



A Voice in the Pines



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Kirk Pastor and author Randy Hyde to offer course

DAVID. Many people share the name, but when it is used singularly even those unfamiliar with the Old Testament know of whom it speaks. Shepherd boy, warrior, giant-slayer, king, adulterer. A man after God's own heart. That's the mystery of David's story. How could such an enigmatic man, who is almost bigger than life, be so close to the heart of his God?

Randy Hyde, Transitional Pastor of the Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, will share insight into David's life by breaking it down into four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. The scriptures for each season are:

Spring- 1 Samuel 16-20

Summer- 1 Samuel 21- 2 Samuel 1

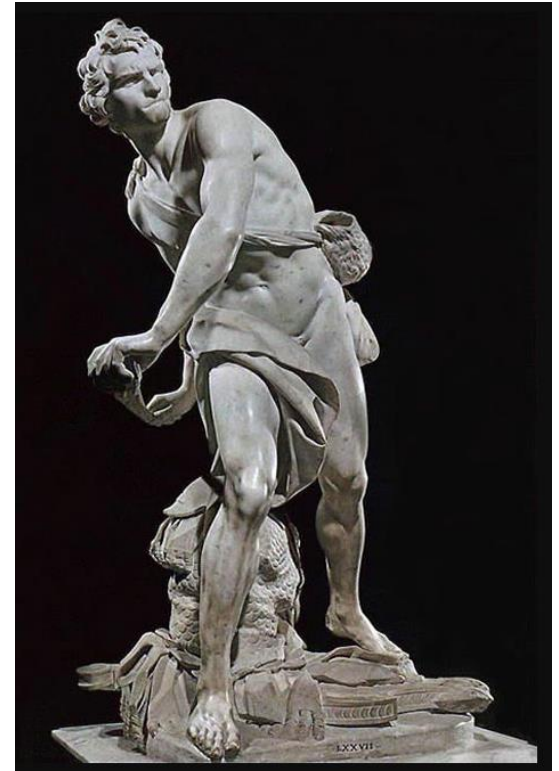
Fall- 2 Samuel 2-8

Winter- 2 Samuel 11-13, 23-24

From the foreword to his book, *After God's Own Heart: The Life and Faith of David...* Hyde "realizes that the story of David, even though it was set in a time when people fought with swords and spears instead of guns and Humvees, is as fresh now as it was when it was first told – and that it will continue to be relevant and to influence people's lives long after the events in today's newspaper have been forgotten." (John Killinger)

This unique class will occur on Wednesdays, October 23 through November 13, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in Bailey Hall. Pastor Hyde will be sending out thought questions before each session to those who sign up for the study. Refreshments will also be served.

*Sponsored by the Kirk Christian Education Committee,
Martha Nielsen, Moderator*



"David", Lorenzo Bernini, 1624

David, standing over Saul's discarded armor and armed only with his sling shot, prepares to kill Goliath.

"And then he proceeds to do exactly what he told the giant he was going to do. He knocks him down to the ground with a stone from his sling shot, dispatches him with his own sword, and cuts off his head. Bang, that's it. We've been waiting for this for forty-seven verses, and suddenly it's over." From "After God's Own Heart: The Life and Faith of David" by Randy L. Hyde

When We Meet

Sunday worship service
Begins at 10 a.m.

Saturday informal worship
Begins at 5 p.m.
in Bailey Hall

For more meeting times see
www.kirkinthepines.org/calendar





Vera Lloyd Turkey Trot "T Shirt" quilt,
Susan Morrow *Bob Morrow photo*



The Good Shepherd, Sheila Stanley
Bob Morrow photo

Kirk quilters make great showing at HSV Quilt Show

Kirk Quilters shared their joy in creating beautiful, colorful and creative works of fabric art at the recent Quilt Show in Benton, AR. Participants included Anne Bailey, Wendy Gage, Susan Morrow and Sheila Stanley. Donna Toney also served with Susan Morrow on the quilt show organizing committee.

