

A Voice in the Pines

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The Pastor's Corner

Fred Craddock, pastor and professor emeritus at Emory University, tells the story of growing up in a small community in East Tennessee and the power of a small church.

He says it was his mother who always made sure the family attended church; his father never attended. In fact, Craddock says, his father tended to complain that all the people in the church were hypocrites.

Craddock remembers those occasions when the preacher would visit his father would stay in the back room and cynically tell the family, "All they really want is money! No one really cares about me — we're just another name, another pledge!" As a boy, he must have heard his father say this a hundred times.

One time, however, he didn't say it.

His father was in the veteran's hospital, and was down to 72 pounds. He had throat cancer. After surgery, his father could no longer speak or eat. The doctors all said, "That is all we can do now."

Craddock, now grown, had flown in to visit him one last time. When Craddock arrived, he was amazed to look around the hospital room; it was filled with potted plants and cut flowers on the windowsill — a stack of cards 20 inches deep beside his bed. All of them, every flower, every card were from persons or groups from the church.

His father could not speak, but he was still alert. He took a Kleenex box and wrote a message to his son on the side of it. It was a line from Shakespeare: "In this harsh world, draw you breath in pain to tell my story."

Craddock leaned closer to his father and asked him, "What is your story, Dad? What would you like me to tell them?"

And the dying man wrote, "I was wrong!"

This story is a reminder of the power of a community — the power of loving concern that can even touch the most hardened and cynical among us. It also is a story that reminds us all of Christ's call for us to continue to reach out to those who seem to care least about God.

Who can say, finally, how a small gesture of loving care may touch a life? Who can measure the impact of a small act of kindness might have on a fellow struggler?

You and I are called to bear witness to the love of Christ without always calculating the results. And we do this best when we reach out and touch the lives of neighbors and family, and even strangers who live among us.

Send a card. Write a letter. Make a call or a visit. Do it for Christ's sake and for the sake of the gospel.

Peace,
Bill Bailey



**Sunday
Worship Service
10 a.m.**

**Sunday Discussion Group
8:45 a.m.**

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

**Saturday
Informal Service
5 p.m. - Hoffius Hall**

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CLERK'S CORNER

Our members had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions regarding the purchase of property from Cooper Inc. during our Town Hall Meeting June 23 and at our Annual Congregational Business Meeting Aug. 26. The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, Sept. 13 for the express purpose of voting on the property purchase.

The vote will be on the motion to "Purchase the property indicated on the Plats for an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Such purchase will take place upon the completion of a land survey by Cooper Inc., if there is no variance from said Plats." If you have further questions call Rich Croson 922-9213, Bob Rosenthal 922-6528, or any Session member.

The Presbyterian Board of Pensions is currently processing a request by Cole Goodman, Sexton, for permanent disability status. In the meantime our work is being accomplished by Assistant Sexton Theresa Goodman and Terry Cole. We will take the necessary steps to solidify our Sexton arrangement as soon as the Board of Pensions completes the process and makes a final decision.

The Session conducted the following business during the August Session meeting:

- Elected Martha Fast as commissioner to the fall Presbytery Meeting in Hot Springs.
- Called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday Sept. 13, 2009 after worship service for the express purpose of voting on the property purchase.
- Approved an organ recital by Barb Greenman on a date to be determined.
- Approved a "Minute for Cursillo" by Debbie Cordell on Sunday Aug. 16.
- Approved the transfer of Bill and Dot Beardsley to Community of Joy Lutheran Church in Hot Springs Village.

Church Statistics as of August 11, 2009:

Members: 498 **Family Units:** 318

Treasurer's Report:

Month of July:

General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$9,768.

Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$1,934.

Year to date:

General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$12,105.

Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$2,229.

A straight-line projection for year's end is \$6,000 short of plan. This projection changes month-to-month.

God bless each of you,
Bob Rosenthal,
Clerk of Session

Notice to all Kirk members
Congregational meeting September 13 after worship service

Minister of Music Notes

My favorite time of the year at the Kirk is the fall when we begin our work again with the Kirk choir and our handbell choir.

The first rehearsal for the choir will be Wednesday, Sept. 2 at our regular 4 p.m. time. This rehearsal time has worked well the last two years, and will continue this year. Rehearsals generally last 90 minutes, although in preparation for special programs like Christmas and Easter, we may go two hours. If there is a church-wide activity beginning at 5:30 we are always out in time for it.

