

THE VISION

Southminster Presbyterian Church

SEPT. 2016

From The Pastor's Desk



Next Steps

Summer has been a whirlwind of activity at Southminster. We hosted presbytery. We had great worship services week after week. We enjoyed wonderful potlucks together. We began to plan for the fall. We celebrated my installation on August 7. And we did all of that in the midst of so many vacations, staycations, international trips, and weekend excursions. In the church or out, summer is often a time to slow down and relax. Instead, our lives have been joyfully full of activities.

I spent the majority of summer getting up to speed about the history and ministry of Southminster. I read through years of session minutes, shared meals with many of you learning about the church, and enjoyed many conversations getting to know members. I have appreciated getting to know so many of you over the last few months and getting to learn so much about the church.

As summer gives way to fall (if only in the church calendar), we will mark the occasion with our annual Celebration Sunday on September 11. We will have donuts, juice, coffee, and balloons before Sunday School that day. Classes that took a break for the summer will reconvene. A new *Feasting On The Word* curriculum for Sunday School classes will be offered for preschool and grade school age kids, youth, and adults. This curriculum utilizes a common bible passage for all learners, making it easy for families to learn and live out their faith together. My hope is you will take advantage of one of our new or ongoing Sunday School classes as you continue to grow in faith.

Celebration Sunday will also mark the beginning of an important next step for Southminster. At its July meeting, the session approved a Mission Plan Process that will take place over the next year. The result of this process will be an actionable Mission Plan that will guide decision making and goal setting, ministry and mission for the next three to five years throughout the church. This is designed to be a collaborative process. The entire church will be involved in the first stage which is a series of conversations that will take place at the monthly potluck lunches in September, October, and November. Each of these three conversations will be guided by session members and a series of questions meant to gather information, feelings, hopes, dreams, perceptions, goals, history, and more from the congregation. God has a bright future for Southminster. We just need to discover and discern what it is. I encourage you to actively participate in these discussions at the monthly potlucks. More information about these first three meetings and the rest of Mission Plan Process will be available in the near future.

I am looking forward to the fall and I hope you are too. Let's start it off right on Celebration Sunday!

Many Blessings,



Rev. Tim Blodgett

News And Notes From Southminster

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SAINT GILES

The Presbyterian Women of On Sunday, September 11th Saint Giles

Southminster are going to try something new beginning this fall. We want to include women who are unable to join us for prayer, study and fellowship during the week. Beginning September 17, 2016 the Rainbow-Covenant Circle will meet in Forbes Parlor on the third SATURDAY of each month at 10:00 AM. Light refreshments, prayer, study and fellowship will be available for every woman of our congregation.

Here will be our schedule: September 17, October 22, November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 18, April 22 (4th Wednesday due to Easter), and May 20.

Please rsvp to Elaine Dodd, 918-607-6508 or patriotic1970@gmail.com if you plan to join us this year in Presbyterian Women. Study books will be ordered for those who rsvp and available before the first meeting. We are excited about growing our Circle and the mission work of Presbyterian Women at Southminster. We look forward to welcoming all women to the Rainbow-Covenant Circle.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Steve Conard, Cindy Webb
2. Bill Fater
3. Allen Cox, John Hawthorn
Carroll
4. Katie Vesely Huisenga

will celebrate it's 15th anniversary with snacks, cake, a stroll down memory lane and a bit of historical trivia. All are welcome...no need to bring anything. St. Giles meets at 5:00 pm on Sundays in the Dining Hall.

EMERGENCY INFANT SERVICES

Volunteers are needed at the downtown agency. If you could give one day a month or half a day each week it would be most helpful. Training is provided but some computer knowledge is needed to assist with interviewing clients, helping clients with clothes or sorting donations. Your efforts will be appreciated in helping families with pre-school aged children in crisis. For more information, contact Kathy Wright at 918-286-3137.

PRAYERS OF THE WEEK

September 4 - First Church, Wagoner;
Choctaw Agency
September 11 - Presbytery Meeting -
Sept. 16th - 17th Dwight
Mission, Vian;

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| 6. June Smith, Robert L. Harris | Grace Church, Grove |
| 7. Joni Schnoor | <u>September 18</u> - First Church, Caddo; |
| 8. Carolyn Zehnder | Malawi Partnership |
| 11. Don Best, William Hedgecock,
Charles Ward | <u>September 25</u> - Bristow Church,
Bristow; |
| 13. Amanda Fuller | First Church, Tahlequah |
| 14. Marianna Vesely | |
| 15. Erin Messer Bellamy | |
| 17. Mary Neibling | |
| 20. Bill Webb | |
| 22. Jim Heath | |
| 24. Jason Henderson | |
| 28. Ryann Beatt, Candace Matthews | |
| 29. Jerry Cornelius | |
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Session Meeting Highlights - August 22, 2016

-The next EOP meeting will be at Dwight Mission on September 16-17. Gaylyn Wattman will be Southminster's Commissioner.

