

December 1, 2004

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

**Lectionary Readings
& Sermon Titles**

Dec. 5th

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Dec. 12

Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

or Luke 1:47-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Choir Cantata to be sung

Advent to Christmas at Southminster

Sunday, November 28 - First Sunday in Advent

The Youth will set up and decorate the Senior Citizens Christmas Tree in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 5 - Second Sunday in Advent

10:00am Worship. Handbells will ring.

11:00am Advent Festival Fellowship Hall (see insert for more details)

Friday, December 10

Mariners Fellowship Group at the home of Warren & Gini Henshaw

Saturday, December 11

Southminster Bell Ringers travel to University Village to ring a program. Christmas Lights Bus Tour..more details to come.

Sunday, December 12 - Third Sunday in Advent

10:00 am Worship Chancel Choir will sing Christmas Cantata.

Handbell choir will also ring.

Friday, December 17

Senior Citizen Center Christmas Lunch

Saturday, December 18

Inquirers Fellowship Group Annual White Elephant Auction and Dinner at the home of Don & Lissa Best.

Sunday, December 19 - Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00am Christmas Greeting in Forbes Parlor

Bring food to share and take time to share holiday joys.

10:00 am Youth will sing during worship.

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Offices Close at noon.

5:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Service. Looking at Christmas through the eyes of Children

11:00pm Christmas Eve Service . Will include lessons, carols, and a candlelight sending forth into Christmas Day.

Saturday, December 25 - Merry Christmas

Monday, December 27th

Office Closed





PRAYER CHAIN

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

THANKS

We wish to thank our Southminster family for your prayers, cards, calls and concerns following the death of my brother in Texas. Your support has been major in helping to heal this ache in our heart.

Lou and Bill Anderson

God said, Love Me! And Love each other!

We at Southminster are good at doing both. Our local mission consists of (1) a budgeted mission program, (2) a direct congregational Feed-My-Sheep program and (3) many individual volunteer efforts throughout the community.

We are a caring and giving congregation. You just need to know “who is in need?” and “what is needed?” and you respond. Your Mission Committee will work to give you a better sense of “local community needs” so you can be more aware of the answer to those questions. Daycare for the Homeless, Marshall School, Dwight Mission, EIS, Neighbor for Neighbor, Night Shelter and others are helped by your giving hearts. Jesus, in his own words said, “it’s like feeding me; it’s like healing me, it’s like helping me.”

Think of it in that way the next time you help and donate...it’s in Christ’s hand that you are placing your help and donation.

LOST AND LOOKING TO BE FOUND...

Have you lost a jacket? Check the coat rack at the entrance of Fellowship Hall and find your missing jacket, sunglasses, gloves and various other items that have made their way to our lost and found. Unclaimed items will be donated to mission.

THE DEACON TREE 2004

Resthaven Nursing Home will be this year’s recipient of the Deacons Tree. Resthaven has many needs for its 92 residents. Beginning the 1st Sunday of Advent (Nov. 28) the tree will be up with tags for some “comfort items.” Please “adopt a grandparent” and return unwrapped gifts under the tree in Forbes Parlor the early part of December. Thank you again, Southminster, for your continued support.

MARK THOSE CALENDARS.....

YOUTH MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

6:00-7:00 PM

SR. HIGH LOUNGE

The 2004-2005 Confirmation Class has begun. Those participating are: Hannah Bennett, Kendall Harper, Sarah Hedgecock, Katherine Stephenson, & Jordan Walker. Please keep our youth in your prayers as they begin their faith journeys.

PW CIRCLE

Thursday, December 16

10:00am Covenant – Library

1:00 pm Faith – Ann Arwood

1:30 pm Rainbow – Parlor

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Mariners will meet 6:30pm, Friday, December 10 at the home of Warren & Gini Henshaw. Call for food assignment.

Inquirers will meet 7:00pm, Saturday, December 18 at the home of Don & Lissa Best for their annual white elephant gift auction. Call Lissa for food assignment.

ABC....TLC....WE NEED YOU

Anyone interested that loves taking care of babies is qualified to volunteer for nursery duty on Sunday mornings. Current volunteers are: Lissa Best, Jeanie Dodd, Jeanne Fowler, Caroline and Kendall Harper, Marianna Vesely, Nancy Warren and Kathy Wright. Libby Parrish is on reserve and Jane Trumbo has had the joy of holding Steve. Time is well spent and very much appreciated. Thank you volunteers.



Once again the well organized team for feeding the people at the Night Shelter went into action the week of 11-15-04. The biggest apology in the world is due Sybil Barton. If she didn't call everyone to remind them to come cook, it would never happen. She is so faithful!! Those cooking were Laurie Brumbaugh, Alice Joy McBride, Libby Parrish, Kathy Wright, Fred Dimit and Pete Vorenkamp. Libby and Dr. Sam served on Thursday night.



