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A Voice in the Pines

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Reverend Bailey takes first step down the road ahead

The *Road Ahead* was the title of the Rev. Bill Bailey's first sermon Sunday as he became Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines' first senior pastor in two and a half years.

His debut was greeted by a congregation which filled the sanctuary, causing natural anxiety on both sides of the pulpit.

"It's a good thing I'm wearing my robe," he said, "so you can't see my knees knocking."

In his sermon Rev. Bailey said people are always moving and searching for direction in the wilderness.

"Do I know where we're going? Have I had a vision?" he asked. "No."

But Rev. Bailey said he would trust God and asked the congregation to be patient as he comes to know them.



His first service was marked with the usual glitches. So many people turned out to see his first service the church ran out of programs. The sound system was balky. But when the service was over, the congregation was all smiles and seemed delighted to have Rev. Bailey in Hot Springs Village.

—*Frank Leeming*

Many thanks to all for the warm welcome

Many thanks to everyone in the congregation for all the ways you have helped welcome the Baileys to our new church home. The kind letters, phone calls, as well as the wonderful meals, were much appreciated. We are especially grateful for the warm reception after our first worship at the Kirk.

We are slowly unpacking boxes and feeling a bit overwhelmed with all there is to do in settling into our new life in the Village. Still, we are excited to be here and are working hard learning new names and faces. Be patient with

us as we find our way around.

I am delighted to be serving as your new pastor. I am grateful for the good work that has gone before and for your PNC that represented the church's mission and needs so well. I look forward to getting to know each of you and joining hands together as we seek to discern and follow Christ's leading in the weeks and months ahead. Keep the Kirk in your thoughts and prayers as we seek to be faithful.

*In Christ's Service,
William Bailey*

Installation of Bill Bailey September 17

Sunday, September 17, will be a very special day in the life of the Kirk. Reverend William B. Bailey will be installed as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. The installation service will be conducted by the Presbytery of Arkansas and held in the sanctuary of the church at 4:00 p.m. A formal reception will follow in Hoffius Hall. All members and friends of the Kirk are invited to attend.

Rev. Carol McCormack, First Presbyterian Church, Malvern will give the sermon. Toney McMillan, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Malvern will give the charge to the minister and Rev. Bill Branch, General Presbyter, Presbytery of Arkansas will give the charge to the congregation. Barbara Webb, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Benton, will address constitutional questions to the pastor and the congregation. Also assisting in the service will be Jerral Johnson, Elder, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines and Julie Adkisson, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Conway.

Please plan now to participate and show your support for Reverend Bailey as he takes his vows to serve Christ and His Church at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines.

A reception honoring Reverend Bailey's installation as pastor of Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, will be held in Hoffius Hall immediately after the 4:00 p.m. Installation Service

CLERK'S CORNER



Rejoice and be glad! Pastor Bill, Anne (gracious wife), Hannah, (beautiful daughter), and Elijah, (delightful son of beautiful daughter) came to a Meet & Greet affair on the 16th of August in Hoffius Hall. Attending and bringing finger foods were Session members and PNC members along with their spouses. Let me assure you, the Baileys will be a wonderful addition to our Kirk family.

With the pig roast and Annual Congregation Meeting, Pastor Bill's initial sermon and welcome reception behind us, exciting times are on the horizon. Your Session is busy planning the Kirk Information Fair on Sunday, September 10th after both worship services. Be sure to see each table and maybe even join a new committee! I personally think it makes you feel more like a "family member" if you participate on at least one committee.

The Session meeting began on time with Rev. Don Trent moderating. We always begin our meetings with the lighting of a white candle to symbolize the presence of the risen Christ. We have a call to worship, a scripture reading and devotional, a prayer, and a hymn to get us focused on the work to be done during the meeting. We look upon the meeting as worshipful work for our Lord and his Kirk.

With the death of Hank Spiller on July 16 and no letters of transfer our statistics as of August 8 were 574 members and 354 family units. Our prayers are with the Spiller family and friends.

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

- General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$10,214
- Building Fund expenditures

exceeded receipts by \$2,129

- YTD General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$39,938
- Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$6,426.

Don Garrard, Administration, announced a computer purchase would be made with Power Point so the Informal Worship Service hymns will be easier to read and we can do away with the transparencies. Training will be given and check out for use are in the works. By the way we all are grateful to our God for Don's healing. (The surgeon did not remove his funny bone.)