A fall retreat is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, to begin work on the Christmas musical, "Season of Wonders" to be performed at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 13.

We will meet in Hot Springs in the new choir room of First Baptist Church. As Minister of Music Emeritus, I still have some influence there.

Toni and I are hosting lunch at our home just across the parking lot from the church. All choir members and prospective singers are invited.

Handbells will begin practice at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3. We hope all of our ringers from last year will be back. If there are new, experienced ringers who are interested, please check to see if we have an opening.

We would love to have a beginning group again if there is enough interest. Please contact Barb or me at 922-1333 if you would like to learn to ring.

— Larry Bradley



Handy Helpers

Do you have a small repair job needed in your home but are unable to do it yourself? Handy Helpers are Kirk members who volunteer to help fellow members with chores ranging from changing light bulbs to light carpentering, touch-up painting, computer and secretarial assistance, family financial management and more. Call Martha Fast at 922-0848 for details.

Learning Opportunities

Pastor Bill Bailey, moderator Sally Fink and the Education Committee invites each and every one to participate in as many of the following groups as you would like. All classes begin after Labor Day.

Weekly:

8:45 to 9:30 a.m. Sundays — The Discussion Group, led by Henrich Eiler, will discuss Faith in Today's World. Conference room.

9 a.m. Sundays — This Focus Group will discuss Faith & Reason by D. L. Dykes after viewing the video. Library.

9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays – Pastor Bailey leads Bible study on the Book of John. Hoffius Hall.

9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursdays -- This theology group, led by Pastor Bailey, will meet in the conference room. Focus will be on 14 traditional "Christian Practices" that appear throughout Christian history. These practices are how the church has lived out its faith and how it has passed down its traditions for most of its 2,000 year history. These include worshiping God together, reading and studying the Scriptures, prayer, confessing our sin and forgiving each other, bearing witness to our faith, working for social justice and peace, giving of our "time, talent and treasure" and doing acts of service, just to name a few.

Monthly:

6:30 p.m. second Wednesday — The Faith and Film class, led by Pastor Bill Bailey, meets in Hoffius Hall to discuss a different film which has already been viewed. Films may be checked out from the Kirk library before the class.

September's film is *Awakenings*, directed by Penny Marshall, and starring Robin Williams and Robert DeNiro. October's film is Richard Attenborough's 1993 *Shadowlands*, based on the true story of C. S. Lewis and Joy Davidman's romance and marriage.

As other opportunities are finalized, announcements will follow in the Kirk newsletter and Sunday bulletins. If you would like further information, please call the Kirk office or Sally Fink. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. See you there!

— Sherry Barefield

In the Spotlight . . .

The Evangelism Committee



Evangelism Committee members are (standing, l-r) Cathy Clowers, moderator Dennis Zymboly, Bill Reynolds; (seated, l-r) Ann Walters, Yvonne Jones and Vianne Huff. Not pictured are Lowell Gardner, Jerral Johnson and Wilma Reed.

Did you know all members of the Kirk are “ministers”? It says so right on the back of our church worship bulletin!

Each of us witnesses to what Christ means in our lives. If we show by our actions we have loving concern for others, then we are following in our Lord’s footsteps.

Each of us can also invite others to come and be a part of our worship, study, fellowship and service at the Kirk. The Kirk Evangelism Committee guides us in this endeavor.

When newcomers visit our church, all of us can welcome them and make them feel at home. The Evangelism Committee also follows up with phone calls, home visits, notes and newsletters.

For several years, *Gardening...from Alpha to Omega* has been sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. Monthly classes are free to anyone who has an interest in gardening. This has been an innovative way to serve our community and bring visitors to our church.

Recently, the Evangelism Committee arranged for the Kirk to join the Hot Springs Village Chamber of Commerce.

The Evangelism Committee and the Communication Committee worked together to produce an

attractive new brochure telling about our life at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, and these are now available to newcomers in the Village.

Viewing the Kirk Web site, www.kirkinthepines.org. is another way seekers find out about our church. The Evangelism Committee is working with Communication to “enliven” our home page and make it more user-friendly.

Bring a Friend Weekend will be next spring, and the Evangelism Committee has already begun planning special activities to encourage participation and to welcome our guests.

We appreciate the Kirk Evangelism Committee for their leadership as we all seek to be “ministers” and reach out to others: Dennis Zymboly, moderator; Cathy Clowers, Lowell Gardner, Vianne Huff, Jerral Johnson, Yvonne Jones, Wilma Reed, Bill Reynolds and Ann Walters.