Denomination: The Czech Republic Evangelical Church has a rich history of demonstrating God's love for one another. During 160 years of severe persecution, Christians stubbornly continued to practice their faith. The denomination's special attention now is being directed to elderly people, widows, and orphans, those whose voices are often ignored. Rev. Joel Ruml, synodal senior and Mrs. Mahulena Cejkova, synodal curator.

Presbytery: East Side Church, Durant; Peacemaking and hunger programs; Presbytery Meeting, Miami; Malawi Partnership.

World: Peace

Malaria! The leading killer of children in Africa – 2800 a day! Cards to purchase a mosquito net will be sold on December 5th during the Advent Festival.

Time: 11A.M.

Price: \$10.00

Concept: Alternative Christmas gift

Bonus: A Christmas ornament

In addition, our monthly 1st Sunday Fair Trade table will be open. Proceeds for this go to Malawi scholarships.

FEED-MY-SHEEP: It's time to think about adopting a Marshall School family for Christmas. If you belong to a group (SS class, Fri. night, men's breakfast, etc.) and would like a family, please let Libby know. Our chancel choir has already said YES. The rest of the "YES" groups will be reported in the 12-15 Vision.

12 Thanksgiving baskets were filled by the youth and taken to Marshall, complete with turkeys. Thanks, everyone.

The annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on 11-14 was a wonderful event. The food was as good as it always is and the Thank Offering came to \$826.00. A big thanks to the Presbyterian Women, the workers from the Mission Committee and all who gave to the offering.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Christie Johnston
3. Linda Hilsabeck, Merrell Park
6. Ryan Patrick Caetano
7. Jeanne Fowler, Carrie Koewing, Rae R. Smith
8. Erin Beatt, Elizabeth Burk Martin
11. Lloyd Grigsby
13. Wes Casey, Betty S. Kirk, Charles Stephenson, Jr.
14. Tom Sherrill
15. Mike Beatt, Madison Blocker
16. Jason Heinrichs
17. Debbie Beatt Ledterman, Richard Sullivan, Charlie Stephenson
18. Joshua Craig Ownbey
19. Jamie Gilbert
21. Stuart Harper, Ed Keeney, Alma Stanley
26. Pat Sherrill
27. Rachel Swenton
28. Katherine Julie Boswell, Elizabeth Forbes Andres
29. Geri Hudson, Nancy Warren
30. Royce Kelly
31. Arline Oliphant, Lynda Swenton



THE VISION

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3500 SOUTH PEORIA
TULSA, OK 74105-2522

Wednesday, December 1

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

December 5 Second Sunday in Advent VISION DEADLINE

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

Monday, December 6

6:00pm Mid-Hi Bible Study
6:30pm Officer Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 8

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

Thursday, December 9

12:45pm Knitters

Friday, December 10

6:30pm Mariners at Henshaw

Saturday, December 11

Arthritis Foundation Annual Jingle
Bell Run/Walk
Church Christmas Lights Bus Tour

December 12 Third 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

Monday, December 13

6:00pm Mid-Hi Bible Study
6:30pm Committees

Wednesday, December 15

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

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Sunday, November 14 brought to an end the stewardship drive for 2005. Thank you to all who were able to attend one of the ten small group meetings. 109 people attended these meetings and 72 letters were sent out to those who were unable to attend. These letters included a pledge card, a time & talent work sheet and an abbreviated version of the budget presentation given at the meetings. If you were unable to attend and did not receive a pledge card, don't think you are off the hook. We have cards available at any time. If we don't hear from you, you might just hear from Mike Beatt in the next few weeks.

A big thank you to several people for making this campaign go so well.

To Sam for being there at every meeting, he was given a gold star for perfect attendance at the last meeting. Sam was our headliner while Charlie Stephenson and Mike Beatt were the opening act.

To Ann, Sam's wife, for her patience and understanding. The Hauns were trying to move into a new house at the same time this campaign was going on.

To members who so generously opened their homes and hosted a meeting. They were Betty Elsloo, Rick & Carol Messer, Ann Arwood, Carla Gilbert, Jack & Marilee Story, Charlie & Karen Stephenson, Eugene & Ann Gibbs, Dave & Marianne Stambaugh.

To Libby Parrish & Doris Moser who hosted meetings held at the church.

To youth members Corrine Stephenson, for putting together the Stewardship PowerPoint presentation and Hillary Stambaugh, for an excellent dessert and the use of her lap top computer.

Committee Member Marilee Story for her hard work and organizational skills.

The Stewardship Committee says thank you to all who participated. It was a very enjoyable experience. We believe the future of Southminster looks better now than it has in quite some time.

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• 2005 Stewardship Campaign •
• As of November 18 •
• 87 pledges totaling \$206,540. •
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Advent Festival

Sunday, December 5th

11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Music  Crafts  Photos

Taffy Pull



Decorate Christmas Tree
Gifts for Homebound



SERRV gifts, Fair Trade items,
Malawi Mosquito Net Gift cards
available for purchase



Lunch

Cost \$5 for adults / \$2 for kids

Please make your reservation today.