These photos show that some quilts are made for utility and some for decoration, but each one contains a little of the spirit of its maker. *Contributed by Susan Morrow, Communications Committee Member*



Sea Stars, Anne Bailey
Bob Morrow photo



Prairie Points, Wendy Gage
Bob Morrow photo



Paper & Plums,
Susan Morrow

Bob Morrow photo

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Golden Star, Wendy Gage
Barron Gage photo



Love Stars, Anne Bailey
Bob Morrow photo

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We are thrilled to welcome the choir back to worship after its summer break. The first rehearsal is always a fun time to catch up with our dear choir friends. Now, the work begins!

In the Hymn Study earlier this year, we noted this statement from Appendix I of the Glory to God hymnal: "Collections of hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs give voice to ...[our] core beliefs and ...convictions. Their texts are 'compact theology'." This phrase really connected with me.

The music of worship lifts us emotionally, rekindles poignant memories, and helps convey the message of the text. We must remind ourselves that the text is the "compact theology." Without the text, hymns and anthems are just lovely tunes. So, where do these meaningful words come from?

In early September, the choir sang "The First Song of Isaiah" by Jack White, a popular song in the 1970's. White wrote the music and the text. The strong statement of our enduring trust in God coupled with

an easy to sing melody made it a good choice for our response after the Passing of the peace.

Tom Fettke, a popular composer, once asked a choir member to write lyrics for a future anthem based on Psalm 8. Linda Lee Johnson collaborated with Fettke on this and many other popular anthems, but this was her first! "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" remains one of the all-time favorite anthems of church choirs.

In October, you will hear the choir sing *Come, Share the Lord* on World Communion Sunday, October 6, welcoming all to the table as a family. The composer and lyricist is Bryan Leech. He beautifully captures the essence of the Lord's Supper: Sharing the Lord's Supper is a response to the "burning in our hearts" for the love of Christ who "makes us one."

I am thankful for the poets and lyricists who give us this "compact theology" week after week.

We welcome any potential choir members to come check us out. We rehearse every Wednesday at 3:00 in the choir room, and we love to have visitors.

Contributed by Randy Toney, Music Director

Over 90 attended September 11th potluck and presentation

Kirk members and friends turned out in droves for the September 11th potluck celebration and presentation. The Fellowship Committee set the stage with patriotic table decorations in recognition of the significance of the day.

After opening with a welcoming ceremony for the Janet and Pastor Randy Hyde, the program moved quickly to a warm-up get acquainted exercise courtesy of Susan Morrow. After the participants got their fill of the ample dinner and dessert offerings, the program proceeded to a hymn, *Be Thou My Vision*, and presentation of the Ministry Architects (MA) report of their three-day visioning exercise.

Susan and Bob Morrow presented a PowerPoint slide show summarizing the major findings of MA. The presentation revolved around MA's indicators, norms, the Kirk's assets and

challenges, and their initial recommendations. The presentation was followed by Q&A.

Thanks should go to the Session of the Kirk for supporting engagement of MA, Pastor Hyde for opening the program, Ruth Hamilton for serving as Master of Ceremonies, Bob and Susan Morrow for their presentation, the Fellowship Committee, and of course all the cooks and participants that made the event a success.

Contributed by Bob Morrow, Communications Moderator, Jamie Federick photos



Master of Ceremonies, Ruth Hamilton, Clerk of the Session



Happy diners (left) Robin Terry and Jean Mowry, (right) Dick and Ro Easter, Kelle Wolf, Nell White, Mike Seitz, James Knox, and Merilyn Seitz.



Janet and Randy Hyde with their new Kirk logo shirts.



An amazing dessert spread is put into perspective by a reminder of 9/11/2001



Mel Kuntz, Sharon Gardner, and Patty Barnes (foreground) are all smiles.

Don't miss this! Annual Kirk Chili Cook-Off!



