

# A Voice in the Pines



Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines newsletter

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## ***New sound system will enhance listening experience throughout the Kirk sanctuary***

**By Barbara Worthley**

We all know what happens – things that worked well 25 or 30 years ago, don't work as well now.

That's what happened with the Kirk's sound system and our 30-year-old soundboard and amplifier have been replaced by new equipment.

Solutions Home Entertainment spent a day and a half last month installing a new high-quality soundboard and amplifier.

Bill Worthley, Moderator of the Building Committee, said: "I'm sure you will notice the difference and will be pleased with the sound quality of the new system."

Robert Sonnen helped provide technical input for the system. The original contact with the company was made by Barron Gage when he was Building Committee Moderator. But, over time, the old system



A new soundboard has been installed in the Kirk sanctuary. *(Bill Worthley photo)*

had more failures, and the decision was made to go ahead and replace it.

The good news is we did not need to replace microphones, speakers, hearing aid loop system, and hearing assistance devices should work well with the new system.

***Barbara Worthley is a member of the Communication Committee.***



## **When we meet**

Sunday worship service  
begins at 10 a.m.



Saturday informal service  
5 p.m. In Hoffius Hall

Wednesday Bible Study  
9-10:30 a.m. Hoffius Hall



For more meeting times see  
[www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar](http://www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar)



## ***Feel the Spirit on June 5, the Church's birthday***

According to the church's calendar, this coming June 5 is a very important date – Pentecost. Pentecost is the Greek name for the Jewish Festival of Weeks (Shavuot), a harvest festival in ancient Israel. For the Rabbis, Shavuot is celebrated as the day God gave Israel the Torah.

For Christians, Pentecost marks the end of the great “Fifty Days” and is celebrated as “the birthday” of the Church and the giving of the Holy Spirit.

No longer physically present, Jesus is now present through the power of the Spirit, filling and empowering the church to bear witness to Christ's resurrection and the work of the Kingdom.

In the Book of Acts, it is the Spirit that leads the disciples out from hiding, into the streets of Jerusalem to bear witness to Christ's living presence. Even when the magistrates threatened them to keep silent, the Spirit empowered them to be faithful witnesses.

Over and over again, in the Bible as well as in Church history, it is the Spirit that leads the church into mission and outreach, overcoming our timidity and resistance. It is the Spirit today, who continues to push

### **The Pastor's Corner *Bill Bailey***



and prod us to be faithful when we would just as soon remain safe and comfortable.

June 5th marks the celebration of Pentecost this year. We will join Christians all over the world in worship, with prayers and hymns, in hearing scripture read and preached in celebration of the church's “birthday.”

May this Pentecost season be a time of renewal and discernment for us all as we listen for the Spirit's call in our lives.



## **Beauty in the garden**

Azaleas and Japanese Maples make a beautiful display along a path in the Memorial Garden in this 2016 photo by Jamie Federick.



# Session gets updates from various committees

## Loss of Church Members:

**Marylyn K. Rabideau** died April 13, 2022, at St. John's Hospital, in Springfield, Ill. Memorial services are pending.

A memorial service for long-time Kirk member **Jim White** was held May 10 in the Kirk sanctuary. Please see Jim's obituary on page 11.

**Don Turner** was interred on May 10, 2022, in the Memorial Garden columbarium.

A motion was passed to remove the following members from the church rolls: Susan Unger, Margorie Easley, Darlene Slater, Helen Fisher, Gay Crone, and Gary and Debbie Brod. Most have moved to another location.

## Church Statistics:

As of May 13, 2022, Kirk membership was:  
Members – 267, family units – 181.



## Cookie time

A delicious selection of cookies are part of the tradition of memorial receptions at the Kirk. Judy Rosenthal (left) and Linda Hommema, together with bakers Ellen Wilborn and Carol Clark are members of the Memorial Reception committee who keep the beautiful hand-painted cookies coming. (Lesley Case photo)

## The Clerk's Corner

**Jerral Johnson**



## Committee Reports:

Bill Worthley, Moderator of the **Building Committee**, said remodeling of the women's restroom began May 16. This was discussed at the November Session retreat and approved at that time.

