

November 15, 2004

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

Lectionary Readings & Sermon Titles

Nov. 21st

Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: "What Kind of King?"

Nov. 28th

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122:1-9

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: "Here We Go Again!"



As Christians, we live between two times. We move in the time present, yet we are called to live into the time coming. Advent begins the new Christian year. It marks the start of the liturgical cycle of marking time. The church worships through and in time. Each Sunday is like a little easter, marking the movement of God-time through and in our time, which we try our best to calculate and measure. Our lives are lived, measured by the seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, and so on. Actually, either way we go, it is infinite, and the truth is that it is only a partial accounting of time at best. So, one of the profound helps that the church calendar produces is inviting us to see time through the eyes of God.

So, here we are again. Advent. Literally, "a going forth" into something new. It is an old story that is timeless because it plumbs the depths of our heart, and touches the heights of our spirit. We are called to be God's people moving in this world, not to the tick of the clock, but to the sound of God's voice calling us into new places of service. Advent is the season of hopeful expectation. It is Mary's courage to bear the child. It is Joseph's resolve to escape the murderous paranoia of Herod and the empire crowd. It is Zechariah's need to be silent in the face of God's activity in his life. It is Simeon, Anna, angels, shepherds, Magi, and all the rest crowded around the story's center, Jesus. It is we waiting, hoping through another Advent, waiting for the coming one, waiting, watching, expecting, and waiting.

Advent, this new season, asks: What will we do with our waiting? Jesus gives us a clue: that for which we wait is in our midst. It is here. Now. Let us watch, expect, wait, and discover the gift that comes from the grace of God through the love of Christ in the power of God's Spirit to make all things new. Advent, here we go again.

Rev. Sam Haun



PRAYER CHAIN

Pat Cox is writing the Prayer Chain Letter for November. If you have a request or an update, please call 747-0082.

SYMPATHY

Southminster congregation extends deepest sympathy to Lou Anderson on the death of her brother in Texas this past week

ATTENTION SHOPPERS

As we move into the Christmas Season and gift giving becomes a preoccupation. Please turn your

Remember those who are less fortunate



thoughts to those less fortunate. We can't totally alter their plight, but we can share some of our comforts in small ways. The Deacon's tree will be up November 28th with tags of items needed. As you go on your shopping trips, please remember those

needs as well. Thank you Southminster for your continued generosity.

Mailing Address Change? Phone Number Change? Email address Change?

Please keep the church records updated by turning in any new information to Barbara in the church office, or marking it on the attendance pads on Sunday morning. Thank you.

CATCH-UP TIME

The end of 2004 is near and many of us are finding ourselves behind in our 2004 Southminster Pledge. **Now** is the best time to catch-up, so that budgeting for 2005 can begin. If for some reason you need to adjust your pledge, please call the church office. For the rest of us, it's catch-up time. --Your Stewardship Committee

DID YOU KNOW?

The Arthritis Foundation will hold their 20th Annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis on Saturday, December 11. This year the route will begin at 35th Peoria, then the 5k course heads north on Peoria, through Woodward Park and back south on Peoria to about 34th street.

MARK THOSE CALENDARS.....

PASTOR BIBLE STUDY

The Pastor's Bible Study began on Wednesday, November 3rd, at 10am and 5:30pm. The topic will be "Stewards of the Household of God".

Both the morning and evening sessions will cover the same material each week. Adjustments to time and place might occur to make sessions more accessible and convenient.

Please contact Sam if you have questions.



FELLOWSHIP GROUP TO MEET

Inquirers will meet Friday, Nov. 19 @ 7pm at the home of Richard & Carol Stewart. Please call Carol at 743.9534 for food assignments.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

Thursday, November 18
Covenant – 10am in Library
Faith – 1pm at Ann Gibbs
Rainbow – 1:30pm in Parlor



Mission Giving: The following are money totals that I know will interest you.

1. Peace Offering - \$1246.00
2. Garden Patch - \$143.26
3. Loose Offering 10/31 for Forman Christian College - \$248.71

Many, many thanks to all who contributed to these worthwhile causes – global and local mission in action!

FEED-MY-SHEEP: Don't forget to have your contributions at the church by Sunday afternoon, November 21, as the Youth are

going to fill the baskets that evening. We will be providing a Thanksgiving feast for 12 Marshall School families.

If anyone reading this is **looking for a place to volunteer** their time, the Day Center for the Homeless could use your help. They need clerks in the clinic and in the office. Any youth (15 yrs old and up) can get their school required service hours there. Shawna Orr at 583-5588 is the one to talk to.



Denomination: Syria: The Christian community of Syria, only 10 percent of the population, has had an uninterrupted presence since the first century. With more than one million believers, Syria has the second largest Christian population in the Middle East.

Presbytery: First Church, Coalgate; St. John Church, Rufe; First Church, Fort Gibson; Nanih Chito Church, Smithville.

World: Peace

BOO-HA-HA REPORT

This year Southminster's involvement in Boo-Ha-ha was different from previous years. The carnival we have had in the parking lot was scaled down but we did have an inflatable toy in the parking lot for kids to climb, jump and slide. This year we concentrated on a float in the parade along Brookside. We also passed out candy to trick-o-treaters by our new sign on Peoria.

Everything went very well with just the right number of volunteers. A very creative group got together the Saturday before to build the main pieces of the float, and another group was available the Saturday of Boo-Ha-Ha to put it all together and finish the decorating. About a dozen members also took large bags of suckers and taped slips of paper with church information to the stick. This allowed us to pass out not just candy but also information about Southminster. In all over 4,000 pieces of candy and information slips were given out.

The parade was great fun and went very well, with the exception of loosing one of the signs on the drive to the starting point. This was our first entry in the parade for many years and it was well received by the people watching the parade young and old.

My thanks go out to all who helped before and during Boo-Ha-Ha. If I tried to list them some would be left out, so thanks to all of you, who taped, built, decorated, rode, supervised and represented Southminster to the children and families of Tulsa.

Don Best, Evangelism Chair

THE VISION

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Monday, November 15

6:00pm Mid-Hi Bible Study

Wednesday, November 17

6:45am Men's Prayer Group
10:00am Pastor Bible Study
5:30pm Pastor Bible Study
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 18

10:00 am Covenant Circle
1:00pm Faith Circle
1:30pm Rainbow Circle

Sunday, November 21

VISION DEADLINE

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship
10:00am Worship
11:00am Church School
3-8:30 Youth
6:00pm Tintinnabulators
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

Monday, November 22

6:00pm Mid-Hi Bible Study
7:00pm Session

Tuesday, November 23

7:00pm Chancel Choir

Wednesday, November 24

6:45am Men's Prayer Group
10:00am Pastor Bible Study
5:00 pm Pastor Bible Study

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving--Office Closed

Sunday, November 28

1st Sunday in Advent

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship
10:00am Worship
11:00am Church School
12:15-1:30pm Youth Bells
3-8:30 Youth
6:00pm Tintinnabulators
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

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