

THE VISION



ON

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 1, 2004

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

“Christian Stewardship is the essence of the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

“The Christian acknowledges God as Creator and owner of all. Humanity is not owner but only steward. The people of God must dedicate all that they possess to God – money, time, and talents – for Christian Stewardship includes all of life”.

Southminster is blessed with abundance - which is defined in many ways – not just money and things – but time and talents – knowledge and wisdom – hope and joy – freedom and _____(add your own).

On the first night of Vacation Church School Doug Fletcher spoke of the need of a “vision” – larger than our own life and needs, discerning what is urgent and not urgent, important and not important. He made references to the visions that God gave us in the Bible as “vision-pictures”: God’s promise to Israel followed by pictures from the prophets and more promises to Israel. Jesus gave us vision-pictures through his parables and Paul wrote letters to the churches of his time that hold visions that can help us find a vision for this time – as individuals and as a Church of Jesus Christ.

Doug suggested that we need to always seek new visions for new times with prayer and meditation – “Lord I need my vision corrected – I want to have your vision (purpose) for my life.” He admonished us to seek to change the things that we need to change, remembering how difficult it is. Usually what we really want is just to have “stuff fixed”, rather than to be changed.

Doug spoke of the “Missional” Church on his last night at Vacation Church School.

“A church with a mission program usually sees mission as one activity alongside many activities of the church – Christian education, worship, acts of service, hospitality and other programs. A missional church focuses all of its activities around its participation in God’s mission in the world. That means, it trains people for discipleship and witness; it worships and practices mutual support before the watching world. A church with a mission sends others to witness on its behalf. A missional church understands that the congregation itself is sent by God to proclaim and to be a sign of the reign of God. Just as God sent Jesus, now Jesus sends the church. . . . The vision of a missional church invites all of the being and doing of the church to become shaped by what God intends for the world.”

Doug’s last question was “What is the mission of the church?” – to reach out to others? – share the love of Christ? – not to avoid all suffering, but cherish the times we can be a friend and/or receive God’s love from a friend? – to bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the love of Jesus Christ?

As we look toward a special season of Christian Stewardship at Southminster we need to think about the mission/vision that we have for Southminster – and try to discern what God’s vision is for Southminster.

What do you think is the mission/vision that God has for Southminster?

What is your Stewardship responsibility for that vision?

The Mission & Stewardship Committee
Mike Beatt, Charles Stephenson, John Minielly, Doris Moser, Libby Parrish,
Marilee Story, Pete Vorenkamp, Willy Van den Born



THE PRAYER CHAIN

Marilee Story is writing the Prayer Chain Letter for September. If you have a request or an update, please call Marilee at 742-6936.

SPC NEEDS YOUR TIME AND TALENTS.....

1) Help is needed in the front office during the week. In order to make our Budget work this year, we reduced front office staff to one person. However, to make our church office function the way we all want, we need help.

If you have a few hours a week that you could help by answering the phones, and possibly take over when Barbara Sezate is at lunch or unable to be at work, please contact Barbara and let her know your name, phone, and hours of preferred **volunteer time**. And THANK YOU in advance, from all of the members of the Southminster Session!!

2) We are trying to get organized in our volunteer projects at the church. Starting September 12, 2004, we would like to have a once-a-month **Good Works Day**, to clean and repair around the church building. We will get notice out in advance of the types of projects planned.

If you can set aside Saturday mornings on the **Second Saturday** of each month, we would greatly appreciate your help! Thank you, Pamela Deatherage, AIA

Did you know ??

- ✝ The first Sunday for our new pastor, Rev. Sam Haun will be September 19th?
- ✝ Volunteers painted the pastor office a nice tan color and new carpet to match has been laid?
- ✝ At least 78 families smiled for the camera for the pictorial booklet, which will be given to Sam and Ann?
- ✝ The Southminster web page has added Rev. Sam Haun's picture?
- ✝ The new Southminster sign on Peoria is lit at night?

Love me once...
 Love me twice...
 Love me once again....
 It's been a long - long
 - time!