Also, the sound system in the sanctuary has been upgraded with a new soundboard and amplifier. This will be appreciated by everyone, especially those with hearing difficulty. A full story is on page one.

Bill said external locks were rekeyed on May 23. Individuals whose responsibilities require them to have access to the outside entrances of the Kirk should stop by the office and check out a new key. Make sure you have your old key to turn in when you get the new key.

Gail Salmen, Moderator of the **Worship Committee**, reminded Session members there is a need for ushers and greeters for the Sunday Services. In addition to making visitors welcome, greeters hand out a pen and a card for completion by visitors. The position of usher and greeter is very important.

In some cases, they may be the only individual to say hello and tell the visitor how glad we are that they came to worship with us. Check with Gail Salmen if you would like to serve the Kirk in this position. Gail also stressed members should wear their name tags to identify themselves as Kirk members.

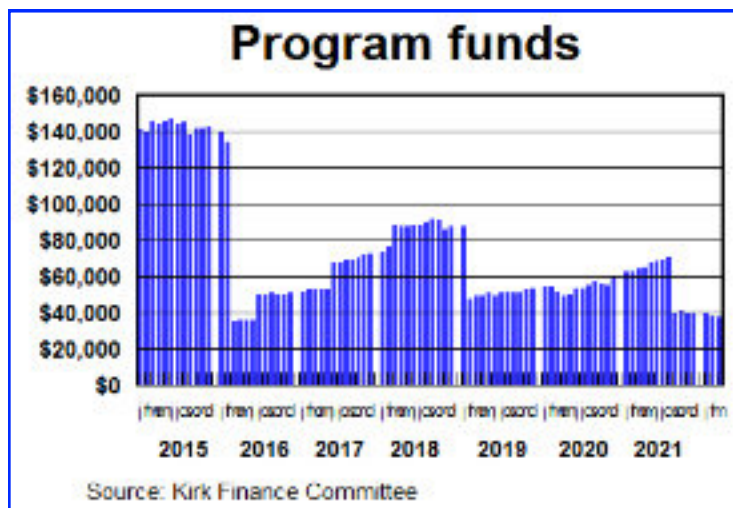
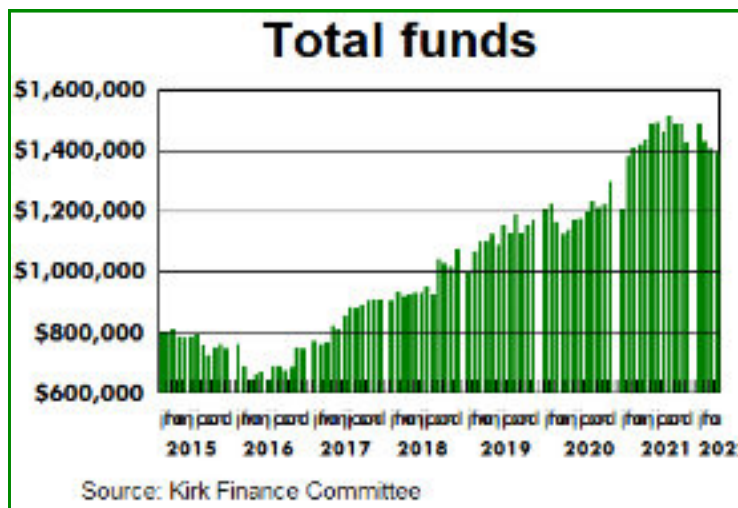
Ruth Richards, Moderator of the **Fellowship Committee**, said a speaker from the Genesis organization will speak at a potluck supper on Aug. 24. Also, mark your calendar for the annual church picnic on Sept. 21. A "Chili Cook-Off" is planned for October.

