during our annual Session Retreat at Ferncliff October 16 & 17. This is where we go over things we can do better and plan ahead for the coming year and get to know the incom-

ing class of elders.

With the death of Ruth Bayes and the request of letters of transfer from Jim and Patricia Koller to Christ of the Hills Methodist Church here in the Village, our statistics as of July 11 were 575 members and 354 family units.

Gary Rector, our Treasurer, reported as of the end of June:

General Fund expenditures exceeded receipts by \$19,825

Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$1,799
YTD General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$29,724

Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$8,556.

I can assure you that ALL the Kirk committees are working hard even during this time when we are traveling or have out-of-town visitors. Be sure to read every word of this newsletter so you will not miss out on any opportunity. Have you noticed the updated sign on the corner? New paint on the outside of

the building? How nice the grounds look even though the heat has been plentiful and the rain has been scarce?

One of the things I am most grateful for is you, the congregation. Your prayers, your willingness to serve, your hugs, and your joy are all very special to me and to those around you. What a blessing our Kirk staff are, always willing to go the extra mile, and usually with a smile. Don Trent and his pastoral associates are blessings to us all.

Last but not least the attendance at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. informal worship service has been over 70 the past few weeks. It is truly a joyous way to worship our Lord. If you have not tried it, come and bring a friend or neighbor or your company from out of town.

Children, especially grandchildren, are very welcome. Remember the nursery is right there.

Join me in serving our Lord with gladness.

Sherry

Elders Elect (from page 4)

Education Committee**Sally Fink**

Church activities have long been an important part of Sally's life. She became a member of the Presbyterian Church when she was growing up in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. After she married her husband Tom, his work took them to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where the family joined an Episcopal church. In her 23 years as an Episcopalian, Sally was active on the vestry, serving as senior warden the third year, positions that are equivalent to our Session and Clerk of Session.



When the couple moved to the Village in 1999, Tom joined the Kirk. Sally kept her letter with the Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge because she was taking an Education for the Ministry course at that time. She joined the Kirk five years ago. Since then she has been Moderator of Presbyterian Women, as well as serving on both the Worship and Christian Education Committees.

Sally and Tom have two daughters, in Massachusetts and Dallas, and three grand-daughters.

Membership Committee**Theresa Nottrott**

Theresa Nottrott and her husband, who we know as Pastor Dave, moved to the Village from Maroa, Illinois two and a half years ago and soon after became members of Kirk in the Pines. A



life-long Methodist, she said they were led to join the Kirk as first-time Presbyterians because of the welcoming and friendly atmosphere of the people in our church.

Theresa grew up in Illinois and began participating in her Methodist church at an early age. She taught in the Vacation Bible School as a high school student, joined their Youth Group, and later taught Sunday School. As an adult, she was active in her church women's organizations, served on the Stewardship and Outreach committees, and organized a new adult Sunday School class, leading it for three years just prior to moving here.

Theresa and Dave, who was a Methodist minister for 27 years, have been married 44 years and have three sons and a daughter, and 9 grandchildren, with a 10th one due before the end of the year.

Memorial Committee**Ray Beal**

Ray was born in Oregon and raised in North Carolina. He graduated from North Carolina State and Duke University and served in the U.S. Army in Korea. Ray spent all of his working years with the U.S. Forest Service as an entomologist, specializing in forest insects.



A Methodist in his youth, Ray became a Presbyterian when he met and married Mary in 1953. He was a member of Long Beach Presbyterian Church in Long Beach, Mississippi, where they lived for 28 years.

They moved to the Village in 1986 and joined the Kirk when Ernie Smith was the pastor. Since then Ray has been active in Village politics as a member of three differ-

ent P.O.A. committees, including the Trails, Recreation, and currently the Natural Resources committees. He is an avid tennis player and referees at junior and college tournaments.

The Beals have four children, eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren, with the family spread out from Ridgeland and Long Beach in Mississippi to Kyle and Arlington, Texas.