— Madelyn Young



“Caring and Sharing,” a new mission group helping others

Caring and Sharing, a new group under the umbrella of the Mission Committee, will hold its first fall meeting on Sept. 17

Caring and Sharing’s mission is to be of service wherever possible and assist the Mission Committee whenever needed.

They have helped serve meals at the Samaritan Ministries in Hot Springs; with bingo at Greenwood Manor, and they hope to help at the Teen Challenge thrift shop.

The group will meet at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday each month in Smallman Parlor where they discuss ways they might do our Lord’s work in our community and the world.

Contact Emily Faulk at 915-9942 or Joyce Hayek, 915-0306, if you would like to be a part of Caring and Sharing.

Take a trip of a lifetime

Visit the Holy Land where Jesus lived

There is still time to make your reservation to visit Israel next March, but your registrations and deposits are needed to continue to hold our spaces.

The Rev. Don Trent, who has been to the Holy Land seven times, has designed and organized this unique tour.

Dispelling fears of travel to this area, Don says there is no personal crime in Israel, and special care is taken to insure the safety of visitors. He maintains that Israel is safer than Hot Springs or Little Rock.

Members of all churches are invited to share in this pilgrimage. Invite your friends and family to accompany you on this memorable trip. In just one week, you will see most places Jesus lived and walked. March is usually the most beautiful time of the year in the Holy Land.

Among the destinations will be Jesus' birthplace in Bethlehem; Nazareth; the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Garden tomb, where the celebration of the Lord's Supper will be led by the Rev. Bill Bailey and Rev. Trent.



Garden of Gethsemane

Pick up a brochure in Hoffius Hall or outside the church office for a full list of places to be visited.

Included in the tour package are flights, accommodations and two meals each day.

The group will depart Houston Intercontinental Airport March 1, 2010, and arrive in Tel Aviv with only one stop in Europe.

Call Don at 915-2097 with questions you may have, and to make your reservation for the trip of a lifetime.

Martha Fast to represent the Kirk at Presbytery meeting

Moderator of our Congregational Care Committee, Martha Fast, will serve as the Kirk's Commissioner at the 112th meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas Oct. 8-9 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs.

Commissioners attend church-related workshops and hear reports from various committees including those on Christian Education and Nurture.

FAITH

and

FILM

“Awakenings”

The Faith and Film group begins the new season at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Hoffius Hall with a study and discussion about the film *Awakenings* led by Pastor Bill Bailey.

Based on the book written by neurologist Oliver Sacks, the tagline for this movie is “There is no such thing as a simple miracle.”

It is the true story of a doctor (Sacks, fictionalized as Dr. Malcolm Sayer and played by Robin Williams) who finds himself with a ward of patients in a mental hospital who have been comatose for decades with no hope of a cure.

Testing a theory, he finds a drug to “unlock” the patients and tries it on Leonard (Robert De Niro) who has been comatose for 30 years.

When Leonard awakes, he is now an adult after having been in a coma since his early teens.

The film then delights in the new awareness of the patients and on the reactions of their relatives to the changes in the newly awakened.

Awakenings won an Academy Award. DeNiro was nominated for best actor in a leading role. Golden Globe awarded Williams for best performance in a movie.

Those who plan to attend should first view the movie. A copy may be checked out of the Kirk library but members are urged to return it quickly so others may borrow it, too.

The class reviews a different movie the second Wednesday each month. Join us for these interesting and thought-provoking discussions.



Your Mission Dollars

Lyon College

Presbyterians should stand proud of their heritage when the Lyon College pipe and drum band led by piper Jimmy Bell enters the sanctuary for Kirkin' o' the Tartans on Sunday, Sept. 27.

This old Scottish tradition began at the Kirk on Sept. 24, 2003, and continues every third year. Kirk member Helen Fisher, a native of Scotland, has been the coordinator for these celebrations.

Presently, the Kirk has tartan banners representing 35 clans. Seven new tartans have been added in the last year.

The Kirk has close ties to Lyon College with an annual gift to their scholarship fund. Last year \$1,300 was contributed.

The college in Batesville, Ark., is the oldest independent, residential, undergraduate college in the state. It was founded in 1872 by the Presbyterian Church.

It has celebrated its Scottish heritage in many ways — from the choice of its athletic mascots to its own distinctive burgundy and navy blue tartan now registered in Scotland.

