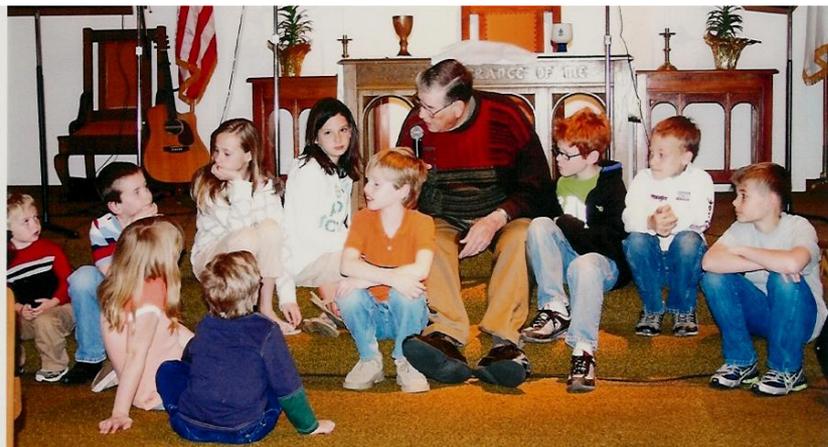


"Tulip Time" in Belle Plaine



Pastor Bob Wyman during "Children's Time"

One hundred and twenty-five members of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Belle Plaine gathered for a community worship service during "Tulip Time" on Sunday April 19, 2009. The tulips were blooming beautifully, so worship was scheduled to be held at the Belle Plaine Arboretum. Unfortunately, the Arboretum was flooded due to heavy rains so those worshipping moved inside to the Presbyterian Church. All three pastors took part in various parts of the worship service and all three served communion.

What's Happening?

June 9th Presbytery Meeting **First Presbyterian Church**
900 N. Columbus
Newton, KS

Not For Sale....



Used Chrysler mini-van. Will be donated if it is used in service of mission outreach. Contact Don Owens at the Presbytery Office 316-946-9481

On The Wind

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Thoughts From Our General Presbyter



Clockwise from left: Pam Evans, Ken Coryell, Don Owens, Skip Johnson, Ernie Hull, Nora Coryell and Jim Pitts.

Last year when John Robison, from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, spoke at the Presbytery meeting in Sterling several people indicated they would like to be involved in a local response team. Those pictured above recently participated, with others from the Synod, in a training event in Kansas City. Since that time, this group has met twice to begin work on procedures for responding to a disaster within the Presbytery. They will be reporting to Council this month and at the Presbytery meeting in June. At that meeting we will also recognize Skip Johnson for being chosen to become a part of the national response team for PDA.

Don Owens

Moderator's Minute

Pastor Angela Madden

On April 30th, the Presbytery and Pratt Presbyterian Church hosted General Assembly Moderator, Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow. The evening dinner and dialogue allowed conversation with the Moderator and 5 of the Presbytery's churches. Pastor Bruce shared updates on worship and congregational life at the congregation where he serves in the San Francisco Bay Area. In addition to stressing for us the importance of meeting people where they are on their life's journey--he stretched us to consider the importance of authentic worship and honest communication. In particular, we talked about the importance of technology for spiritual care and outreach. A thought-provoking question from Bruce "Does your church web-site reflect the *truth* of who you are? Or, does it send out a perfect image of who you want people to *think* you are?"

Questions from the crowd covered these topics: interfaith dialogue, a lack of PCUSA intentional evangelism to address the growing number of Muslims in the U.S., and what to do to attract new members.



A special thank-you to the volunteers at Pratt who lovingly prepared and donated a typical Kansas meal of brisket, homemade rolls, cole-slaw, potato salad, baked beans, and chocolate trifle.

Lunch with GA Moderator Bruce Reyes-Chow

(front row from left) Seth
Svaty, Bruce Reyes-Chow

(back row from left)
Jeremiah Lange, Dick
Reynolds Tim Soule, Paul
Wissink, and Don Owens



Quilt Presentation

Kathryn Ford (L) and Doris Siemens, of Parks Presbyterian Church presented a quilt made by the Parks Church women for the 20th Anniversary of the Wichita County Community Thrift Store.

The Thrift Store is served by members of the local churches. Dollars from the store have been donated to local EMT's, an animal shelter, school and county health nurses and to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Banks. Members of the Parks Presbyterian Church work in the shop and also donate denim quilt squares in quantities large enough to complete a quilt.



Resource Center

New Items Available

Jesus and His Vision of Mission

Eight half-hour DVD lectures

Jesus Interprets His Own Cross

Thirteen half-hour DVD lectures

Both by Kenneth E. Bailey

The Trinity: God's Love Overflowing - PC (USA)

An introduction to the Doctrine of the Trinity that can be used in Worship Services, Adult Sunday School Classes, Seeker & New Member Classes, and confirmation classes.

John Calvin – His Life and Legacy – DVD

Additional copies now available