Moderator of the **Mission Committee** Judith Rosenthal says it is planning a Socks and Soup drive, perhaps in coordination with the annual picnic.

# Kirk in the Pines Financial Report

## Year to date as of April 30, 2022

	Month		Year to date	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>General Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 37,974	\$ 25,749	\$ 151,896	\$ 152,758
Disbursements	\$ 37,974	\$ 34,795	\$ 151,896	\$ 111,922
<b>Building Fund:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 4,848	\$ 2,502	\$ 19,392	\$ 16,459
Disbursements	\$ 4,848	\$ 5,390	\$ 19,392	\$ 21,920
<b>Total all funds:</b>				
Receipts	\$ 42,822	\$ 28,251	\$ 171,288	\$ 169,217
Disbursements	\$ 42,822	\$ 40,185	\$ 171,288	\$ 133,842
Checking balance				\$ 134,044
<b>Special funds:</b>				
Memorial fund				\$ 74,498
Luke 12:48 fund				\$ 295,462
Programs fund				\$ 37,671
Endowment fund				\$ 784,632
Maack-Ormsbee Fund				\$ 63,967
<b>Total special funds (as of March 31, 2022)</b>				\$ 1,256,230



## \$252 for Mission

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Dollar campaign by placing your single dollar bills in the offering plate. A total of \$252 was collected in April.

If you wish to give more than a dollar, please use the envelopes in the pew racks. We are always grateful for your generous gifts and prayers.

## Thinking of you ...

Each Saturday and Sunday the Congregational Care Committee asks Kirk members to sign a beautiful card to be mailed to a church member who has not been able to attend services due to illness or disability.

Please add your signature to these cards and join the congregation in wishing others well. Thank you.

## ***Cal Sloma returns to Kirk after a 2½-year absence***

**By Sandy and Jim Adams**

After 2½ years of covid and a couple of bad falls, Cal Sloma finally made his way back to the Kirk on May 1. He attended with his daughter, Jean Krause, who hails from Greeley, Colo. Cal enjoyed sharing communion with the congregation, talking to Pastor Bill Bailey and seeing many of his old friends.

Cal was born in Texas. His lovely wife, Nita, was born in Hawaii before it became a state. They married in 1954 and worked in Texas where Cal owned a firm which designed business systems. They were members of The First Presbyterian Church of Conroe, Texas.

For many years, Nita and Cal enjoyed fishing, shrimping and swimming together. But golf initially attracted them to the Village. They purchased a home here as an investment and ended up living in it when they moved here in 1985.

After moving to the Village, Cal and Nita chose to join the Kirk. As it turned out, their initial visit to the Kirk was the first service in the Kirk's current building.

Cal turned 95 years old on April 21.

To help celebrate, Jim and Sandy Adams had him over for a birthday dinner. This gave Cal a chance to get out of Mt. Carmel, where he currently resides.

Cal received a number of birthday cards from church members and a birthday song from Clark and Jean Mowry.

Cal's wife, Nita, passed away in May 2018, just two weeks before her 103rd birthday.



Cal Sloma wearing one of his unique hats at a party celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. (Jim Adams photo)

*Sandy and Jim Adams are long-time members of the Kirk.*

## ***Nell White has been fed and loved by the Kirk***

Dear Kirk members:

I want to thank you for all of your love and support during a difficult time. Your gifts of food, care and concern were felt and it made a hard situation a bit better.

I also want to thank my Shepherd group for providing breakfast items for out-of-town family and friends, the morning of Jim's memorial service.

I have loved the Kirk since my first visit, a long time ago. It's been a place where I have grown in my spiritual journey, and also a place where I have been "fed," nourished, and loved.

Thank you for being the congregation that you are! I am truly grateful to be a part of the Kirk.

*Nell White*



### ***The Mail Corner***

## ***Kirk support means a lot to Jackson House***

Dear Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines:

We gratefully acknowledge your gift! Your generous donation will help many in our community. We appreciate your continued support which is vital to our community outreach program.