During the 1980's Lyon administrators created a Scottish Heritage Program to honor the Scottish roots of the church and the school. This program was designed to teach and preserve the tradition of Scottish music and the arts and offers a minor to students interested in bag-piping, drumming, or Highland dancing.

Lyon College has been recognized numerous times in national publications which have detailed Lyon's value and rank it among the leading liberal arts colleges in the nation.

— Margery McIntosh

MISSION DOLLARS

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. \$743 was collected for the month of July, 2009.

History of the Kirkin'

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines held their first Kirkin' o' the Tartans in 2003. It is a spiritually moving service and you leave proud to be a Presbyterian. In 2006 the Kirkin' was part of the 25th anniversary celebrations.

This 2009 Kirkin' will have 35 Kirk members carrying banners made from their clan tartans. They will be preceded by Lyon College Pipe and Drum Band. We will be celebrating as well John Calvin's 500th birthday. After worship all are invited to high tea in Hoffius Hall.

In 2002 Nell White was moderator of the Worship Committee and Helen Fisher, who was born in Scotland, and would take over the Worship

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The Kirkin' o' the Tartans

**Celebrating our Presbyterian
Scottish heritage**

**10 a.m. — Sunday
September 27**

**Bag pipes and Banners,
Lyon College Pipe & Drum
Band,
High Tea Reception**

**Invite your family and friends
to this historic and joyful
worship service!**

Men's Association

Jeff Meek, World War II historian, will be guest speaker

The Kirk Men's Association will meet at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18 in Hoffius Hall.

World War II historian Jeff Meek will be giving a presentation called, "World War II: The Enemy Comes To America."

Meek has studied World War II for a decade and has completed 99 veteran oral histories in Hot Springs Village since January 2007.

He and his wife Jeanne traveled to Europe in 2006 and toured many World War II areas including the invasion beaches of Normandy, Battle of the Bulge sites, Dachau concentration camp and Hitler's Eagles Nest.

Jeff's father was in the Army during the Occupation in Italy after the war ended and Jeanne's father served with General Omar Bradley's First Army Headquarters landing on Omaha Beach on June 9, 1944.

Jeff has two columns in the *Hot Springs Village Voice* newspaper: The Veteran's Vault and They Answered the Call.

Their son Jeff served four years in the United States Marine Corps. The family is a contributor to the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

The Men's Association meets on the third Friday each month in Hoffius Hall. Guests are welcome.

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Committee, put their heads together with Peggy Cook, Kirk friends and the Greenhorns and organized our first Kirkin' in 2003. Members, community friends and family joined to make it a very memorable occasion.

Those of you who have a Kirk 2004 Pictorial Membership Directory can find a page of memories on page 3.

In 2006 at the end of each service, the pipers and banner-bearers led the congregation into the Memorial Garden for prayer by the Celtic Cross.

Once again in 2009 we will participate in our Presbyterian Scottish tradition of Kirkin' o' the Tartans.

Invite your your family and friends to share our freedom to worship Sunday, Sept. 27.

Have fun at Kirk's annual golf mixer

Sign up the next three weekends in September as a single or couple for the annual four-person golf scramble, "Ernie's Kirk Golf Mixer." Play 18 holes in the Open Flight or in the 9-hole Masters Flight Oct. 2 at Coronado Golf Course.

Prizes in each flight will be determined by low-net score based on the Peoria handicap system. Men's and women's longest drive and closest-to-the-hole will also receive prizes.

Teams will be assigned by the golf committee with couples being on the same team.

Each golfer's cost is \$5 entry fee plus green and cart fees.

Prizes will be awarded at a barbecue dinner at 6 p.m. in Hoffius Hall. Dinner is \$7 each. Come join the fun in the scramble and celebrate with the winners at dinner.

Please join us

Friday, October 2, 2009



ERNIE'S KIRK GOLF MIXER

Coronado Golf Course

9 or 18 holes

\$5 entry fee

Awards Dinner*

6 p.m. — Hoffius Hall

Barbecue dinner by Smokin' in Style

Pulled pork and all the trimmings

\$7 each

Registrations September 5 & 6, 12 & 13
and 19 & 20 before or after church

**Dinner is open to all Kirk members. Come and enjoy the food, fellowship and fun.*




Sunday

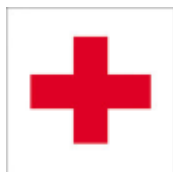
Monday

Tuesday

		<p>1 8:00 TOPS 10:00 Men's Cooking 10:15 Special Meeting 2:00 Memorial Com 1:00 Big Band 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Shepherd Gr. #2</p>
<p>6 Communion Service 10:00 Worship Service 8:45 Discussion Group 9:00 Adult Focus Group</p>	<p>7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 AA</p>	<p>8 8:00 TOPS 10:15 Special Meeting 11:30 Bible Moderators 1:00 Session Meeting 8:30 Big Band 6:00 Cub Scouts</p>
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2009

