



# THE VISION

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

**SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**February 15, 2005**

## Prepare for Worship At Southminster

### Feb 20 – Second Sunday in Lent Lectionary:

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121:1-8  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

**Sermon** "In the Heat of the Night"

**Anthem** "The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson

#### Hymns

210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past  
341 Blessed Assurance  
485 To God Be the Glory

### Feb 27 – Third Sunday in Lent Lectionary:

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95:1-11  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

**Sermon** "The Next Sixty Years"

**Anthem** "A Gaelic Blessing" John Leavitt

#### Hymns

281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
101 When I Survey  
the Wondrous Cross  
303 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

## A Long Night's Journey into Day

With apologies to O'Neil notwithstanding, Lent is much like a timeless play. It is one act in the Christian drama, perhaps the second act. Surely, there are many scenes within each act, but Advent and Lent surely are the two actions of the drama that the rest support.

Notice that the drama is a road trip. We are always on the road with Jesus. And he calls us to join him in his journey to Jerusalem which the counterpoint to the incarnation, the journey from heaven to earth. We are called, not to be spectators in the audience, but actors. It is a journey from night to day, from death to life, from darkness to light. Thus, when the mystic speaks of the dark night of the soul, it is not so much about fear, despair, or suffering as it is about the journey from those things that block us from life as God intends it to be. Biblically, images are used that can help us: Exodus, wilderness, desert, great storms, exile all are used as metaphors to point us in the direction we are to go. Jesus is tempted, not by things that are worthless, or morally corrupt, but by the goals we find to be some important. It seems, never so much about the end, as the journey there. And it is an intensely personal journey. It is never without the communion of saints, but it is personal, highly so, your journey is never life mine. Peter makes it to Rome in a different way than Paul. Ruth chooses a different path than her sister-in-law. But that's okay. They all get to the place that they need to be. Every journey contains twists and turns that require us to muster our best efforts, and use all our gifts. Thus, every Thursday, we will gather for evening prayer in the chapel. We meet at 5:30pm, and will finish around 6:00pm. It is a simple service, and requires as much as you want to give. Peace to you on your journey, and we will certainly cross paths as we walk together.

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.

## SYMPATHY

The Southminster congregation expresses their sorrow for the death of Kathy Lohrey, Monday, February 7. We extend our most profound sympathy to Bill and their children, Sarah and Grant.

The Southminster congregation also extends sympathy to Lee Dester and his family on the death of his father earlier this month.



**Congratulations to John and Shannon Calvert** on the birth of twin granddaughters, Raeleigh Nicole and Emberlyn Michelle Van Winkle on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Jeff Francis** on his promotion to Chaplain at Sharp Chapel at University of Tulsa.

## Do we have your current e-mail address?

Why you ask?

We want to send out current notices a few days in advance to your e-mail addresses. For example, we will send out the notice that Evening Prayer is on Thursday, etc.

## THANK YOU, SOUTHMINSTER

Parts of an acknowledgement from the Medical Benevolence Foundation, International Headquarters in Houston, TX thanking Southminster Presbyterian Church for our donation:

Dan and Elizabeth Turk relate how your gifts through the Medical Benevolence Foundation have enabled the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar. The church is committed to promoting abstinence and fidelity in the prevention of AIDS. It is committed to caring for those living with AIDS and their families as a strong witness of God's love. By the end of 2004 their goal is that all of the pastors from each of their 4000 churches will have received training on AIDS prevention and the church's strategy for mission. Please know that the Medical Benevolence Foundation is most grateful for your gifts and be assured that they truly impact the lives of those in over 28 of the neediest countries around the world.

This was signed by Eugene M. McKelvey, MD

## MARK THOSE CALENDARS.....

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Mark your calendar** for the Spring Gathering in McAlester, April 21. More information will follow.

Presbyterian Women will gather for the **triennial Synod of the Sun Women's Conference** to be held at Lyon College campus in Batesville, Arkansas, May 13 – 15, 2005. Conference theme will be based on the 2005 Bible Study "For Everything a Season".

Contact Kathy Wright if interested in attending.

Please join our congregation as we celebrate the  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Southminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, February 27, 2005**  
at Southminster Church

Church Service 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School following the service  
Lunch served in Fellowship Hall at  
12:00 noon

Please RSVP by February 25, 2005  
by  
Calling (918)743-4427 or mark on the  
attendance pads

Lunch cost will be \$6.50 Adults, \$3  
Children 7-12  
No Cost under 6 years of age



## NEWS FROM OUR SENIOR CENTER

### Senior Road Trip coming March 2 On The Road Again

THE NATIONAL COWBOY &  
WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM  
Norman Rockwell Exhibit at the Omniplex  
and the Rock Cafe in OKC.

Departure 7:00 a.m. – East Side Adult Center –  
1427 S. Indianapolis

### OR

Departure 7:30 a.m. – Southminster Senior Center – 35<sup>th</sup> &  
Peoria

Return approximately 6:00 p.m.

### COST \$45 PER PERSON

Your payment includes: Bus, Cowboy & Western Heritage entry,  
Lunch at Persimmon Hill in the museum, Norman Rockwell  
exhibit at the Omniplex, and a trip down memory lane at the  
Rock Café in Stroud.

Registration and payment for trip must be made by Monday,  
February 14. Cancellations: No refunds for cancellation after  
February 23. Rain will not stop the trip as activities are inside.



