



# A Voice in the Pines

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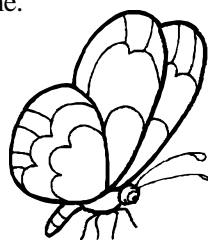
## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

With the beginning of the school year, I've been thinking about a favorite passage of mine from the novel, *Zorba the Greek*. It's the passage where Zorba discovered a cocoon in the bark of a tree just as a butterfly was beginning to make a hole in its case and preparing to come out. Zorba became fascinated with the struggle, but soon became impatient and thought he would speed up the process by breathing on it to warm it up. This worked and did speed up the process, but to Zorba's horror, the butterfly began crawling out too quickly and its wings were undeveloped, folded back and crumpled. He realized, too late, that the butterfly needed the struggle in order to grow strong. It needed to hatch out slowly and allow the sun to dry its wings gradually. Although well-intentioned, he had forced the butterfly out before its time, and it died, deformed, in Zorba's hand.

This passage serves as a warning and an encouragement for us would-be disciples. A warning for all of us who are impatient with our growth or the growth of others. A warning for those of us who help too much, too soon, thus violating the laws of nature and the eternal rhythms of life. A warning to remind us that growth occurs in God's time, not ours. We can do damage, even when well-intentioned, if we lose our patience and intervene too quickly.

This passage is also an encouragement, and reminds us that growth is not finally up to us. As teachers, parents, or pastors, it is not up to us to make sure that growth occurs. We do not have to speak the final words of truth. We only need to be faithful, and patient, and allow God's good gifts to emerge in God's good time.

The poet Rainer Maria Rilke once told a young student to "be patient with all that is unresolved in your heart!" This is good advice for us as well. We do not need to be so anxious. God is still at work in our lives, and in the Kirk and in this broken world. Rather than fret, let us pray that God might give us a measure of grace to be patient with so much that is unresolved in our lives. Instead of rushing in a panic, may the Lord give us mercy to trust that God will bring growth in our lives in God's good time.



Peace, Bill



**Two Services of Worship  
will resume  
Sunday  
September 9th**

**8:30 a.m.  
and  
10:45 a.m.**



**[www.kirkinthepines.org](http://www.kirkinthepines.org)**

The Sunday sermons of Reverend Bailey and Reverend Trent are available on our website. Don't miss out on the opportunity to visit our regularly updated website!

**SEPTEMBER CLERK'S CORNER**

August was a busy month for the Kirk with many of the activities occurring during the last two weeks of the month after the deadline for this newsletter. I hope you enjoyed the last summer supper, the organ recital and the slate of candidates the nominating committee put before you. Your support of these activities and your votes are much appreciated.

The following business was conducted by your Session during the August meeting:

- The Presbyterian Women were granted the opportunity to sell coffee in the church. The coffee is grown by small coffee growers around the world and distributed through the Fair Trade Coffee Program. The proceeds go to the PW to benefit these small growers and PW benevolent programs.
- Session approved a motion to increase the paving project budget from \$160,000 to \$190,000. The reason is to provide poured curbing around the front of the church, to replace the culvert at the main entrance as the turning radius is increased for right turns as you exit, and to pay for the increased work removing boulders and large rock from the area beside the Memorial Garden.
- A motion passed approving a \$1,400 expenditure for repairs to our dishwasher.
- A motion passed to increase the Congregational Care 2007 budget by \$300.
- The Session passed a motion to purchase a three octave set of handbells and accessories for a Kirk Handbell Choir. The cost will be \$5,000.
- The Session elected Madelyn Young as commissioner to the September 11th Presbytery meeting at Westover Hills Presbyterian Church in Little Rock.
- The September Session Meeting has been moved to Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> because of a conflict with the Presbytery Meeting.

DEATHS: Homer Shelby on July 26, 2007. Please be in prayer for the family of Homer.

NEW MEMBERS: Jean and Clark Mowry were received by the Session as newly transferred members of the Kirk. Please welcome them and involve them in your activities.

