



# THE KIRK NEWS

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## Heritage Award 2010

One of The Nor'kirk's favorite hymns begins "Here I Am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?". This song chorus is the perfect illustration for our 2010 Heritage Award recipient.

"I will go, Lord, if you lead me." This year's recipient has served The Nor'kirk in a number of roles. His involvement spans most of The Nor'kirk's ministries. He has been called to serve the young and the old, behind the scenes and very much in front of the congregation. He has served The Nor'kirk for many years in many roles and we look forward to his continued service in the years ahead.

He often serves as our liturgist and is very much at home in the pulpit. He readily participates in drama skits and is willing to wear many hats around the church. He is willing to roll up his sleeves and pitch in on church workdays and he is just as willing to work on projects quietly behind the scenes. He is a regular volunteer as a Sunday morning counter. He has served on the Outreach and Evangelism Committee and on the Finance and Stewardship Committee. He has been known to wear a red jacket to make a point. He has been ordained as an Elder, served on the Session, and continues to serve with dedication.

"I will hold your people in my heart." This gentleman has volunteered with Camp Good Friday and our summer VBS programs. He has been an adult sponsor on multiple trips to Youthquake and SHYC. He and his wife have been youth sponsors for the church. He works with the Ministry with Children Committee and has served on the Ministry with Youth Committee. Currently, he teaches our High School Youth.

He is a long-standing member of The Nor'kirk choir. His rich bass voice is a wonderful addition to many choral presentations. His fellow choir members enjoy standing nearby to follow his lead. They enjoy his easy going nature.

"I will give my life to them." Our recipient has earned the respect and admiration of our youth in particular and the congregation as a whole. He is the husband of Anne, and the father of Jessie and Kurt—two young adults following in their parents' footsteps in their service to our church.

"Whom shall I send?" The Nor'kirk's 2010 Heritage Award recipient **Mr. Rick Thomas** is always prepared to answer: "Here I am Lord."

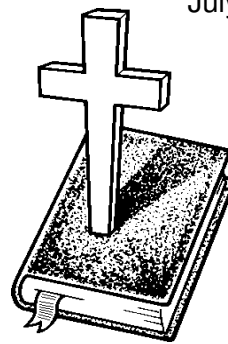
## July Lectionary

July 4 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time –  
Communion Sunday – Independence Day  
II Kings 5:1-14; Galatians 6:6-16; Psalm 30;  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 11 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time –  
Mission Trip Week  
Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82;  
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

July 18 - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
– VBS Sunday  
Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52;  
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 25 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary  
Time  
Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85;  
Colossians 2:6-11; Luke 11:1-13



## Women of Faith Conference

**When:** Fri-Sat, Aug 20-21 (3 sessions; Fri 9-5 and/or 7-9:30 pm; Sat 9-5; can be attended any combo or all 3 for the 1 price)

**Where:** American Airlines Center  
Price: \$89 (includes box lunch)

**Point of Contact:** Shari Sobek, 972.939.1248 or 817.471.8252 or 214.465.6047 (work) or email below.

The deadline has been extended but it is important I hear from you quickly if you are interested. Please provide your name, phone number and address if you want me to handle your registration.

Thanks, Shari Sobek  
214.465.6047 or sobeks@aafes.com



In past years throughout the United States, at high noon on July the fourth, bells were rung. This July the fourth will be celebrated in towns and cities throughout our land to remind us of the sacrifices, character, ideas, ideals, and faith, which have gone into the making of our national history.

The sound of bells and all the celebrations call us back to that meaningful day on July 4, 1776, when our nation was born.

Those of us in the Judeo-Christian tradition look back further to such events in Biblical history that indicated in the text when the Lord spoke through Moses and said, *"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof..."* **A Time To Remember.** July 4<sup>th</sup> is a time to remember the price of what we enjoy.

*"Freedom isn't free... You've got to pay the price, You've got to sacrifice, for your liberty."*

Days of hardship and great uncertainty accompanied the efforts of those Colonial leaders who led us to attain our freedom as a sovereign nation.