**Our team of cooks for the Night Shelter** has a couple of new recruits. Maxine Beatt and Lennie Stringfield joined Pete Vorenkamp, Alice Joy McBride, Laurie Brumbaugh, Kathy Wright and Libby Parrish last month in preparing the food and two of Willie Van den Born's grandchildren helped Willie, Mary Battenfield, and one of her granddaughters serve the food at the shelter. Because of the increase in homeless people, we have had to increase the amount of food we prepare. Pete and Jack Story have worked out amounts so that we're getting more for our bucks while giving the shelter more food. We were also sent a letter from the Center listing dates when no one was feeding them and asking for extra help. The Mariners Friday night group picked a date in June when they will cook and serve and the Inquirers will do the same. If you are a member of a group that would be interested in helping them out at the Center, let Libby know. All of the open dates are from July to the end of the year.

**Feed-My-Sheep:** As was reported in the last Vision, February's Mission Giving is for the Tsunami victims. Each Sunday the offering plate is passed twice, once for the church and the second time for the tsunami victims. So far the amount this church has donated to this cause is \$2425.00.

**The Mission Committee** has voted to give the **loose offering on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in 2005 to the Livingstonia Theological College** in Malawi. There are four 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and January was the first one. The offering that will go to the college from January was \$190.00. Debbie Chase teaches there and writes of their needs and the sacrifices the students make to be there.

**Trinity Methodist Church, who adopted Marshall School this year,** went in with Southminster to give the teachers a **Valentine's luncheon February 15.** Each church provided half the food, which consisted of soups, salads and deserts.

Southminster has been sent a number of copies of **"Mission Mosaic", which is published by The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.** Next month we will be collecting funds for One Great Hour of Sharing. One of the agencies that this offering supports is the PDA. My hope is that you will take a copy and read how the PDA helps throughout our world and thus have a better feeling for its many good works when you make out your check. The copies are on the counter used for the Garden Patch. – Libby

**We received an e-mail from Debbie Chase in Malawi.** She will be in the USA November 2005 – March 2006 for her Mission Interpretation Assignment. She will need housing and a car while here and asked if we knew of any place (garage apt. or house sitting) where she can have her independent space as it will also be her office. PC(USA) will pay for the housing. If anyone knows of a place or has an extra car, please let the church know.

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## **NOTES FROM YOUR SESSION**

Some items of interest from the January meeting: Christian Education committee is very concerned about the children's ministry at Southminster due to the small number of children we have at present. Curriculum change is needed and serious consideration needs to be made in regard to a part time staff person that is trained in establishing a program to fit our needs.

Evangelism committee reported that the second post card of the campaign has been mailed.

Mission/Stewardship would like to express their appreciation for your support to this year's Stewardship campaign. Fifth Sunday loose offering during 2005 will be directed to Livingstonia Theological College in Malawi. A few years ago Rev. Debbie Chase from Cleveland, OK felt the call to go to Malawi to help set up a college to help train ministers.

Communion dates for 2005 were set.

COMMITTEE Assignments (First person listed is Chair)

**Christian Education-** Joan Myers & Diana Best

**Evangelism-** Don Best, Ken Tracy & Chris Calvert

**Finance/Admin.** -Pam Deatherage & Marlee Jacobs

**Fellowship-**Elaine Shirley & Marianna Vesely

**Mission/Stewardship-** Charles Stephenson & Gaylyn Wattman

**Worship-** Jean MacCannell & Mike Beatt

SUB COMMITTEES:

**Nominating-** Don Best & Gaylyn Wattman

**Endowment-** Marlee Jacobs & Diana Best

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3500 SOUTH PEORIA  
TULSA, OK 74105-2522

### Wednesday, February 16

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, February 17

5:30 Lenten Evening Prayer  
Service – Tyler Chapel  
5:30pm Serve Shelter meal

### Sunday, February 20

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

#### Vision Deadline

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

### Monday, February 21

President's Day – OFFICE  
CLOSED

### Wednesday, February 23

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, February 24

Circles  
10:00am-Covenant;  
1:00pm -Faith;  
1:30 pm -Rainbow  
5:30 Lenten Evening Prayer  
Service – Tyler Chapel

### Friday, February 25

Southminster 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
25-27 EOP Senior High Retreat

### Sunday, February 27

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

#### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

#### Communion

9:00am Coffee/Fellowship  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Church School  
12 noon Lunch/Annual Meeting  
4:00pm Bells  
6:00pm Tintinnabulators  
7:15pm Celebration Ringers

### Monday, February 28

7:00pm Session

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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  
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Darren O'Guin, Sexton

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

## LENTEN SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

**Thursday, February 17**, 5:30pm, Lenten Evening Prayer, Tyler Chapel

**Second Sunday in Lent**, February 20, 10:00am, Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 24**, 5:30pm, Lenten Evening Prayer, Tyler Chapel

**Third Sunday in Lent**, Communion, February 27, 10:00am, Sanctuary  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with church luncheon followed by Annual Meeting

**Thursday, March 3**, 5:30pm, Lenten Evening Prayer, Tyler Chapel

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**, March 6, 10:00am, Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 10**, 5:30pm, Lenten Evening Prayer, Tyler Chapel

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**, March 13, 10:00am, Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 17**, 5:30pm, Lenten Evening Prayer, Tyler Chapel

**Palm Sunday**, March 20, 10:00am, Sanctuary

**Holy Week Noon Services, 12 noon, Tyler Chapel**

**Maundy Thursday** Holy Communion, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

**Celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 27, 10:00am, Sanctuary**