Notice the updating being done in the office area, under the leadership of Don Elsenheimer. You can see in the Village Voice and Kirk newsletter that the Communications Committee, under the direction of Madelyn Young is doing a great job for us. The Committees of Education, Evangelism, Fellowship and Membership are continuing to work on their various goals.

Memorial, under guidance from Joe Atkinson, will provide material for table runners for the Kirkin' o' the Tartans with the Banner Committee doing the actual work. To facilitate disabled persons easier access to the cross area, a walkway from the new disabled parking spaces to the walkway around the cross will be poured and a new bench will be placed on the left side of the walkway.

Don Trent gave the Moderator's Report. Next the Session elected Sherry Barefield and Yvonne Jones, with Emily Faulk as alternate, as Commissioners to the Presbytery Meeting September 11th and 12th in Fort Smith. (Keep an eye out for more info because our Pastor Bill will be officially received into our Presbytery some-

time on the 12th and you all are all encouraged to attend that part of the meeting.)

Carolyn Kane, Congregational Care, shared a report of people under this committee's care at the current time and addressed concerns from the session. This led to the Prayers of the People with Elders joining in. After Don closed this meaningful prayer he gave the Charge and Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

September is a time in the life of the Kirk that is one of our busiest; please remember to pray for our new pastor, your Session, and the committees doing their work.

See y'all at the Kirk!
Sherry

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning September 10

The Kirk will return to two services of worship.

Worship times will be
8:30 and 10:45

Please note:

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

to allow time for

Christian education classes between services.

Classes will begin in October.

The choir will begin meeting for rehearsal on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m.

New singers are wanted and needed.

A request from the Evangelism Committee to all members: Please wear your nametags on Sunday mornings. It will help our new pastor get to know us better, as well as helping visitors get acquainted with us
Thank you.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans September 24th

On Sunday, September 24th, the Kirk will celebrate the heritage and traditions of the Presbyterian Church with the second Kirkin' o' the Tartans. It is the final ceremony in a year-long commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Kirk in the Pines. Dr. Walter B. Roettger, president of Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas, will be the guest speaker.

The Kirkin' ceremony takes place during both services, but the experience begins as members and visitors enter the church flanked by pipers from Lyon College and Kirk members holding colorful banners made from their clan tartans.

Each service begins with a procession of pipers and banner bearers and ends with a procession into the Memorial Garden for a prayer by the Celtic Cross. A traditional High Tea in Hoffius Hall will follow. The tartan banners will be displayed in Hoffius Hall during the tea.

The Kirk held its first Kirkin' of the Tartans in 2003 with nearly 650 members and guests in attendance. It was the brain child of Nell White and Helen Fisher, Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the Worship

Committee at the time, who were looking for ways to promote the heritage and traditions of the church. Nell heard about the Kirkin' ceremony and discussed it with Helen, who was born in Scotland. She had never been involved with a Kirkin' but thought it sounded like a great idea. Once the idea got Session approval, Helen contacted Lyon College's Scottish Heritage Department, which assists churches with Kirkin' ceremonies. She lined up the college's pipe band and asked Kirk members with Scottish roots if they'd be interested in having banners made.

"We were shocked when over 30 people responded," said Helen.

Some already knew their clan and tartan, others researched their background. When the list was ready, Helen ordered the banners from McPherson Company in Edinburgh, Scotland

Since the ceremony includes the Banner of the Scots Confession of 1560, Helen turned to the Kirk's banner committee to make one. They also made one for Lyon College as an appreciation gift.

The Kirkin' o' the Tartans cere-



Piper Jimmy Bell at the Dedication of the Celtic Cross last November.

mony has its roots in Scotland but is distinctly American, Helen explained.

"The clan system ruled in the highlands of Scotland for hundreds of years," she said. "However, the end for the clans came in 1746 at the battle of Culloden. After the battle, the kilt was forbidden, bagpipe music was banned and the wearing or displaying of the tartan was punishable by death. Since that time, the ban has been lifted, of course, but the Kirkin' ceremony was never a part of Scottish tradition."

Dr. Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the United States Senate held the first Kirkin' on April 27, 1941 at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. After his death, the Kirkin' floated for a number of years from one church to another until 1954 when it found a home in the Washington National Cathedral, where the St. Andrews Society holds an annual Kirkin' o' the Tartans.