July 4<sup>th</sup> is a time to remember the principal One who provided our liberty. This year we have many opportunities to remember the meaning of the holiday. We have our two morning worship services celebrating communion; at 4:30 p.m., we will have a worship service at Josey Ranch; and at 8:00 p.m. our choir will be part of the celebration at Castle Hills. Come help us *"proclaim liberty."*

God bless. Bill

## CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

The following people have illness or other concerns which are of a continuing nature:

Joanne Bara's father, Donald Quig;  
The family of Shirley Cline;  
Katie Clinton's niece, Shaun;  
Roy Gardner;  
Victoria Hines;  
Pat Kennedy's sister-in-law, Linda Lowe;  
Bernie Manley;  
Jan Mattson's friend, Averi Moya;  
Ryan Mattson;  
Margaret McCartney;  
Tim McNutt's stepbrother, Rob Williamson;  
Jane Moellering;  
Susan Morris' daughter, Emmy;  
Susan Morris' husband, Greg;  
John O'Connell's cousin, Terry Earle and family;  
John O'Connell's mother, Nellie O'Connell;  
R. C. Peacock;  
Bill & Sylvia Simonsen's family;  
Kay Swartout;  
Tiffany Wylie's father.



If you read about our Nor'kirk Senior Class of 2010 in June's newsletter, you can understand how valuable several of them have been to us as volunteers in our Vacation Bible School Program. They've safari'd the Serengeti Trek in 2005, enjoyed a Fiesta in 2006, climbed a mountain to Avalanche Ranch in 2007, endured experimentation in Power Lab 2008, and watched out for swamp animals during Crocodile Dock 2009!

And now we are planning a week of High Seas Adventure for summer 2010 – and we need your help! It takes about 45 volunteers during the actual week of Vacation Bible School (July 19-23) and countless volunteers ahead of time to provide props and food and decorations, and to decorate. We will be joined this year by the youth and adults from our neighbors at St. Andrews Christian Church, but we will still need plenty of Nor'kirk youth and adults to make the program a success. If you can volunteer for any or all of the week's festivities, we can use you. We need crew leaders and station leaders, decorators and runners! Sign up now in the narthex if you can help, and watch the narthex for a poster listing all of the supplies that will be needed.

It will be a High Seas Expedition, and it is free to children ages four by September 1<sup>st</sup> through fifth grade. Volunteers need to be in the sixth grade or older! Come join us. Corey, Victoria, Lauren, Bryan, Kelsey, Andrea and Eric will tell you that VBS is a part of some of their favorite Nor'kirk memories!

## The Civic League Boutique

The Civic League of Carrollton has opened a women's boutique benefiting the Metrocrest Social Services. This new high-end shop is open from 11:00 – 2:00.

The boutique is located at 1103 S. Josey Lane in suite 100. It is next door to the Radio Shack that faces Beltline Road, in the same shopping center as the Metrocrest Thrift Store.

The store accepts items on Saturdays during the hours of operation—in the back of the suite. They are looking for quality clothing, handbags, shoes, jewelry, hats, scarves, and decorative items. They will only accept women's clothing and accessories.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Miller at 972-418-6391, or by email at [millerbecky@verizon.net](mailto:millerbecky@verizon.net).

## Lakeview at Josey Ranch

Lakeview at Josey Ranch, a premier retirement community for seniors, is home to two of our Nor'kirk families; Bill and Jo Vazquez and Lauren and Cindy Currie. As Carrollton's newest rental retirement community, Lakeview provides residents a thoroughly enjoyable and comfortable lifestyle with large, well-appointed apartments to call home. With its scenic waterfront views and convenient location to the new Carrollton Public Library and Senior Center, Lakeview is a senior community unlike any other.

The Nor'kirk's "42" group now meets on Thursdays at Lakeview. In addition to the regular group of players, we've been able to incorporate some of the residents to join in the fun. And truth be known, the old group has had to learn some additional skills as new variations of the old Texas "42" have been taught to us.

On the first Sunday of each month, members from The Nor'kirk join Rev. Bill Parr at Lakeview for an evening worship service. Gathering at 4:30 p.m. we gather with residents to lead in, and participate with, the residents in prayer, scripture, and song. Kendall and Mackenzie Young, the Chancel Choir, Charlotte Moellering, and Diana Farrar have recently provided music for the worship service. Cross Ties has been invited to present Patriotic Music this month.

All members of The Nor'kirk are invited to come worship with the people of Lakeview. Those who have participated will tell you how rewarding it is to visit with these, our newest, neighbors. You may have already met some of these neighbors when they have come with Bill and Jo to worship here at the Kirk.