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 9:00 Embroidery Guild 1:00 Symphony Gld #1 3:30 Education Com.</p>	<p>3 9:00 Fellowship Com 10:00 Bell Choir 2:00 Evangelism 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Communion Service 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>9 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Symphony Gld #2 9:30 Greenhorns 4:00 Kirk Choir 6:30 Faith & Film</p>	<p>10 9:00 Christian Practice 10:00 Bell Choir 3:00 Mission Com. 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>16 9:00 Bible Study 2:00 Heifer Project 4:00 Kirk Choir 7:00 Caring & Sharing</p>	<p>17 9:00 Christian Practice 9:30 Potter's Clay 10:00 Bell Choir 12:00 Big Band 2:00 Plan & Coord 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>18 7:30 Men's Assoc. 12:00 Cursillo ARPC</p>	<p>19 11-2 Cursillo ARPC 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>23 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>	<p>24 9:00 Christian Practice 10:00 Bell Choir 2:00 Gardening W/S 7:00 Chanticleers</p>	<p>25 7:00 p.m. Couples Marathon Bridge</p>	<p>26 Kirkin' o' Tartans (practice) 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p>30 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 Kirk Choir</p>		<p>IN GOD WE TRUST</p>	



Red Cross Training Course October 9

The Congregational Care Committee will sponsor another American Red Cross C.P.R./A.E.D. Training Course in Hoffius Hall on Friday, Oct. 9, 2009.

Participants will learn how to operate a heart defibrillator (A.E.D.) and will receive instruction in C.P.R. and Heimlich maneuver. The training course requires 4½ hours and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To be certified, an individual must participate in the training, demonstrate satisfactory performance of skills criteria, and pass a short written exam.

The class is open to first-time takers, plus those who want to be recertified. A person must be recertified every year to keep his skills up-to-date.

It is important to have certified individuals ready to cope with emergencies at our Saturday night and Sunday morning worship services, as well as at other church gatherings. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to be prepared.

The Congregational Care Committee has agreed to pay for 15 participants, and the instructor has asked that the class be limited to that number. Preference will be given to those requiring recertification.

To reserve your place in class, please contact Roberta Shock, 922-2241. The deadline for reservations is Friday, Oct. 2.

Volunteers needed at Rice Depot

One of the Kirk mission projects is volunteering at the Rice Depot. Volunteers are needed. Join us in working at Rice Depot the first Tuesday each month beginning Sept. 1. It is a great experience for those who have never spent a day helping them.

We will leave the east gate at 8:15 a.m. and return about 3 p.m.

Please call either Eula Mae Veeder, 922-1687 or Mona Kimball, 922-5922, if you can give a day for a good cause.

Make a date with your PW

Sept. 8 — 11:30 a.m. PW Bible Study moderators. Conference Room

Sept. 14 — 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.. First Circle meeting of the year. Come join us for a time of fellowship, refreshments and Bible study on Joshua.

Sept. 26 — Cluster V Fall Gathering in Hot Springs. Call Sue Thayer, 915-9176 for more information.

Oct. 12 — First Gathering and Luncheon. Hear pastor Bill Bailey talk about Joshua. Celebrate the Thank Offering.

Oct. 20 — Retreat at Ferncliff.



PW Retreat October 20

Women of the Kirk

You are all invited to the PW Retreat at Ferncliff on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Why should you attend? You will hear how the Christian church survived after the Communist declared God did not exist.

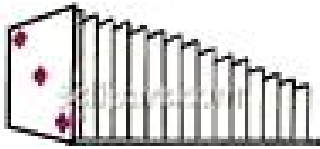
Our retreat leader, Mary Beth Lysobey, will take you with her to the Czech Republic, Hungary and the Ukraine as she shares her experience as a member of "The Global Exchange" trip last year.

The retreat begins at 9 am. We will carpool to Ferncliff – more details later. Cost is \$12.50 including lunch. Questions? Call Sue Thayer, 915-9176.

