



# A Voice in the Pines

The newsletter of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines

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## **THE PASTOR'S CORNER**

Recently, I was reminded of an episode in Mark Twain's *Tom Sawyer*. If you read the book, you may remember the scene where young Tom, smitten by romance and eager to impress, had managed to buy and trade enough "tickets" to be presented a new Bible at Sunday school. The "tickets" indicated the student had memorized a certain number of Bible verses. Tom had used his charm and skills in trading so that, without learning much of the Bible, he had accumulated an amazing 2,000 tickets. On the day of the presentation, the congregation was shocked and pleased as Tom presented himself and his 2,000 tickets. The pastor praised Tom and reminded him that one day he would look back on this and be thankful for the knowledge he had gained. Tom beamed with pride and would have gotten away with this scheme had not the pastor asked him to share some of his great knowledge of the Bible by naming two of the disciples of Jesus. Tom answered, "David and Goliath!"

Some historians have argued that scenes like this may have been, at least in part, autobiographical. Mark Twain would say later in life that he had learned two things from the Presbyterian Church; one was the fear of God and the second was the dread of Sunday School!

However humorous Twain's comments may be, there are many Christians who share his mostly negative perception of Christian education. There are even more who do not really understand why Tom Sawyer's answer about Jesus' disciples might be funny. I once had a member of a church I was serving, an elder no less, who volunteered to teach a Middle School Bible class explaining to us that he would be glad to tell the "children" about the time Nicodemus met Jesus in a sycamore tree! He wasn't joking!

As we begin a new year, it occurs to me that many of us may be making needed New Year's resolutions. In light of the rampant Biblical illiteracy in our churches, let me suggest that we might resolve to learn more about our faith this

coming year. It is my hope that all of us might learn more on Sunday mornings than to fear God and to dread Sunday school. I would hope we might also learn to love God and delight in learning about what God has done for us.

2009 happens to be the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. There's a class that meets on Thursday mornings that would love to have you join us and discover why Calvin is so important for us as Presbyterians. Dr. Heinrich Eiler will lead a new Sunday School class beginning this coming Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.—a good warm up for the new worship time at 10 a.m. Dr. Tom Long will present our Mid-Winter lectures Jan 26-27<sup>th</sup> on the theme of suffering. There simply are lots of opportunities to learn, to grow, to stretch a little at the Kirk. Get involved this year. Join us to learn and grow.

Happy New Year,  
Bill

### **Sunday School begins Jan. 4**

Two classes are being offered each Sunday morning prior to the 10 a.m. worship service:

**8:45 to 9:45 a.m.** – Post-Christendom discussion will be led by Dr. Heinrich Eiler in the conference room.

**9 to 9:30 a.m.** -- The Focus Group meets in the library to discuss films. New members are invited to join in an informal discussion of the present selection, "*Faith and Reason.*"

### **2009 Worship Service Times beginning January 4**

**Sunday Discussion Group – 8:45 to 9:30  
a.m.**

**Focus Group, Sunday - 9 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship Service – 10 a.m.**

**Saturday Informal Service – 5 p.m.**

**CLERK'S CORNER**

The year of 2008 is behind us and we are beginning a bright 2009 with some new programs and new equipment in our Memorial Garden and church structure. We are spending some time and money to bring needed costly maintenance to our facilities. You will see a well attended single service each Sunday with our choir in place — what a joy that will be. We need only to remember to park near the outer perimeter if we walk without difficulty and to utilize the center of our pews as well as the end seats.

Our total pledging is running a little behind our 2008 numbers and can cause tightening of our standard monthly operating budget. Bill addressed our financial responsibilities very nicely in two of his November sermons. Our giving covenant should at least consider increased cost of standard monthly operations— thus a consideration of some increased pledging. You may still pick up pledge cards and resubmit if you care to change your pledge or have not made one yet.

Our Session conducted the following business during the December Session Meeting:

- Gary Rector was elected to continue as Treasurer for 2009.
- Dottie Isaacson was appointed a Commissioner to the February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Presbytery Meeting at University of the Ozarks, Clarksville.
- We approved Bill Bailey conducting the Baptism Service for his two grandchildren during second service on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Barb Greenman was elected as the Kirk's representative to a three-day PAM music conference in Austin, Texas in February.
- A motion was passed approving an increase of \$1,100 to the 2008 Fellowship budget on line item 5145.
- We approved an increase of \$1,600 to Fellowship budget on line item 5335.
- A motion passed granting a \$150 Christmas bonus to each staff member.
- We approved changes to the Church Statistics report to correct past errors.