CHURCH STATISTICS as of August 14, 2007: Members 542 Family Units: 338

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Month of July:	General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$8,659 Building Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$2,273
Year to date:	General Fund receipts exceeded expenditures by \$38,807 Building Fund expenditures exceeded receipts by \$2,444

God bless each of you,  
Bob Rosenthal

## Presbyterian Women

**Kirk Presbyterian Women** will begin our new year on Monday, September 10. Circles will meet, and you will receive a call from your Circle leader before that date. We are looking forward to this year's bible study written by Dr. Carol M. Bechtel who was our guest speaker during the Midwinter Lectures at the Kirk two years ago. The study series is entitled *Above and Beyond—Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the Thank Offering envelope for this year's mission giving. In next month's newsletter you will read more about this offering which we will dedicate at our October Gathering and Luncheon on October 8.

We also hope you will plan to attend our Fall Retreat at Ferncliff on Wednesday, October 24. Mark your calendar now for these special events.



### Presbyterian Women Take On Worldwide Mission Project

**O**n Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Session approved a request by Presbyterian Women to participate in the PCUSA Coffee Project, a way for us to help people in need while we enjoy a good cup of coffee. By offering fair trade coffee in our church, Presbyterians help guarantee that farmers will earn income they need to feed their families, educate their children and improve their communities. Fair trade is a simple solution that means the difference between surviving and not surviving for small-scale coffee farmers.

The PCUSA co-sponsors the Presbyterian Coffee Project with Equal Exchange, an employee-owned, certified fair trade company which purchases 100% of its products according to fair trade standards. Equal Exchange accomplishes this goal by offering consumers fairly traded gourmet products directly from 28 democratically run farmer cooperatives located in 14 countries in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

The Kirk PW plans to begin this project in a small way. The Greenhorns have generously donated "seed money" to get us started, allowing us to purchase our first 4 cases of fair trade coffee. There are many varieties and grinds of coffee available, as well as tea and cocoa. At a special table in Hoffius Hall, we will offer products for sale during the fellowship hour after Sunday morning worship services. Whenever possible, we will deliver the coffee right then and there. If we don't have the selection that is desired, orders will be taken and delivered as soon as received. We also plan to offer Christmas gift baskets containing coffee, tea, cocoa and other goodies during the holidays.

The money received from the sale of these fair trade products will go toward purchasing additional supplies. Prices will be available for your review at time of purchase. The price you pay for coffee, tea or cocoa will be the same price the PW pays for the products, plus a small surcharge for supplies, shipping and unexpected expenses.

More information and a kick-off date will be announced in the October newsletter.

## **MISSION DOLLARS**

**Thank you** for generously supporting our Mission Dollars campaign. We collected \$742.00 for the month of August, 2007.

## **FOOD BASKET**

This month we are collecting food for Potter's Clay. Their needs are canned chicken, meat and fish, canned and dry milk, canned and dry fruit, canned beans, pasta and sauces, peanut butter, hot and cold cereals, coffee and tea.

## **HOLD ON TO YOUR 2004 KIRK PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

The Membership Committee made the decision to ask all Kirk members to re-use the binder from our previous directory. Every member who had a portrait taken will receive pages to insert into the current binder. New members will receive a complete new directory.

## **WOMEN'S MARATHON BRIDGE**

will begin playing in September. All interested new players, please call Wilma Reed, 922-3498 or Vivianne Huff, 922-4624.

## **Couple's Bridge Marathon**

The Couple's Bridge Marathon will start Friday, September 21st, at 7:00 P.M. We will meet in Hoffius Hall for a fun evening of bridge and desserts. All regular members and substitutes are invited. We will have sign-up tables on September 9th, and at the Information Fair after both services. If you have questions, please call Marilyn Johnson (922-6641).

## Education Committee Announces Fall Classes

Summer is over now, and the Kirk Education Committee has some exciting news! Beginning in September, we will offer **six adult classes** at the Kirk! We hope you will want to participate in many of these.

**Adult Focus Group**—Meets on Sunday mornings at 9:40 in the Kirk Library. The class views videotapes on the subjects of biblical theology and church history. This fall the group will continue using the video series *Faith and Reason* based on the preaching of D. L. Dyke, a pastor in Shreveport, Louisiana, from 1955-1980. This video initiates discussions about various issues of Christianity.

**Kerygma Bible and Theology Class**—Meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Conference Room. This class will be led by Dick Massey, and the group will be reading and discussing the resource book *How Are We Saved? And Where Is Authority?*

**Bible Study for Men and Women**—Meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00 in Hoffius Hall. The class will be led by Reverend Bill Bailey and will focus on Paul's Letters.

