

## The South Press

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## Women's Retreat - Save the Date!

I know it's early to be thinking about fall activities, but this is such a popular one that I needed to get our weekend reserved. The annual SBPC Women's Retreat will be held October 23-24 at the Heartland Center in Parkville, MO— four hours to immerse yourself in God's creation, taking time to roam the beautiful countryside during our prayer walk, to spend quality one-on-one time with God, time to pamper yourself with massage & peppermint neck wraps, time to fellowship with other women, time to relax on the wrap around porch of Pete's Cabin and feel the autumn breeze, time to worship in nature. Time to be still and know that God is present.

I encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful weekend. Make time for you and God a priority. A \$20 deposit is required to hold your spot as space is limited. Please submit your deposit to Bettina Jamerson as soon as possible. And feel free to call with any questions,

### Presbyterian Women

PW will meet Tues., May 25 at noon in the Parlor. Bring a sack lunch and dessert will be provided. The Bible study is Lesson 3 "Entry into the Land" (Joshua 3-5). The Birthday offering for Presbyterian missions will be taken. PW Council meets Tues., May 11 at 10:00. We welcome all women for study, food, and fellowship.

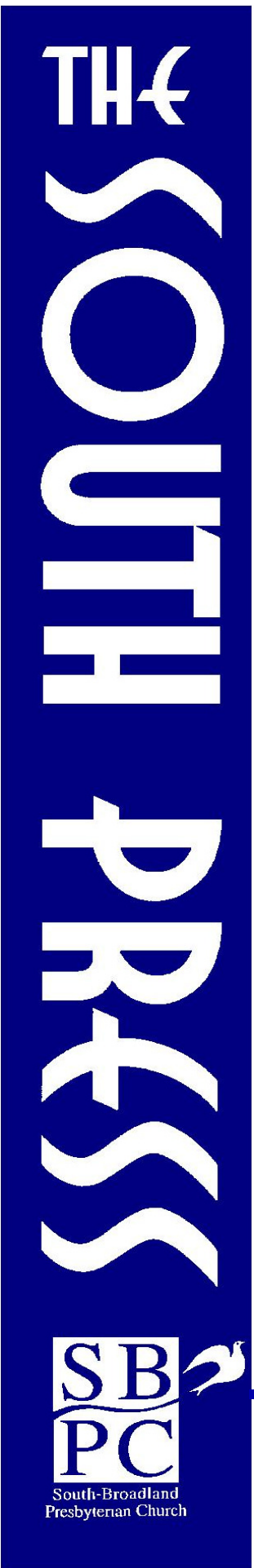
**Join us for Worship Each Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service**  
**10:10 a.m. Christian Education Hour**  
**11:00 a.m. Uplifting Traditional Service**



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### The Holiness of God

As I listen to a song by Fernando Ortega, "Come O Redeemer, Come," I am aware of how little I understand God's holiness. None of us can begin to comprehend what awaits us when we see our Redeemer face to face. Because of that incomprehension, we rarely stop and sit quietly in his presence with humbleness and awe. But I write this with tears because in this very moment, I *am* aware of his presence. The spiritual power of anointed music and words is drawing me closer to him. God sees to that. In his great mercy, he prepares us now for the day when we will see his face with encounters in the present that evoke holy emotions in response to the Holy Spirit's presence.

In this place, I cannot help but recognize my lack. I am keenly aware of my spiritual nakedness before his gaze. All my heart is exposed and though it is uncomfortable, I want to see what he sees, the pure and the profane. He answers that honest desire with glimpses that cause both joy and deep humility. In his mercy, he only shows what I can bear and never to harm or cause despair. The pain I sometimes feel when I see how unholy I can be is a clean godly pain. I am reminded of how desperately I need a Redeemer.

The scriptural fear of God is misunderstood. It is not a cringing crawling reaction to him, afraid of his omnipotence and condemning judgment. Rather, it is awe of him, an awareness that echoes Isaiah's cry when he saw the Lord in a vision, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips...yet I have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" It was the cry of a man who saw clearly his true condition in the presence of a holy God.