**Transfers:** Mary Dean was transferred to United Methodist Church of Minneapolis.

**Church Statistics:** As of December 9, 2008  
Members 531      Family Units 334

**Month of November:**

**General Fund** receipts exceeded expenditures by \$13,122.

**Building Fund** receipts exceeded expenditures by \$1,681.

**Year to Date:**

**General Fund** receipts exceeded expenditures by \$38,161.

**Building Fund** receipts exceeded expenditures by \$18,907.

Have a happy, bright New Year and God bless each of you,

Bob Rosenthal, Clerk of Session

**An Update from your Finance Committee****Budget**

As the year draws to a close we are working on the 2009 budget and will finalize it at the January, 2009 Session meeting. Pledging is an essential part of the budget process, and thanks to those who have sent in their estimates of giving. If you haven't submitted your pledge, please do so at the earliest opportunity.

**Financial Reports**

Finance continuously looks for ways to enlighten the congregation. With that in mind a member of our committee, Spence Johnson, worked with the financial secretary, Beverly Schaumburg, to create a simplified financial summary. That report is now posted in Hoffius Hall, and I encourage you to look at it. Beverly will continue to generate the more comprehensive financial statements. You can obtain a copy from this committee or the Kirk office.

**Audit**

The *Book of Order* requires annual audits and the audit committee recently completed a review of 2007. We appreciate the work of Sylvia Gruben, who chaired the committee, and the members, Bill Carson and Mike Carpenter. We will need someone to do next year's audit, so if you have the background and/or interest, please contact me.

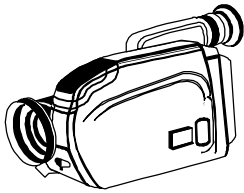
Darell Fisher,  
Finance Committee Moderator

**MISSION DOLLARS**

Our November \$1.00 Mission offering was \$1,055.  
Thank you.

## Tax-free Charity Distribution Extended

The Federal government has renewed a popular tax break for charitable giving for 2008 and 2009 tax years. Retirees may direct a part of their required annual minimum distribution from IRAs to a qualified charity, and pay no taxes on the amount contributed. The transfer must be made directly by your IRA custodian to the charity. If you wish to consider this for your contribution to the Kirk, and need more information, please contact Darell Fisher or Gary Rector



### Faith and Film Class: "Schindler's List"

The film "*Schindler's List*" will be discussed Jan. 14 by the Faith and Film Class led by Pastor Bailey. The class will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Hoffius Hall.

Based on a true story, Steven Spielberg's "*Schindler's List*" stars Liam Neeson as Oskar Schindler, a German businessman in Poland who sees an opportunity to make money from the Nazis' rise to power. He starts a company to make cookware and utensils, using flattery and bribes to win military contracts.

By staffing his plant with Jews who've been herded into Krakow's ghetto by Nazi troops, Schindler has a dependable unpaid labor force. However, as he sees what is happening to his employees, he begins to develop a conscience.

He realizes his factory (now re-fitted to manufacture ammunition) is the only thing preventing his staff from being shipped to the death camps. Soon Schindler demands more workers and starts bribing Nazi leaders to keep Jews on his employee lists and out of the camps.

By the time Germany falls to the allies, Schindler has lost his entire fortune — and saved 1,100 people from likely death.

Those who plan to participate in the discussion should view the movie before attending the class. A copy is available in our Kirk Library and may be checked out, but members are urged to return it quickly so others may borrow it too.

We hope you will join us for an interesting and enlightening discussion.

**Dr. Thomas G. Long**

**Annual Midwinter  
Lecture Series**



**Dr. Tom Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching,  
Chandler School of Theology,  
Emory University  
will discuss**

***"How Can We Believe in a God of Love  
in a World Like This One"***

**Monday, Jan. 26 -- 9 to 11:30 a.m. and  
1 to 3 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 27 -- 9 to 11:30 a.m. and  
1 to 3 p.m.**

**Hoffius Hall**

**(Sign up January 10, 11 and 17, 18.)**

## Kirk to host CLP students

Dr. Heinrich Eiler, dean of Presbytery's Commissioned Lay Pastor Academy, has expressed gratitude for the Session's approval of a request for the Kirk to host the forthcoming CLP training program.