Worship Committee**Sylvia Tate**

Following her marriage to Paul Tate last August, Sylvia moved to the Village from Jonesboro and joined the Kirk in September. At Jonesboro Presbyterian Church, she served as deacon and elder and was Moderator of the Welcoming and Worship Committees.



In January, Sylvia was elected to serve as Moderator of the Worship Committee, completing Helen Fisher's term. We are pleased she has agreed to continue.

Sylvia received her B.S. degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from the University of Arkansas at Jonesboro. After the death of her first husband in 1997, Sylvia enrolled in Memphis Theological Seminary. She also attended the Commissioned Lay Pastor Academy here at the Kirk, while supplying pulpits of small churches in the area. She became a Certified Lay Pastor in 2004 and served as Commissioned Lay Pastor at the Pocahontas Presbyterian Church.

Sylvia has a son in Jonesboro, a daughter in Tennessee, and another daughter who lives at the Baddour Center in Senatobia, Mississippi.

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST</p>		<p>1 1:30 Finance Com 2:00 Memorial Com 5:00 Cursillo Renewal 7:00 Education Com</p> <p><i>Jeanne Chesney David Milner Earl Mulley</i></p>
		<p>6 10:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion</p> <p><i>Don & Elllie Elsenheimer Herb & Diane Perrin</i></p>
<p>13 10:00 Worship Service</p> <p><i>Bob Rosenthal Harry & Janet Ferris</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Bill Burnell Hank Chakoian Jane Shankwiler Richard & Shirley Lytle</i></p>	<p>15 9:30 Stewardship 5:00 Cursillo Renewal</p> <p><i>Ray Johnson Ray & Harriett Jacobsmeyer</i></p>
<p>20 10:00 Worship Service</p> <p><i>Nap Videan Robert & Joan Zirbel</i></p>	<p>21 9:30 Congregational Care Committee 9:30 FOCUS VIP</p> <p><i>Ted & Dorothy Killian</i></p>	<p>22 5:00 Cursillo Renewal</p> <p><i>Mary Dean Marie Wilson Bud & Georgia Hill Lee & Sallie Huss</i></p>
<p>27 10:00 Worship Service</p> <p><i>Tom Fink Kari Florey Cindy Morgan Donn & Mary Allison</i></p>	<p>28 9:30 FOCUS VIP 9:30 PW CT Meeting</p> <p><i>Larry Bradley Jim Hess Eleanor Reace</i></p>	<p>29 5:00 Cursillo Renewal</p> <p><i>Bob Anderson</i></p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 6:30 Shepherd Gr #11</p> <p><i>Theresa Nottrott Norvell Pugh Addie Zuidema</i></p>	<p>3 11:00 Wellness Group 1:00 Evangelism Com</p> <p><i>Sherrill Drum Barbara Guenther Marlys Moodie</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Irene Cooper</i></p>	<p>5 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Ralph Dowling Jerry & Elizabeth King</i></p>
<p>9 5:30 Summer Supper</p> <p><i>Bill Pritchett</i></p>	<p>10 9:30 Website Com. 3:00 Mission Com</p> <p><i>Dorothy Killian Elizabeth King Frank Leeming Ruth Tyler Alan & Jane Harless Wendell & Gloria Hepner</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Don Garrard Carl & Doris Simmons Gerald & Mary Anne Wood</i></p>	<p>12 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Edith Loveday Bob & Iva Dee Warren</i></p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 11:00 Wellness Group 2:00 Planning & Coordinating</p> <p><i>Clint Sowards</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Bob Jones Shirley Stollsteimer Harry & Ellen Marshall Harold & Vivian Williams</i></p>	<p>19 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Berniece Snyder Robert Zirbel Paul & Sylvia Tate</i></p>
<p>23 5:30 Summer Supper 7:00 Annual Congregational Meeting</p> <p><i>Pat Koller Woodie & Sherry Barefield Jerral & Marilyn Johnson Duane & Judy Sonnenburg</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Cora Jane Pope</i></p>	<p>25 9:30 FOCUS VIP</p> <p><i>Betty Powell Larry & Faith Smith Larry & Judy Stewart</i></p>	<p>26 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p> <p><i>Bob Scherwat</i></p>
<p>30</p> <p><i>Barbara Harris Ted Mueller Dennis & Emily Faulk Earl & Barbara Mulley</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>David Howle Mary Anne Wood</i></p>		

CONGREGATIONAL CARE**Focus program provides resources for vision loss**

A class to help people with vision problems will be in Hoffius Hall August 22 through October 2. Classes are held Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$19.

