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A Voice in the Pines

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

COVENANTS BEGIN WITH A GIFT

Years ago, I remember a professor trying to explain the ancient Hebrew notion of covenant. In her lecture she made a helpful and, for me, memorable distinction between a contract and a covenant. A contract, Dr. Sakenfeld suggested, is something we choose to enter into, usually for our own advantage. In contracts, we negotiate terms, barter for services or pay, but always with the question in mind: "What's in this for me?" Covenants, on the other hand, begin with a gift—something received which we did not ask for, deserve or earn. In covenants, we do not negotiate for self-interest; instead, we receive free gifts that obligate us to give in return out of gratitude. In covenants, we make promises and commit ourselves because we have been blessed.

It occurs to me, that in this year of celebrating the 25th Anniversary of The Kirk in the Pines, we are also the recipients of God's covenant. We have received extraordinary gifts we did not ask for, deserve or earn. All of us have been given, as the Biblical writer says, "houses we did not build, wells we did not dig and vineyards we did not plant." (Deuteronomy 6:10-11). We also have a wonderful legacy of faithful Presbyterians who built this sanctuary, supported mission causes through the years and gave of themselves without counting the cost, without asking "What's in this for me?" Indeed, we have much to be grateful for.

October will be a season for stewardship and giving at the Kirk. We will begin our fall campaign for

pledges and estimates of giving for 2007. As Presbyterians we believe that our possessions are given to us by God as a trust to be used for our own needs and for our families, and also for the good of others. And we believe that we are called to be generous in sharing with others, so that the work of our Lord may continue. As in year's past, you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee outlining this year's program. In addition, you will receive an "estimate of giving card" and there will be sermons on giving during the first few weeks of October. The Session is asking you to prayerfully consider your giving to the Lord's work for this coming year. We are also asking you to return an "estimate of giving" card in worship on Dedication Weekend, October 14 and 15. This will help the Session make its plans for mission giving in 2007 as well as help you discipline your own giving to the Lord's work.

As we celebrate 25 years of God's covenant of grace this year at the Kirk, let us continue to be faithful and give generously of our "time, talent and treasure."

In Christ's Service,

Bill Bailey

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2006 Peacemaking Offering

Please use the envelope in this newsletter to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering on Saturday, Sept. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 1.

The story on page 2 explains how it got started and where it goes.

World Communion, Peacemaking Offering

On Sunday, October 1, Christians around the world will do as Christians have done since the 1930s: celebrate World Communion Sunday. Gathered around the table in cities and towns, in countries near and far, we will affirm our oneness in Christ, with each other, and with the church in every time and place. Although this unity is integral to each celebration of every Lord's Supper, the Kirk is among the many churches which place special emphasis on it on World Communion Sunday.

October 1 will also be a day when we lift our commitment to Peacemaking. Throughout the service we will accent our calling to be makers of peace after the pattern of our Lord. Also, a special offering for peacemaking will be received.



When the Peacemaking Offering was established in 1980 it was set in the context of World Communion Sunday. Each congregation was requested to "celebrate our common life in the global bonds of Christ's peace-giving body and, as part of the celebration, to receive a special offering to support initiatives on peacemaking, and peacemaking education throughout the church."



Congregations keep twenty-five percent of the offering for their own peacemaking efforts, twenty-five percent goes to presbyteries, and the remainder goes to denomination efforts. Our Mission Committee decided to give our share to Family Matters, the Ferncliff Summer Camp for children of parents who are in prison.

Service for Wholeness Oct. 5

More than ten years ago a small group of seriously ill members of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines met with their pastor to pray for each other and learn how to participate in God's healing intentions. The group continues to meet twice a month.

In January of last year, a Service of Wholeness began as an outgrowth of this Wellness Group and has been held quarterly since then. The service includes laying on of hands and anointing the forehead with oil, a practice instituted by Jesus and continued in the life of the New Testament churches.

The next Service for Wholeness is Thursday, October 5, at 11:30 a.m. The 30-minute service

is especially meaningful for those who are chronically ill, caring for loved ones who are ill or searching for wholeness in their lives. It is open to everyone in the community.