Signed,
 Your Church

COME CELEBRATE!!!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 19, 2004**. Southminster will be celebrating new beginnings! We will be kicking off the new Sunday School Year as well as welcoming our new pastor and his wife, Sam and Ann Carter Haun. Please plan to stay after the service for a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall. Sign up for a food item to feed ten to twelve people. **The sign up sheet can be found in Cottrell Hall.** Look forward to seeing everyone there.

(See page 5 for more of the Celebration Sunday schedule)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS.....

Attention all women of the church.

It is that time of the year for:
Presbyterian Women's Fall Workshop
September 10, Muskogee, First Church

9am - 2:30pm

\$ Small fee.

Please contact Kathy Wright or Ann Gibbs for more information. Carpooling is an option if we let each other know.

AND ...

The 46th Annual Presbyterian Women's Retreat
September 25th-26th, 2004

Dwight Mission - Vian, Oklahoma

This year's curriculum will be based upon The Bible, God's Love Languages, and The Worship. Check-in will begin at 11:00 am on September 25th and the cost is \$50 for registration, includes lodging and 4 meals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 918-241-4517 or email charmark@swbell.net.

First Presbyterian Church of
Sand Springs, Oklahoma
Charlotte Griffis
Registration

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS GEAR UP.....

Mariner's will meet September 10, 2004, 6:30pm at the home of Betty Elsloo with Libby Parrish co-hosting.

Inquirers will be kicking off the 2004-2005 year with dinner at Dave and Jane Trumbo's on Friday, September 10 at 7:00 pm. Please call Jane at 747-2377 for your food assignment. Everyone is welcome and come prepared to sign up for a month of fellowship at your home.

SPY NEWS

Mission trip presentation moved to Sept. 19th in conjunction with Celebration Sunday.



We spent 3 hours at Wal-mart on August 19, **while 5 families shopped for new school clothes.** This involved 10 children at \$100.00 per child, thanks to your generosity and the Men's Breakfast group. Needless to say, both parents and children were most grateful. It's well worth the 3 hours of sitting around doing nothing but people watch, to see the tears of gratitude of the parents and the smiles of the children. I do want you to know that your money is well spent.

Because we had a **little money left over from the Kid's Clothes, we were able to buy** fat 8 count washable markers, fat 8 count crayons, and blunt nose scissors for the pre-K at Marshall. Principle Kayla Robinson asked if we could help them out, as she had not put those on their wish list and the P.A.S.S. program started with Kindergarten. We were pleased that we could do that for them. We also took 25 bags of school supplies that were on their list from Feed-My-Sheep for July.

Feed-My-Sheep for September will be for Neighbors Along the Line. They will have a list of non-perishable food items wanted that will be passed out on sacks September 5. The list will also be in the bulletin the rest of the month.



Denomination: The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina has 191 churches and 31,082 members. A Dutch seafarer called St. Andrews-Covenant Church in 1972 to inquire about services for crew members on ships at the port of Wilmington. By the end of the year, Wilmington Presbytery had initiated the International Seamen's Service at the North Carolina ports Wilmington and Morehead City. It has become an ecumenical ministry with support and funding from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, the Wilmington District-United Methodist Church, the Wilmington Baptist Assoc., the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Cape Fear Deanery of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh. Rev. Dr. John Goodman is executive presbyter, stated clerk and treasurer.

Presbytery: First Church, Skiatook; St. Paul's Church, Eagleton; First Church, McAlester; Big Lick Church, Smithville.

World: Peace

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Eric Casper, Bill Fater
- 3 Allen Cox, Nancy Davis
- 4 Maxine Beatt, Katie Vesely
- 6 Christopher Minielly, June Smith
- 7 Mildred Allison
- 8 Ann Marie Hewgley, Earl Miller,
Carolyn Zehnder
- 9 Bill Swartz, Zachary Skiles
- 10 Ellen Bolen, Pamela Slate-Liggett
- 11 Don Best, William Inman Hedgecock,
Jennifer Walker, Charles Ward,
Sarah Winders
- 12 Bob Holton
- 13 Amanda Fuller
- 14 Marianna Vesely
- 15 Erin Messer Bellamy
- 16 Elva Best, Jim Blevins
- 17 Julie Kelly, Mary Neibling
- 19 Nancy Lamoreaux Gold,
Anne Pollard landiorio
- 20 Shawna Gehres
- 21 Walter LaMar
- 23 William Gerow
- 24 Charles Francis