If you play "42", or would like to help provide worship opportunities, come join in as we make Lakeview part of our outreach.

## Austin Street Centre

The Nor'kirk has supported this Local Mission on a long term basis. We provide a monthly meal and special collections of items to match the season. Please read this update on the Austin Street Centre.

This year, more people than ever are knocking at our door and asking for food and shelter. We are currently sheltering 425 people nightly, the maximum number allowed. Even at capacity, we are turning away over 250 people a month. An additional stress on our resources has been the need to remain open 24 hours a day for 37 days this winter due to unusually cold weather. This added the equivalent of one month (and increased expenses) to our already filled calendar.

Historically, Austin Street Centre has derived a majority of our funding from individual donations. However, we are experiencing a 37% decline in donations received this year. All the money and attention seems to be directed towards international disasters, while the poor among us here in Dallas at Austin Street Centre are being forgotten.

These are just a few of our most urgent needs:



- \* Cash to pay for utility bill
- \* New lawnmower to replace our old broken one
- \* New weedeater
- \* 50 cots to replace those which we can no longer repair

## Remember Your Pledges This Summer

Summer is here and we will soon have beaches, lakes, mountains and other recreation on our minds. Summer is also the time of year that The Nor'kirk experiences its most negative cash flow situation. Just as A/C bills soar, our income tends to dry up. There seems to be a trend every year where people hold back on their pledged giving timed to attendance. Remember, even if you are not in attendance as frequently this summer, electricity and personnel expenses still have to be paid. Please help us out by keeping your giving coming steadily this summer!

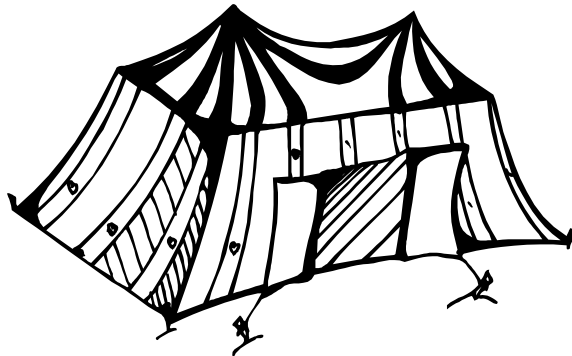
Pam McNutt- Finance Elder

## Revival & Round Up at The 'Kirk

Friday, Sept. 10th - 6-10 pm

Saturday, Sept. 11th - 4-10 pm

Sunday, September 12th - 9:30am -noon



Mark you calendars NOW for a very different type of Round Up this September. Our traditional Round Up will take the form of an old-fashioned Tent Revival on the church grounds and will not be limited to just Sunday morning, but will span the entire weekend.

Our Revival & Round Up festivities will begin on Friday night with food (burgers, dogs, and an ice cream social), fun for all ages (bounce house, pony rides, horseshoes & washers) and lots of preachin', teachin', and singin' (including a Gospel Sing Off with other area churches and their choirs). Saturday will include even more family-friendly activities; an old fashioned picnic-on-the-grounds, and many other guest musical presentations and guest preachers. Sunday's morning worship will be familiar as we hear from some old friends (Bubba, Dolly & God) through the perspective of the

### Gospel According to Bubba.

This year's Revival & Round Up is designed to reach out into our community, including friends from other local churches, as well as neighbors who have yet to find a church family of their own. Help us spread the word by inviting a friend or family member to join our weekend of Christian fellowship.

Revival & Round Up Committee

Teresa Alexander, John Bara, Judy Burton, Diana Farrar, Charlotte Moellering, Tim McNutt, Timmy McNutt, John O'Connell, Patti O'Connell, Bill Parr,  
Lane Paschal, Nancy Pratt, and Shari Sobek

***Brand new Nor'kirk T-shirts will soon be available in the Narthex,  
so watch your Sunday bulletin for sizes, prices, and purchase dates.***

## Elders / Deacons / Church Volunteers

The Finance Committee has tried very hard to stream-line and organize our bill paying system – and this includes all reimbursable expenses paid for by church members. Back in January, new Expense Vouchers were created and placed in the workroom. Additionally, the office staff has electronic copies of each ministry's "custom voucher" with their respective budget line items listed.

