

**From the Editor**

The change of seasons is not quite upon us; nevertheless, we are perhaps past the peak of summer, which I expect comes as a relief to most everybody, even if they don't get outside very much. The focus of yardwork begins to change about now to preparation for winter -- hopefully by now the reseeded has taken hold and maybe we're spreading fresh mulch to blanket ornamental flowerbeds.

In the same vein Grace is looking forward to the upcoming season. If you missed it, we recently had a Fall Rally celebration where we gave special recognition to the people who would be teaching the various Sunday School classes. If you're not in a class yet, now's a good time as we've re-formed one or two with new material and added one or two to address needs we discovered were not being adequately met.

The next big event will be our Fall Festival. More on that later.

Got a need that's not being met? Got some extra energy looking for an outlet? Got something on your mind? Let us know about it!

Send us an email – [Newsletter@grace-pres.org](mailto:Newsletter@grace-pres.org)

**Carl**



**Our Worship Schedule**

Contemporary Service	8:45 - 9:45
Sunday School hour	10:00 - 11:00
Traditional Service	11:15 - 12:15

**Grace Presbyterian Sunday School**

<b>Nursery</b> Room 103	Kathe Walker	Judy Thigpen
<b>2 Year – Pre-K</b> Room 102A Bible Quest	Wendi Glenn Debbie Metoyer	Frances Kitterman
<b>Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup></b> Room 102B Bible Quest	Susan Lawson Cathy Bendall	Michelle Miles
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Up</b> Portable Bible Quest	Don Bogen Greg Krishen	Carl Jones David James
<b>Adults</b>		
<b>In-Betweeners Class</b> Session Room	Discussion -- This is a new adult class for young adults, college aged through 30's. Clyde Getman will help coordinate class materials	
Call Sara Lawson, S.S. Superintendent, 867-3431, or Suzanne Getman Asst. Superintendent, 382-7777 for questions or if you are interested in joining this new adult class		
<b>Bible Discovery</b> Room 101A	John Dotson	Bill Bendall
	Study – I Corinthians	
<b>Friendship Class</b> Room 101B	John Price	
	Discussion – Book of Acts	

## From the Pastor



Dear People of Grace,

Fall has finally come to our part of the country and I hope you're enjoying the cooler weather as much as I am! But, even as we enjoy the cool, fall breezes, at Grace Presbyterian Church, the flames of God's Spirit are burning brightly! And October promises to be a significant month in the life of our congregation as we focus on being good stewards of the rich bounty with which God has blessed us. And, make no mistake, God has blessed this congregation richly!

It's been such a joy to watch the new building going up and anticipate its completion. In my mind's eye, I can just see our children learning in new and fun ways in our Sunday School and Awana programs. I can see the joy of homeless families participating in the Memphis Interfaith Hospitality Network as they have shelter, sustenance and showers here at Grace. I could go on and on but space does not permit me to do so. I only hope that you're envisioning all the exciting possibilities for proclaiming the Good News of Christ Jesus using our new facilities.

Of course, our new educational building is only a part of the rich bounty with which we've been blessed! I continue to be so impressed with the amazing spiritual gifts with which God has blessed the members of this congregation: gifts of teaching and administration that are being used to plan and implement both our adult and children's educational programs; gifts of mercy that are used to care for the congregation through our shepherding program; gifts of hospitality that our M.O.R.E. Committee is using to develop evangelism programs; gifts of leadership so apparent on our session; gifts of generosity just overflowing in our Presbyterian Women; gifts of faith that continue to sustain this congregation even through

difficult times. And the musical gifts that are abundant in this congregation are just a wonder to behold! I've only scratched the surface; there truly are more gifts of Grace than I could ever list.