The classes teach ways to cope with failing eyesight and are taught by Congregational Care Committee member Nancy Otto, who developed the program for the Kirk based on a course she taught in Raleigh, North Carolina. Students learn ways to help make daily living easier, like using closed circuit television (CCTV) to read the newspaper, pay bills and keep up with correspondence. For more information call Nancy Otto, 922-9395 or Connie Stewart, 922-0858.

PRAYER TREE

Members of the Prayer Tree are dedicated to praying daily for your requests. Your prayer request may be made known by calling any member on the Prayer Tree, the church office or by filling out a yellow pew card. Please place the yellow pew card in the offering plate.

Prayer Tree members are: Adair Atkinson, Jean Dillon, Martha Fast, Karen Knox, Pat Franklin, Maggie Latimer, Kay Mason, Sheila Stanley, Anne Holt, Charlotte Massey, Char Martin, Phyllis Miller, Nell White, Peggy Cook, Addie Zuidema, Ann Walters, Janie Smith, Georgia Hill, Vi Sharp, Jeanette Pugh, Jean Reitzammer, Marylyn Rabideau and Mildred Kennedy.

Your name could be here too! Won't you join the Prayer Tree? There are lavender Prayer Tree brochures in the narthex and on the table by the office.

EVANGELISM***New ways to reach youth***

The Kirk Christian Kids Choir has been an exciting way to serve youth in our community, and we plan to continue this fall. Please encourage young people you know to sign up before August 20.

Even though the KCKC brings us much joy, most of these children have other church homes. Now, the Evangelism Committee is searching for other ways to involve children and their parents. We have talked with the Special Education teacher at Jessieville School who teaches life skills to the mentally challenged. Jerral Johnson is working on a curriculum for a plant ministry to serve adults, and we might be able to involve these children in this project, as well.

Dave Nottrott reports the Informal Worship Service is gaining in attendance, and the time, Saturday at 5:00 p.m., is now shown on the sign at the corner of Asturias and Carmona. We would still like to reach more outside visitors. Tell your friends and neighbors about it. The service is designed to be very casual, with less emphasis on liturgy and more on upbeat music. Read more about it on page 2.

Another goal was listed on our Commitment to Evangelism signed by your Session in September 2005. We want to develop a plan to include all members in the full life of the congregation. That's how you can help. Choose a committee or program where you would be happy. Just do what you have a passion to do! There are many choices, even for the homebound.

Every member is important and we should all be disciples of Christ, doing what we can to reach out and help others.

FELLOWSHIP**WELCOME BAILEYS**

Come to a reception in Hoffius Hall after the August 20th service to welcome Bill and his family.

KIRK GOLF OUTING

Start practicing your chipping and putting now, and mark your calendar for Saturday, September 30, the Annual Kirk Golf Outing at Coronado Golf Course. Tee time is 9:00 until 3:00 with an Awards Dinner at 7:15 in Hoffius Hall.

This year we will have a Super Senior division for ages 75 and up. Awards will be given for Senior Longest Drive and Closest to Pin, in addition to the regular flights competition.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

Once again, the Fellowship Committee will provide at nominal cost a traditional Thanksgiving dinner in Hoffius Hall. Mark your calendar for November 23. More details will follow in future newsletters.

LADIES' MARATHON BRIDGE

We are looking for bridge players to play rubber bridge on the 4th Monday at 12:30 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. from September through May at members' homes. Hostess furnishes a dessert. Please call Vianne Huff, 922-4624, or Wilma Reed, 922-3498. There will also be a sign-up sheet in Hoffius Hall.