Twenty-seven students, from across the Presbytery, have enrolled for this program which consists of 10 weekends (Friday evening through Sunday noon, including the Sunday worship service). 2009 dates are: Feb. 13-15; May 15-17; Aug., 28-30 and Nov. 13-15. The program will conclude in May, 2011.

The Kirk hosted the first program in this series in 2002-2003. As then, there may be a need to provide host families for some of the students. This would mean room (Friday and Saturday nights), along with a breakfast (Saturday and Sunday mornings).

If you are willing to host one or two students, please call the church office and place your name on the list for hosting as needed.

## Post-Christendom: What does it mean? What can we do about it?

Retired Presbyterian pastor Dr. Heinrich Eiler addressed these thought-provoking questions during a recent one-day seminar at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

“Change is a fact of life,” he said. “But Christians need to understand where they have been so they can proceed more wisely into the future.”

Dr. Eiler began by citing the core of the covenant God formed with Israel—to be a blessing to the world and to spread God’s blessing. He reviewed the history of Judaism through the Persian, Greek, and Roman eras. After the death of Jesus Christ, his followers were only a small sect within Judaism, but they spread their beliefs into the Gentile world.

In 315, the Roman emperor Con-

stantine converted to Christianity. Theodosius, a committed Christian emperor from 379 to 395, established a law to make Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. This ushered in the Age of Christendom.

For hundreds of years, Christianity was the dominant religion in Europe, reaching its zenith in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. However, the Renaissance exposed the people to democracy (Greek) as an alternative to empire (Roman). The Age of Enlightenment encouraged individualism and rational thought.

During the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Protestant Reformation led to a series of religious wars and political revolutions. Our forefathers learned from these experiences and insisted on a separation of church and state in the

new republic.

Although not a “state religion,” Christianity received strong support within American society until about 1945. Now we have entered a Post-Christendom Age. New advancements in technology have created a smaller world. Interconnectedness and pluralism are realities.

What is going to happen now? Dr. Eiler said the Christian Church needs to recognize “disestablishment.” We can return to our roots. Like the early followers of Jesus Christ, Christians in today’s world are still called to love our neighbors and show God’s love for all his children.

“Faith has come full circle,” said Dr. Eiler, “and we have nothing to fear. God is still God.”

## Former DEA agent speaker at men’s breakfast meeting

Efforts to curb illegal drug trafficking in the U.S. aren’t working and probably never will because there’s too much money involved, a former undercover Drug Enforcement Agent told the Kirk’s Men’s Association.

Kenneth Rhodes, a Kirk member and also lay pastor of West End Presbyterian Church in Arkadelphia, entertained at the November pancake breakfast meeting with tales of dramatic arrests and gun battles which marked his sometimes harrowing career in law enforcement.

The Hot Springs native’s association with the Young Republicans in Chicago led him to the IRS where he trained to become a special agent. But Ken said he thought DEA agents “seemed to be having all the fun” and also received premium pay, so he switched agencies.

He told of encountering deep-seated racism among white law-enforcement agents when he was assigned to work undercover in the Fort Worth, Texas, area in the 1960s, and of being beaten by police when he was



*Ken Rhodes*

arrested while trying to make drug buys as “Cadillac Joe.”

“When you’re undercover, nobody’s on your side,” Ken said. The local police, who didn’t know he was a federal agent, were trying to arrest him as a drug dealer. Other dealers wanted to steal his money.

“Everybody’s out to get you, everybody wants your money,” he said. “That’s why narcotics are such a big deal in America.”

## A Beautiful Thanksgiving Day

Waiters (from left) Norm Martin, Don Turner and Frank Moore stand ready to serve.



It was a sunny fall day. Inside Hoffius Hall, a glistening, golden brown turkey, surrounded by harvest bounty and autumn leaf garlands sat waiting to be carved. Cloth-covered dining tables were dressed with coordinating hand-made napkins, pumpkin centerpieces and fall decorations.

Waiters and waitresses in crisp white shirts and black trousers formed a team huddle as Ruth Hamilton, new Fellowship Committee moderator, gave last-minute serving instructions.

Following a gracious welcome by Ruth and prayer by the Rev. Don Trent, Dennis Zymboly carved the bird with a flourish and Thanksgiving Dinner was underway.