**Study Group**—Meets every Thursday morning at 9:00 in Hoffius Hall. The class will be led by Reverend Bill Bailey, and this year's topic will be *Faith Seeking Understanding, an Introduction to Christian Faith*.

**Small Group Study—Reading the Bible for All Its Worth--** Meets on Sunday evenings for 12 weeks beginning on September 9. Time and place is yet to be determined. Please contact Jim Thayer (915-9176) to enroll and receive more information.

**Faith and Film Class**—Meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Hoffius Hall. The discussion will be led by Reverend Bill Bailey and will focus on religious and ethical themes as they are portrayed in popular films of our day. Titles will be announced a month ahead. Please see related article in this newsletter for more information about the September meeting.

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**Two-Day Fall Study**—The Education Committee will sponsor a two-day seminar on September 26-27. Dr. Gene March from Louisville Theological Seminary will speak on *Israel and the Politics of the Land*. Please see the related article in this newsletter for more information.

**Issues Forums**—Kirk Issues Forums offer opportunities for us to explore controversial issues in a non-threatening environment and help us develop new respect for fellow Christians whose opinions differ from ours. Dr. March will also be our guest speaker on Wednesday evening, September 26. His topic will be "Israel at a Crossroad; The Perils of Zionism."

### Faith and Film Class to Continue

This summer the Kirk offered an exciting new educational opportunity for members and friends—a class entitled Faith and Film. Before meeting on two Sunday evenings in July, participants were asked to view a popular film in their homes or at church. The first film selected was *Chariots of Fire* and later *Ground Hog Day* was used. At each session, Reverend Bill Bailey led a group discussion about the religious and ethical themes portrayed in the movie. The response from our congregation was very enthusiastic. We now plan to continue these sessions this fall.

Beginning in September, the Faith and Film Class will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Hoffius Hall. On September 12, the movie for discussion will be *The Mission*. Those who plan to participate should view the movie before attending the class. A copy is available in our Kirk Library and may be checked out, but members are urged to return it quickly so others may borrow it, too. We hope you will join us for these interesting and enlightening discussions each month.

## KIRK FEATURES THE MIDDLE EAST

September 26-27

"Israel and the Politics of the Land" will be the topic presented by Dr. Gene March at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines for the Fall Lecture Series on September 26-27, 2007. He will share his knowledge and insights regarding the present day situation in Israel/Palestine. The two-day seminar will include two sessions each day, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. There is no charge and the public is invited.

Dr. March is an A. B. Rhodes Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Louisville Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He completed his doctoral work at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University in New York City and has taught for 38 years.

His recently published book, *God's Land on Loan: Israel, Palestine, and the World*, provides the basis for his discussion at the Kirk. His lectures will increase our awareness of Muslim perspectives, Christian Zionism, and the current theological-political issues in the Middle East.

We are pleased that Dr. March will also be our guest speaker at the Kirk Issues Forum on Wednesday evening, September 26. His topic for discussion will be "Israel at a Crossroad; The Perils of Zionism." Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. in Hoffius Hall and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered by Café 1217, and tickets will go on sale early in September.

The seminar and forum will be excellent opportunities for all of us to increase our understanding of the complex issues in the Middle East. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

### New Bible Study to Begin in September

Have you ever heard someone say, "Everything I needed to know about the Bible I learned in Sunday School," or "I have learned all I need to know already"? Even those who have attended church for many years still have much they can learn.

Most of the history of the Bible is about the people called the Hebrews and how they suffered when they and their leaders failed to obey the Ten Commandments. The Priests, Pharisees and the Sadducees before Jesus' time had added to the "LAW" more regulations about how to live a holy (separated) life and thus become more acceptable to their God Yahweh.

Jesus, the man from Nazareth, confronted the religious leaders in public. He challenged their interpretations of the wisdom of the Scriptures. He did this by speaking in parables, proverbs and stories, and by performing healings and feedings. He challenged their behavior in regard to economic, political, and social issues.

Jesus taught the people by example. He was a person who demonstrated a unique spiritual experience (relationship) with Yahweh. He lived the "way of truth."

The High Priest asked Jesus if he was the Anointed One who was to come according to the Scriptures. Jesus acknowledged that he was, but the Priests did not accept his answer. The rest of the story is told in your Bible.

How does your Bible read? How do you find your way in this day and age from what you read (interpret) in your translation of the Bible? Come join us in a Bible study to learn from a book entitled *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*.