*Jackson House Board of Directors*



# Barbara Fuquay honored as PW Woman of Faith

By Vicki Rosenquist

Barbara Fuquay was recognized as the 2022 Woman of Faith at the final PW event of the year. The Kirk's PW calendar goes from September to May. Barbara was recognized at the conclusion of a delicious luncheon for 40 people in Hoffius Hall.

The Rev. Carol Clark from Little Rock was going to be our guest speaker, but she had to cancel literally at the last hour after testing positive for covid. Our very own pastor, the Rev. Bill Bailey, stepped in and talked about "How to Share Our Faith" from his Wednesday Bible Study Series.

After Rev. Bailey's message, everyone moved to Hoffius Hall to enjoy a salad buffet provided by all our Circle members and in honor of the Greenhorns, who provide two lunches a year for our gatherings.

Circle 2, led by Rosalyn Halbert, set up beautiful tables, helped serve drinks and made sure everything was cleaned up afterwards. Well done, Circle 2 and PW salad makers!

During the dessert course, PW honored Barbara Fuquay as this year's Woman of Faith.

Barbara is a long-time member of the Kirk and has been leader of Circle 4 for more than five years. She also is part of the Kirk Konnection group which provides the beautiful "Thinking of You" cards we sign on Sunday mornings.

Barbara shared her interesting journey of faith with us, explaining, "People come to faith in many ways, but most fall into two categories – evolutionary and revolutionary.

"Revolutionary" describes Paul's experience on the Damascus Road. "Evolutionary" explains Timothy's journey."

Barbara said at the center of Timothy's story were his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice, who were both believers.

"Timothy grew up in a home hearing about God and learning about his word," Barbara continued.

"My faith journey is more like Timothy's. I grew up in a home where my grandmother and parents were different denominations but believed in the one true God."

She went on to explain her "very ecumenical background" ultimately leading her and Walter, her husband, to the Kirk. Barbara remains ecumenical as she works as the church secretary at Barcelona Road Baptist Church.



Barbara Fuquay was honored as PW's Woman of Faith for 2022. (Bob Morrow photo)

At the end of the gathering we announced our new slate of PW officers for 2022-23. Ruth Hamilton will lead our group as Moderator. Susan Morrow accepted the position of Vice Moderator. Mary Ann Reynolds and Norma Stevens will continue to serve as Secretary and Treasurer for another year.

Thanks to these ladies for giving of their time and talents to ensure another successful PW year.

It has been an honor to serve as your PW Moderator for the last year and a half, and I want to thank everyone who supported me and who have been a part of helping me grow in my faith journey. God bless you.

**Vicki Rosenquist is PW Moderator.**



**Take us out  
to the old  
ball game!**



Sharon and Lowell Gardner are all smiles at the Traveler's game despite the team losing to the Northwest Arkansas Naturals.

The "Traditional" Shepherd Group (Group 6) gathered May 22 to attend an Arkansas Traveler's game in North Little Rock. From left (front row) are Rick and Jamie Federick, Patty Barnes, Jane Moore, Paul and Joyce Hayek, Ken and Kelle Wolf, Vicki and David Rosenquist, and (second row) Dennis and Emily Faulk, Ron Lovett, Ruth Richards, Donna and Richard Peebles, Ro and Dick Easter, Barbara and Bill Wortley, and Tony and Barbara Booth. (*Jamie Federick photos*)

## Life's signposts to be discussed at summer sessions

We all know relationships matter and love is important, but so often relationships fail, and love lets us down.

Consider freedom. We seek freedom to think and do as we like, but pursuit of our freedom can trample on someone else's freedom.

There seem to be certain aspects of human life that, like these, are of ultimate importance, across cultures, and generations.

These ought to help us make sense of life, and make sense of the world. They are valued by humanity at large and by each of us.

But as universally as they are valued, they often let us down. They seem to be "broken."