"The journey toward wholeness is one which all Christians share, regardless of our physical or mental condition," said Dotty Rector, a co-leader of the Wellness Group. "In other words, one need not be seriously ill in order to long for wholeness."

**Service for Wholeness
Thursday, October 5,
at 11:30 a.m.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Gathering October 9

The PW Gathering will meet October 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Reverend William "Bill" Bailey will present the bible study, Perspectives on Sin: Adam and Eve, Genesis 3:1-24. During the worship service the Thank offering will be dedicated. Envelopes were sent in last month's newsletter and may also be found in the pews.

The Greenhorns will provide a delicious luncheon in Hoffius Hall after the gathering. After lunch, Linda Riley and Barbara McLachlon, Presbytery Mission Coordinators, will share a new mission emphasis for Presbyterian women, Together We Serve.

All women of the Kirk are invited to attend. The cost of the luncheon is \$6.50. Please make reservations by October 1 by calling Janie Smith, 922-4142 or Charlotte Massey, 922-2385.

Ferncliff Retreat Oct. 6

The Annual PW Ferncliff Retreat will be October 6 from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will carpool as needed from the Kirk parking lot. Reverend Karen Aiken will be the speaker. Her topic is "Significant Stories." Come away for a relaxing day and enjoy God's creation and a delicious lunch. Reservations are needed by September 29. Cost for the day is \$10.

PW Mission Highlighted

Presbyterian Women will participate in the Kirk Mission Fair on October 29. The many areas of mission—local, national and global—in which we are involved will be highlighted. Our pledges make this possible. Have you made your pledge?

Kirk Hosts Cluster V Worship Service

On Sunday, October 22 the Kirk is expecting company. The Session has invited members of Presbyterian churches in our Cluster to join us for the 10:45 service of worship. A light luncheon will follow in Hoffius Hall.

The invitation is part of a Cluster V Worship Rotation Project begun last August as a way for churches within the Cluster to get to know one another. It was decided that members from other congregations within Cluster V would attend a regularly scheduled Sunday morning service quarterly for the purpose of celebrating God and one another. Following the service, a meal would be shared and a brief history of the host congregation and its current ministries would be presented. Churches in the Cluster each take a turn hosting the quarterly service. This quarter is the Kirk's turn.

The benefits of this project are many, from worshipping together and learning about each other to experiencing new ways of doing ministry.

Please help us make our guests feel welcome.



Cluster V Churches

Amity
Alpine Presbyterian Church
Arkadelphia
First Presbyterian Church
West End Presbyterian Church
Benton
First Presbyterian Church
Gurdon
First Presbyterian Church
Hot Springs
First Presbyterian Church
Highland Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Hot Springs Village
Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines
Woodlands Presbyterian Church
Malvern
First Presbyterian Church
McGhee
First Presbyterian Church
Norman
Barr Memorial Church
Pine Bluff
Belair Presbyterian Church
Central Presbyterian Church
Faith Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church

INFORMAL WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

*If you enjoy upbeat music
and a more relaxed style
of worship, come join us
in Hoffius Hall for an
uplifting spiritual encounter.*

Oct. 7

Job 1:1; 2:1-10
*Job's Cold Shoulder
(Suffering and Faithfulness)*

Oct. 14

Guest Pastor Rev. Bill Bailey

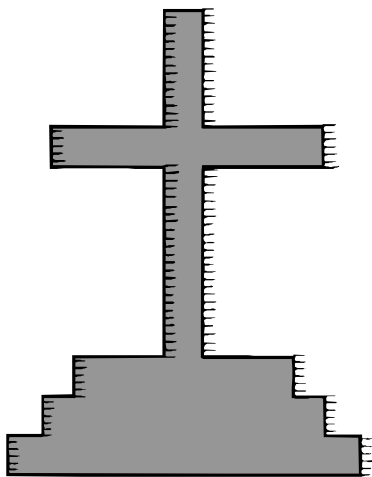
Oct. 21

Mark 10:35-45
EZ-Pass (The Way to Glory)

Oct. 28

Guest Pastor Lon Hardin,
Certified Lay Pastor,
Prattville, Arkansas

*Services meet every
Saturday at 5 p.m.*



Stewardship – Faith in Action

This year the Kirk will be celebrating a “Covenant Weekend” on Saturday, October 14 and Sunday, October 15.