COUPLES MARATHON BRIDGE

Couples Marathon Bridge begins on Friday, September 29, in Hoffius Hall at 7:00 p.m. and will continue the third Friday of each month through May. Annual dues are \$5.00 per couple. If you have questions please contact Marilyn Johnson, 922-6641.

STEWARDSHIP: FAITH IN ACTION

Do you have an hour a week or month that you could devote to a church activity? The actual work you do for the church may not be especially important in itself; but to you personally it can mean everything.

Many, many of you are already engaged with several Kirk activities. The end of this month the congregation will be receiving a Time and Talent survey. This year you will be receiving a more detailed description of activities that take place within the Kirk.

Please take time to go over everything and indicate how much of yourself—of your time and abilities— you are willing to offer as a co-worker of Christ.

MISSION

MISSION DOLLARS

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$852 in June and \$524 the first three Saturdays and Sundays in July. This money goes to fund our nine Presbyterian agencies.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Parking lot needs some work

The Kirk's parking lot is in sad shape. Building and Grounds is looking for someone to head up a committee to explore options and make recommendations. Call Don Elsenheimer, 915-9280, if you're the one.

We also need another sound technician or two. Call Gordon McLean, 922-0650.

10 Years on Staff

Kudos to Financial Secretary Beverly Schaumburg, who celebrated 10 years with the Kirk on July 8.

Beverly and her husband Rudy moved to the village in 1995 from Buckley, Illinois, a small town 100 miles south of Chicago. They both worked for the Chanute Air Force Base as civilians. Rudy retired in 1986 after 38 years and Beverly retired in 1993 after 28 years.

She saw the ad for financial secretary after she'd been here about a year and a half. "I was ready for a part-time job and this was close to home."

Beverly was instrumental in converting the old system to a new program designed for churches. We're glad she decided to come out of retirement and hope she doesn't plan to go back to it anytime soon.

Please pray for these people we know who are In Harm's Way

Joseph DeVon, grandson of Elizabeth & Verland DeVon, Iraq
Matt Rhees, grandson of Elizabeth & Verland DeVon, Awaiting deployment, U.S. Army
Capt. Mike Lance, grandson of Elizabeth & Verland DeVon, Iraq
Dr. Sean Mullendore, grandson of Connie & George Green, Standby, U.S. Air Force
Kami Carpenter, niece of Gloria Hepner, Iraq, National Guard
Kara Shaffer, niece of Gloria Hepner, Iraq, National Guard
Capt. Ben Brown, grandson of Vic Brown, England, U.S. Air Force
Paul Glenn Head, nephew of Alice Smith, Ft. Hood, TX, U.S. Army
David Lindholm, grandson of George & Marianne Lindholm, Langlin AFB, U.S. Air Force
Gregory Lindhom, nephew of George & Marianne Lindholm, Groton, CT, U.S. Navy
Capt. Shane Rosenthal, grandnephew of Bob & Bev Kirchhoff, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps
Lt. David Hessert, grandson of Ann Hessert, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps
Lt. Colonel Chad Stevens, son-in-law of Bob & Lorraine Berry, Al-Asad, Iraq, US Army
Specialist Jonathan Musilek, grandson of Bob & Lorraine Berry, Al-Asad, Iraq, US Army
Maj. Hale Barclay, cousin of Harry Marshall, Iraq, U.S. Army
Gabriel Hodgson, friend of Jene Waite, Afghanistan, U.S. Air Force
PFC Adam Sandifer, grandson-in-law of Tom & Ethelee Beverly, Kuwait
Lt. Zachary Ritter, grandson of Roger & Jeanne Kleinschmidt, Afghanistan, U.S. Marine Corps
Christopher Kotz, nephew of Bob & Judy Corwin, Iraq, 14th Marine Regiment
LCDR Neal Nottrott, son of David and Theresa Nottrott, Djibouti, Africa, US Navy
LCpl. Jordan Kilpatrick, grandson of Bill & Pat McCluskey, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Robert Downey, grandson of Bob & Fran Burr, Afghanistan, U.S. Marine Corps

Thanks from Sam for the “grand retirement party”

Dear Friends,

What a grand retirement party you provided for Cora Jane and me on my last Sunday as your pastor! It was truly a glorious afternoon — from the stretch limousine that greeted us as we were leaving the Desoto Club to the last person who shook our hands and gave us farewell hugs.

