

THE VISION

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 15, 2004

Where there is no Vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18A, KJV)

VCS a Success

Vacation Church School 2004 was a rousing success. Between 85 and 110 persons attended each evening, with an average of 65 to 75 coming early for the fellowship dinner. Former Southminster Pastor Doug Fletcher was the main speaker and everyone seemed glad to renew their friendship with Doug. Those new to the congregation since Doug's departure joined long time members in appreciating Doug's gift of storytelling and message of the importance of Christian leadership, the acceptance of change, and the challenge of mission. Other speakers included Kayla Robinson reporting on our partnership with Marshall School, Justice Waidner of the Regional Aids Interfaith Network who discussed AIDS in Africa, and Francey Wattman who gave an account of her year in India. Attendees were challenged to make contributions of supplies or cash to create 10 Home Care Kits as part of the PCUSA effort toward health care in Africa. Thanks to the generosity of everyone, we will be able to make not 10 but 20 kits. A special note of appreciation should be given to the Fellowship Committee who organized the meals each evening. Elaine Shirley and her committee did a great job of enlisting the help of Warren Henshaw's Class on Sunday evening, the Omnibus Class on Monday evening, the Youth Group on Tuesday evening, the Choir on Wednesday, and then completed the task themselves on Thursday evening. Overall it was a great week of education, mission, and fellowship.



The Congregation Response

Thanks to the hard work of Southminster Slaves...who have not retired from being Christians...KEN & PEGGY TRACY were the reluctant, but effective leaders. In their words (as I remember them)... "We are not the Chairpersons of anything!!! We just thought it needed to be done"... That's like stepping up to the plate with Roger Clemens on the mound. Thanks to Christie Peacher and the youth for leading the children class and Elaine Shirley on Fellowship Committee for the food line-up.

DOUG FLETCHER was the lead speaker every night...

Here is what the FACES IN THE CROWD had to say about Doug:

(From folks that had heard him before)

- Outstanding...better than ever....Of course he was great...he is always great..
- We had high expectations...and he is more mature now...but still a kid from Iowa.
- I had forgotten how good he was when you could see the twinkle in his eyes..and feel the passion, sorrow, joy ...even near tears...he pulled it off...with style.
- He is so much better in this setting than way up in a pulpit.
- He explains the letters from Paul so well...it's like he was there...complex challenges and issues...he puts them in "every day" language...
- Great story teller....he makes his point... gives you time to think about it..and then gives another slant/or idea...that brings you back to LOVE.
- IT'S NOT ABOUT US was super.... I love his stories about his family.
- Love comes out of every pore...every breath...every story.

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THE PRAYER CHAIN

Ruth Mason is writing the Prayer Chain Letter for August. If you have a request or an update, please call Ruth at 743-4932.

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORS....

Cathy Simons has been presented an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Church (USA). Honorary Life Memberships are rooted in a tradition that began in 1912 - \$75.00 was contributed to help support the training of women for future leadership in the church. The honor is presented to women chosen by those who know of their commitment to Christ and the mission of the church. Since 1960, 42 Honorary Life Memberships have been presented to Southminster Women. Congratulations Cathy!

YIPPEE FOR BABIES...

DeeAnne and Bob Marchbank became proud grandparents by daughter, Lori and her husband.

Barbara Sezate, office admin. became a proud grandmother this month.

WELCOME HOME FROM INDIA...

Francey Wattman, here for a little then off to Princeton Seminary. Best Wishes!

Jodi Melichar and her husband, Joseph Anthony Balummel. Jodi and Joseph will be heading off to Boston University; she to teach and him to begin a Doctorate program. Good luck!

ARE YOU PAPER TRAINED?

Recycling For Our Children's Future

We need ALL your:

Newspaper
Magazines
Office & School Papers
Shopping Catalogs
Mail

Please Do NOT Include:

Plastic
Glass
Metals
Trash

There is a green and yellow recycling bin in the parking lot – called Paper Retriever. The church is paid for paper collected and placed in this receptacle

SPY NEWS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Upcoming Events for Southminster Presbyterian Youth
September 12th Ice Cream Social – Come hear about all of our trips!

REMEMBER....

Want to look up an old Vision or look up a forgotten detail? Go to www.southminstertulsa.org, click on *News & Calendars* and pick a date! It's that simple!

Want to be reminded of when *The Vision* is placed on our website? Or know someone who wants put on our notification list? Please contact Karen at newsletter@southminstertulsa.org.

A reminder of **Vision newsletter deadlines....**the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. Thank you for your contributions.