N.T. Wright, noted Bible scholar, cleric and author calls these

"broken signposts." Wright says they should be pointing the way for humanity but often seem to steer us in the wrong direction.

In his book, *Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World*, he identifies seven of these signposts – justice, love, spirituality, beauty, freedom, truth, and power.

By studying the Gospel of John, Wright argues Christianity has a unique insight on the meaning of the signposts, their brokenness, and their ultimate repair and fulfillment by Christ's death and resurrection.

Join us for our summer book study of this thought-provoking and challenging book.

The study will be led by Kirk Elders Bob Morrow and Arnie

Holtberg, both professional educators, and by Marion Humphrey, a Presbyterian minister and former Arkansas circuit court judge.

Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee, the study sessions will be at 10:30 a.m. on four Wednesdays, July 6-27, in Hoffius Hall. Drinks and refreshments will be served.

Copies of the book are available for purchase by contacting Susan Morrow at [susu2morrow@gmail.com](mailto:susu2morrow@gmail.com) or calling 501 231-5541.

Also, please let us know if you are planning to attend since study guides will be sent to you in advance by email.

***Contributed by the Christian Education Committee.***



## Choir wraps up its year, says goodbye to Helen



Rick Federick reads a tribute to Helen Van Stone, a long-time choir member who is moving to Illinois to be close to her family. We will certainly miss Helen. (Jamie Federick photo)

The Kirk choir's year ends with the leaving of valued alto Helen Van Stone. Helen has sung with the choir for 10 years and has also been our librarian.

The librarian's duties require a good deal of work, sorting, putting out and filing away all the music used each week.

Helen is moving to Illinois to be near family. We had a going-away time for her at her last rehearsal and presented her with gifts, including a framed photo of the choir.

This year, some challenging music was presented. Randy Toney patiently helped us learn to sing it well. The Kirk has one of only a few four-part choirs in the area. Choir members love to sing, love the professional staff and each other. The enlarging group is bonded, and each new member is welcomed warmly.

A potluck "choir bash" will be at Bill and Janette Wiard's home on Lake Balboa at season's end.

Though the entire choir won't be singing this summer, several groups will provide music on Sunday mornings. The rest of the choir will be sitting in the pews and singing along with the congregation.

The choir always welcomes new members. We rehearse 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, September through May.



### Choir Notes

***Dotty Rector***

## New email address coming July 1 for Kirk office

Starting July 1, the Kirk office will be



using a new email address. You will receive emails labelled "Kirk in the Pines Office" in your inbox.

The actual address will be [kirkoffice1@gmail.com](mailto:kirkoffice1@gmail.com). Chris Taylor-Wilmoth, Kirk secretary, manages the Kirk office email address. For questions, call Chris at 501 922-1333.

Kirk business administrator Beverly Schaumburg will continue to use the address [kirkfin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kirkfin@sbcglobal.net) and Pastor

Bill Bailey's email address will remain unchanged ([kirkpastor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kirkpastor@sbcglobal.net)).

You also will receive emails from Kirk Voice ([kirkinthepinesvoice@gmail.com](mailto:kirkinthepinesvoice@gmail.com)) which is the address used by the Communications Committee.



## Potter's Clay's mission is explained at Lunch and Learn session

By John Davis

For more than 30 years Potter's Clay Ministries has operated as a haven for women and children in crises.

This Christian-based organization was first opened in 1984 by Bob and Elaine Berry. After struggling for a year, Mike Brakebill's mother and father stepped in to help Potter's Clay turn into the successful operation it is today.

Mike is the current Potter's Clay director. His wife Diana joined to assist in 1992 and his son, Chris, and daughter-in-law, Patience, serve as assistant directors.

From the beginning Potter's Clay has served women (some with children) who suffer from addiction, are homeless, or who have experienced abusive lifestyles.

Resident clients are provided food, clothing, and counseling. Residents also participate in classes such as Encountering Jesus, Christian Growth, and Anger Management.