Need a ride?

Do you require transportation to medical appointments or to visit a loved one in the hospital? Or can you be on call to drive someone?

Call Larry Bradley at the Kirk office, 922-1333 or Martha Fast at 922-0848.



Kirk Ladies Bridge Marathon

On the fourth Monday, September through April, 32 Kirk ladies meet to play rubber bridge. We added 8 ladies this year. We are always looking for ladies who are interested in joining our club. Please call Wilma Reed, 922-3498, or Vianne Huff at 922-4624.

Couples Bridge Marathon

The Kirk Couples' Bridge Marathon, September through May, is ready to begin play. The schedule is:

4th Friday — 7 p.m., Sept. 25, Hoffius Hall
 3rd Fridays — 7 p.m., Oct. through April, Homes
 3rd Friday — 7 p.m., May, Hoffius Hall

If you have an interest in playing couples bridge, need information or would like to become a substitute, please call Marilyn Johnson at 922-6641.

Presbyterian Women Cluster V Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 26
First Presbyterian Church
213 Whittington Avenue
Hot Springs

9:30 a.m. — Registration, coffee

**10 a.m. — Worship: "Joshua,
a Journey of Faith"**

**11 a.m. — Mission: Women of the Bible
and time to share**

12 p.m. — Lunch (\$7)

Fashion show by Bargain Box

**Please make lunch reservations by
Monday, Sept. 21.**

**E-mail firstpreshs213@sbcglobal.com
or telephone 624-5646.**

"Ancient and Honourable Kirk Lawn Bowls Society" founded in 2008



Theresa Nottrott bowls as Earl Mulley and Vianne Huff watch her delivery.

Did you know a small group of Kirk members have been meeting once a month for lawn bowling?

We are ready to expand the group so we can have tournaments and maybe form a team to challenge other church teams. Earl and Barbara Mulley have been our teachers and will be willing to show you the ropes.

We meet at 7:30 p.m. the last Sunday each month. If you're interested in becoming a member of the Ancient and Honourable Kirk Lawn Bowls Society, please contact Vianne or Bob Huff, Theresa or Dave Nottrott or Earl or Barbara Mulley.

Kirk in the Pines chosen as best church and Reverend Bill Bailey as best pastor

A recent readership survey conducted by the *Hot Springs Village Voice* revealed its readers chose the Kirk as the **best church** to attend and Bill Bailey as the **best pastor**.

We knew that already!

The *Voice* published the results of their survey Aug. 26.

Gardening ... from Alpha to Omega

Melvin Daniel, county agent with the Garland County Cooperative Extension Service, will speak at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24 in Hoffius Hall at the first fall meeting of the gardening club.

Daniel's topic will be "Methods of Weed Control in Home Landscapes." Gardeners of all experience levels from beginner to Master Gardener will benefit from helpful information he plans to share.

Gardening ... From Alpha to Omega will meet from 2-3:30 p.m. the fourth Thursday each month. All gardeners are welcome.

For more information call Jerral Johnson, 922-6641, or Yvonne Jones at 922-9232.

Lost and Found

"If you have lost OR found any items in or around the church, please advise the church office." Several pairs of glasses have been found and several valuable items have been lost by some of our members.

The Fruits of Cursillo

**Faith - Fellowship - Forgiveness
Friends - Fun - Food - Forever**

Cursillo is not just a weekend retreat, it is a spiritual journey that lasts a lifetime!

Register now for the next
Arkansas Presbyterian Cursillo
October 15-18

Ferncliff Presbyterian Center

Lay leader of ARPC 11,
Debbie Cordell,
Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

All Kirk members are invited.

Registration forms available at
www.cursillo-arkansas.org or on Kirk
information tables.

Kirk members harvest cane for projects at Ferncliff



Dave Hamilton (far right), Jim Cordell, Ted Smith (picture not available), and Suzanne Cain (left) harvested, transported and stripped over 200 bamboo cane stalks from the Cain residence for Ferncliff campers earlier this summer. The cane stalks were used to make old fashioned fishing poles, used in craft projects, and for building projects on the campground.

The Many Faces of Ferncliff

The Kirk enjoys a special relationship with Ferncliff Presbyterian Center. Over the years we have supported Ferncliff both financially and with volunteer hours.

At the Aug. 12 Summer Supper sponsored by the Education Committee, about 100 members heard David Gill, executive director of Ferncliff, tell about the new directions they are taking. David is the creative force behind the many new programs initiated at the Center.