3 SUNDAYS LEFT TO SMILE FOR THE CAMERA....

Please help us out as we prepare an updated personal pictorial booklet for Rev. Sam and Mrs. Ann Haun before they arrive in September. Either Christie or Karen will be in **Forbes Parlor on Sunday mornings** to take a digital picture of you. No purchases to be made and no free 8x10 for this photo shoot. Just your smiling faces for Sam and Ann to see and learn. **This will take place during the month of August.** We know you will want this to be a success, so we will see you in Forbes Parlor.



RING-A-LING. SOUTHMINSTER BELL CHOIR WANTS WHO?

If you have a love of music and a desire to ring those gorgeous and melodious hand bells, then John Brobston wants to hear from you. There are openings in the Sunday, 6:00 pm bell choir. Rehearsals will begin in September. Call John at 742-6888 to find out more. You know you want to.



MORE PLEASE...

Gone for VCS? Unable to attend Tuesday night 2nd Session with Francey Wattman? Want to hear from Francey again?

Then make sure you come to worship on August 22 when Francey will be speaking from the pulpit with Jeff Francis as the liturgist.



7 women went to E.I.S. on the 5th Thursday of July and sorted clothes. Those going were Maxine Beatt, Betty Elsloo, Alice Joy McBride, Libby Parrish, Marilee Story and her granddaughter from Oregon, and Kathy Wright.

Those cooking this month for our meal at the Night Shelter were Laurie Brumbaugh, Saletha Fuller, Alice Joy McBride, Pete Vorenkamp and Bill Wright. Serving the meal were Christie Peacher and Kate Stambaugh. Kate

brought several of her friends to also help. And of course we can't forget Jack Story and Jim Blevins shopping for the food and Pete Vorenkamp and Elva Best delivering it to the Shelter. Usually your Mission Coordinator puts the casseroles in the oven on Thursday afternoon, but because she was out of town that week, Christie also took on that responsibility. This is truly a team effort!



Denomination: Newton Presbytery in New Jersey 63 churches and 15,777 members. During an inspection in 2000, lead was found in the paint and water in the manse of First Presbyterian Church in Sussex, N.J. After the remediation process was completed, the Rev. Debra Bronkema, pastor of the church, felt the congregation had learned so much that they should share it with the community – thus, the unique and often challenging Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Ministry was born. Rev. Wm. Saum is presbytery executive and Rev. Jean Johnson the associate.
Presbytery: First Church, Idabel; Presbytery Officers and Staff; Presbytery Council Meeting; First Church, Hugo; First Church, Durant; Kulli Chito Church, Bethel
World: Peace

(VCS a success continued)

Being the “roving reporter” to our own members...they did not hold back much. Most of the new folks did not know me from a frog. There was a visible tension...some of them thought their quotes would also carry their name, address, phone number, shoe size etc...Once they understood none of that would happen, they seemed more at ease and more willing to “speak their mind”.

(From people that had never heard Doug)

- WOW.. How could you ever let him go?
- Now I know why you joined Southminster..
- Was he this way when he was here ?
- *(my favorite) I saw his picture in an old directory...this can't be the same guy.
- His gestures were so effective...his thing with bull and cape...was great..
- I had the feeling he was talking just to me...and we were in his study someplace.
- It's so simple...the way he teaches you about Jesus Christ...It's his LOVE.
- Other friends of mine told me about Doug...he is better than I expected...A LOT.
- One lady (new to Southminster and Doug) thought I wanted a one word description of DOUG...It was “trust”. I said OK.. good...what else?...her next word was “humility”...and then “LOVE”. She offered... “I trusted him from his first few words...he is believable...he has no ego that shows”...

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3500 SOUTH PEORIA
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Sunday, August 15

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship
9:55am Announcements
10:00am Worship
11:00am Church School
12:15-1:30 Youth Bells

VISION DEADLINE

Tuesday, August 17

9:30am Sewing Day

Wednesday, August 18

6:45am Men's Prayer Group
5:30pm Prepare Shelter Meal
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 19

5:30pm Serve Shelter Meal

Friday, August 20

Sunday, August 22

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship
9:55am Announcements
10:00am Worship
11:00am Church School
12:15-1:30pm Youth Bells

Monday, August 23

Tuesday, August 24

9:30am Sewing Day

Wednesday, August 25

6:45am Men's Prayer Group
6-8pm Bible Study/Youth
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 26

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

Sunday, August 29

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship
9:55am Announcements
10:00am Worship
11:00am Church School
12:15-1:30pm Youth Bells

Monday, August 30

7:00pm Session

Tuesday, August 31

9:30am Sewing Day

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