-The next EOP Central Regional Ministry Team meeting will be December 1 at Southminster in the Dining Hall. Fellowship committee will provide light refreshments and session members will host.

-A Task Force to review the church rolls was formed. Members of the Task Force are Greg Myers, Kim Keeter, Mike Hilsabeck, David Bell, Carla Gilbert and Carol Messer. They will meet to go through the church rolls and will contact inactive members by phone or by letter.

-The Mission Plan project will get underway following the September 11 pot luck luncheon. The goal is to complete the process by the 4th quarter of 2017. Session members will serve as discussion leaders to discuss the following questions on September 11:

1. Who is Jesus Christ?
 - a. What is the mission or purpose of Jesus?

- b. What examples do you see in the bible of this?
- 2. What is the church?
 - a. What is the mission or purpose of the church?
 - b. What examples do you see in the bible of this?
- 3. What would Jesus' ministry in the church look like today?
 - a. How would it be similar?
 - b. How would it be different?

-A&P committee reported that two light fixtures and a number of the ceiling tiles around the perimeter of the gym have been damaged. Further investigation is needed to determine who is responsible and the cost to repair the damage. The committee asks anyone who has any knowledge of who or what caused the damage to report it to Mike Hilsabeck, Chair of the A&P committee.

-Celebration Sunday will begin at 9 am on September 11 with balloons, doughnuts, coffee and juice. Sunday School will begin using the new curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*. Class time will be 9:30-10:15. Pastor Tim's adult class will use the new curriculum also.

-Second Sunday pot luck luncheons will be on September 11, October 9 and November 13. Each luncheon will feature a discussion time related to the Mission Plan project.

Upcoming Events



SUNDAY 10:30 AM



*Celebration
Sunday*

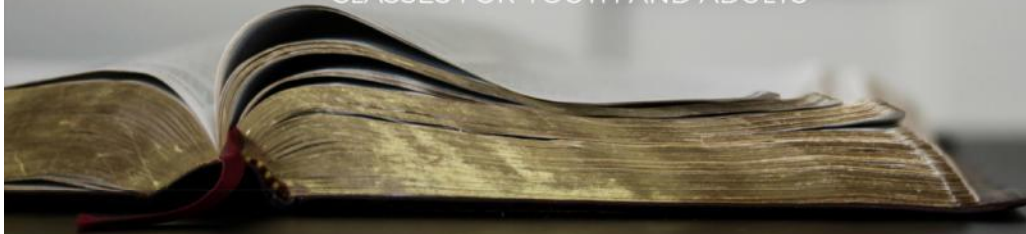
SEPTEMBER 11

Feasting On The Word

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11

9:30 AM

CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS



FEASTING ON THE WORD

9:30 AM

Sunday School Classes for
Preschool and Grade School Kids
Starting September 11



SOUTHMINSTER LEADERSHIP

ELDERS

Class of 2016
David Bell
John Calvert
Greg Myers
Gerry Hendon

DEACONS

Class of 2016
Sharon Coffman
Zach Kilburn
Catherine Stow
Carol Messer

Class of 2017
Linda Hilsabeck
Gaylyn Wattman
Taylor Kilburn
Kim Keeter

Class of 2017
Morgan Harkey
Kay Phoenix
Cindy Webb
Joan Myers-Moderator

Class of 2018
Elaine Dodd
Mike Hilsabeck
Pam Deatherage
Ruth Wilcox

Class of 2018
Jody Flippo
Ellen Johnsen
John Johnsen
David Wulf

STAFF

Minister: Reverend Tim Blodgett
Music Ministry: John Brobston, Adult Director; Allen Cox, Assistant Adult
Director Organist: Michele Cowen
Youth Ministry Assistant: Eric Hudgens
Child Care: Apryll Kannard, Heather Swanson and Beth Bozarth
Business Administrator: Marcia Miller
Maintenance Technician: Chris Zizzi



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