INFORMAL WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

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

Sept. 2	Mark 7:1-8 <i>Inherent Vice (What it means to be righteous)</i>
Sept. 9	Rev. Carl McCormack, First Malvern
Sept. 16	Mark 8:27-38 <i>Kisses on Wheels (How to proclaim the Faith)</i>
Sept. 23	James 3:13- 4:3 <i>Invisibility or Flight? (If you could be God for a week)</i>
Sept. 30	Lon Harden, Certified Lay Pastor, Prattsville

Issues Forum September 20th: Report from Birmingham

On Wednesday, September 20, Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines will present the third in a three-part series on *Homosexuality and the Church*. In April we explored the sociological and scientific perspectives of homosexuality. In May our topic was "Homosexuality: Biblical and Moral Perspectives." Now we are ready to hear a report about the action taken by the 217th General Assembly. Our topic for discussion: Can Presbyterian U.S.A. sessions and presbyteries ordain homosexual persons as elders and ministers?

Reverend Don Trent, Pastoral Associate at the Kirk, wrote a clear, concise article, "What Really Happened in Birmingham?" which was published in the Kirk August newsletter. Don corrected and clarified some of the statements we have read in the public media. On September 20, we will hear from

two of the commissioners from Arkansas Presbytery who attended the General Assembly in June, Ted Belden and Reverend Karen Akin.

Ted Belden, Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas, was born in Minnesota and

Please join us for a potluck supper in Hoffius Hall on Sept 20 at 5:30 followed by the Issues Forum at 6:30

He is now involved in the family business Lomanco and other business interests, including historic redevelopment projects in Fayetteville. His wife, Leslie, is an ordained minister, and both have been active in our presbytery. Ted

moved to Arkansas in 1974. In 1981, he received a degree in Architecture from the University of Arkansas.

served on the Ferncliff board of trustees and was president of Presbyterian Village. He served as moderator of Arkansas Presbytery two years ago.

Reverend Karen Akin was born in Dallas, Texas, where she spent most of her childhood. Her education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion from Trinity University in 1976; a Master of Divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1979; and a Doctor of Ministry degree in Nurture from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1988. Karen married her husband, Doug, in 1987. She has served in a variety of community settings and pastoral positions in Kansas, Texas, Colorado, and Arkansas. Since 1992, Karen has served as Associate Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. Her main areas of responsibility are in Pastoral Care and Fellowship.

Fall Study Groups

Based on the results of the Education survey, the Education Committee will offer the following Small Study groups :

Christianity & World Religions - Wed. evening beginning Sept. 27th

Christianity & World Religions - Tue. afternoon beginning Oct. 3rd

Parables - Thurs. morning beginning Sept. 28th

Parables - Sun. evening beginning Oct. 1

That's What the Man Said - Thurs. afternoon beginning Sept. 28th

Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned but I Have Several Good Excuses

Thurs. evening, Sept. 28th

Please choose the group you would like to join and sign up in Hoffius Hall after Sunday worship service through September 17.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes

Beginning October 1st Dick Massey will be leading the Kerygma Adult Bible Studies beginning with "The Bible & Theology Book 1" which includes: "The Trinity: Who Is God?" and "Christology: Who Is Jesus Christ?" The class will be held in the conference room beginning at 9:30.

The Adult Focus Group will resume its meetings in the library at 9:40 on October 1st.

New Men's and Women's Bible Class begins this month

Exciting news! Reverend Bailey will be teaching a class for both men and women on Wednesday, September 20th at 9:00 a.m. in Hoffius Hall. The subject is the Gospel of Mark.

The class will kick off at 8:00 with the traditional hearty breakfast cooked by Ken Rhodes and his crew. Everyone is invited to come enjoy a delicious breakfast, participate in a stimulating Bible study and help us make plans for the Fall.



Calling all gardeners

A series of gardening workshops begin this month at the Kirk. They will meet the fourth Thursday of every month beginning Sept. 28. The workshops are open to everyone in Hot Springs Village—from green thumbs to novices—and include hands-on experience, as well as gardening guidelines and expert advice from master gardeners, flower-arranging experts, and special educators.