The Fellowship committee members served 117 plates of a delicious turkey dinner and all the trimmings prepared by Ramona's Catering. Sixteen orders were picked up or delivered.

After everyone had sated their appetite with pecan and pumpkin pie, the singing waiters, most who also sing in the Kirk choir, led everyone in singing praises of thanks.

We all have much to be thankful for and it was a wonderful Thanksgiving Day at the Kirk.



Bob Rosenthal, Clerk of Session (left) welcomes the elders-elect to the October Session Retreat at Ferncliff. Pictured with Bob, (left to right) are Rich Croson, Martha Fast, Mike Carpenter, Joyce Leeming, and (kneeling) Dennis Zymboly. The new elders began their duties December 1. Gold cross stickers on their name tags indicate they are now in active service. Inactive elders wear green stickers on their name tags. We appreciate the dedicated service of all our elders, active and retired.

## Kirk Library News

New on the library shelves are:

*Understand the Old Testament*  
*Stories Behind Women of Extraordinary Faith*  
*Tears of the Desert: A Memoir of Survival in Darfur*  
*On Prayer: Conversation with God*  
*The Book of Buechner: A Journey Through His Writings*  
*Lessons I Learned from My Grandchildren*  
*40 Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer*  
*40 Day Journey with Martin Luther*  
*40 Day Journey with Kathleen Norris*  
*Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: Cultural Studies in the Gospels*  
*Same Kind of Different As Me*  
*Acedia & Me: A Marriage, Monks*  
*A Writer's Life; Clans and Tartans of Scotland*

Word has it that during January there will be a general updating of books, records and space done by certain elves and fairies interested in such things. If you have Kirk library books out that you have finished, please return them as soon as possible so others may enjoy them.



## ALL-KIRK DINNER

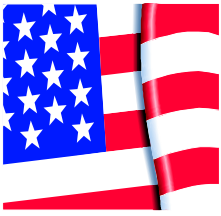
February 9, 2009  
 Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church  
 Seating at 5:30 p.m.  
 Dinner by Ramona's at 6 p.m.

Dance music and entertainment by  
 Hot Springs Village Big Band

Ticket Sales: Jan. 17 & 18, Jan. 24 & 25,  
 Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2009

Menu choice and cost to be announced.

Watch upcoming bulletins and next month's  
 newsletter for more details



## Men's Association

Dennis and Ronnie Zymboly will present a program Jan. 16 on the origin of the different flags that have flown over the United States at the Men's Association meeting. Dennis has a very extensive collection of flags.

If you have not seen this outstanding collection, be sure to attend. You will find it very informative.

The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. in Hoffius Hall with coffee and donuts. After a short business meeting and devotional at 8 a.m., the Zymbolys will show and tell about the flags.

If you know of a speaker the group would enjoy hearing, or there is a subject you'd like to hear about, call Jerral Johnson at 922-6641 or Gary Clark at 915-8497.

The Men's Association meets the third Friday each month. Guests are always welcome.



## Gardening ... Alpha to Omega

Spring is just around the corner and you will want to get out the pruning shears. "Pruning Ornamental Plants in the Landscape," led by Jerral Johnson, will be the topic of discussion from 2-3:30 p.m. Jan. 22 when gardeners meet in Hoffius Hall. Subjects will include:

- What type pruning should be done.
- When should plants be pruned based on when they bloom.
- How pruning cuts should be made.
- Pruning equipment and its care.

Gardening ... Alpha to Omega workshops are the fourth Thursday each month, September to May, except for November and December. Anyone interested in gardening are invited to attend. For more information call Jerral Johnson at 922-6641.

## Wolves enjoy meeting at the Kirk

Wolves gather at the Kirk on Tuesday nights – they're in the board room at 6 p.m. every week and are so pleased to have a nice large room as their den – Wolf Pack 7, that is.

Nine Cub Scouts meet each week to work on their projects and learn leadership skills with Den Leader Angel Valentin and his wife and assistant Den Leader, Anna.

Their fall project was selling popcorn to raise money for camping, trips and other Scout-oriented outings.

Word is one Cub Scout, who is familiar to many of us, has been very successful in persuading generous relatives and members of the Kirk congregation to buy popcorn! No doubt the pack will meet their goal.

In February the Scouts have their Blue and Gold Banquet and a Pine Derby. They'll have fun racing cars they've designed and built themselves ... well, maybe with a little help.