5:30 p.m. at Bailey Hall on October 16, 2024

*Sign up early to bring Chili to be judged
The first 10 to sign up to bring Chili will be the contestants*

All other attendees are asked to bring cornbread
or dessert. Sign up will begin September 28 and 29
and end on October 13

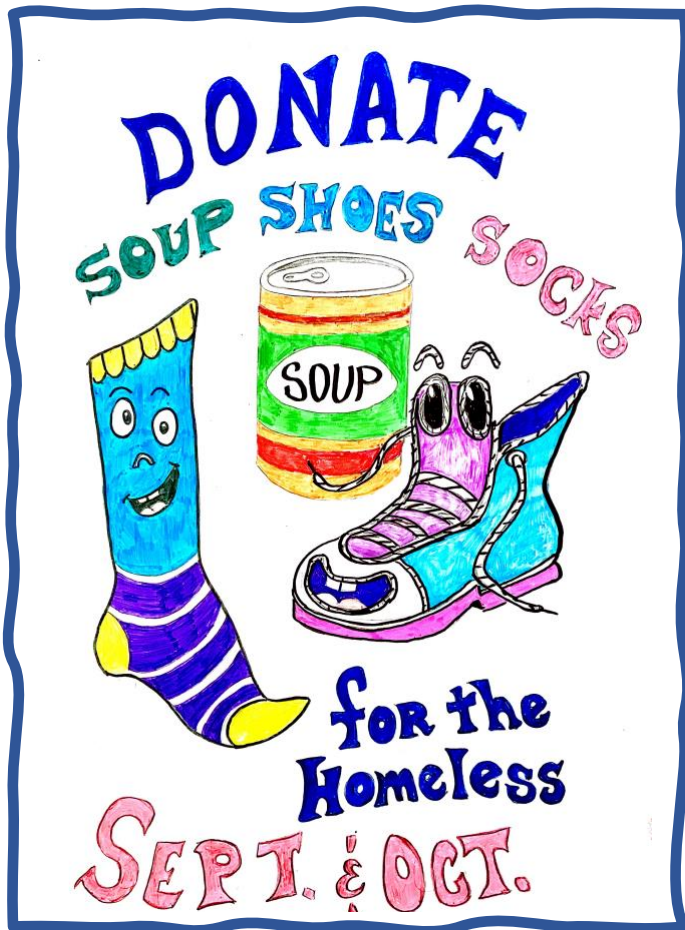
Call Pat Kuntz: 501-204-4385 for questions



Memorial Garden camellia.
Bob Morrow photo

Eve Webb says Thank You!

*Dear Kirk friends,
I am so grateful for the cards,
prayers, and support from you all
during my recent illness. The com-
passion you shared helped Don and
I through a very difficult time!
Sincerely,
Eve Webb*



Original poster by Beverly Carpenter

S,S,&S Campaign for the homeless returns to Kirk

The Missions Committee of the Kirk is again collecting Shoes, Socks and Soups for Jackson House and the homeless. Tammy, at Jackson House is so pleased we are again collecting S,S &S she will even come pick them up.

Bring your gently worn Shoes and Socks and pull tab Soups to Bailey Hall where you will find gray boxes along the window wall. Each has a sign indicating where to put your Shoes, Socks and Soups. The S,S,&S collection boxes will be in Bailey Hall all of September and October.

For inspiration check out the hilarious shoes, socks and soups as depicted by Kirk artist Bev Carpenter in a sign displayed in Bailey Hall (left).

Your closet will look better, you will feel great, the Missions Committee will thank you and the homeless will be grateful for Shoes, Socks and Soups.

Contributed by Judith Rosenthal, Missions Committee Moderator



Steadfast Taper

His candle shines upon my head.
He trims the wick and guards the flame
and though the darkness creeps in close
the steadfast taper shines the same.

The flower of flame sways in the air.
Wind fingers snatch and try to snuff
the stalk his careful hands protect.
The light shines through. It is enough.

His candle shines on me in love,
(protective circle in the gloom)
and through the dreadful night I know
that he is with me in the room.

Throughout the weary waiting-time
the liquid flame shines thin and pure.
When tiredness dims my faith, I look
and see his light, and I am sure.