Clients also have the opportunity to attend "A Getting Ahead" class at Garage Church – so named for its origin in a garage. Participants in this class learn how to become financially responsible.

Clients also attend church services twice a week.

There are 20 residents living in Potter's Clay quarters. Space is available to comfortably accommodate 35 to 40 residents.

About 60 percent of the funding



Mike Brakebill, executive director of Potter's Clay Ministries, speaking May 19 at the Kirk's Lunch and Learn meeting. Mike delivered a moving presentation on how the ministry shares the love of Christ with women and children in crisis. *(Jamie Federick photo)*

for Potter's Clay comes from sales generated through the organization's new Thrift Store, which was purchased in 2018. Other funding comes from churches, other organizations, and individual contributions. Potter's Clay does not receive any funds from state or federal government agencies.

Approximately 35 Kirk members attended a very informative Lunch and Learn event on May 19 and enjoyed a presentation by Mike Brakebill about the Potter's Clay operation. He also cited several successful client accomplishments.

The presentation was followed by a brief question-and-answer session and a bagged lunch. Those attending were asked to donate \$6 for the lunch and asked to bring a canned good for Potter's Clay. 125 food items were collected. More

food pantry items will be donated in late May.

Mike pointed out that while all food donations are appreciated, a request was made to temporarily limit donations of corn and green beans. Most needed at this time are canned soups and meats.

Thanks, and blessings to all who made this event a success. Potter's Clay is a true example of God's work. We at the Kirk are blessed for the opportunity to support this faith-based endeavor.

***Contributed by John Davis, a member of the Missions Committee. This event was co-sponsored by the Missions Committee and Christian Education Committee. A video of the Potter's Clay event is posted to the Kirk in the Pines Facebook page.***



# Happy dates



## Birthdays

June 3	Nadean Cannon	June 13	Anne Bailey	June 20	Linda Wessel
	Ted Hommemma	June 14	Jan Holtberg	June 24	Chuck New
June 5	Diana Milligan	June 18	Nancy Otto	June 28	Bill Wiard
June 12	Ellie Elsenheimer	June 20	Sherry Bingham	June 30	Barbara Booth

## Anniversaries

June 2	Nancy and Lu Otto	61 years	June 17	Janette and Bill Wiard	22 years
June 5	Ro and Dick Easter	67 years	June 19	Charlotte and Dick Massey	40 years
June 6	Ruth and David Hamilton	58 years	June 20	Martha and Wayne Copeland	35 years
June 8	Jean and Heinrich Eiler	71 years	June 22	Norma and Steve Stevens	37 years
June 10	Merilyn and Mike Seitz	60 years	June 24	Wendy and Barron Gage	39 years
June 14	Barb and Daryl Henry	50 years	June 27	Marjorie and Gene Carlisle	69 years
June 17	Beverly and Fred Raskin	45 years	June 28	Patricia and Kenneth Poole	64 years

## Hope and dreams can be found in the Bible

By Lowell Gardner

Christopher Columbus, who in 1492 sailed west in pursuit of the east only to collide with an ever-expansive west, was quoted as saying:

"The sea will grant each man new hope and sleep brings dreams of home."

He may not have fully understood where he was but saw the vast ocean opening unlimited hope to fulfilled dreams.

On Aug. 28, 1963, Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King delivered from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial what came to be known as his "I Have a Dream" speech. Midway through his remarks, Dr. King initiated a mantra of personal desires, stressing one.

"I have a dream that one day my four little children will live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

"I have a dream!"

Merriam-Webster defines hope as "to cherish a desire with anticipation." Dream is a synonym while cherish is "to keep or cultivate with care."

Emily Dickinson, the 19th-century American poet, shapes quiet, secure assurance.