Wolf Pack 7 is part of the Ouachita Area Council and the Kirk is delighted to have them make it their den.



*With Cub Scout leaders Anna and Angel Valentin are (from left) A. J. Valentin, Elijah Bailey, Christian Echols, Jeremy Valentin and Andrew Broussard. Not pictured are Scouts Shannon Jensen, Tyler Hargroove, Abe Lowery and Ethan Cox.*

## Kirk Choir Presents *Festival of Carols*

Joyful voices filled the sanctuary as the Kirk Choir presented its annual Christmas cantata at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines on Sunday, December 14. This year's compelling and exciting work, *Festival of Carols*, was written and arranged by popular composer Joseph M. Martin. The cantata included over 20 carols, new and old, in unique arrangements with brilliant orchestrations.

Larry Bradley, minister of music, directed the choir accompanied by Barbara Greenman on the piano. A brief opening passage featured hand bell ringers, Helen Van Stone, Fran Stroud, Bev Bullard and Shirley Stollsteimer. Lending their beautiful voices as soloists were Pat Hightower, and Abe and Fran Stroud.

Nine scripture lessons interspersed among the choral numbers and solos were read by Dennis Zymboly, Anne Holt, Tom Hightower, Toni Bradley, Bev Bullard, Don Elsenheimer, Pat Hightower, Carol Gardner and Darell Fisher. Pastor Bill Bailey pronounced the Bidding Prayer and Benediction.

Following the program, a lovely reception hosted by the Kirk Fellowship Committee and Reception Committee was served in Hoffius Hall. Members and guests visited with one another and expressed gratitude to all who provided this beautiful time of inspiration and joy.



*Former Pastor, Sam Pope and wife, Cora Jane*

*Jim Thayer, John Dykstra and Bob Rosenthal enjoy the reception.*



*Christine Hoagland's beautiful arrangement decorated the table as guests enjoyed the delicious refreshments.*

## Learn to Cope with Vision Loss

As the New Year begins, the FOCUS program for Villagers with Vision Loss encourages persons with vision problems to consider taking the upcoming FOCUS classes.

The classes will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday and Friday, February 2 through March 13, in Hoffius Hall. Transportation is provided for those who need it.

Participants learn to pour liquid into a cup without spilling; mark clothing so they have matched outfits; mark canned food (to prevent using a can of corn instead of peaches in Jell-O), and taught simple "how to" ideas on marking medicine and other items.

Other classes are devoted to walking with a guide without feeling conspicuous; folding money so they can pay for purchases; learning to microwave cook using simple recipes, and using talking aids such as talking calculators for paying bills and balancing the check book.

Resources are important. There will be speakers related to vision loss and vendors with equipment that is helpful to participants.

## Kirk Ladies Gathering


A very festive-looking group of Kirk ladies gathered in December for a bible study given by Pastor Bill Bailey. Music was provided by Mary Ann Krieger. The Village crud took its toll on the group, but Ruth Naggs and Sue Thayer did a fine job keeping things moving.

Lunch was outstanding as the Greenhorns, once again, did themselves proud. The program after lunch was provided by the new musical group, the Hot Springs Horn Ensemble directed by Julian Herring.

What a wonderful way to spend a few hours among friends: Learning about God and His Son, singing, eating, and being entertained!



# January

<p><b>NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE SUNDAYS @ 10 a.m.</b></p>		
<p>4 <b>Communion Service</b> <b>10:00 Worship Service</b> <b>8:45 Discussion Group</b> <b>9:00 Adult Focus Group</b></p>	<p>5 <b>9:30 PW CT Meeting</b> <b>10:00 Bible Moderators</b> <b>1:00 Staff Meeting</b> 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA</p>	<p>6 8:00 TOPS 10:00 Men's Cooking Club 10:15 Al-Anon 1:30 Big Band <b>2:00 Memorial Committee</b> 6:00 Cub Scouts <b>7:00 Shepherd Group #9</b></p>
<p>11 <b>10:00 Worship Service</b> <b>8:45 Discussion Group</b> <b>9:00 Adult Focus Group</b></p>	<p>12 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA</p>	<p>13 8:00 TOPS 10:15 Al-Anon <b>1:00 Session Meeting</b> 1:30 Big Band 6:00 Cub Scouts</p>
<p>18 <b>10:00 Worship Service</b> <b>8:45 Discussion Group</b> <b>9:00 Adult Focus Group</b></p>	<p>19 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>10:00 Congregational Care Com.</b> <b>3:00 Worship Com.</b> 7:00 AA</p>	<p>20 8:00 TOPS <b>9:30 Stewardship</b> 10:15 Al-Anon 1:30 Big Band 6:00 Cub Scouts</p>
<p>25 <b>10:00 Worship Service</b> <b>8:45 Discussion Group</b> <b>9:00 Adult Focus Group</b></p>	<p>26 <b>9:30 Administration</b> 6:15 Village Chorale 7:00 AA <b>7:00 Kirk Konnection</b> <b>Mid Winter Lecture Series</b></p>	<p>27 8:00 TOPS 10:15 Al-Anon 1:30 Big Band 6:00 Cub Scouts <b>Mid Winter Lecture Series</b></p>