It will provide for each of us to make our personal covenant with God by taking a “Step Up for Christ and His Church.”

We will place our personal covenants on the Communion Table on Saturday or Sunday. We hope and pray this will give you a meaningful communication with your Lord God.

*Peace and Joy,
Your Stewardship Committee*

Education Fall Study: *The Holy Land*

Would you like to go on “a virtual tour” of the Holy Land? Get ready for a great trip!

On Thursday, October 26, Reverend Don Trent, Pastoral Associate at the Kirk, will be our leader. Our “tour” will begin in Hoffius Hall at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 11:30 a.m. A soup and bread lunch will be served. The afternoon session will start at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

In his earlier years as pastor, Don organized several tours to the Holy Lands, including Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon. He will be sharing his experiences as a tour host in the Middle East.

We will see artifacts from excavations in Israel. Most of these will be furnished by Reverend Ed Holt, who participated in archeological digs in Israel. Reverend Trent will display a vase from a Canaanite tomb (c. 2500 BC) and a lamp and an oil jug from the Second Temple period in Israel (c. 450 BC).

Our morning session will focus on the geography and history of the Holy Land. We will discuss how the geography has affected the his-

tory. The presentation will be supplemented with related passages of Scripture and the use of slides showing the areas involved. If time allows, we may consider the modern perspective.

After lunch, Don will present slides and commentary on Biblical sites and the beauty of the land. We will see the places where Jesus walked and the sights he saw as he taught and ministered to the needs of people.

You won't want to miss this interesting day. Watch for more details in the church bulletins, and we will see you on October 26.



Pastoral Associate Don Trent will speak on the Holy Land Oct. 26 in Hoffius Hall.



All Saints' Day is the Church's Memorial Day, a time to remember those who have died in the faith of Christ. Following the pattern established last year we will observe All Saints' Day on two separate occasions. On the actual day, Wednesday, November 1, 11:00 a.m., there will be a brief service of prayer in the Memorial Garden. This service is planned especially for those members who have loved ones interred in the Garden, but is open to everyone.

On the following Sunday, November 5, we will have a communion service which will follow a longstanding tradition of the Kirk to remember our members who have died since All Saints' Day the year before. A family member or friend comes forward during the service to light a candle in memory of the person. There is also a candle which is lit for all those who are special to us who have died during the year.

SMALL STUDY GROUPS

Christianity & World Religions
Tuesday, 2 p.m., Parlor
Wednesday, 7 p.m., Conf. Room

Parables

Sunday, 7 p.m., Library
Thursday, 9 a.m., Library

Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned. . .
Thursday, 7 p.m., Library

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

Kerygma Adult Studies 9:30
in Conference Room

Adult Focus Group 9:40
in Library

Mission Fair Oct. 29

For 25 years the Kirk has recognized Mission as one of its main purposes and has reached out to those in need around us—locally, in our country and around the world. Sunday, October 29th we will celebrate 25 years of Mission with a morning worship centered on our call to service to others in Christ's name and a Mission Fair after each service. During the coffee hour, organizations whose mission we support will be in Hoffius Hall with displays and information about their ministry.

Organizations participating in the fair are Presbyterian Women; CASA; Charitable Christian Medical Center; Arkansas Rice Depot; Teen Challenge; Heifer Project; Jackson House; Ferncliff; Vera Lloyd Home; Potters Clay; Glenhaven Youth Ranch; Ouachita Children's Home; University of the Ozarks; Lyon College; West End Presbyterian Church; Haiti Education Foundation; and Medical Benevolence Foundation.

Plan on coming down to Hoffius Hall to meet and talk to representatives of groups we support.

CLERK'S CORNER

My goodness, September was such a busy month for everyone here at the Kirk. The Kirk Information Fair is over. The Presbytery received Pastor Bill, and 26 of us were there in Fort Smith to support and celebrate. Bill was installed as our Head of Staff and Moderator of the Session. He led his first Session meeting and it was over in two hours and five minutes. (We elders were on our best behavior.) Karen Akin and Ted Belden, reps to General Assembly, spoke with us at the Forums potluck supper. Bag pipers and tartans, high tea and a wonderful worship service completed our second Kirkin' o' the Tartans. It always amazes me the amount of worship, work and joy that abounds here in the Village by people "of an age." As I write this, the weather is finally cooling off and we have had several nice rains. God is so good to us. If we just sit and look and listen we can feel His presence and his love.