*"Hope" is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul*

*And sings the tune without the words  
And never stops - at all*

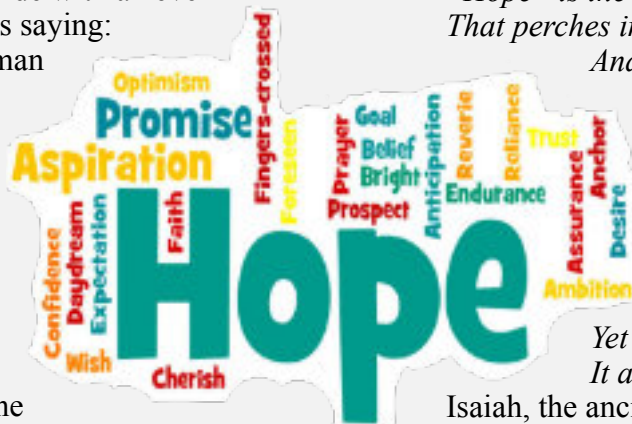
*And sweetest in the Gale is heard  
And sore must be the storm  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm.  
I've heard it in the chillest land  
And on the strangest Sea.*

*Yet never in Extremity  
It asked a crumb of me.*

Isaiah, the ancient Old Testament prophet, came to understand "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." (40:31)

Should one be an explorer, activist, poet or prophet, hope is discovered "in (the Lord's) word" (*Psalms 119:114*) and is realized as a "living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (*1 Peter 1:3*). Study, care, cultivate – Hope.

**Lowell Gardner is former Moderator of the Communication Committee.**





# Oilman Jim White was active in the Kirk

James Franklin White died March 15, 2022, at the age of 88.

Jim was born on June 26, 1933, in Guthrie Okla. He was the only child of Charles Franklin White and Florence Ione Brickner. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Kevin Lewis White.

During World War II, Jim attended the Ponca Military Academy, fifth through the ninth grade. He graduated from Guthrie High School and attended the University of Oklahoma.

He volunteered for the draft during the Korean Conflict and served in a MASH Unit in Korea. After returning from Korea, he graduated in 1957 from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in business.

His first jobs were with Continental Oil Company, and Tennessee Gas Transmission Company. In 1968, while living in Shreveport, La., he formed his own independent oil exploration company.

Jim was active in the Shreveport community, serving on the Board of Directors of the YMCA and the Petroleum Club of Shreveport. He also served as

President of the ArkLaTex Association of Petroleum Landmen, and was active in the Shreveport Geological Association, the American Association of Petroleum Landmen, and the American Petroleum Institute.