Topics include fertilization of plants; table arrangements for holidays; selecting shrubs and trees for spring planting; bare root, balled/burlap or container trees; considerations when selecting a tree and location; method of planting trees; lighting and its use in the landscape; pruning; preparation of raised beds; annuals and wild flowers; vegetable and herb gardening; plant sale; tour of Garvan Gardens; shade tree care; plant pest management; plant stress and its prevention; irrigation; and care and management of house plants.

The series, which is sponsored by the Evangelism Committee, began as an idea to have a plant sale to raise money for local children's programs and blossomed into a year-round program for gardeners. Committee member Jerral Johnson, Professor Emeritus, Dept. Plant Pathology and Microbiology, Texas A&M University, will lead the program. Jerral and his wife Marilyn moved to Hot Springs Village in 1997, when he retired from Texas A&M after 30 years. His experience there included disease management for fruit, nuts, shade trees, vegetables, ornamentals and turf. He has received professional recognition with Superior Service Award (TAEX 1978); Certificate of Meritorious Service (Epsilon Sigma Phi.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Gears up for Another Exciting Year



A New Beginning

Presbyterian Women will begin the new year with six new circles and the evening Kirk Konnection. The morning circles meet at 9:30 a.m., the afternoon circle meets at Good Samaritan at 1:30 p.m. (note new time). Circles meet the second Monday of the month. The Kirk Konnection meets the 4th Monday 7-9 p.m. in Hoffius Hall.

All women of the Kirk are invited to participate in P.W. activities. If you are interested and somehow we missed calling you, please call Janie Smith, 922-4142 or Charlotte Massey, 922-2385.

The first circle meeting will be September 11. "In the Beginning, Perspectives on Genesis" is the title of our bible study this year. If you do not have your study book and annual women's directory, you may pick them up at the church office.

The P.W. cluster Fall Gathering

1981); Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award (TAMU, 1983); and Special Recognition for Team Leadership in support of the proper use of chemicals in the environment (TAEX, 1994). He has worked on many activities in the Village, including two years as President of the Men's Garden Club. Jerral's outside interests have not prevented him from being an active member of the Kirk. He has served on the Session as both member and Clerk of Session, as well as the Memorial Garden, Mission, Membership, Pastor Nominating, and Evangelism committees. He will serve as President of Kiwanis in 2006-2007.

will be held September 9 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs.

Gathering Together

Our first Gathering will be Monday, October 9 at 11:00 a.m. A study of Genesis 3:1-24, Perspectives on Sin-Adam & Eve, will be presented. Luncheon will be provided by the Greenhorns. A short program revealing a new concept of Missions, "Together in Service" will be introduced by Barbara McLachlea and Linda Riley. They are our Presbytery Mission opportunity coordinators.

Ferncliff Day Retreat

Mark your calendar for October 6, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. to remind you of a day away to reflect and relax, enjoy a great lunch, see how your Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center is growing and visit the Presbyterian Disaster Center. Rev. Karen Akin will lead us in worship and reflection. More information later.

2006 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team

Moderator	Janie Smith
Vice Moderator	Charlotte Massey
Secretary	Judy Rosenthal
Treasurer	Carol Sue Williams
Assistant Treasurer	Sallie Huss

Luncheon Gatherings

October 6:	Ferncliff Retreat
October 9:	Gathering
December 11:	Christmas Luncheon
March 12:	Gathering
May 14:	Award Luncheon
June 4:	Salad Luncheon

Circle Meetings:

Sept., Nov., Jan., Feb., April

Sun**Mon****Tue****September 2006****3**

Communion Service
10:00 Worship Service

Dick Knott

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**LABOR DAY
OFFICE CLOSED**

*Robert Berry
Gene Heath
Stewart Kuhn
Jane Vance*

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9:30 Bible Moderators
2:00 Memorial Com.
7:00 Education Com.