Kirk member Jim Thayer will lead the class which will meet for twelve sessions beginning on Sunday evening, September 9. Please contact Jim (915-9176) to enroll and receive more information.



### Choir Has New Rehearsal Time for the Fall

After extensive discussion, and an "official" vote, the Kirk Choir rehearsal time has been changed to Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30. If there are times when extra rehearsal time is needed, an earlier beginning may be called for. Even though the choir has rehearsed on Saturday mornings for many years, there have been frequent discussions about changing to another time. While this is less convenient for a few, the large majority favored the change. We want to encourage new members and others to join us. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### ♪ Handbell Choirs ♪

We have purchased a three octave set of used Schulmerich handbells from a church in Conway, and they have been shipped to Mark Bonds, the "Bellman", in Kerrville, Texas to be refurbished. We were very fortunate to purchase and refurbish the bells, including eight used handbell tables, for less than \$5000.00. Purchase price for new equipment would have been about \$10,000.00.

Plans are to start two choirs, one for experienced ringers and persons with good musical background, and another for those with little or no handbell experience and more basic musical training. If you did not participate in the survey in July and have a desire to participate, please call the office and let Larry or Barb Greenman know. Both men and women are needed. We will be in touch with those who have indicated an interest. We plan to begin October first.

### EVANGELISM

With fall approaching, we are making our final plans to restart our Gardening...From Alpha to Omega workshops, beginning October 25. We have an exciting agenda lined up for the coming term (October 2007 through May 2008), and we know you will want to attend if you have an interest in gardening. Whether you are a beginner or an expert in gardening, we have classes that will appeal to you. Two future speakers, Chris Olson and Janet Carson, are in great demand all over Arkansas.

Informal Worship is alive and well in Hoffius Hall. Since September has five Saturdays, we will resume our Fifth Saturday Pizza Party after the service on September 29. (We skipped July because of the Summer Suppers being held every two weeks.) Remember the only place you can sign up for this pizza is at our Saturday Informal Service on September 8, 15, and 22. Don't get left out.

Last, but not least, we want to encourage you to attend our Information Fair on September 15-16, and prayerfully consider where God could use you in the coming year. Evangelism will have a new Elder beginning in December, and it would be very encouraging to have some more people volunteer to serve on this committee. Also, volunteers are needed for the Saturday Informal Service to greet people at the door, to serve refreshments, to take up the offering, and to serve communion. Please come by the Evangelism booth to sign up.



## Kirk Information Fair on September 15-16

Most of the work we do for our congregation and our community is done by committees, and you will soon have an opportunity to learn more about what our Kirk committees do. The annual Kirk Information Fair, coordinated by the Communication Committee, will be September 15-16. This year the fair will be available after the Informal Worship Service on Saturday evening as well as on Sunday morning.

While you enjoy coffee, cookies, and visiting with friends after each worship service, you will be able to circulate around Hoffius Hall to visit the displays set up by all your church committees. Each group will have a table with information about its part in the many ministries of our church. Enthusiastic committee members will be on hand to explain what their committee does, answer your questions, and encourage you to follow your interests and use your talents to serve with them in 2007-2008.

Listed below are the fourteen Kirk committees and their moderators:

Administration	Don Garrard
Building and Grounds	Don Elsenheimer
Communication	Madelyn Young
Congregational Care	Carolyn Kane
Education	Sally Fink
Evangelism	Yvonne Jones
Fellowship	Jim Hess
Finance	Darell Fisher
Membership	Theresa Nottrott
Memorial	Ray Beal
Mission	Gerald Wood
Planning and Coordinating	Ray Jacobsmeyer
Stewardship	June Moore
Worship	Sylvia Tate

## STEWARDSHIP FAITH IN ACTION

**COVENANT WEEKEND is coming** ....With Thanksgiving being a time when we naturally show our thanks for all that we have, the committee has moved Covenant Weekend to November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The Stewardship Campaign will begin the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup> and continue through the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Stewardship Committee will once again be asking you to TAKE ANOTHER STEP UP FOR CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH. There will be more information in next month's newsletter.

*"A gift to the church is an outgrowth of a sense of thankfulness which, for the Christian, is as natural as breathing. Since God's mercies are constant and unfailing, our response should be of the same nature in proportion to our ability."*

.....from the Stewardship Magazine

## Kirk Organ Recital Thrills Audience

Hundreds of members and guests enjoyed an extraordinary musical experience on Friday evening, August 24—the Organ Dedication Recital at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines. Magnificent strains from the new Rodgers digital organ filled the sanctuary, and the capacity crowd felt the Spirit of God moving in a truly glorious way. Soli Deo Gloria.

