



# THE VISION

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

**SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**January 15, 2005**

**Lectionary Readings  
Sermon Titles/Subjects**

**January 16**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sermon: The Water of Ordination

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sermon: Straight Away

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sermon: The Beatitudes in  
Ordinary Time

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15:1-5

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12



at Dwight Mission  
on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
through Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

See insert for more details and registration form.

Talk to your friends and sign up today!  
You will be glad you did.



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

**Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 AM (after wor-**

**ship) The Prayer Chain will meet in Forbes Parlor.**

### THANKS

Thank you for allowing exercise classes in your church!

Martha Branson (this came with a donation to Southminster)

\$ \$ \$ \$

**Fourth Quarter 2004 Pledge Statements** and 2005 pledge envelopes are at the welcome center in Cottrell Hall for pickup.



Now in place in Cottrell Hall. Anyone who would like to reserve a Sunday to honor or remember someone special, please sign your name on the appropriate date.

You will be contacted a few days prior to that date regarding details. If you have any questions, please call Sara Brobston at 742-6888 or 355-9966.

**Class of 2007 Church Officers were ordained and installed on January 9, 2005**

**Elders:** Chris Calvert, Diana Best, Ken Tracy, Marianna Vesely, Gaylyn Wattman

**Deacons:** Anna Stephenson, Maxine Beatt, Elva Best, Fred Dimit, Betty S. Kirk

### PLEASE HELP...

Liturgists are needed. Sign up sheet is posted on bulletin board, or call the church office.

## MARK THOSE CALENDARS.....

Take A look....Come Join Us....

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study started January 12, 2005 for adults, youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades and children 1<sup>ST</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> grades. A nursery will be provided from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

A very informal supper is at 6:30pm in the East Room. Nothing fancy. There will be a minimal charge to cover food costs. We hope that the various programs will be enhanced with the meal.

5:30 Studies

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Choir

(The Youth Monday Study will continue!)

**The Pastor's Bible Study** began in the Gospel of Mark on January 12. The classes meet at 10am and 5:30 pm on Wednesday. Please join us at either time. The studies are designed so that you can enter at anytime.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENTS

**Saturday, January 15** 2-4pm at the home of Betty Elsloo

An Afternoon Tea to honor Ann Haun

Admission: Box of tissues, to be donated to Marshall School

#### Circle Meetings

Thursday, Jan. 27

10am Covenant- Library

1:00pm Faith – Helen Weeks

1:30 Rainbow – Parlor

### FELLOWSHIP GROUP TO MEET

(Newcomers are always welcome and encouraged to come join us)

**Inquirer's to go bowling Saturday, January 22 at Riverlanes 87<sup>th</sup> & Lewis**

Arrive at 5:45pm, Bowl a couple games, Depart to enjoy dinner elsewhere.

For costs and more dinner details and **TO RSVP**, please call Karen Hiller @ 742-0653 or e-mail phillerk@juno.com



All five families that were adopted for Christmas from **Marshall School** were showered with gifts from our generous adult Sunday School classes, the Youth and the Choir. Those that delivered were impressed by their gratefulness. And speaking of generous, the total for the **Christmas Joy Offering** this past December was \$2,322.28. That's well over last year's total. We also got a very nice **"thank you"** from **Forman Christian College**. It's posted on the wall by the clothing bins. Other "thank you" letters are also on that wall. Take time to read them.



**Denomination:** The Pittsburgh Presbytery has 159 churches and 48,082 members. This presbytery includes as well Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and Crestfield Camp and Conference Center. They have engaged more than thirty teams of pastors and congregational leaders in a church development process geared toward helping congregations recover a sense of mission beyond themselves.

**Presbytery:** Committee Day, Jenks; Mt. Zion Church, Battiest; First Church, Idabel; Homer's Chapel, Boswell; Bethany Church, Muskogee; Our Inquirers and Candidates.

**World:** All the survivors of the earthquake and its devastating aftermath.

**Mission Notes from Rev. Debbie Chase in Malawi.**

*"Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy"* (Psalm 126:5)

Tears of sorrow touched our hearts in February when our good friend and colleague Rev. Martha Mwale died. She was the first woman to be ordained to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament in Malawi, and at the time of her death she was the sole ordained Malawian clergywoman in the Synod Livingstonia. The loss of her presence is still greatly felt, especially by the one following in her footsteps, Rev. Mwawi Nyirenda, the one who has become our source of great joy, who now paves the way for women in ministry.

