



THE VISION

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

SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 1, 2005

Lectionary Readings

Sunday, February 6, 2005

Morning: Psalm 103:1-22
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Corinthians 3:1-9
John 12:27-36a
Evening: Psalm 117:1-2

Sunday, February 13

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32:1-11
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Our 40 Day Journey Through Lent

Ever wonder why the Bible is so full of the number 40? 40 days of rain, including the nights! 40 days in the Wilderness being tempted by the Adversary. 40 years in the wilderness for the children of Israel. Elijah runs from Ahab for 40 days through the wilderness. I know that I must have forgotten one mention somewhere. 40 days is a long time for some things. 40 signifies God Time in the Bible. It is not to be measured by hours and days, but by the depth of one's experience in the presence of God. Thus, 40 days is enough for Jesus to experience the full measure of temptation. 40 days will be enough for us. Beginning with Ash Wednesday Service on February 9th, we will join together in celebrating the Sundays in Lent. (Interestingly, the Sundays are not counted as part of the 40 Days of Lent.) Our theme will focus on our discovery of God's call to us for the next 60 years of our corporate life together here at Southminster. A church-wide retreat will ask us to reflect on the missional nature of the church, and our hopes and dreams for Southminster for the next 60 years. On March 13, the Sanctuary Choir will lead us in a deeper reflection through their offering of music during that Sunday's Service. Each Thursday, we will gather for Evening Prayer in Tyler Chapel at 5:30pm, and during Holy Week we will come together for common reflection on our theme each day at 12 noon in the chapel. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, and remember that our Lord commanded us to remember him in baptism, the supper, and in the washing of feet. On Easter Sunday, we will gather in the sanctuary to glorify God for the resurrection of our Lord which makes all things new, and we will welcome the new confirmation class into active membership in the church. All these opportunities to discover our common calling as the people of God can be found here in this place. Join the journey these 40 days.

Sam





PRAYER CHAIN

Betty Elsloo is writing the Prayer Chain Letter for February. If you have a request or an update, please call Betty at 744-4471.

PLEASE call the Pastor or church office to notify us of any hospitalizations.

SYMPATHY

The members of Southminster Presbyterian Church express their deepest sympathy and prayers for the family of Jessie "Jebbie" Black. Jebbie was a long-time member of Southminster. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was conducted from Southminster on Saturday, January 15th.

THANKS

To all those who prayed for me, sent me cards and gifts, and visited me during my hospital stay, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. As you may know, I am in rehab at St. John following a stroke one week after my surgery. Your thoughts and attention have made this tough time easier. May God bless all that you do!

Sincerely, Virginia Farmer

CONGRATS

During the annual Southwest Regional Apharesis Appreciation dinner, our own DON BEST was recognized as an "American Red Cross Super Hero" for his outstanding record of donations to the ARC Blood Platelet Program! Way to go, DON!

IN APPRECIATION

The congregation would like to express their appreciation to Elders Jerry Goodman, Bill Lohrey, & LouAnn Newman for their faithful service on the session the past three years and to Deacons Vicki Berg, Dana Flora, Paul Stringfield, & Melissa Sommer for their service on the Board of Deacons.

CAB FARE FUND

The Cab Fare Fund provides transportation to and from Southminster church activities. If you would like to make a contribution, please make checks payable to Southminster with a notation for the Cab Fare Fund.

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

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

We are looking for those of you who love babies to volunteer for nursery duty on Sunday mornings.. Time is well spent and very much appreciated. Thank you volunteers.

MARK THOSE CALENDARS.....



Lent begins Wednesday, February 9. Southminster will hold an informal short worship service in the chapel at 5:30. Make plans to attend.

Presbyterian Women Tea Overflowed with Ladies and Tissue Boxes.

Saturday, January 22nd Southminster Women honored Ann Haun by hosting a tea at the home of Betty Elsloo. Lots of ladies dropped by to meet and greet Ann and visit amongst themselves. Thank you to Betty for opening up her home and to ALL the ladies who contributed goodies to eat. Admission was a box of tissues; Libby had a quite a few to load up in her car and take to Marshall school.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY AT SOUTHMINSTER

The Pastor's Bible Study will continue the Gospel of Mark on Wednesdays. The classes meet at 10am and 5:30pm. Please join us at either time. The studies are designed so that you can enter at any time.

There will be a very informal supper 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.

A Children's Bible Study will be held for children 1st – 5th grades. A Youth Bible Study will be offered for 6th – 12th grades. A nursery will be provided from 5:30pm until 7:30pm

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Once again, SPY will be participating in the Souper Bowl of caring! February 6th the youth will be outside the sanctuary with soup pots to collect money for Neighbors Along The Line. For more information, visit www.souperbowl.org

Fellowship Groups:

Mariners met in January and guest speaker was Rev. Ted Foote of John Calvin Presbyterian Church. Next meeting will be Friday, March 11 at the home of Arthur & Martha Barr.