David Howard Pettit, accomplished organist, composer, church musician and educator, and Michael Bennett, a nationally recognized trumpeter and recording artist, both from Tulsa, Oklahoma, combined their exceptional talents to produce the hour-long program. A variety of religious music delighted the audience—from the opening congregational hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* to the final *Toccata* composed by Pettit. Other highlights were a French baroque composition by M.R. Delalande, *Suites de Symphonies, Musique Royale*, and the familiar *Water Musique, Hornpipes*, by G. F. Handel.

Sopranos Janie Smith and Pat Hightower, members of the Kirk choir, added their beautiful voices to a quiet composition by Pettit, *The Lord's Prayer Chant (Antiphonal)*. This reflective piece featured Smith in the church chancel and Hightower in the narthex singing phrases of the prayer back and forth, their voices often overlapping while the organ produced harmonies to accompany their chant.

The musical expertise of Michael Bennett on the flugelhorn was exhibited as he and Pettit presented *Ave Verum Corpus*, by W.A. Mozart, and *Ave Maria*, by F. Schubert. An arrangement by Pettit of *Here I Am, Lord*, by Daniel L. Schutte, also showcased Bennett on the trumpet.

Following the concert, a reception in Hoffius Hall honored Messieurs Pettit and Bennett while musicians, members and guests greeted one another and enjoyed the delicious refreshments.

Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines is grateful to the music lovers who pioneered the cause of a new organ and to all members who contributed to the organ fund over the years. Special appreciation goes to Kirk members Cy and Pete Porter whose generous gift enabled the church to acquire the organ sooner than anticipated.



David Pettit and Michael Bennett

### **KIRK GOLF MIXER SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH CORONADO GOLF COURSE AM TEE TIMES**

There will be 2 flights, Open and Grand Masters (77 and over). Each flight will have closest to the hole — men and women, front and back nine; long drive— men and women; closest to the line, — men and women.

Teams will be determined by random draw using Peoria Handicap System. A “KIRK in the Pines Golf Mixer” golf ball will be given to each player. Flight winners, second and third place, both Open flight and Grand Masters flight will receive prizes.

Sign up dates August 25, 26; September 1,2; September 8,9 and September 15, 16. Golf entry fee \$5.99, Dinner \$5.00 per person. Teams and Tee Times will be posted in Hoffius Hall September 22nd.

Dinner will be served in Hoffius Hall at 7:15 p.m., after golfing, with awards following dinner.

### **Red Cross Course in C.P.R. and Use of Defibrillator (A.E.D.) to be Offered October 26th**

We need members to be trained in C.P.R. and use of defibrillator (A.E.D.)

The Red Cross certification course in C.P.R., Heimlich Maneuver, and operation of the heart defibrillator (A.E.D.) is scheduled October 26th at the Kirk. The course will be held in the conference room 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Certification requires 4 1/2 hours of training and should be renewed yearly.

The course is open to first time takers, plus those who wish to be recertified. The cost is \$30.00. To get information or enroll, call the church office at 922-1333 or Ned Wilson at 922-6098.

C.P.R. and defibrillation in the first ten minutes of a heart attack can make a difference between life and death.

Sun	Mon	Tue
	<b>September</b>	<b>2007</b>
<p><b>2</b> Communion Service 10:00Worship Svc.</p> <p>Gail Walter</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 2:00 Memorial Com 7:00 Shepherd Gr. #9</p> <p>Bob Berry Gene Heath Stewart Kuhn</p>
<p><b>9</b> 8:30 &amp; 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Ed. Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 6:30 Bible Study</p> <p>Lorraine Berry</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30 Circle Mtgs. 1:00 Session meeting</p> <p>Gail Salmen Louise Witte Max &amp; Fran Simmons</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:30 Greenhorns</p> <p>Bob &amp; Judy Corwin Tom &amp; Sally Fink Bob &amp; Ginnie Hastings</p>
<p><b>16</b> Information Fair after worship 8:30 &amp; 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 6:30 Bible Study</p> <p>Jeanette Pugh</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00 Congregational Care Com. 3:00 Worship Committee</p> <p>Tom Hightower Frank Moore Rhonie Zymboly</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>SCHOOL ELECTION</b> 9:30 Stewardship Committee</p> <p>Fran Burr Beverly Mueller Ed Russell</p>
<p><b>23</b> 8:30 &amp; 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 6:30 Bible Study</p> <p>Beverly Raskin</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:30 Administration 7:00 Kirk Konnection</p> <p>Millie Smart Jim &amp; Nell White</p>	<p><b>25</b> 5:00 New Member Dinner</p> <p>Wendell &amp; Yvonne Jones Don &amp; Peggy Trent</p>
<p><b>30</b> 8:30 &amp; 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Adult Education Class 9:40 Adult Focus Group 6:30 Bible Study</p> <p>Marjorie Carlisle</p>		