*Stan & Martha Fast
Gordon & Wilma Smith*

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8:30 & 10:45 Worship Svcs.
9:40 Adult Focus Group
3:00 Stewart Ann. Reception

*Gail Salmen
Louise Witte
Max & Fran Simmons*

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9:30 Circle Meeting
9:30 FOCUS VIP
3:45 KCKC
*Robert Case
Bob & Judy Corwin
Tom & Sally Fink
Bob & Ginnie Hastings*

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*Rosemary Claveau
Neil MacIntosh
Betty Mossman
John & Joan Maxwell*

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8:30 & 10:45 Worship Svcs.
9:40 Adult Focus Group
4:00 Installation of new pastor

*Tom Hightower
Frank Moore
Rhonie Zymboly*

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9:30 Congregational
Care Committee
9:30 FOCUS VIP
3:45 KCKC

*Fran Burr
Beverly Mueller
Edward Russell*

19 SCHOOL ELECTION

9:30 Stewardship
1:00 Session

*Ozzie Brookes
Bill Carson
Nancy Deem
Gordon McLean
Bruce & Margery McIntosh
Ken & Kelle Wolf*

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Kirkin' of the Tartans
8:30 & 10:45 Worship Svcs.
9:40 Adult Focus Group

*Millie Smart
Jim & Nell White*

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8:30 Shepherd Gr. #6
9:30 Administration
9:30 FOCUS VIP
3:45 KCKC
*Dorothy Currence
JoAnne Fulton
Wendell & Yvonne Jones
Don & Peggy Trent*

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*Ed Holt
Joan Maxwell*

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 FOCUS VIP <i>Norm Martin</i> <i>Bill & Virginia Burnell</i> <i>Bill & Marci Drews</i> <i>Don & Donna Garrard</i>	2 9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Gail Walter</i>
6 8-4 Greenhorns 6:30 Shepherd Gr. #11 <i>Ila Blevina</i> <i>Pat Nommensen</i> <i>Mervin & Pat Mull</i>	7 8:30 Fellowship Com 11:00 Wellness Gr. 1:00 Evangelism <i>Jerry King</i> <i>Joanne Lammers</i> <i>Joy Reynolds</i> <i>Bill & Ruth Naggs</i>	8 9:30 FOCUS VIP <i>Gloria Hepner</i> <i>Anne Jennings</i> <i>Madge Martell</i> <i>Kaye Stafford</i> <i>Stewart & Eileen Kuhn</i> <i>Bob & Linda Smith</i>	9 9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Lorraine Berry</i>
13	14 3:00 Mission Com <i>Shirley Lytle</i> <i>Dan Wier</i> <i>Vernon & Evelyn Plueckhahn</i>	15 7:30 Men's Assoc. 9:30 FOCUS VIP <i>Harry Marshall</i> <i>James & Irene Cooper</i> <i>Tom & Rita Martick</i> <i>Lee & Kaye Stafford</i>	16 9:00 Kirk Choir 1-5 Fellowship Recep. 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Jeanette Pugh</i>
20 8:00 Bible Study Breakfast 9:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Issues Forum <i>Donn Allison</i> <i>Joyce Leeming</i> <i>Bob & Harriet Jones</i>	21 11:00 Wellness 1:00 Chancel Com 2:00 Planning & Coordination <i>James & Karen Knox</i>	22 9:30 FOCUS VIP 2:30 Greenhorns <i>Peggy Trent</i>	23 9:00 Kirk Choir 1-3 Kirkin' Com. 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Suzanne Patterson</i> <i>Beverly Raskin</i> <i>Shirley Wilcoxon</i> <i>Bill & Joanne Rich</i>
27 <i>Pete Porter</i> <i>Richard Wilson</i>	28 <i>Mabel Colton</i> <i>Georgia Tieperman</i> <i>Richard & Ellen Harkey</i>	29 9:30 FOCUS VIP 7:00 Couples Marathon Bridge <i>Warren Cain</i> <i>Beverly McFadden</i> <i>Vernon & Helen Anderson</i>	30 9:00 Kirk Choir 5:00 Informal Worship Service <i>Marjorie Carlisle</i>

It's Fair Season at the Kirk

Late summer and autumn is the time for fairs across our country, and the Kirk seems to be no exception. First, the **Kirk County Fair** was held at an August summer supper put on by the Communication, Membership and Evangelism Committees. What a wonderful time was had by all--enjoying a fried chicken dinner and "oo-ing" and "ah-ing" all the beautiful things contributed by our talented members.

September will bring us the next fair --the annual **Information Fair on Sunday, September 10** coordinated by the Communication Committee. While you enjoy coffee, cookies, and visiting with friends after the worship service, you will be able to circulate around Hoffius Hall to visit the displays set up by all of your church committees.

Each committee will have a table with information about its part in the many ministries of our far-reaching church. Enthusiastic committee members will be at the table displays to explain what their committee does, including the various services performed and opportunities available for individuals and the congregation at large.