With such a wealth of blessings, it is essential that we take a good long look at how we are using the gifts and resources that God is giving us. That's what we will be doing in the month of October; that is, focusing on the Stewardship of all that we have and all that we are. It's been said that stewardship is defined as "what I do, with all that I have, after I say, 'I Believe.'" Stewardship is about making choices, as individuals and in community. It is more than giving money to the church—but it is no less than giving money to the church. Stewardship is about being faithful disciples, caring for and managing all that God has given us. Stewardship is not just one part of Christian discipleship; it involves every aspect of life in all the stages of life. Stewardship is the grateful response to God's grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others—I believe that it is important to consider not only the stewardship of our time, talents and treasure but also the stewardship of our words and language, our thoughts and emotions.

The prophet, Malachi, taught the Hebrew people one of the great theological and Biblical truths about the reward of the faithful: "*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, . . . see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing*" (Malachi 3:10). This is not a gospel of prosperity, but an illustration of who receives the greater benefit, the giver or the receiver. We discover the joy of giving when we discover that stewardship is everything we do from the moment we confess Jesus Christ as Lord. The Russian writer Nicholas Berdyaev once said: "If I am hungry it is a material problem. If someone else is hungry it is a spiritual problem." Those who exhibit exemplary stewardship have made this an intensively spiritual matter.

A poor church, then, is not one without money, but one without a vision. When people have a clear Biblical and theological understanding of the mission of the church, healthy stewardship

practices emerge. Where there is a vibrant, exciting church, that congregation has made stewardship a spiritual matter. So, here at Grace we will continue to affirm our vision as we examine our stewardship and find new ways to offer ourselves in grateful response to all that God has done for us.

Yes, October is an important month in the life of our congregation—a month that could be a turning point in the accomplishment of the ministry and mission that God is calling us to do in the name of Jesus. I pray that you will prayerfully and gratefully acknowledge all the riches with which God has graced you and then look hard at how you are using those riches.

May God bless us all as we journey through this important time of discernment,

**Judith**



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our September Stated Meeting, your session adopted the following policy to help guide us in our discussions and decisions. This policy is entitled, “Seeking to be Faithful Together,” and it invites us to look hard at how we interact with one another—especially in times of disagreement.

Throughout the entire story of God, the idea of oneness or unity appears over and over again. God’s people are called to be united—otherwise, the mission and ministry of Christ Jesus is seriously hindered. The letter to the Ephesians (4:1-3) teaches us that we should “lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” This document, developed by the Peacemaking division of the Presbyterian Church (USA), offers us some useful guidelines to help us maintain Christian unity.

I would ask you to read this policy carefully and spend some time really digesting it. At some time in the future, we may consider covenanting together as a congregation to utilize these guidelines to help us “maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Grace and Peace,

Judith

## Seeking to be Faithful Together

### Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement

As Presbyterians, we are called to work for " the peace, unity, and purity of the Church" (Book of Order, G-14.0207g) as it seeks to be faithful to God's work in the world. However, disagreements and conflicts are inevitable in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we try to be faithful. They exist within committees, congregations, presbyteries, synods, at General Assemblies, and in the national life of the denomination.

Conflicts are inevitable in all of life and certainly in the church. The history of the church is filled with conflicts and disagreements. Several of Paul's letters address the conflicts that were ubiquitous in the early church. There have been and are going to be disagreements as Christians attempt to discern god's work in the world and as we interpret Scripture.

Conflicts can be harmful and even destructive. They can cause individuals a great deal of pain and the community of faith immeasurable damage. Congregations have been divided; denominations have experienced schisms.

At the same time, conflicts can be an opportunity for new insights, learning, and individual and corporate growth. Disagreements can illuminate a topic in helpful ways and can present solutions to problems that previously had not been seen. The successful resolution of conflict can also bind people together in a powerful way.

The Bible contains many stories of conflict and disagreement and much advice about how they can be addressed. As those stories indicate, God is already present wherever there is brokenness, granting wholeness and peace. God promises to be with us in times of disagreement and calls us to reconciliation, trust, love, and forgiveness.