Touches of fear may accompany our awe and I don't think that is necessarily a bad thing. We should realize the One who formed us has all power and is the ultimate Judge who can do what he wills. But for the Christian, the good news of the gospel tempers that fear and channels it into a wholesome awareness. If we allow the Spirit to enlighten us, we will experience profound humility in recognition that we are the handiwork of a holy God in whose presence we could not abide were it not for the cleansing blood of Jesus. We will kneel in awe of the One who holds us in his hands and we will worship the One who draws us with cords of love, revealing his true nature.

We are beloved and welcomed and saved by grace through faith. We are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb, and that brings great joy. But because we desperately needed the sacrifice of the Sinless One, we should also feel a profound sense of humility. Without Jesus we are lost. The good news is we have been redeemed and will one day see the face of our Redeemer, and rather than cry, "Woe is me!" we will instead sing, "Worthy is the Lamb."

**Our Mission is:**  
**To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and in deed**  
**To love God**  
**To love one another**  
**To make disciples of all people.**



## May Birthdays

- 3 Ardena Garnett  
Joseph Ledford Jr.  
Joan Sandahl
- 7 Kenneth Buckner
- 9 Harvey Case  
Alexis Drummond
- 11 Edward Bivins  
Terrance Buckner
- 13 Mary Murphy
- 17 Frenchie Pulluaim
- 18 Jacque Stock
- 19 Dawn Jackson  
Toni Kerr
- 22 Trent Pratt  
Carol Gerdel
- 26 Dave Bergman
- 28 Wynn Braswell
- 29 Lyndon Sparling-  
Herring

## May Anniversaries

- 4 Darron and Kristen  
Story
- 5 Chuck and Dorothy  
Townsend
- 14 Chauncey and Imani  
Williams
- 27 Thomas and Susan  
Hartley
- 29 John and Mary  
Vincent
- 31 Rick Henderson and  
Susan Appel

## Vacation Bible School!

What an exciting year this will be for the life of our Church! Soon, we will have a new Pastor and we will have the leadership we've been praying for! Why not take advantage of this momentum and join the Discipleship and Family Ministries teams in our endeavor to provide the most inspirational Vacation Bible School ever!?

### Our Mission is to:

- **Build Community** - through service, spreading the word, and enticing even more kids to join us this year
  - **Grow** the Children's Ministry and,
  - **Attract** new families to our church
- And, as a result, **strengthen** the existing SBPC family!

With a Mission like that, we will need all hands on deck for 2010 Vacation Bible School!

**This year, we will bring to life the theme, "Hero Headquarters"** where kids will meet unlikely Bible heroes who are often overlooked. In fact, we don't know a single one of their names! They were not famous leaders or called by God to perform amazing miracles - yet their small acts were used by God to do wonderful things! We'll help kids discover if they're willing to be used by God in any situation, no matter how big or small, they can make a difference. With God's power at work, they can be heroes right where they are!

### The five daily themes and scriptures:

- 2 Kings 5: 1-14** - Heroes do the **UNEXPECTED** - A servant girl speaks up and God's power heals Naaman
- Luke 2: 1-20** - Heroes take **ACTION** - Shepherds see baby Jesus and tell everyone about the Savior
- Matthew 8: 5-10,13** - Heroes step out on **FAITH** - An army officer goes to Jesus and Jesus heals his servant
- John 6: 1-13** - Heroes **SAVE** the day - A boy shares his food and Jesus feeds more than 5,000 people
- Acts 23: 12-24** - Heroes stand for **TRUTH** - A young man shows courage and Paul lives to serve Jesus.

**VOLUNTEERS needed!** Adults and Youth (13 and older) are encouraged to contact Kim or Troy Dewberry, 816.444.1905 (or call the office - 816.523.7326) and tell us you're ready to step out on FAITH and do the UNEXPECTED, by taking ACTION, to SAVE the day through His TRUTH! We need YOU!