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><i>1</i> 5:00 Informal Worship Service</p>
<p><i>5</i> 9:00 Bible Study 3:30 Education Com. 4:00 Kirk Choir  Stan &amp; Martha Fast Gordon &amp; Wilma Smith</p>	<p><i>6</i> 9:00 Christian Faith 9:00 Fellowship Com 1:00 Evangelism 3:00 Mission Committee Ila Blevins Pat Nommensen Mervin &amp; Pat Mull</p>	<p><i>7</i> 9:30 Finance Committee 12-9 Cursillo Training  Jerry King Joy Reynolds Bill &amp; Ruth Naggs</p>	<p><i>8</i> 7-3 Cursillo Training 5:00 Informal Worship Service Gloria Hepner Anne Jennings Madge Martell</p>
<p><i>12</i> 9:00 Bible Study 3:30 Forum Com. 4:00 Kirk Choir 6:30 Faith and Film Class Rosemary Claveau Neil MacIntosh Betty Mossman John &amp; Joan Maxwell</p>	<p><i>13</i> 9:00 Christian Faith Study Group</p>	<p><i>14</i>  Shirley Lytle Dan Wier Vern &amp; Evelyn Plueck- hahn</p>	<p><i>15</i> 5:00 Informal Worship Service (Information Fair)  Harry Marshall Tom &amp; Rita Martick</p>
<p><i>19</i> 9:00 Bible Study 4:00 Kirk Choir  Ozzie Brookes Bill Carson Gordon McLean Bruce &amp; Margery McIntosh</p>	<p><i>20</i> 9:00 Christian Faith Study Group 2:00 Planning &amp; Coordinating Committee  Donna Allison Joyce Leeming Bob &amp; Harriet Jones</p>	<p><i>21</i> 7:30 Men's Assoc.  James &amp; Karen Knox</p>	<p><i>22</i> 5:00 Informal Worship Service  Peggy Trent</p>
<p><i>26</i> 9:00 Fall Lecture Series 4:00 Kirk Choir 5:30 Forum Dinner 6:30 Forum  Ed Holt Joan Maxwell</p>	<p><i>27</i> 9:00 Fall Lecture Series  Pete Porter Richard Wilson</p>	<p><i>28</i> 12:00 Shepherd Gr. #8  Georgia Tieperman Richard &amp; Ellen Harkey</p>	<p><i>29</i> 5:00 Informal Worship Service 7:00 Golf Mixer Banquet  Warren Cain Beverly McFadden</p>



*"I believe the Kirk has a renewed and energetic spirit." — Darell Fisher*

## Finance Committee Summer Supper and Report

Wednesday, August 8, the congregation enjoyed a meal of Popeye's fried chicken with assorted side dishes. After supper Finance Committee moderator, Darell Fisher, used slides and a touch of humor as he discussed Kirk finances.

Darell first introduced his committee and explained how they went about their business. Then he pointed out the difference in the General Fund and the Building Fund. Basically, General monies support the Kirk's day-to-day operation while the Building funds take care of major repairs around the church. Both funds have acquired large amounts of cash due to receipts vs. expenditures showing positive balances, with few exceptions, in the past few years. However, Darell reminded everyone that \$100,000 from the Building Fund and

\$90,000 from the General Fund were recently set aside to pay for improvements to the parking lot.

He also pointed out that our physical facilities are aging, and he listed projects that have been completed in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Among these are carpeting, an icemaker, hot water in the bathrooms, and work in the chancel area. He acknowledged how generous gifts and Memorial funds have enabled our acquisition of the Celtic cross, organ, and piano.