The September Session meeting began promptly with Rev. Bill Bailey moderating. With the lighting of a white candle to symbolize the presence of the risen Christ, we had a call to worship, a scripture reading and devotion, a prayer, and a hymn to get us focused on the Lord's work to be done during the meeting.

Since this was our first official Session meeting with our new moderator, Bill thoughtfully provided us with a handout, *Strong Suggestions for Playing Well with Other Elders*. It was well received and cheered in several places.

With the deaths of Ann Carson on August 8th and Danye Wier on September 15th and the transfer of Frank and Charlotte Nelson to Christ of the Hills Methodist

Church our statistics as of September 19th were 570 members and 352 family units. Our prayers are with the Carson and Wier families and friends.

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

- General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$8,364
- Building Fund expenditures exceeded receipts by \$2,124
- YTD General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$48,302
- Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$4,303.

Don Garrard's Administration committee has revised the Sexton's job description and asked us to approve it. We did. Don Elsenheimer's Building and Grounds Committee are having plans drawn by an engineering firm to correct drainage and redo the parking lots and driveways. The Greenhorns will be given space for a freezer in the near future. Rich Croson and helpers have finished the ditch landscaping. We appreciate you, Rich!

Many stories and pictures appear regularly in the Village Voice, Sentinel Record and on our website thanks to Madelyn Young and her Communication Committee. The Congregational Care Committee, under the direction of Carolyn Kane is taking such good care of us. Be sure to give them a hug or a smile when you see them. Emily Faulk's Education Committee has registered people, bought books, and rounded up great teachers for our small group studies.

Evangelism's Yvonne Jones is working hard to keep up with her committee. A new plant ministry is kicking off this month, the Community Fair was held with the Kirk's well-done table attracting many

visitors. We are still trying to get traffic signs with 'Church' and an arrow put on both Balearic and Carmona to help guests find us! You all did so well with other prayer requests, how about helping out with a few words for some traffic signs.

Darell Fisher and his Finance Committee have been hard at work on the initial 2007 Budget. You know the Fellowship Committee under the direction of Jim Hess is very active. What a blessing they are to the Kirk! The Kirk has received several nice thank yous from organizations Gerald Wood's Mission Committee has helped. Thanks for your generosity. Planning and Coordinating, under the leadership of Ray Jacobsmeyer is making progress on several items, among them the Session's Annual Retreat, which will be held October 16 and 17.

I agreed to coordinate the planning of the Cluster Worship Service October 22 with the help of many people. Please try to attend. We hope to have many guests from our sister cluster churches at the 10:45 service and need you all to welcome them. Of course there will still be the 8:30 service for early birds.

Bill ended our meeting with prayers for help for those ill, hurt, lonesome, troubled and far away. We thanked our Lord for his many blessings and most of all for his Son, Jesus Christ. Your prayers are important to our new pastor, your Session, our Kirk. Please continue to help us help you.

Our Elders elect were in attendance this meeting for the first time. We welcome them to their new family and are looking forward to knowing them better and working with them.