All committees are looking for new members with new ideas, and all will tell you that the personal satisfaction of being a working disciple

is enhanced by the new friendships you will make.

Sign up sheets will be available for you to leave your names to receive more information about participating on one or more of the committees. We'll finish out the season with a **Mission Fair on Sunday, October 29** celebrating the Kirk's commitment to Mission. 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 will be dedicated to our mission outreach. The morning worship will center on our call to service to others in Christ's name, and during the coffee hour after each service there will be displays of our many current mission projects. Plan on coming down to Hoffius Hall to meet and talk to representatives of many of the groups we support.



One of many beautiful craft displays at the Kirk County Fair in August.



George and Lorraine Muenze enjoy a lively square dance performed by Heinrich Eiler and Lois Dykstra, Don and Helen Van Stone, Gordon and Wilma Smith, and Bill and Sheila Stanley.

Welcome New Sexton

Please welcome our new sexton Cole Goodman, who began at the Kirk on August 21. He has a background in building maintenance and a two-year degree in industrial electricity and plant maintenance.

Cole was raised in northeast Arkansas and moved here from Jonesboro in July with his wife Teresa to be near her father, who is in failing health. They live in Buckville and attend Avant Community Church, where Teresa's father is pastor. Between them, Cole and Teresa have seven grown children and 14 grandchildren. Teresa's youngest son is with the Arkansas National Guard serving in Iraq.

Read more about Cole in October's newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in while we were without a sexton, especially **Wendell Jones** for going over and beyond to make sure the building ran smoothly.

PLANNING & COORDINATING

Pig Roast and Annual Congregational Meeting

Attendance was good at our Annual Pig Roast, and the food was outstanding—thanks to Master Chef Bob Corwin with lots of help from Judy. Frank and June Moore carried the ball for the Administration Committee. Thanks to Bebe Anderson and Donna Garrard for the wonderful table decorations and tickets. The business meeting was well attended and uneventful.

Congrats to all Administration and Planning and Coordinating Committee members and spouses.

—Ray Jacobsmeyer, Moderator

FELLOWSHIP**Thanksgiving at the Kirk**

Summer seems to be flying by so quickly! Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here. The Fellowship Committee and volunteers will again be preparing a delicious traditional turkey dinner here at the Kirk on Thanksgiving Day. Let your plans include sharing this special time with others in the Kirk family. We will begin taking reservations in October.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with decorating, cooking, serving and clean-up. If you can help telephone Joyce Leeming at 922-0810 (e-mail jbl37@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Hess at 915-0134 (e-mail jimobhess@cox.net). Watch for more details next month.

Couples Marathon Bridge

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

EVANGELISM**Keeping our image alive**

One of the goals of the Evangelism Committee is to commit ourselves to having a conversation with someone we don't know either before or after worship each week. That includes our visitors, of course, but members as well. We invite each member of the Kirk to join us in doing this. Many of our visitors have said the Kirk is the friendliest church in the Village. Let's keep that image alive.

Our new Plant Ministry will begin in September. Jerral Johnson designed this program to make it palatable, educational, and user-friendly. We will have a brochure at our September 10 Information Fair announcing the monthly programs. There will be a sign-up sheet there if you would like to be a part of this new group.

The Community Fair for Hot Springs Village is scheduled for September 27 at the Coronado Community Center. The theme this year is 'Our Community Rocks: Cruising for Members.' Don't forget the Kirk is also cruising for members! Come by the Kirk booth—and bring your friends and neighbors. We will show them what we have to offer.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE**Help with Grief**

New Day Bereavement Group: A nine week support group is being offered at St. Joseph's Hospital in order to help individuals work through grief in a healthy way. Groups will meet on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. or at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 7. Both groups will meet in the Daffodil Room of the Mercy Cancer Center. For more information, please call Sister Liz Koehler, RSM at 622-4113.

AARP Grief & Loss Group is also beginning a class on September 9 here in the Village. Call Sandy at 922-0789 to register or to get more information.

Clues to Living with Alzheimer's Disease

It is better to **agree** than to **argue**,

It is better to **divert** than to **reason**,

It is better to **distract** than to **shame**,

It is better to **reassure** than to **lecture**,

It is better to **reminisce** than to say, "remember?"