Inquirers. In January a group of about 16 bowled a few games then headed off to eat pizza and pasta. Next meeting will be the Annual Chili Contest on March 12, Saturday, at the home of Charlie & Karen Stephenson. Start thinking, start creating, start sampling and see if your chili could be a winner. (Chili entry not a requirement for attending)



FEED-MY-SHEEP for February:

The Mission Committee feels very strongly that we need to not only pray for the victims of the Tsunami, but also do something for them. Pending approval of Session, we will be passing the offering plates twice every Sunday during the month of February, once for the church and once for the Tsunami victims. It is our hope that everyone will be able to give a little something extra each week for those that have lost so much. At the end of the month, our offering will be sent to the PC(USA) Tsunami Disaster Fund.



Denomination: The Presbytery of New Covenant of Southeast Texas has 109 congregations, 6 new church development and 40,383 members. Rev Mike Cole is general presbyter, Rev. Lynn Johnson, stated clerk, Rev. Mary Currie, volunteer in mission and committee on ministry, Elder Margaret Swarts, director of resource center. This presbytery is working on a transformation that requires them to embrace its role as a mission-minded church in twenty-first century communities.

Presbytery: Council Retreat; First Church, Nowata; First Church, Durant; Lay Preachers.

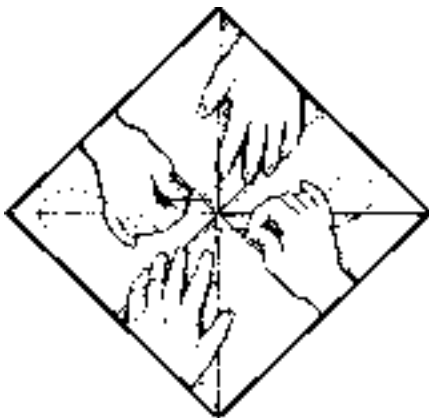
World: Peace and Tsunami victims

The sale of the Christmas Mosquito Net cards (alternative Christmas giving) was a big success. As a result, we are able to send \$900.00 to the "net workers" of the PC(USA). As you know, each kit costs \$10.00 so that's 90 nets that will go to protect the children in Malawi. That may seem like a drop in the bucket for the 250 children that die from Malaria every day, but that's the wonderful thing about being a connectional church. Other Presbyterian churches are doing their part to help stamp out malaria in Africa. We also did quite well for SERRV. We sold their products at the International Gift Fair and here at the Advent Festival. The total of the sales for the two events was \$1,512.65.

FACILITIES USAGE In an attempt to coordinate all of our building in an efficient and hospitable manner, we encourage you to do the following when you wish to schedule an activity here at Southminster: Call Barbara in the church office with the detail of your request. Events will be posted on the calendar next to Barbara's office door. This calendar will help us know what rooms are being used; what activities are being conducted; and, in emergencies, what activities need to be moved to another part of the building. It is hoped that we can build a common calendar so all can use the building without any confusion. Please help us by checking the calendar, and letting us know when regular events are scheduled, e.g., PW Circles, Bible Study, etc. As Southminster grows, the use of the building will increase. We hope that this will assist you in your planning. Thanks.

2005 Pledges thru 1/21/05

126 pledges totaling \$363, 335.00



ATTENTION ALL YOU CRAFTY PEOPLE!!!

Knitters is a small group who meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12:00 (time change) in Forbes Parlor. Some of us knit blankets and caps for babies and scarves and lap robes for the elderly. Some sew blankets for the elderly and babies, as well as bibs and baby clothes. We also sew mosquito netting for people in Malawi for their beds. Some of us meet occasionally for a fun day to sew "Elva's Quilts". All of these items are used for our Mission work. Some of you might even have ideas for other crafts or items they could make, sew or knit that would help others. Anyone is welcome! Feel free to bring your lunch! We have good fellowship and usually some good cookies! We would love to welcome you into this part of our Southminster family. Please consider joining us on a Thursday afternoon.