Luci Shaw
20th century

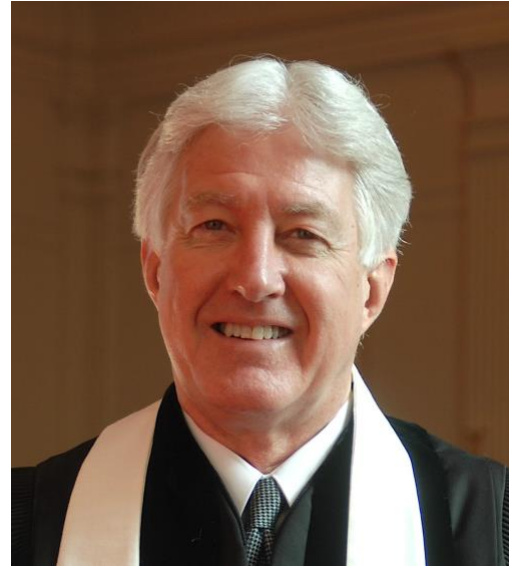
Pastor's Corner

A GOOD START

Our potluck dinner and program Wednesday, September 11, was a wonderful event. Janet and I are grateful that you "honored" us in such a nice way. Know that we will wear our Kirk shirts with great pride. Pat Kuntz and her crew did a masterful job of setting up for the meal, and Susan and Bob Morrow obviously put in a huge amount of preparation time for guiding us through the Re-Vision process designed by Ministry Architects. There were about ninety people in attendance, and it was fun to see everyone enjoying themselves around the tables in Bailey Hall. And the food... if you didn't find what you wanted, your culinary tastes are quite limited!

We have gotten off to a great start, but it is just that – a start. Now the real work begins. And since we are expressing our gratitude, let's give a big thanks to the following who have agreed to serve on the Re-Vision task force: Judy Corwin, Barron Gage, Dave Hamilton, Barb Henry, and Vicki Rosenquist. Under their leadership, and the hard work of all involved, we now begin building our future.

As Susan and Bob explained, we are currently in the "Now" phase, which will take us through January. Speaking of "now," allow me to reiterate a point I made in my brief comments at the dinner meeting. The future life of the Kirk is now, based on how we respond to the work of our team, in partnership with Ministry Architects. So let us be in fervent prayer, that future generations of our congregation will look back and see this as a vital turning point for the Kirk.



Pastor Randy Hyde

Perhaps they will say, "Were it not for the architects of faith who have come before us, we would not be here serving as the presence of Christ in the Village."

Let us pray indeed that this will be our legacy.

Appreciatively,
Randy H.

October Sermons

October 6	<i>What Does God Talk Like?</i> Hebrews 1:1-4
October 13	<i>Since My Youth</i> Mark 10:17-31
October 20	<i>Tinted Windows and Bodyguards</i> Mark 10:35-45
October 27	<i>The Keeper of the Bones</i> Psalm 34:1-10

Stewardship Update

Every fall the Kirk asks you to make an "estimate of giving" for the coming year. You have heard about it in worship and received a letter from us asking you to prayerfully consider your responses. In this year of change, we need to be most generous in all ways to successfully transition to our new and transformed Kirk. As we strengthen our Kirk together let's be encouraged that God is with us wherever we go, and His Holy Spirit leads us. *Contributed by Cheryl Boehmke and Blair Stroud, Committee Chairs* ⁷

New leaders take the helm of Kirk PW

Presbyterian Women of the Kirk in the Pines just began its new season. The women meet on the second Monday of each month between September and May. They meet seven times in two small groups called Circles for Bible study and fellowship. Circle one meets in the morning and Circle two meets in the afternoon. Each chooses its own study materials. They also meet twice for Gatherings, where both circles meet together for a program and a luncheon.

The officers for the 2024-2025 year are Becky Wakefield, moderator; Vicki Rosenquist, treasurer; and Dotty Rector, secretary. Moderator Becky says "I plan for PW to move forward as we embrace change for our Kirk. I am encouraged by the willingness of our members to work together." These women are thanked for agreeing to lead.