The facility is busy for the two summer months with campers. But it doesn't stop there. The other ten months it hosts retreats and other programs using its many facilities to maximum advantage.

The Center has a budget near \$800,000. Its facilities are used year-round to maintain financial sustainability. 2009 saw a record number of campers whose lives were nourished spiritually by their experience.

One innovative use of the facilities is hosting the Arkansas/Louisiana Blind/Deaf retreat. David spoke of the participants as being a very fun-loving group.

A Confirmation Weekend is held annually with programs extending those of the confirmand's church.

In November, Ferncliff will host the National Association of Presbyterian Camps and will be able to showcase the facilities and programs which have made Ferncliff a showpiece.

In 2005 a 10,000-square-foot building was constructed on the grounds for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. A national staff person directs the assembling and shipping of four different kinds of kits to disaster areas.

The Synod of the Sun, in which we reside, is initiating a solar-powered mission at Ferncliff. It will use solar power to run water purification systems in third world countries. Americorp volunteers enjoy working at Ferncliff.

As David showed slides of the Center, occasionally a photo of his four young grandchildren would "pop up." The audience was delighted to see their pictures and one of a new stone outdoor grill built by Ted Smith of our congregation.

So much is going on at Ferncliff. And, all of it is aimed at nourishing the spiritual growth of those whose souls are refreshed by spending time there.

— Dotty Rector



D. J. Hitt arranges the "In the Garden" buffet

"In the Garden" supper

On Wednesday, July 22, over 130 Kirk members and friends enjoyed an evening "in the garden" where we experienced the beauty of God's creation right there in Hoffius Hall!

D. J. Hitt, head chef at Good Samaritan Campus, provided a delicious spread of ham, turkey, salads, and cheesecake dessert with strawberry or blueberry topping. But it was D. J.'s presentation of the meal which first caught our attention. "Floral" centerpieces, created from fruits and vegetables, adorned the buffet tables, and beautifully decorated trays and bowls welcomed us to the meal.



Courtney Carpenter, granddaughter of Bev and Mike Carpenter, assisted emcee Jerral Johnson with drawing table numbers for attending the buffet.

After supper, Kirk member Clint Sowards shared his magnificent color photography of many living things in nature—birds, butterflies, plants and animals—and his running commentary during the slide show kept us laughing as well as informed.

Many thanks to the three Kirk committees who sponsored the evening's festivities: Communication, Evangelism, and Membership. Committee moderators, Joyce Leeming, Dennis Zymboly, and Theresa Nottrott, deserve many kudos for planning, decorating, and producing such a delightful event.

—Madelyn Young



September



BIRTHDAYS

Sept 1	Norm Martin	Sept 14	Shirley Lytle	Sept 20	Joyce Leeming
Sept 2	Gail Walter		Dan Wier	Sept 22	Barbara Fuquay
Sept 4	Helen Gene Heath	Sept 15	Harry Marshall		Peggy Trent
	Stewart Kuhn	Sept 16	Jeanette Pugh	Sept 23	Suzanne Patterson
	Jane Vance	Sept 17	Tom Hightower		Beverly Raskin
Sept 6	Pat Nommensen		Frank Moore	Sept 24	Millie Smart
Sept 7	Jerry King		Rhonie Zymbody	Sept 25	Janice Clark
	Joanne Lammers	Sept 18	Fran Burr		Dorothy Currence
	Joy Reynolds		Beverly Mueller	Sept 26	Ed Holt
Sept 8	Gloria Hepner		Edward Russell		Joan Maxwell
	Madge Martell	Sept 19	Bill Carson	Sept 27	Elizabeth Porter
Sept 9	Lorraine Berry		Nancy Deem	Sept 28	Georgia Tieperman
Sept 10	Gail Salmen		Gordon McLean	Sept 29	Warren Cain
	Louise Witte		Bus Ormsbee		Beverly McFadden
Sept 12	Neil MacIntosh	Sept 20	Donn Allison	Sept 30	Marjorie Carlisle
	Betty Mossman				

ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 1	Bill and Virginia Burnell	Sept 11	Bob and Ginnie Hastings
	Bill and Marci Drews	Sept 12	John and Joan Maxwell
	Don and Donna Garrard	Sept 14	Vernon and Evelyn Plueckhahn
Sept 4	Norm and Charlotte Martin	Sept 15	Tom and Rita Martick
Sept 5	Stan and Martha Fast	Sept 19	Bruce and Margery McIntosh
	Walter and Barbara Fuquay		Ken and Kelle Wolf
	Gordon and Wilma Smith	Sept 20	Bob and Harriet Jones
Sept 6	Mervin and Pat Mull	Sept 21	James and Karen Knox
Sept 7	Bill and Ruth Naggs	Sept 23	Bill and Joanne Rich
Sept 8	Stewart and Eileen Kuhn	Sept 24	James and Nell White
Sept 8	Robert and Linda Smith	Sept 25	Wendell and Yvonne Jones
Sept 10	Herbert and Fran Simmons		Don and Margaret Trent
Sept 11	Bob and Judy Corwin	Sept 28	Richard and Ellen Harkey
	Tom and Sally Fink		

Do we have your correct e-mail address?

Notices are often sent from the Kirk office to members by e-mail in groups. If your address is incorrect, the entire group mail is undeliverable. If your address has changed in recent months, PLEASE call the office, 922-1333, or e-mail kirk1@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you.

Dear Kirk Friends:

To my wonderful kirk,

Thank you to Janie and Bill for their welcome calls. I know without a doubt the surgery on my spine was so successful because of all your prayers and concerns. It's the first time since 2002 that I have not had any back pain! And, oh my, to the Greenhorns and friends for all your super food and cards, thank you.

With Christian love,
— Gail Walter

Dear Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines,

A great big thank you again and again!

You have helped to carry us through these difficult economic times.

May God continue to bless you all.

— Liz Brakebill,
Potter's Clay

Dear friends at the Kirk,

We knew we would miss our friends at the Kirk but not this much! We think of each of you often.

We also know this move was needed. Bob was in the hospital the first week we were here and it was comforting to have our family with us.

Our new address is: 440 Independence Pkwy., Apt. 3103, Plano, TX 75075; telephone 972-769-9439.

Know we send all our Kirk family our love. God bless you all.

— Gretchen Mayfield

FOOD BASKET

During the month of September the Kirk is collecting non-perishable food for Jackson House. Their needs are canned chicken, meat and fish, canned chili, soups and stews, boxed dinner helpers for hamburger, tuna and chicken, macaroni and cheese, pasta and pasta sauces, canned fruit and juices, dry and canned beans, dry and canned milk, hot and cold cereals. For those who wish to make a monetary gift there are pew envelopes marked "Food Basket."

Where's the fire alarm?

How many of us can quickly locate emergency equipment in the church? While we hope it won't be needed, every member should note the location of the following equipment:

- **Heart defibrillator:** In the hallway behind the chancel.
- **Fire alarms:**
 - (1) By the entrance door to the office.
 - (2) In the hallway between the office and the sanctuary.
- **Fire extinguishers:**
 - (1) In the office hallway by the drinking fountain.
 - (2) In the communion preparation room behind the chancel.
 - (3) In the narthex by the stairs to Hoffius Hall.
 - (4) In the kitchen near the telephone.
 - (5) Hoffius Hall: Two. Next to the library door and near the stairway leading to the hallway behind the chancel.
- **First Aid Kits:**
 - (1) Office: Across from the copy machine in the cabinet.
 - (2) In the choir room closet.
 - (3) In the usher's closet at the head of the stairs next to the narthex.
 - (4) In the child care room.
 - (5) In the kitchen on the wall by the serving window.
- **Blood pressure monitor:** In the usher's closet at the head of the stairs next to the narthex.
- **Telephones:**
 - (1) Office
 - (2) Parlor
 - (3) Kitchen
 - (4) Nursery

Newsletter and Bulletin

Deadlines

The next **newsletter** deadline is September 15. E-mail Joyce Leeming at JBL37@sbcglobal.net.

The Sunday **bulletin** deadline is on Wednesday each week. E-mail Sallie Huss at kirksec2@sbcglobal.net.

Send **calendar** changes to Barbara Myers at kirksec1@sbcglobal.net

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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
Mark Hurning, nephew of Lowell and Sharon Gardner, SFC Army, Iraq
Spc. Timothy Rabideau, son of Marylyn Rabideau, U.S. Air Force, Iraq
Sgt. Adam Sandifer, grandson-in-law of Tom and Ethelee Beverly, U.S. Army, Germany
Capt. Ryan Herbst, grandson of Shirley Peglar, U.S. Army, Iraq
Craig Franklin, son of Pat Franklin, U.S. Air Force, Iraq



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