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	<p>1</p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:00 Communications</p> <p>OFFICE OPEN</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>5:00 Informal Worship Service</b></p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>9:00 Bible Study</b> 10:00 Embroidery Guild 1:00 Symphony Guild <b>3:00 Education Com.</b> <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b></p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>9:00 Fellowship Com</b> <b>9:00 Christian Faith</b> <b>10:00 Bell Choir</b> <b>1:00 Evangelism Com</b> 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>10:00 Finance Com.</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>5:00 Informal Worship Service</b></p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>9:00 Bible Study</b> <b>10:30 Greenhorns</b> <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b> <b>6:30 Faith &amp; Film</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>9:00 Christian Faith</b> 9:30 Potter's Clay <b>10:00 Bell Choir</b> <b>2:00 Planning &amp; Coordinating Com.</b> 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>7:30 Men's Assoc.</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>5:00 Informal Worship Service</b></p>
<p>21</p> <p><b>9:00 Bible Study</b> 2:30 Heifer Project <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b></p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>9:00 Christian Faith</b> <b>10:00 Bell Choir</b> <b>2:00 Gardening W/S</b> 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>5:00 Informal Worship Service</b></p>
<p>28</p> <p><b>9:00 Bible Study</b> <b>4:00 Kirk Choir</b></p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>9:00 Christian Faith</b> <b>1:00 Membership Com</b> <b>10:00 Bell Choir</b> 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>5:00 Informal Worship Service</b></p>



JAN 1 Joe Atkinson  
 JAN 1 Wayne Copeland  
 JAN 1 Dick Olson  
 JAN 2 Nancy Nogle  
 JAN 3 Dorothy Stroupe  
 JAN 4 Jeanne Lowenthal  
 JAN 4 Martha Parry  
 JAN 4 Tom Valentine  
 JAN 5 Gerald Pogemiller  
 JAN 6 Don Elsenheimer  
 JAN 7 Janet Ferris  
 JAN 8 Sherry Barefield  
 JAN 9 Mike Carpenter  
 JAN 9 Cliff Gunsalus  
 JAN 10 Diane Malottki  
 JAN 11 Janet Durbin  
 JAN 12 Bob Burt  
 JAN 12 Debra Cordell  
 JAN 12 Bob Geissler  
 JAN 13 Lew Olmstead  
 JAN 14 Darell Fisher  
 JAN 14 Ted Veiock  
 JAN 17 Jane Harless  
 JAN 17 Charles Moffat  
 JAN 18 Jean Brown  
 JAN 20 Betty Reece  
 JAN 21 Anne Holt  
 JAN 21 Jane McGregor  
 JAN 22 Jerral Johnson  
 JAN 23 Don Turner  
 JAN 23 Eula Mae Veeder  
 JAN 24 Phyllis Miller  
 JAN 25 Halene Strautman  
 JAN 26 Lloyd Swan  
 JAN 27 Duane Claveau  
 JAN 27 Betty Jo Judy  
 JAN 28 Shirley Peglar  
 JAN 30 Connie Stewart  
 JAN 31 Emily Faulk

JAN 3 Gary and Dotty Rector  
 JAN 15 Lynn and Beverly Wallace  
 JAN 16 Don and Helen VanStone  
 JAN 17 Dick and Marilyn Olson  
 JAN 25 Jimmy and Barbara Harris  
 JAN 26 Arthur and Marty Volkema  
 JAN 30 Tom and Helen Valentine  
 JAN 31 Gayle and Edwina Oglesby  
 JAN 31 Don and Marilyn Turner

### Find current pictures on the Kirk web site.

Have you tried to find a Kirk member in your printed pictorial directory only to decide the person must have joined since 2007?