Rev. Nyirenda was ordained on October 9, 2004. She wore a robe that was a gift from the clergywomen of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery. New life continues to spring forth, bringing hope and joy through the Spirit of the child born in a manger, who in surprising ways brings new life in circumstances of extreme poverty and death.

**Signs of hope and promise**

Behold, Ekwendeni Mission Station has given Livingstonia Theological College the gift of land to establish our own campus, and good news of great joy reached us that a small Presbyterian church of less than a hundred members in Scotland, without knowing our need for a dormitory, has given the college £14,000, a gift which will cover most of the cost of building the dormitory for our students.

**2005 Pledges thru 1/6/05**  
121 pledges totaling \$353, 595.00



**DEACON'S CORNER:**

At our January 3 Deacon's Meeting, we assigned Deacons to different areas of service. We provide service to Southminster in several areas of caring. We have a Visitation Ministry, a Service Ministry and a Care Giving Ministry. Each month we have a Deacon of the Month, who in January is Laurie Braumbaugh. You will see her around the church taking flowers from the sanctuary to take to members who can't be with us and many other things. Laurie is also in charge of setting up blood drives through Red Cross again this year. In December you will see her putting up the Deacon's Christmas tree and collecting gifts for the needy. We feel blessed to have been called to serve God through Southminster in these ways!

\*\* Consider going to the Dwight retreat; no excuses, we are here to help make it possible for you to attend. \*\*

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

### Saturday, January 15, 2005

2pm Ladies Tea at Elsloo home

### Sunday, January 16

#### VISION DEADLINE

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Church School  
4:00pm Youth Activities  
6:00pm Tintinnabulators  
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

### Monday, January 17

6:00pm Youth Study

### Wednesday, January 19

6:45am Men's Prayer Group  
10:00am Pastor's Bible Study  
5:30pm Prepare Shelter meal  
5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study  
Adults, Youth, and Children  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 20

5:30pm Serve Shelter meal

### Saturday, January 22

5:45pm Inquirer's Go Bowling

### Sunday, January 23

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Church School  
4:00pm Youth Activities  
6:00pm Tintinnabulators  
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

### Monday, January 24

6:00pm Youth Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 26

6:45am Men's Prayer Group  
10:00am Pastor's Bible Study  
5:30pm Pastor's Bible Study  
Adults, Youth, and Children  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:00pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, January 27

Circles

### Sunday, January 30

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Church School  
4:00pm Youth Activities  
6:00pm Tintinnabulators  
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

### Monday, January 31

6:00pm Youth Bible Study

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**Pastor/Head of Staff:** Rev. Dr. Samuel Haun  
shaun@southminstertulsa.org

#### Music Ministry

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

#### Mission Outreach Coordinator

Libby Parrish

#### Youth Ministry

Christie Peacher-- cpeacher@southminstertulsa.org

#### Office Staff

Barbara Sezate, Administrative Assistant  
bsezate@southminstertulsa.org  
Darren O'Guin, Sexton

**Vision** Karen Hiller / Lou Anderson

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**To e-mail information to the Vision**  
newsletter@southminstertulsa.org

**Website:** www.southminstertulsa.org

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

**SOUTHMINSTER'S 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** is February 25, 2005.

In celebration, we are having an  
**All-Church Renewal Retreat**  
at Dwight Mission  
on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
through Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Sam Haun has some great ideas for the adult program with the themes of prayer and bible study as marks of the missional church. There will be a youth program and some activities for children. The rate is \$50.00 per adults and children 10 and under is \$25.00. That covers 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner (the food is fabulous!) plus Dwight provides a meeting space for the group and supplies for campfire and s'mores. Scholarships available. Please register on the form provided below. If you have any questions, call Don or Lissa Best – 491-1138. (Dwight Mission is approximately 1 -1/2 hours driving time from Tulsa.)

*You know you want to go ... So join us for:*

- *Bible Study*
- *Mission Study*
- *Spiritual Renewal*
- *Music*
- *Movie Night*
- *And Fellowship*

**DWIGHT MISSION RENEWAL RETREAT**  
Registration Form

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADULTS (\$50. ea.) \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN (under 10-\$25. ea.) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I can provide transportation \_\_\_\_\_

I need transportation \_\_\_\_\_

Request scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Please include payment with your registration form. Please make reservations by Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.