- 25 Peggy Holton, Elaine Shirley
- 27 Elizabeth Walker, Eric Walker, Paul Walker
- 28 Karen Preddy, Emma Robson
- 29 Margaret Easton, Samuel Moss
- 30 Lori Melichar



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Wednesday, September 1

6:45am Men's Prayer Group
6:00pm Youth Activities & Bible Study
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Sunday, September 5

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

VISION DEADLINE

Monday, September 6

Labor Day – Office closed

Tuesday, September 7

9:30am Sewing Day

Wednesday, September 8

6:45am Men's Prayer Group
6:00pm Youth Activities & Bible Study
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 9

9:30am Christian Ed

Friday, September 10

6:30pm Mariners -Betty Elsloo
7:00pm Inquirers-Trumbo

Saturday, September 11

9:00am PWCT

Sunday, September 12

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

Monday, September 13

6:30pm
F&A;Evangelism;Fellowship;Mission/
Stewardship;Worship

Tuesday, September 14

9:30am Sewing Day

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Head of Staff:

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John Brobston, Adult
Allen Cox, Assistant Director
Betty Kirk, Organist

Mission Outreach Coordinator

Libby Parrish

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Church office hours: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2004

There is a lot to celebrate at Southminster these days. We had a successful and well-attended VCS. Our youth went on 3 different trips to serve learn and experience the joy of sharing unique situations they will remember for a lifetime. This fall will only bring more memorable moments.

* To celebrate the summer and the start of our new journey with Sam and Ann Haun, our new pastor and his wife, we are making plans to turn Sunday, September 19, into something special.

* After worship we will kick off a new Sunday school season with classes for everyone, from Pre-K to youth, and 5 adult classes.

* Nursery will be available during worship and through Sunday school.

* On the 19th we will gather in Fellowship Hall after worship to learn about our Adult Sunday School programs.

* Then the youth will have a presentation about their summer trips.

* We will finish up with a Sunday lunch.

This will be Sam and Ann's 1st Sunday at Southminster and it will be a great time to show our support for them. It will also be the time to renew our focus on Christian Education and the joy it can bring to the life of this congregation.

Southminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

60th Anniversary Proposal

Ten years ago when we were preparing for the 50th celebration, our church was in a stage of transition. Doug Fletcher had left and we were under the leadership of Interim Pastor, Bob Moser. As February 1995 approached we renewed our church building by remodeling the Sanctuary and installing a magnificent new organ. As another anniversary approaches, we are again in transition. Our church is preparing to install a new Pastor and heal ourselves from a very low period spiritually. In recognition of the 60th anniversary, I would propose we reaffirm the church's covenant with God.

There is Biblical precedence for this idea. In Joshua chapter 24, Joshua assembles the people and renews the covenant between God and Israel. He recalls God's promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the deliverance from Egypt and entry into the Promised Land. Joshua calls on all the people of Israel to choose between worshipping the gods of Egypt and their forefathers and service to the Lord. The people respond, "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods!"

For us, Jesus is 'the new covenant' with God. Through Him we are saved and although undeserving enjoy the peace of God's amazing grace. As we look forward to our church's future we should look back at the things God has given us in the past 60 years and rededicate ourselves individually and corporately to the worship and service of our Lord. With a new Pastor and renewed faith this would be a fresh start of a new era for Southminster.

I envision this as a series of activities beginning in February and proceeding through Lent culminating in a celebration of new life and the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Some ideas for activities include: looking back to the members of Southminster who have answered calls to ministry or mission work, a timeline of the church's history, refresh the long range plan, present ideas for growth and use of the property, and presentations of opportunities for mission locally and abroad. We could even have a service to reaffirm our baptisms as a sign of God's covenant with us.

I believe this type of recognition is appropriate and would be symbolic and meaningful for the Southminster faithful.

Peace, Grace and Love,
Elder, Don J. Best