February Income & Expense		MONTH		Year to Date
	Date		Date	
BALANCE	02/28/2010	\$16,593.23	12/31/2009	\$14,442.58
Receipts		\$22,005.03		\$53,600.92
Subtotal		\$38,598.26		\$68,043.50
Expense		\$27,310.20		\$56,755.44
Subtotal	03/31/2010	\$11,288.06	03/31/2010	\$11,288.06
Transferred to				
Reserves		\$0.00		\$0.00
Transferred from				
Reserves		\$0.00		\$
OVERALL BALANCE		\$11,288.06		\$11,288.06

## Rainbow School Update

By Becky Hirtzl

Everyone is invited to two fun events that Rainbow School has planned in May:

On Monday, May 10, beginning at 10 AM, the children will have their final performance for their families. We call it the Spring Sing. Each class will perform 2 songs.

On Friday evening, May 14, our PTA will host our end-of-the-year Family Picnic. Bring a side dish and your lawn chairs and come on out to meet and greet the Rainbow School families. The PTA provides the main dish and entertainment for the children.

The last day of this school year will be Friday, May 21. The summer session for Over the Rainbow will begin on Tuesday, June 1; the preschool summer session begins June 7. It looks to be another fun and exciting summer at South-Broadland with Rainbow School, T-ball, VBS, and more! What a terrific witness as our church ministers to these hundreds of children and their families each summer! We are grateful to everyone who helps us make this happen in ways both large and small. A special thanks to Troy and Kim Dewberry who joyfully share indoor and outdoor spaces with us, and the Buildings and Grounds volunteers who keep the grass mowed.

Plan now to join us for Rainbow School's night at the Royals! We have purchased 150 tickets. Here are the details:

Monday, July 26  
Vs. Minnesota  
\$13/each – Outfield Box Seats

We will be offering tickets for sale to Rainbow School families, T-ball families, and South-Broadland families. They will go fast, so don't delay in purchasing yours! You can purchase your Royals tickets from the Rainbow School office. Call us at 816-523-4336, or email us: rainbow@south-broadland.org

## We Remember

OLEN VARNER and DON STEWART, both long-time SBPC members, passed away recently. Both Olen and Don were part of the "team" who counted monies on Monday mornings and often served as ushers and greeters. Military services for both were at Mt. Moriah.

OLEN VARNER passed away March 20 at age 94, just a year after his beloved wife Mary died. He was a WWII Army veteran, serving in the Philippines. He worked for both Skelly and Getty Oil companies. Olen was described at his service as an "uncommon common man". He was always gracious and took the time to regularly write notes of praise, encouragement and thanks to family and friends, many in the church. His favorite places were at a fishing hole, at home with Mary, or being with his family. Olen is survived by his brother Oren and sons Russell, Ronald, and Gary and their families.

DON STEWART passed away April 6 at age 91. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty. He was a surgical nurse in WWII. Don majored in accounting and economics at Baker and worked for TWA in accounting for 40 years. His son Bruce said he was devoted to the church and rose early in the mornings to read his Bible. It kept him "on the beam" he used to say. He served as an elder, deacon, and Sunday School superintendent. Helen Bishop remembers Don as the tall, handsome gentleman who greeted her on her first Sunday at South-Broadland. His nieces recalled his sweet tooth and his hiding places for his cookies. Harlene took him sweet treats on her monthly visits to Kingswood. Don is survived by his son Bruce and extended family.

## Food Pantry Sunday Reminder!

The last Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday as a reminder to bring canned goods and non-perishables for those in need. Look for the grocery cart in the Lobby. For years we have supported the Food Pantry at Christ the King Church (85th and Wornall) where they provide free food and other help on Tuesdays and Fridays. Believe me, our donations are most appreciated! They always have a line of people needing assistance. Even though we designate a special Sunday, you can bring items at any time and put them in the bin marked "Food" in the stairwell hallway. Also needed are paper goods, cleaning supplies, and items like lotions, bar soap, toothpaste/brushes.

## Change Makes Sense Sunday May 30th!

Change Makes Sense helps our college bound young adults pay for their education. Please remember to pick up that loose change on your counter and bring it in on Sunday May 30th.



## Roses to...

To those who cleared the sidewalks during this past winter: Don Benson, Terry Everley, Dave Bergman, Dave Nelson, Kelley McKnight. If anyone has been missed, please notify Susan Howard so recognition can be made.