His next topic was the new endowment program approved by Session at its July 10, 2007, meeting. He explained an endowment was not a substitute for stewardship, but rather a long-term vehicle that could receive special gifts and provide a future income stream. We will start the endowment with a \$29,262.56 bequest left to the Kirk in 2004, and invest it with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. Using future undesignated gifts to the Memorial Fund we hope to build the principal to \$ 100,000 before drawing off proceeds from the investments. He fielded several questions about this program and said it is a work in progress—the congregation will be kept informed as it evolves.

Next he reminded everyone that the sanctuary was built in 1984 and the administrative offices were completed in 1990. He emphasized that point by saying we had ten air conditioners and almost all were the same age as he Kirk. The four largest ones could cost as much as \$15,000 each to replace. Preliminary work on the 2008 budget also indicates a \$33,000 deficit, and he asked everyone to consider a ten percent increase in pledging and giving.

In closing, Darell told the group that Kirk finances are always open. "There are no secrets," he said, and he urged members to contact the Finance Committee if they have any questions. He thanked all for their gifts of time, talents, and money, and he praised the many "donkey detail" people who work behind the scenes to improve the church.

"Good things are happening and will continue to take place," he said with a smile.

### KIRK SUMMER SUPPERS END WITH A FEAST

A capacity crowd was on hand for the final Kirk Summer Supper of the year, a delicious "Bar-B-Que Bonanza" catered by Hoggs of North Little Rock. Dinner organizers were Don Garrard, Moderator of the Administration Committee, Ray Jacobsmeyer, Moderator of the Planning and Coordinating Committee, Ann Walters, Bob Corwin, Bebe Anderson, Judy Rosenthal, Frank Moore and Donna Garrard. Pictured left to right are Ray Jacobsmeyer and guest speaker, Kent Davis, from Monticello, Arkansas. Davis entertained the audience with humorous stories about his life as a "good ol' country boy" auctioneer, rodeo cowboy and trader.



Dear Kirk Friends 

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards and remembrances. We are so blessed with our members. I want to thank Bill Bailey for visiting in the hospital. Also, Carolyn and David for being with Wayne thru the surgery and for just being so very kind. I also want to thank Helen Fisher for keeping me involved in the church that keeps my faith alive. Carolyn Kane is doing such a superb job of keeping us all on our faithful toes. Thanks, also, to Don Trent and the church staff and to all you wonderful church members — God bless you. Also, to the keeper of my heart, Wayne.

*With Christian love,  
Gail Walters*

I would like to thank the Kirk for all the prayers and visits I received while I was in the hospital. We are privileged to belong to such a caring church. My special thanks to Larry Bradley, Don Trent, Bill Stanley all of whom came to see me. A very special thanks to Ray Jacobsmeyer who followed the ambulance to the Hospital and stayed until they admitted me to the ICU. I really don't know what we would do without the church and all the caring people. The cards really helped perk me up.

Thanks to all the loving and caring people at the Kirk.

*Barbara Singleton*

*In Sympathy* and love to Judy Sonnenburg and family in the loss of her brother, Leslie Roger Milberger on July 18, 2007, in Sacramento, California.

I want to thank everyone who has kept him and my family in their prayers during his long struggle with cancer of the esophagus.

*Grace,  
Judy Sonnenburg*

Many thanks to the Congregational Care Committee, especially the Masseys, the Moores, the Bullards and the Zymbolys for all the meals. Also much thanks to the Kirk Prayer Tree, also to Reverend Trent who was kind enough to visit me in the hospital in Little Rock. It is a blessing to belong to a church that is so caring.

*Merv and Pat Mull*

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**FERNCLIFF'S DISASTER ASSISTANCE CENTER** recently received several thousand school kits made by Presbyterian youth at Triennium. Boxes need to be opened, kits checked, any wrong items replaced, kits reboxed, weighed, strapped, palletized, and shrink wrapped for shipment. Ferncliff is looking for adult volunteers or adult groups interested in mid-week mission work during the month of September. Call David Gill at 501-821-3063.



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Dear Kirk Family,

This is a long overdue note to you

There aren't enough "right" words to express our love and appreciation for all you've done for us.

I am making a slow recovery and Bob is doing very well. Thanks again for your love and caring.

*Harriet Jones*

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**Gabriel Hodgson**, friend of Jene Waite, Afghanistan, U.S. Air Force  
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