It is better to **repeat** yourself than to say, "I told you!"

It is better to encourage someone to **do what they can** than to say, "you can't!"

It is better to **ask** or **model** than to **command** or **demand**,

It is better to **encourage** and **praise** than to **condescend**.

For more information about this disease, call 1-800-689-6090.

NEEDED: Small cookies and bars for Rev. Bailey's Installation Service Reception on Sept. 17th. Please bring to Hoffius Hall.

Thank you.

—The Reception Committee

***Kirk in the Pines 2006 Four Person Golf Mixer
Saturday, September 30***

Golf at Coronado: 9 am. to 3 p.m., \$5.00 plus Green and Cart fees

Dinner at Hoffius Hall: 7:15 p.m., \$5.00 per person

Open flight and Grand Masters flight (Age 77 and over)

Prizes in each flight will be determined by low net score based on Peoria Handicap System. Also, Men's Women's longest drive in the Open Flight, straightest drive in the Grand Masters Flight, and closest to the hole for each flight

Format: four-person scramble with teams assigned by gold committee. Sign up as a single or a couple. Couples will be assigned to the same team.

Sign up dates, September 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17. Teams and Tee Times will be posted September 23rd in Hoffius Hall

MISSION**MISSION DOLLARS**

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$871 in July and \$626 the first three Saturdays and Sundays in August. This money goes to fund our nine Presbyterian agencies.

Workday at Glenhaven Ranch on Wednesday, October 11.

Anyone who would like to volunteer please call the church. Car pools will be arranged.

HEAD START NEEDS HELP

The Head Start program is thriving well in Garland County. There are four schools of Head Start in the county: Hot Springs, Lake Hamilton, Jessieville and Mountain Pine with a total of over 200 students ages 3 and 4.

At this time Mountain Pine needs the most help. They are meeting at the Harvey Chapel Church and are paying \$1500 a month in rent including the summer months when they do not meet. They have been looking for another place to meet but have found nothing. They are hoping to build a facility behind Mountain Pine City Hall. So far they have a \$4000 contribution. The facility will take 9 months to build.

Mission committee member Pat Ormsbee acts as the community representative from the Village. Please call her with any suggestions or help.

Food Basket

During the month of August the Kirk is collecting food for Jackson House. Some of their needs are canned chicken, meat and fish, mayonnaise and pickle relish for sandwiches, cold and hot cereals,

**STEWARDSHIP:
FAITH IN ACTION**

To be a good steward you need to give part of everything that God has entrusted you with to His work. The Apostle Paul in his second letter to the church at Corinth told the Corinthians that he didn't want their possessions; he wanted them to serve Christ with their entire being. And that's what God wants us to do today.



You have received the Time and Talent Questionnaire, please take time to prayerfully consider what you can do for Christ and the Kirk.

COVENANT WEEKEND is coming in October. This will be a busy month at the Kirk. The Stewardship Committee wants you to maintain your spiritual vitality through prayer, reading God's word and sharing your gifts. Please prayerfully consider what percentage of your income you can give to God's work.

Packets will be distributed Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st. An "ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD" will be in the packet. Cards will be dedicated on Covenant Weekend October 16th and 17th.



soups and stews, pasta and pasta sauces, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit and juices. For those who wish to make a monetary gift, please use the pew envelopes marked "Food Basket."

Cursillo Weekend offers opportunity for spiritual growth

Who: YOU
What: Arkansas Presbyterian Cursillo
When: October 12 – 15, 2006
Where: Ferncliff Presbyterian Center

Presbyterian Cursillo provides a unique opportunity and environment, grounded in Presbyterian Reformed Theology, within which individuals can assess where they are in their spiritual journey, grow in their relationship with Christ, and return to their home environments reinvigorated to consider God's call in their life. This is an opportunity to be an "individual" among other Christian pilgrims seeking spiritual growth.

Many of us are bombarded by so many activities and challenges in our lives that our spiritual lives are intentionally or unintentionally put on hold. The church may be the center of our lives, but participation has become an obligation or a job, rather than a "calling." Others are active in worship and study, but still find they are stuck on a plateau and are looking for a way to jump start their journey, while others are actively growing spiritually, but are looking for the next rung on the ladder of their journey. All will find a Cursillo Weekend to be fun, challenging, interesting, and reinvigorating.