Just go to the Kirk's web site, [www.kirkinthepines.org](http://www.kirkinthepines.org) where Bruce McIntosh keeps our online directory current. Click "Links" then click "Online Pictorial Directory."

Since our members' pictures and information is password protected, you must enter our password: kirk1 -- that's kirk and the number one.

To access the Olan Mills site directly, enter <http://om126300.onlineolanmills.com>. You will still need the password above.

## Dear Kirk Friends :

To all my caring Christian friends:

If you want to feel good during the holiday season, just spend a few days in the hospital. Then you will realize why living in HSV is like a pit stop on the highway to (hopefully) heaven.

My humble thanks to Duane Sonnenberg, Larry Bradley and Bill Bailey for their hospital visits, to the people on the prayer chain and to so many more church members who prayed for and inquired about my well being.

I truly am blessed to have this many people who care.

Peace and love,  
*Larry Stewart*

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Today I received a lovely prayer shawl. Thank you so much, and thank you for all your prayers. I am truly blessed.

*Joy Reynolds*

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Dear Kirk members:

Lynn and I feel so blessed to be in a caring church family.

I want to thank Bill Bailey, the Greenhorns and all the people for the food, cards and calls during my recent surgery. It means so much when you aren't feeling well. Thanks to all the members of Circle 4 who managed without me, especially to Eula Mae Weeder who stepped in while I recovered.

Thanks to each one of you!

Fondly,  
*Beverly Wallace*

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Dear Kirk friends,

Thank you so much for all the care and concern you have shown Bob and I since the first of the year.

A special thanks to Bill and Don and our Saturday night group. Also, to the Greenhorns who prepared very tasty meals for us.

It has all been so appreciated!

Love in Christ,  
*Bob and Gretchen Mayfield*

## Shepherd Group Meetings

Soon you will have an organizational meeting for your new shepherd group. We hope as many of you as possible will attend these meetings. You will have an opportunity to see old friends and meet some new ones.

Some of you may need to change groups because of meeting day, time, type of group, or other problems. We will do our best to accommodate you. Just tell your new leader or call Jean Fisher at 922-9344 or Don and Edie Loveday at 922-1894.

### Kirk Medical Transportation Needs Drivers

Driving members of the congregation to medical appointments and to visit hospitalized family members is so successful Congregational Care needs more drivers. If you can help with this important mission, sign up by calling Larry Bradley at the Kirk office, 922-1333 or at home, 501 321-1002, or call Martha Fast at 922-0848.

If you need transportation call Larry Bradley to make arrangements. If he is unavailable, call Martha Fast.

### Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed

Meals on Wheels provide hot cooked meals to home-bound seniors. Each March the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines is responsible for providing volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels in the Village. We need two people for each weekday.

You can volunteer as a couple or we will match you up with a partner. We also need substitutes who are available on an as-needed basis.



**2009 Flower Calendar  
sign up available  
on bulletin board  
in Hoffius Hall**

Please make your wishes known as soon as possible. Cost is \$37.50 for the arrangements and \$5.00 for a rose. Contact Christine Hoagland at 922-4236 if you have questions.

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**Informal Worship  
Saturday 5 p.m.**

**Sunday Worship  
10 a.m.**

**Kirk Staff**

Bill Bailey	Senior Pastor
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Larry Bradley	Minister of Music
Janie Smith	Visitation Coordinator
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Sallie Huss	Secretary
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"L", not a 1.) Telephone 922-0810.

**Sunday Bulletin Deadline:  
Each Wednesday.**

**Please pray for these people we know who are in Harm's Way:**

**Paul Glenn Head**, nephew of Alice Smith, Ft. Hood, TX, 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  
**Christopher Kotz**, nephew of Bob & Judy Corwin, Iraq, 14th Marine Regiment  
**Col. David Paschal**, nephew of Lou Dowling, U. S. Army  
**Jeff Alt**, great-nephew of Lou Dowling, U. S. Air Force  
**Sgt. Russell James Cowart**, son of Doneice Cragg, Camp Taji, Bagdad  
**Spc. Christopher Blake Cowart**, son of Doneice Cragg, Camp Slayer, Bagdad, Army National Guard  
**Timothy Rabideau**, son of Marylyn Rabideau, Iraq, U. S. Air Force