At the September meeting of Circle 1, the 10:00 a.m. circle, the fellowship aspect took an unusual turn. One of the women didn't like meeting at 10:00 instead of the previous time of 9:30. The later hour didn't give her time to go home and change into her gym clothes before a 12:00 p.m. exercise class. So, instead of telling her "too bad," the women decided that they would wear leotards to circle in solidarity with the one who could wear hers and then go directly from the circle meeting to the gym.

At the September meeting of the 4:00pm Circle all present were in favor of beginning a book study written by Pastor Randy Hyde, "Feminine Faces: Portraits of Biblical Women in Faith" as their next book study source. Who knows? They may even plan an author's book signing event.

The most recent past moderator, Susan Morrow, was interviewed about her experience as moderator. Asked about her goals for last year, she said she wanted to create opportunities that would be of interest to all Kirk women, support ongoing Circles and encourage meaningful Bible Study opportunities. She decided to target mission programs that PW supports. At both Gatherings she brought in speakers who were leaders of community agencies. She also provided mission projects to benefit our mission partners. The goal of increasing the meaningfulness of Bible study to help women to learn to live out their faith is ongoing.

Susan was stunned at the level of generosity, love and support of PW women. The amount of mission giving was astounding, and the amount of commitment and faith was humbling. Another year begins with camaraderie and the challenge to nurture faith through prayer and Bible study and to support the mission of the church.

Contributed by Dotty Rector, Communications committee member



Circle 1 women showed solidarity by wearing leotards to the 10:00 a.m. circle meeting. From left, Barb Henry, Cindy Morgan, Wendy Gage, Joyce Hayek, Dotty Rector, Pat Kuntz, Rosalyn Halbert, Gloria Hepner, Barbara Worthley, Vicki Rosenquist, and Vianne Huff.

Photo by Patty Barnes

There were more than 90 members present at the dinner and program on the Ministry Architects' Visioning Report. But if you were unable to be there, your Session wants you to know the status of our visioning process. Besides the delicious food, and the presentation of Kirk in the Pines emblem shirts to Rev Hyde and his wife, Janet, we had a power point presentation on the results of the listening sessions Ministry Architects held in August.

What they found were key indicators that the Kirk is poised to move forward based on its vitality and involvement, its strong programs, and the joyful enthusiasm and love the congregation has for it. Comparing it to generalized church norms they listed many, many positives. They also listed a number of challenges we face along with recommendations that we need to consider as we confront declining membership and waning resources.

So where do we start? First, they suggest that the Session create a 5-member team to carry out these recommendations. This Revision Team will address and help implement the Ministry Architect's recommendations and oversee the process of living into a new vision for the Kirk. The team will be working closely with the Ministry Architects' consultants and with the Session. In fact, one of the consultants is coming to the Kirk this month to help get the team started and then will continue working with them in monthly Zoom meetings.

And so, the Session and Rev. Hyde ask you to keep praying for this important process we're engaged in, but to also especially join us in prayers for each member of our Revision Team. They will have a lot of responsibilities.

The Clerk's Corner

Ruth
Hamilton



Highlights from the September Session Meeting:

- **Motion:** Move to approve the following people for the Re-Vision Team to work with our Ministry Architect consultants as they make recommendations to meet our challenges. Vicki Rosenquist, Barb Henry, Judy Corwin, Barron Gage, Dave Hamilton (Session liaison). Motion passed.
- Communion was held at the worship services on September 7/8, 2024
- Communion servers in September: Gail Salmen, Nell White, Ruth Hamilton, Vicki Rosenquist
- Deaths since August 9, 2024: none
- Change of Membership: Ralph Greene requested (by e-mail) that he and his wife, Karen Mallonee, be removed from the Kirk membership rolls.
- Interment in the Kirk Memorial Garden: September 18, 2024, for Ellen Weber
- Church Statistics as of September 13: Members: 209 Family Units: 143
- Saturday Worship Service Pulpit Supply: 9/4, 9/14, 9/21—Rev. Bill Seitz; 9/28—Rev. Dale Clancy

Contribution Reports

The Contribution Reports for January 2024 through September 2024 are being sent out. Please contact me if you contributed during this time period and did not receive a report. Please review the report closely and let me know if you find discrepancies so they can be corrected by the end of the year.