Please join us at Ferncliff on October 12th for a weekend that will last a lifetime. The cost of the weekend is \$175, which covers all expenses. For those who might need scholarship support, an enquiry to our Registrar, Betsy Tucker (cursilloregistrar@hotmail.com) will be handled in confidence.

—Dave Hamilton

Dear Kirk Members

WITHOUT YOUR HELP and prayers I don't think we could have gotten through the last six months. There was never a day we didn't have calls, emails, cards, food and someone at the front door offering help!

If we start mentioning names, I'm sure we would miss some, so thank you ALL for your prayers and concern for Hank. God has been with us always.

*Thank you again,
The Hank Spiller Family*

ELLEN AND I wish to thank everyone for their prayers for the safety of my cousin, Maj Hale Barclay, while serving in Iraq for the past 14 months. His safe return is now assured and we are so very grateful. Thank you for your prayers and support of all of our service people serving us throughout the world.

Harry & Ellen Marshall

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 Fran and Bob Burr, who moved to Arizona in August. Their new address is:

120 N. Val Vista Drive
242
Mesa AZ 85213

A VOICE IN THE PINES

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TEEN CHALLENGE OF Arkansas would like to express our appreciation to you for remembering us with your donations of food after your supper suppers.

THANK YOU SO very much for all your cards, thoughts, and prayers. Everyone has been so wonderful. We loved living in HSV and all the wonderful people there.

*Our love,
Loreita & family*

A GREAT BIG thank you to Bev Bullard and her crew for doing an excellent job of redecorating the pastor's office. Thanks to Bev for serving as designer and director of the redecorating project, Judy Corwin for her wallpaper genius, Dick Easter, Ed Russell and Art Guenther for carpentry expertise, Don Elsenheimer and helpers for helping get the furniture out pronto when the carpet arrived and Frank Moore for getting the computer cleaned up and ready for Bill.

If you have not gone in and met Bill Bailey yet then do so just to see his office. It looks great! Thanks to all who helped upgrade this to a very nice work place for our new minister.

Harry Marshall

**The Kirk Office will be closed
on Monday, September 4,
for the Labor Day holiday.**

BOB AND I want to say a "big thank you" for the many cards, calls and visits that came our way during Bob's recent illness.

We also want to thank Mike Seitz, Don Trent, Dave Nottrott and Bill Stanley for the visits and prayers. They were much appreciated.

It is so heart-warming to feel the love and caring that our Kirk family has shown us.

*Love and Peace,
Gretchen Mayfield*

WHEN WE CAME to the Village a big priority was finding a church home. We certainly found the BEST! Your prayers and loving concern have helped us through a difficult time. We are very grateful for our Kirk Family.

*God's blessings and love,
Don & Donna Garrard*



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.

In Memoriam

Annette Marie Carson

Joined Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines February 8, 1989
Entered the Church Triumphant August 18, 2006

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

Joseph DeVon, grandson of Elizabeth & Verland DeVon, Iraq
Matt Rhees, grandson of Elizabeth & Verland DeVon, Awaiting deployment, U.S. Army
Capt. Mike Lance, grandson of Elizabeth & Verland DeVon, Iraq
Dr. Sean Mullendore, grandson of Connie & George Green, Standby, U.S. Air Force
Kami Carpenter, niece of Gloria Hepner, Iraq, National Guard
Kara Shaffer, niece of Gloria Hepner, Iraq, National Guard
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Paul Glenn Head, nephew of Alice Smith, Ft. Hood, TX, U.S. Army
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Gregory Lindhom, nephew of George & Marianne Lindholm, Groton, CT, U.S. Navy
Capt. Shane Rosenthal, grandnephew of Bob & Bev Kirchhoff, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps
Lt. David Hessert, grandson of Ann Hessert, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps
Lt. Colonel Chad Stevens, son-in-law of Bob & Lorraine Berry, Al-Asad, Iraq, US Army
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Gabriel Hodgson, friend of Jene Waite, Afghanistan, U.S. Air Force
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Christopher Kotz, nephew of Bob & Judy Corwin, Iraq, 14th Marine Regiment
LCDR Neal Nottrott, son of David and Theresa Nottrott, Djibouti, Africa, US Navy
LCpl. Jordan Kilpatrick, grandson of Bill & Pat McCluskey, Iraq, U.S. Marine Corps
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