

Ray named to SC Board of Trustees

Ben Ray, 1982 Sterling College graduate, has been elected to join the college's Board of Trustees. Ray is the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Derby.

"Ben will be a great asset to the Board of Trustees as they advance the mission of Sterling College. Not only has his family been a part of the college since the 1950s, Ben has remained involved since his own graduation. Whether he is serving on a volunteer committee or cheering on his children's teams at athletic events, Ben is an advo-

cate for Sterling and would love to see the college continue to grow," said Scott Rich, president.

In addition to his role at First Presbyterian Church, Ray has also served as the chaplain to the Derby Police Department for the past nine years.

Ray has also been involved in the development of the city of Derby. He was on the Process for Success committee, studying the community and its needs for new schools. He was co-chair for the \$66 million city bond issue to make up-

grades to the grade schools, the junior high school, and build a new junior high school.

Ray and his wife, Tiffany, a 1989 graduate of SC, have three children, Hayley, a 2016 SC graduate, Josiah and Isaac. Josiah will begin his senior year at Sterling College this fall; Isaac will be in eighth grade.

Ray also comes from a large family of alumni. His father, Rev. Don Ray, graduated in the class of 1962. Ben Ray's brother, sisters and several nieces and nephews have attended SC.

On The Wind

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Thirty-five youth and adult delegates from the Presbytery of Southern Kansas traveled all through Monday night and well into Tuesday all the way to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, for the **2016 Presbyterian Youth Triennium**, July 19-23rd. Nearly 5,000 youth and adults converged for an entire week of worship, learning, eating, and fun! Oh, and walking...lots and lots and lots of walking all over campus! To be in the presence of the vision and the vitality of the young people of the PC(USA) at Triennium is humbling, it is invigorating, and it is a much needed shot of hope for the right now and for the future of the Church. May the Presbytery of Southern Kansas continue in their commitment to ensuring that our youth and adult leaders experience this event every three years.

Joe Wiseman, Triennium Coordinator



Brotherhood Presbyterian Church held a special service Sunday afternoon, July 31, to celebrate Pastor Eric William's ten years of service to their church. It was a time of praising the Lord and recognizing Pastor Williams for service not only to

Brotherhood Church but to the community. Kansas Senator Oletha Faust Goudeau (pictured right) and Wichita City Council Member, Lavonta Williams brought greetings.

Music was provided by Brotherhood's Chancel Choir and choirs from Life Transformational Church and Strangers Rest Church.



The message was proclaimed by Pastor Earl L. Burkhalter, Senior Pastor of Strangers Rest Missionary Baptist Church.

Pictured left to right, Pastor Earl L. Burkhalter and Pastor Eric Williams.

Thanks to Ken & Nora Coryell



LITANY OF FAREWELL AND BLESSING

In honor of Rev. Joyce and Rev. Danny Daniel

(As they relocate from the Kansas to Arkansas)

Sunday, July 24, 2016 First Presbyterian Church, Winfield

Written & Presented by Rev. Angela Madden

“Rev. Joyce and Rev. Danny, you have been faithful active servants of our Savior Jesus Christ through this Presbytery of Southern Kansas for many years. During this time you have ministered capably in various called capacities. Now your ministry with us is ending and you are transitioning to new forms of ministry in Arkansas. We, the connected body of Christ in this Presbytery of 60 churches, bring to this moment many feelings: excitement and sadness, joy and anticipation, loss and satisfaction, as you leave us and enter a new time of adventure and expectation in your life as a Christians.



Today, Rev. Joyce and Rev. Danny, begin a new chapter in their life. And we as a Presbytery, and me as a Pastor, colleague, begin a new chapter as well. We grieve when folks are called away. Rev. Joyce was vital in my call to ministry. She preached my installation at Pratt Presbyterian 10 years ago. She taught me that the ‘weekly discipline of preaching’ is just

that: a discipline of a pastor’s entire life. And, I remember her saying, ‘the radio will cut you off.’ Both Pastor Joyce and Pastor Danny have preached in this church on a number of occasions and taken ‘on-call’ for me while I observed rest.

During your time with us, we have laughed together, cried together, worshiped together, prayed together. Rev. Joyce and Rev. Danny, you were faces that I have looked for in this faith family –as you have worshipped here routinely for 2+ years. Your hugs after worship, your love and genuine friendship of my family, Jack and Major, have meant the world. You accept us as we are and see us as a family team. We have hoped together, dreamed together, worked together, shared food and fellowship, offered care together.”

Reflections: Mary Ann Chitwood, Trinity Presbyterian Church; Elder Diane Massey, CRE, Coffeyville Presbyterian; Rev. Cheryl Harader, former Head of Staff at First Baptist, Winfield.



Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh my! No, not *Wizard of Oz* but Vacation Bible School at **First Presbyterian, Coffeyville**. “Wild About God” was the theme as everyone had fun learning about the wild animals in scripture...from the lions in the Book of Daniel to the mention of baboons and apes (think monkeys!) in I Kings, 15-17. Children heard stories, did crafts, sang songs, and enjoyed snacks Monday through Thursday (June 27th - June 30th) On Friday (July 1st) everyone donned their pith helmets and headed to Caney to the Safari Zoo. VBS was a “wild” and wonderful week!



Thanks to Rexanne Benning for the info

How do you thank those first responders that serve your community? **First Presbyterian, Derby**, found a way to say “THANKS” during their VBS program in July. Thirty-five children attending VBS made oversized “Thank you for being a lifesaver” cards & presented them to a group of eleven Derby police officers, firefighters and a paramedic that attended a “thank you” event on July 12th at the church. Michael Gutzmer, Director of Christian Education was pleased to see how many emergency personnel attended the event & the enthusiasm of the VBS children. The police officers attending told Michael that “if a kids sees an officer as being friendly at that age, it makes a world of difference as they get older in life.”

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