*Peace & joy,
Sherry*

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>1 Communion Service 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 7:00 Parables Study Group <i>Elizabeth Hundley</i> <i>Ned & Martha Wilson</i></p>	<p>2 9:30 Worship Committee 9:30 PW CT Meeting 9:30 FOCUS VIP 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Communication Com. <i>Vivian Williams</i> <i>Bob & Mac Throckmorton</i></p>	<p>3 1:30 Finance Committee 2:00 Memorial Committee 2:00 Christianity Study Group 7:00 Education Committee <i>Charlotte Massey</i> <i>John Hornecker & Peggy Sower</i></p>
<p>8 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 2-4 Greenhorns 7:00 Parables Study Group <i>Dave Nottrott</i></p>	<p>9 11:00 PW Gathering <i>Ray Jacobsmeyer</i> <i>Dean Kerr</i> <i>Bill Stanley</i></p>	<p>10 1:00 Session 2:00 Christianity Study Group <i>Stanley & Cheryle Dean</i></p>
<p>15 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 7:00 Parables Study Group <i>Marilyn Turner</i> <i>Dick & Jeanne Lowenthal</i></p>	<p>16 9:30 Congregational Care Committee SESSION RETREAT <i>Alan Cunningham</i> <i>Robert Kirchhoff</i></p>	<p>17 2:00 Christianity Study Group SESSION RETREAT</p>
<p>22 Cluster V Service 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 7:00 Parables Study Group <i>Lorna Kerr</i> <i>Bobbie Moffat</i></p>	<p>23 9:30 Administration 7:00 Kirk Konnection <i>Jody Burt</i> <i>Bill Durbin</i> <i>George Green</i></p>	<p>24 2:00 Christianity Study Group <i>John & Lois Dyksta</i> <i>Norman & Helen Fisher</i></p>
<p>29 8:30 & 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 9:30-12 Mission Fair 7:00 Parables Study Group <i>Woodie Barefield</i> Daylight Savings Time ends</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 9:30 Stewardship Committee 2:00 Christianity Study Group <i>Keith Brown</i> <i>Mona Kimbell</i></p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 9:00 Men & Women's Bible Study 5:00 Shepherd Group Leaders Supper 7:00 Christianity Study Group <i>Howard Baldwin</i></p>	<p>5 9:00 Fellowship Com. 9:00 Parables Study Gr 11:00 Wellness Group 11:00 Service for Wholeness 1:00 Evangelism 7:00 Yes, Lord Study Group <i>Esther Lazar</i> <i>Richard & Marie Wilson</i></p>	<p>6 PW Retreat at Ferncliff <i>Dick Mayer</i> <i>Helen Sheehan</i></p>	<p>7 9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Jean Eiler</i> <i>Don Loveday</i></p>
<p>11 9:00 Men & Women's Bible Study 2:00 Forum Committee 7:00 Christianity Study Group <i>Vernon Blattner</i></p>	<p>12 9:00 Parables Study Gr. 9:30 Website 3:00 Mission Com 7:00 Yes, Lord Study Gr. <i>Charles Bradley</i> <i>Donna Garrard</i> <i>Wendell Jones</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Mary Lou Reich</i></p>	<p>14 9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Peggy Cook</i> <i>Lee Hess</i></p>
<p>18 9:00 Men & Women's Bible Study 7:00 SOMA 7:00 Christianity Study Group <i>Gene Carlisle</i> <i>Marjorie Gound</i></p>	<p>19 9:00 Parables Study Gr. 11:00 Wellness Group 2:00 Planning & Coord Committee 2:00 Plant Ministry 7:00 Yes, Lord Study Gr. <i>Bill Lammers</i></p>	<p>20 7:30 Men's Association <i>Ro Easter</i> <i>Carol Gardner</i> <i>Cy Porter</i> <i>Jack Walters</i></p>	<p>21 9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Sissy Wilson</i> <i>Nancy Young</i> <i>Bill & Sheila Stanley</i></p>
<p>25 9:00 Men & Women's Bible Study 7:00 Christianity Study Group <i>Mary Beal</i> <i>Charles Reece</i> <i>Janette Wiard</i></p>	<p>26 8-4 Fall Study 9:00 Parables Study Gr. 7:00 Yes, Lord Study Group <i>Jody Creighton</i> <i>Jody Drewry</i></p>	<p>27 <i>Dick Fulton</i> <i>Jim Judy</i> <i>John & Eunice Wood</i> <i>Neil & Fay Woodall</i></p>	<p>28 9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Pat McCluskey</i> <i>Alice Smith</i> <i>Frank & Joyce Leeming</i> Set back your clocks before you go to bed</p>
<p>Locations of meetings are listed in the Sunday bulletin, on the weekly calendar on our website, or by calling the church office.</p>	<p>Dates and times in this calendar are subject to change. Please check with the office if you have any questions.</p>	 October	

“Can’t get any better,” says new sexton

The second friendly new face, also nicely bearded, that we now see about the Kirk belongs to Cole Goodman, our new sexton.