We were truly surprised by the presence of the limo and its driver, Bob Burt, ready to carry us in grand style to the Fellowship Hall. That was the second big surprise of the day, the first being the sight of my sisters, Sue and Betsy, after the first service. They had sneaked into the Village on Saturday night to be a part of the Sunday festivities.

When we arrived in Hoffius Hall we were greeted by such a multitude of you who were already there. What a treat to see all of you plus friends and family who had come for the occasion. The room was so attractively decorated with the beautiful flowers and the flying geese table runners made by Christine Hoagland added a very special touch. With the delicious refreshments on the reception table, the thoughtful arrangement of chairs, and all the other details of the afternoon, the Fellowship Committee under the leadership of Jim Hess did a great job of preparation for the event.

We were overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness in the wonderful gifts we received. The laptop computer with all the trimmings (camera, printer, briefcase) will enable me to function wherever we are. Through the years I have become dependent on a computer to think. It will also enable us to stay in touch with family and friends by e-mail. Think of us in my sister's

house in Montreat, NC, with the mist coming off the trees, a chill still in the air, and my computer on my lap as I e-mail everyone what they are missing. I'll even include a digital photo.

The black walnut footstool with the picture of the Celtic Cross which came from Al Guenther's workshop is lovely and truly unique. There may be some conflict whether it stays in the house or my office. For the time being, however, we are both enjoying it daily. We are having a good time thinking what to do with the gifts of money which you so generously sent us. We may travel out west - have never been there. We may spend a week at the beach - one of our favorite things. We may buy nicer bookshelves for my home study than previously planned. Maybe I'll get a bigger desk. The dreaming goes on.

I especially appreciate the Book of Letters and Cards. Thanks to each of you who went to the effort to write a personal note of remembrance for Cora Jane and me of all we have shared with you during the past 12 and a half years. It has been a truly moving experience to read and reread your expressions of our connectedness. The cards and letters which continue to arrive are being added to the notebook, so all are included in our memory book which will warm us through the years.

The songs sung by our singing sexton Alan Wilkes were a real treat. It was thoughtful of Jerral Johnson to find out my favorites. Cora Jane made me do it - why else would I let your last memory of me be my belting out the Books of the Bible with my two sisters! So, thanks for a wonderful afternoon

where we could laugh and sing a silly song and hug and tear up at the thought of our separation.

It has been such a treasure to spend twelve and a half years of striving side by side with you for the faith of the Gospel. I will always remember the special experiences we shared together; and while I will no longer be your pastor, I will continue to hold you in my heart.

Sam

To the Men's Bible Study class:

I want to thank you for the 5-Disk CD player you gave me at our last meeting. It will be great to have a multiple player at home in my study and then in my next office. As I use it I will think of the rich experiences we had plowing through Matthew as well as the variety of side trips we took on the way. I am grateful for the opportunity we had to share in such an invigorating learning experience. Your “teachable spirit” and openness to listening to one another made our journey unique. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as you continue your pilgrimage through Matthew.

Sam



Sam “belting out the Books of the Bible” with sisters Betsy Rembert (left) and Sue Neelly.

Dear Kirk Members

OUR MANY THANKS go out to all the visits made while David was in the Hospital, the food that was delivered to the house, and the prayers of so many people. Our thanks to Sam Pope and the Pastoral Associates Don Trent, Ed Holt, Dave Nottrott. Also to the many elders, especially to Raymond Jacobsmeyer for all his help. The lap robe was very nice and David uses it to keep warm. Thanks to those who came over to the house and did the odd jobs that I wasn't able to do on my own. It is a real blessing to belong to a Church that is so loving and caring for its members. David is well on his way to recovery.

*Blessings,
Barbara Singleton*

THANKS TO EVERYONE who sent cards and messages after the death of Jane's mother. Your kind thoughts and prayers were so greatly appreciated.