Thank you,
Beverly Schaumburg, Kirk Business Administrator, 501-922-1333



Happy dates



October Birthdays

1	Martha Nielsen	8	Jim Reimers	22	Marilyn Olson
	Leslie Pfeiffer	12	Charles Bradley	24	Frank Morgan
3	Charlotte Massey	13	Bill Morrow	25	Jerry McAnarney
	Clark Mowry	16	Jim Erickson		Janette Wiard
4	Howard Baldwin		Gene Carlisle	27	Randy Toney
5	Sharon Collar	20	Rowena Easter	29	Woodie Barefield
7	Jean Eiler	21	Sissy Wilson		

October Anniversaries

17	Cindi & Jim Erickson	43yrs	20	Linda & Ted Hommema	51yrs
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Oh Christmas Tree, Wendy Gage
Barron Gage photo

Building Squares, Wendy Gage
Bob Morrow photo





(Changes may occur – check with Kirk office)

Bible Study- Pastor Hyde- David in Four Phases, Wednesday 10/23, 10/30- 9:30-11:00, Bailey Hall

Chili Cook-Off- 10/16, 5:30pm, Bailey Hall

HUG Share (Grief Support)
Oct. 17, 2:00, Smallman Parlor

Ageless Grace/Tai Chi- Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 27- 3:30 Bailey Hall

Pilgrimage Renewal-Oct. 5, 10:00, Smallman Parlor

Helping Hands-Oct. 8 -9:00

Choir Rehearsal- Wed. 3:00, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

PW- Oct. 14, Morning- 10:00, Evening 4:00

Committee Meetings

Session- Oct. 11, 10:00

Administration- Oct. 8, 10:00

Christian Ed. – Oct. 17, 9:00

Communications- Oct. 2, 1:45

Congregational Care- Oct. 24, 10:00

Fellowship- Oct. 8, 10:00

Finance- Oct. 3, 10:00

Mission Committee- Oct. 10, 3:00

Kirk Staff

Randy Hyde- Pastor

Randy Toney- Music Director

Donna Toney- Organist/Pianist

Ruth Manweiler- Pianist (informal worship)

Carol Clark- Pastoral Care Coordinator

Chris Taylor-Wilmoth- Secretary

Beverly Schaumburg- Business Administrator

Arthur “Chip” Johnson- Sexton

Session

Clerk of the Session: Ruth Hamilton

Dave Hamilton- Administration

Bill Worthley- Building

Martha Nielsen- Christian Education

Bob Morrow- Communications (Trustee)

Susan Pendergrass- Congregational Care

Pat Kuntz- Fellowship (Trustee)

Sharon Gardner- Finance

Priscilla Hayek- Grounds/Memorial Garden

Judith Rosenthal- Missions

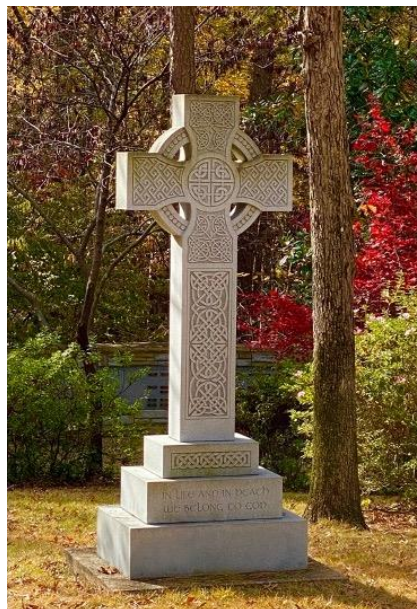
Gail Salmen- Worship (Trustee)

PW Moderator- Becky Wakefield

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