Cole was born and raised in Caraway, a small farming community in northeast Arkansas near Jonesboro, where he attended Arkansas State University. Marriage and the arrival of two daughters halted his college career, and he worked as a salesman while he raised the girls. After a divorce, he started working for NAPA Raylock, a manufacturer of auto parts in Memphis, Tennessee. Management encouraged him to pursue a technical degree in maintenance, and helped pay his way to get a degree at the William R. Moore School of Technology in Memphis. Cole commuted 120 miles a day to work and school. Shortly after earning a degree in Industrial Electricity, he was laid off his job due to a company downsizing.

Three years ago he met and married Teresa, a widow with five children, and they became a family of nine. Teresa’s mother died this past summer, and in July they moved to Buckville so she could be near her father, whose health was failing, and who also died recently. Teresa’s youngest son is heading for Iraq with the Arkansas National Guard.

When asked if he thought about moving back to Caraway, Cole replied, “Oh, no! I love it here.” When he saw the Kirk’s ad in the Village Voice for the position of sexton, he applied for the job with his wife’s full support. “She didn’t want me going back to a stressful job. She wants me coming home with a smile on my face.”

Cole belonged to the Caraway United Methodist Church “for as

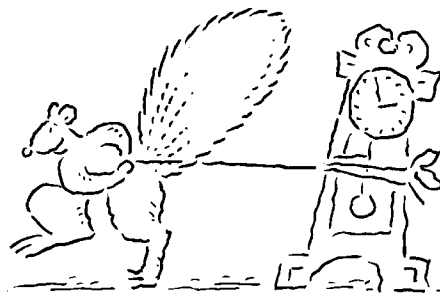
long as I can remember.” Now he and Teresa attend Avant Community Church, where her father was pastor.

Here at the Kirk he spends most of his time cleaning, and setting up for events. True to the meaning of sexton, he also tends to the Memorial Garden when there is a death.

“I’ll be here until they run me off,” said Cole. “I’m working around Christian people and working in the house of the Lord, and it can’t get any better than that.”



Kirk sexton Cole Goodman takes time from his duties to smile for the camera.



Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time ends
October 28 at midnight.

Don’t forget to
set your clocks back.

MISSION

MISSION DOLLARS

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$828 in August and \$599 the first three Sundays in September. This money goes to fund our nine Presbyterian agencies.

Food Basket

The Kirk is collecting food for Potter’s Clay in Hot Springs this month. They need peanut butter and jelly; canned chicken, meat and fish; mayonnaise and pickle relish for sandwiches; soups, stews and chili; pasta and pasta sauces; boxed hamburger and tuna helpers; and cold and hot cereal. Pew envelopes marked “Food Basket” are available for monetary gifts.

Glenhaven Workday

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a workday at Glenhaven Ranch on October 11. Volunteers will meet at Foster’s parking lot at 8 a.m. to car pool. Chores include painting inside and out and trimming bushes. Please dress accordingly and bring a lunch.

This is a good opportunity to see the good work Glenhaven is doing with the boys and girls who live there. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer.

Hurricane Katrina Assistance

Marge Easley, Gary Rector and Ted Smith answered the Mission Committee’s plea to help with rebuilding efforts on the Gulf Coast. On October 8 they will travel to Gautier, Mississippi where they will spend the week working with volunteers from Westminster Church in Hot Springs as part of a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team.

EVANGELISM***Come Grow With Us***

By the time you receive this Newsletter, we will have had the first meeting for our new gardening ministry. It is called "Gardening...From Alpha to Omega" and is designed to appeal to those who have an interest in gardening as well as those who consider themselves experts, but have a desire to learn even more. Gardening is a great way to soothe the mind and provide beauty to your surroundings. With this ministry, you can also share what you have with others by dividing your surplus, nurturing the plants until spring, and allowing us to sell them at our plant sale, with the proceeds to be used for children's needs. What an opportunity! It is not too late to join. Ask any member of the Evangelism Committee about joining.