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Wednesday, February 2

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

Sunday, February 6 Vision Deadline

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship
10:00am Worship
11:00am Church School
4:00pm Bells
5:00pm Youth Activities
6:00pm Tinnabulators
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

Monday, February 7

6:00pm Youth Bible Study
6:30pm Deacons

Wednesday, February 9 ASH WEDNESDAY

6:45am Men's Prayer Group
10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
5:30pm Ash Wednesday
Service in Chapel
6:30pm Dinner
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 10

12:00 Knitters

Friday, February 11

7:00pm All Church Renewal
Retreat @ Dwight through
Sunday @ 11:00

Saturday, February 12

9:00am PWCT

Sunday, February 13

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship
10:00am Worship
11:00am Church School
4:00pm Bells
5:00pm Youth Activities
6:00pm Tinnabulators
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

Monday, February 14

6:00pm Youth Bible Study
6:30pm Committees



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

Big Thank You!

Dearest Southminster,

Thank you so much for your generous giving for Resthaven Nursing Center. The director was thrilled with the 122 gifts for 92 residents. (something to trade if something didn't work out!). The residents were singing carols in the front parlor when we got there and eyes were wide as we carried the bags of gifts down the hall.

Thank you for your generosity and know it made holidays brighter for Resthaven residents.

In God's Love and Hope, Southminster Deacons

Dear Dr. Haun:

How grateful we are to receive your very generous contribution of \$645.00 to purchase a pulse oximeter for the Day Center Nurses' Clinic. Your recognition of the needs of our clients and the work that is done at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless Clinic means so much.

As the only day time shelter in Tulsa, the Day Center provides people who are homeless focused guidance from professional case managers; a free medical clinic; a safe, secure environment day and night; basic human services; and onsite access to organizations addressing the needs of clients.

The gift of the pulse oximeter is very significant to our clinic. It will permit the nurse practitioner to measure blood oxygen level so that it can be determined if a patient needs breathing treatments and also the effectiveness of the treatments. On behalf of the many people whose lives will be touched by this donation, thank you.

Sincerely, Sandra Lewis, Executive Director

...and from the Honorary Chair of the Tulsa Day Center for the homeless

Dear Friends:

I hope you and your family enjoyed the New Year and are looking forward to a New Year filled with good health and much happiness.

I have noticed that once again you recently made a wonderful contribution to the Day Center for the Homeless, and I want to extend my warm thanks for your support. Now, as much as ever, that support is needed not only for the homeless, but for the elderly, and individuals who have mental illness. The Center is working closely with the Mental Health of Tulsa to make sure that no one is left on the street. My heartfelt thanks is extended to each of you for your kind hearts. Your gift is so appreciated by all.

Sincerely, Henry Zarrow

SOUTHMINSTER SENIOR CENTER FEBRUARY 2005 ACTIVITIES

Weekly events at Southminster Senior Center – (918) 749-2623

Monday 9:00am Fitness for Health-12:00pm Golden Years Bridge-
 12:30pm Open Art
Tuesday 9:00am AARP Tax Assistance-10:00am Stories Written, Read, or Said-
 10:00am Callanetics-10:30am Fitness for Health-
 12:30pm Beginner's Art-3:00pm Tai Chi
Wednesday 9:00am Fitness for Health-10:00am Beginner's Bridge-2:00pm Tai Chi
Thursday 9:00am Fitness for Health-10:00am Callanetics-12:30pm Art Class
Friday 9:30am Bridge-11:30am Covered Dish Lunch-Program-RSVP-
 1:00pm Bridge/Canasta

Extras in February –

AARP Tax Assistance every Tuesday – 9:00am
Massage Therapy Monday, February 7th – RSVP 749-2623
Foot Care Clinic, Thurs. Feb. 3rd and Feb. 17th – RSVP
Covered Dish Lunch, Fri.
Feb. 4th Program will be Wilma Cummings, "The Bottle Lady."

Line Dancing at East Side Center 11:00am on Mon. & Wed.

February Birthdays

1. Andrea Smith
2. Martha Barr, Harold Battenfield, Bill Gasser, John Lymberopoulos
3. Betti Bates
5. John Calvert, Laurie Miller, Kathy Proffitt
6. Lee Dester, Robert Johnston, Kelly Reynolds, David Wright
7. Cora Vee Sowers
8. Irma Lile, Jason Proffitt, Benjamin Maloy
9. Millicent Marie Ownbey
14. Amory Fuller, Elizabeth Gowans, Ruth Mays
16. Fred Dimit, Michelle Forbes
17. Cindy Melichar, Jane Trumbo
18. Donald Bellows, Jodi Melichar Balummel
19. Ted Van den Dool
20. Anne Hartman, Sarah Elizabeth Martin, Cindi Wright
21. Eleanor Hollands, Eleanore Schultz
22. Brett Fletcher
23. Tim Harper, Chris Johnson, Pete Vorenkamp
24. Keith Proffitt
25. Ken Kirk
26. Steve Bartlett, Alex Hilsabeck, Ann Barlow