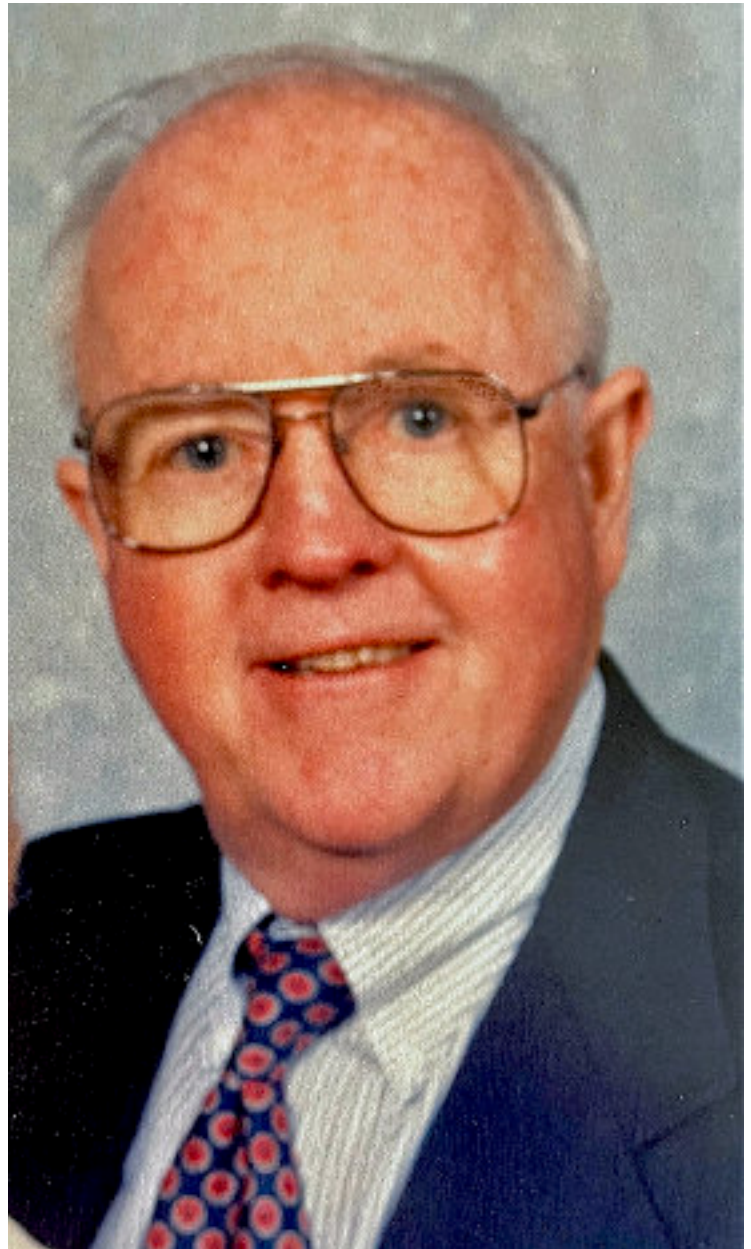
He was a member of the First Families of the Twin Territories, with both sets of his grandparents making the "run" into the Oklahoma Territory in 1889.

Jim remained in the oil business until 1995

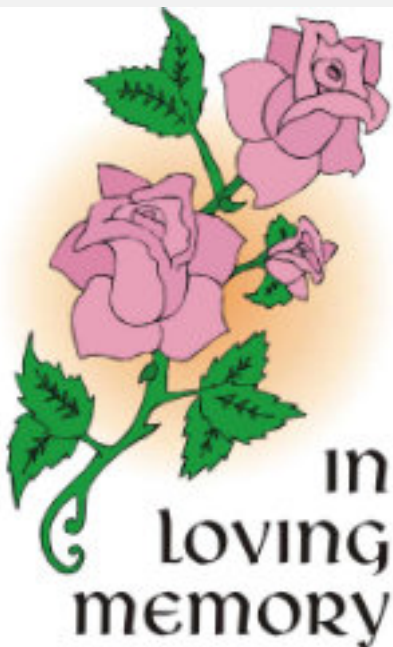
when he retired and he and Nell moved to Hot Springs Village.

Jim and Nell White were active at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines where Jim enjoyed serving on several committees.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Nell, and sons, Kent Franklin White, James Brett White, and David Wade White, and three grandchildren – Thomas James White, Gail Robinson White, and Jamie Blair White.



Jim White.



# God's Promise

He was dirty, down, and out. "Can you help me," he would shout.

"A few coins please," he would say. This poor man had lost his way.

And so his days went slowly by. He prayed aloud, "Just let me die."

Nothing made his hurt feel less. "I'm a sinner, I truly confess."

One night, a cold, cruel wind blew. A storefront sign read: "Shepherd's Stew."

Needing warmth and craving sleep, the man read on: "We feed Christ's sheep."

A gentle voice, he dimly heard ... had he received the final word?

Or had his death wish finally come ... "I will care for you, my son."

Awakened now, his eyes opened wide. The tears on his face he could not hide.

He saw a young man, he surely knew. "Dad, we've all been searching for you."

God never stops looking for His lost sheep. He cares for us when we're in too deep. God reclaims hearts and will never leave.

This is God's promise, we must believe.

– *Written by Judy Corwin, March 12, 2017*



## Kirk staff

**William B. Bailey** – Senior Pastor

**Randy Toney** – Director of Music

**Donna Toney** – Organist/Pianist

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