Informal Worship is averaging 66 per week. We have an outstanding group of talented speakers who lead us. Dave Nottrott is the pastor in charge, but we have also been blessed by many talented speakers, including our new Pastor, Bill Bailey. Recent speakers in-



clude Carl McCormack of First Church, Malvern; Susan Arnold, First Church, Hot Springs; and Anne Russ, Grace Presbyterian, Little Rock, as well as others. If you have not attended one of these services yet, we encourage you to attend. You are sure to receive a blessing through song and the Word of God.

I would like to request each of you to remember to wear your Name Tags when you attend the Saturday evening or Sunday morning services. This will help Rev. Bailey and his family as they learn our names, as well as visitors we have each week. Remember, it is every Christian's responsibility to be friendly. Please continue to be a faithful disciple by welcoming all visitors. If someone doesn't have on a name tag, introduce yourself. If they are a member, remind them to please wear their name tag. If they are a guest, ask to take them to Hoffius Hall with you so you can get to know them better. Remember our slogan: "Come Grow With Us."

FELLOWSHIP**Let's Count Our Blessings Together Thanksgiving Day...**

...And enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings and great fellowship! Reserve your place at the table for the Kirk's 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, 2 p.m. in Hoffius Hall.

Sign up before or after services October 29, November 5 and 12. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early. Dinner is just \$10 per person. Take-out orders accepted.

Can you help with decorating, food preparation, serving or cleanup? Call Joyce Leeming, 922-0810 or Jim Hess, 915-0134 to join the team.

We hope to see you there! Watch the Sunday bulletins for further announcements.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE****ESP Spells Care and Concern**

The members of the Congregational Care Committee are dedicated to providing care and concern to members who are sick, recovering from surgery or have lost a loved one. We also have another way of showing care and concern of which some single folks in the Kirk may not be aware.

ESP stands for "Every Single Person" and is a program for people living alone, including those with loved ones in a nursing home or rehab center. The program pairs up participants with buddies who promise to contact each other regularly throughout the week—might be a call, or a signal to a neighbor (we have two people who email daily). It is a way of keeping in touch so that each buddy knows the other is safe and doing well and knows who to call or how to get help if needed.

We are all busy, but we would certainly want some one to notice if all of a sudden we don't answer the phone or pick up our paper.

If you'd like to join our buddy system or need to update your current ESP information, call Judy Corwin, 922-6750.

THANKSGIVING RIDES

The Kirk's first Thanksgiving Dinner was fabulous with a delicious meal, festive table decorations and great service by smiling waiters.

This year the Congregational Care Committee will once again provide rides to anyone needing transportation to the church on Thanksgiving Day. If you don't feel well enough to attend the dinner, we will bring the meal to you. If you would like a ride or a meal delivered, please call Carolyn Kane, 922-6709.

Bill Bailey Installed as Senior Pastor of Kirk



The newly installed Senior Pastor of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines poses with Jerral Johnson and Ruth Hamilton, co-moderators of the PNC and participants in his installation ceremony on September 17.

It's official! Bill Bailey is Senior Pastor of Presbyterian Kirk of the Pines. A welcome rain did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the Congregation as over 150 members and guests gathered in the sanctuary to witness the installation of the Reverend William B. Bailey as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

The late afternoon installation service was conducted by the Presbytery of Arkansas Commission of Installation: Dr. Bill Branch, General Presbyter; Reverend Carl McCormack, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Malvern; Reverend John Shell, retired Presbyterian pastor; Toney McMillan, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Arkadelphia; and Julie Adkisson, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Conway, and Jerral Johnson, Elder, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. Ruth Hamilton, Elder, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, was invited to sit with the commission, and also participated in the service.

In his sermon "What is a Church?" Rev. McCormack urged the congregation to "take a stand against violence and oppression," and live as Christ calls us to live, staying open to the needs of a hurting world. He asked us to "live out a whole bunch of Sundays" in listening to God's word and praying not for our own good, but for what is good for the church.

Toney McMillan gave the Charge to the Minister, warning that though we know how to take care of ourselves, we don't do a good job. So he charged Bill to first, "Find a good doctor to take care of your body because we will wear you out." That should be followed up by a good therapist, and finally, "Find one or two good friends and encourage them to tell you the truth."

Dr. Branch gave this charge to the congregation: Pray daily. Beginning on Monday, "Pray for Bill." As the week goes on, pray for his family, for fellowship, for the needy, for peace in the world and in our congregation, and for the service of this church. He concluded, "Seven days a week, be a happy congregation."