Please remember a few simple steps when requesting payments or reimbursements:

1. Write a detailed description of your request on the Voucher and attach corresponding receipts.
2. Indicate which budget line item the funds are to be taken from.
3. Add any multiple receipts for a total amount to pay at the bottom of the Voucher.
4. Acquire the signature of the appropriate elder or staff member for your expense or reimbursement.

The majority of the people handling our expenses and subsequent payments are volunteers; please do your part by taking the time to fill out all Expense Vouchers correctly.

Thank you - Finance Committee

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### ***Come out and root for your favorite softball team!***

Games are held at McKinnish Park.

Contact Tim McNutt at [tim.mcnutt@brightco.com](mailto:tim.mcnutt@brightco.com) or 214-215-4065 for more information.

**Week 7** Sun 7-4-10 No Games - 4th of July

**Week 8** Sun 7-11-10

5:00 PM

McInnish Softball #4 (Yellow)

Neopost vs The Kirk

6:00 PM

McInnish Softball #3 (Orange)

Playmates of the Year vs The Kirk

**Week 9** Sun 7-18-10

7:00 PM

McInnish Softball #3 (Orange)

Local Souls vs The Kirk

8:00 PM

McInnish Softball #4 (Yellow)

Motley Crush vs The Kirk

**Week 10** Sun 7-25-10

5:00 PM

McInnish Softball #4 (Yellow)

The Kirk vs Westerners

## **The General Assembly: What is it? What does it do?**

The General Assembly (GA) consists of commissioners elected by presbyteries. Half of the commissioners will be Ministers of Word and Sacrament, half will be Elders. Few will ever have been commissioners to the General Assembly before, but most will have served in one of the other governing bodies of our church: the session, which provides care and oversight of a local congregation; the presbytery, which provides care and oversight of a group of congregations; or the synod which provides care and oversight of several presbyteries.

GA reviews the work of synods, resolves controversies in the church, is responsible for matters of common concern for the whole church, and serves as a symbol of unity for the church.

The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly has released his greatest hopes for the 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to be held in Minneapolis from July 3-10, 2010.

### **1. Prayerful decision-making**

The spirit in which decisions are made at the assembly will be a prayerful and careful witness of decision-making for the entire church.

### **2. Deeper awareness of the whole PC(USA)**

Commissioners and advisory delegates will gain a deeper awareness of the length and breadth of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), realizing they are part of something much larger than themselves.

### **3. Issues facing congregations**

Commissioners and advisory delegates will discern with the whole church the issues and challenges facing congregations

### **4. Common calling to a changing church**

A clear, common calling will emerge to actively and hopefully engage with the reality of a church in change.

### **5. Attention beyond ourselves**

Attention will move beyond ourselves to a world in great need, committing ourselves to gospel work: making disciples, feeding the hungry, welcoming the outcast, encouraging the fainthearted, working for peace – all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **6. Enthusiastic sharing of the faith**

Those who are part of the assembly will be the first in a line of Presbyterians to talk about their faith with a contagious enthusiasm.

### **7. Furthering the mission of Christ**

At the end of the assembly, commissioners and advisory delegates will have a deep sense that what they did will further the mission of Christ in the world.

*The Reverend Gradye Parsons is Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*

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9:30 for Sunday School.  
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### Church Officers

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### Happy Retirement Charlotte!

Charlotte Moellering retired at the end of this school year. No, she isn't retiring from the Kirk Orchestra, but she DID retire from 30 years of Music Education and public classroom teaching. We all know Charlotte as a church member, friend, and gifted musician, but not everyone knows Ms. Mo, the teacher and director who has touched thousands of children throughout her illustrious career.

Having taught at Blalack Middle School since it opened in 1986; she is the only orchestra director the school has ever had. Prior to coming to CFBISD, she taught in both the Grapevine and the Arlington school districts as well. During her tenure at Blalack, her orchestra program, currently numbering about 200 students, has consistently won numerous awards and accolades. And not only did Charlotte teach children, but she taught teachers as well; she routinely served as adjudicator, clinician, teacher work-shop facilitator, and guest conductor for orchestras in other school districts across the state.

Congratulations Charlotte, our friend and respected musician and teacher. We have appreciated the dedication and commitment you have so graciously and unselfishly given to us, your church family, through your ministry of music for all these years.

Happy Retirement! And we are so glad to see you "going out on a high note!"

-Your Family at The Nor'kirk-