Jane and Alan Harless

Farewell Old Friends

A number of old friends have moved away in recent months. We print their addresses here to help you stay in touch.

Wes and Jean Hardin
14800 Van Dyke Road
Plainfield, IL 60544

Former member Loie Pascoe died July 3 in Tulsa. Loreita's address is 3800 West 71st Street, #1206, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74132.

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WE APOLOGIZE FOR being a bit late with this note. It has been a hectic time for us getting moved, new life style, new doctors and son Kevin's operation, which went well.

We miss the village, the Kirk, and our friends. However, our family and old friends have been there for us, helping make the transition easier. It's so nice to be by family.

Was so glad to hear you have a new senior pastor. We're still looking for a church.

We want to thank you for the lovely prayer shawl and cross plaque. Our plaque is hung where we can see it daily; it reminds us of the 17 great years we had at the Kirk. Thanks to all who have sent notes. They are much appreciated—keep them coming. Our best wishes and thanks to all our Kirk friends.

Helen and Vern Anderson

THERE'S GOOD NEWS today! Jim Walter's heart specialist said his heart was strengthening remarkably! The lovely prayer shawl given us by the Kirk not only helped in its intended purpose, but in the brrr ICU area it alleviated my shivers, then was additional warmth on his bed when I left to go home. Thanks to all for good thoughts and prayers, and especially to all those on Congregational Care! What a family!

Verlee Walter

GEORGIA AND THE Hill family want to thank all of you for your caring thoughts and prayers and to all who dropped by to say hi to Bud. He's doing very well in rehab in Good Samaritan and hopes to be home soon.

Georgia Hill

ONCE AGAIN WE have experienced the warmth, closeness and care of our Kirk family, during and after my hospital stay. Thank you for the hospital and home visits, the many get well cards and the delicious food. The gift of the Prayer Quilt and the Prayer Shawl mean so much to us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Henry Hasper

MY THANKS TO all for the cards, phone calls and prayers during and after my back surgery. All must have helped as I am doing much better.

*Blessings,
Art Volkema*

THANK YOU TO everyone who helped me and our family after the death of Leo. Your concerns, prayers, visits and phone calls were so needed and appreciated. Our thanks to Shepherd Group 4 and good friends for the delicious food. Leo enjoyed visits by Sam, Don, Ed and Bill. Our family wants the Kirk to know how blessed we are to belong to such a caring church.

*Love,
Gerry Wright*

In Memoriam

Ruth Louise Bayes

Joined Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines April 8, 2003
Entered the Church Triumphant July 5, 2006

Herman "Hank" Spiller

Joined Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines August 18, 1985
Entered the Church Triumphant July 16, 2006

In Sympathy

Carolee Lucas, sister of **JoAnne Rich**, May 31, 2006

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Reverend Bailey loves helping people grow in their faith

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sisters live in Conway, and Bill has a sister and brother in Oklahoma. The fact that there were world-class golf courses nearby didn't hurt. "I very much enjoy golf."

Once he applied for the position, he was impressed by the diversity, competence, skills and faith of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

"They were so warm and welcoming and so competent," he said. "They understood the church's needs well and were able to articulate them in a way that was compelling to me."

Bill and Anne were married when they were freshmen at University of Central Arkansas. They

knew each other all through school in Conway and started dating while seniors in high school.

They'll be joined in the Village by their daughter, Hannah, who is working on her B.S. in Political Science, and grandson Elijah, who begins kindergarten this month at Jessierville School.

Their son Benjamin, also a golfer, graduates this fall from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.S. in Philosophy. Daughter Martha teaches Economics at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and Rebecca lives in Lexington, Kentucky, is married to a veterinarian and is expecting their first child in October.

Anne, a registered nurse specializing in cardio-thoracic ICU care, plans to continue her career here.

"God seems to work in strange and mysterious ways," Bill said "He led me to things I would never have done on my own."

Although he followed a different path than he had originally intended, education is still close to Bill's heart. He taught theology for over 13 years as adjunct faculty at Florida Southern College in Orlando and Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

"My greatest love is teaching and helping people grow and think more deeply about their faith."