Shepherd Group Activities

Cluster Group B (Shepherd Groups 4, 5, & 6) is planning a day at Ferncliff on Thursday, October 19. This is a marvelous opportunity for those of you who either have never been or haven't been in a long time to see the renovations that have recently taken place. The weather should be just about perfect the middle of October.

We plan to meet at 9 a.m. at the Kirk parking lot by Hoffius Hall and car pool from there. Lunch will be served for \$7.75 per person. Golf carts are available for those who need them. Reservations must be in by October 12 to Marilyn Turner, 915-0160.

Shepherd Group Questionnaires

It's time once again to reassign Shepherd Groups for the next two years. If you haven't already done so, please fill out the questionnaire inserted in this newsletter and drop off to the office or place in the baskets in the narthex and Hoffius Hall. Please return no later than October 15th. If we don't receive a questionnaire, we will automatically place you in a Communications Only group.

*Thank you,
Ken and Kelle Wolf*

The Rock and The Rabbi

Shepherd Group 3 traveled to Little Rock last month to see the musical *The Rock and the Rabbi*. Pictured below are (from left) Bill Naggs and Vianne and Bob Huff.



Dear Kirk Members

THANK YOU ALL for your visits, cards and prayers while I was recovering from surgery after I broke my hip. Our wonderful support group at the Kirk helps so much. Thanks, also, to our Associate Ministers who visited me at the hospital and at Good Sam Rehab. I am making good progress and hope to be back for church services soon.

*In Christian love,
Vi Sharp*

LET ME TAKE the opportunity to thank the Session and the congregation for their wonderful gift of \$1,120 in support of our annual scholarship fund. This will make a difference in the lives of the young men and women who come to us for a truly exceptional educational experience.

Warm good wishes from house to house.

*Walter B. Roettger, President
Lyons College*

ROB LAUGHLIN WOULD like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during his recent eye surgery. His eyesight is improving.

FRAN BURR SENDS a message that she and Bob are doing great in their new home and appreciate everything everybody did for them.

DICK AND I want to thank Dave Nottrott for all his visits with Dick. It really means a lot! I also want to thank Bill Bailey for his visit to the hospital, Darlene Spiller and Shirley Wilcoxon for the ride to and from the hospital and staying with me.

I can't begin to tell you how wonderful so many of you have been to us through all our health problems. The Congregational Care Committee has been great.

*Thanks again,
Adele Boaz*

Still time to sign up for Cursillo Weekend

There's still time to sign up for the Arkansas Presbyterian Cursillo Weekend on October 12 through 15.

Held at Ferncliff, Presbyterian Cursillo provides a wonderful opportunity to assess where you are on your spiritual journey and grow in your relationship with Christ.

"The weekend is fun, challenging interesting and invigorating," said Kirk member Dave Hamilton.

Cost is \$175, which covers all expenses. Brochures are available in the Narthex and on the table outside the church office, or contact Registrar Betsy Tucker at cursilloregistrar@hotmail.com.



Flowers

If you would like to order flowers, please sign up on the flower roster posted on the bulletin board in front of the kitchen in Hoffius Hall. Someone on the flower committee will call you to discuss color, variety and how you would like the notice to read in the bulletin. Cost for flowers are \$37.50. Roses to commemorate the birth of a grandchild are \$5.00 each. Make check payable to Kirk in the Pines, designate Flower Fund and mail or drop off to the office by the date your flowers appear in the sanctuary.

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Farewell Old Friends

As old friends move away, we print their addresses here to help you stay in touch. Please let the office know if you are planning to move or know someone who is moving. Thank you.

This month we say goodbye to:
Dick and Madelyn Knott
3800 Legacy Village Drive
Benton, AR 72015

In Memoriam

Daphine (Dannye) Wier

Joined Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines June 8, 1999
Entered the Church Triumphant September 15, 2006

Doris Blattner

Joined Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines September 13, 1987
Entered the Church Triumphant September 24, 2006

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

Matt Rhees, grandson of Elizabeth & Verland DeVon, Awaiting deployment, U.S. Army
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