We realize that our perspectives are limited, so to help us affirm each other, enhance our community, stay open to the viewpoints of others, and be sensitive to cultural diversity, we commit ourselves to the following guidelines in a spirit of prayer, trust, and love, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The following guidelines may be adapted or expanded to meet each group's diverse needs.

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise each other that we will:

- a. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ.
  - o We will keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange.
  - o We will not ask questions or make statements in a way that will intimidate or judge others.
- b. Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teaching.
- c. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence, or integrity. We will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during, or following the discussion.
- d. Learn about various positions on the topic of disagreement.
- e. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.
- f. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.
- g. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.
- h. Seek to stay in community with each other although the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension. We will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.
- i. Follow these additional guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies:
  - o Urge persons of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously;

- o Seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;
  - o Be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience; and
  - o Abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways that are consistent with these guidelines.
- j. Include our disagreements in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly, and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.



To solve these puzzles, insert the letters in each column into the boxes below them to form the words of a Bible quotation. The letters are not necessarily in order-it's up to you to determine which letter goes in which box below it. Each letter will be used once and only once. Black squares usually indicate the end of a word but are also used as spacers at the beginning and/or ending of a quotation.

Quotefall No.43

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## From the Building Committee

Work toward completion of the new addition is lagging about a week behind schedule because of the weather in late August and early September, but the lost time is quickly being made up. By the time that you read this, all of the windows will be installed and work on the roofing shingles should be almost complete. This work will 'dry in' the building and prevent any further weather delays. Installation of the windows will also allow the brick layers to start on the exterior brickwork and the carpenters to begin the work on the interior trim. The electrical and plumbing rough work is basically complete and installation of the underground electrical and water service lines is underway.

The new parking lot lighting standards and fixtures have arrived and will be installed shortly. As soon as this work is completed the old lighting fixtures and bases can be removed so that the sidewalk work can be finished up. The handicap ramps through the curbs are presently being poured and the Church will reinstall the handicap and senior parking signs when this part of the project is completed.

If any of you have any questions, feel free to ask any of the Committee members. If we don't know the answer, we will find someone who does.

### The Committee

Bill Carroll (Chair)	Paula Bishop	John Dotson
John Evans (Vice Chair)	Lee Guenther	Jere Lawson



*Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty . but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.*  
 -- Phyllis Diller

*By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.*  
 -- Billy Crystal

## From the Commitment Committee

The church's financial picture took a dramatic downturn during August. Expenses exceeded income by \$19,350 for the month, resulting in a deficit for the first 8 months of the year of \$3,933. Major contributing factors to the August deficit were a large property insurance bill of \$7,300 and the fact that income for the month was about \$4,100 less than expected. Pledged income for the year is now about \$23,000 below the actual pledged amount for the first 8 months.

The current yearly deficit of almost \$4,000 places the church in a very precarious financial position for the rest of 2007. The Building Fund is rapidly being depleted to pay for costs of constructing the new building. In fact, before the end of the year, the church will probably have to begin drawing on the \$500,000 loan taken out this summer to make additional payments for construction. Therefore, there are no reserve funds to draw on to pay for normal church operating costs for the rest of the year. All operating expenses must be paid for through normal streams of income, primarily contributions to the church by our congregation. It is essential that we not only keep up with our pledges, but that we give over and above what we have pledged if possible for the remainder of the year.

It is most important that we unite to assure the church does not have a deficit at the end of the year. All sessional committees have been asked to freeze spending for the rest of 2007 in an effort to reduce expenses. We as a church can overcome this budget crisis through prayer and faithful stewardship of the resources with which the Lord has blessed us. As we look forward to occupying our new building, let us also strive to keep the church on a solid financial footing as we begin 2008. The mission and the ministry of Grace Presbyterian are too important to allow them to be placed at risk by insufficient funding.



## From the Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee has reviewed and screened over 60 Personal Information Forms (PIFs) to date from pastor candidates. We have begun listening to several CDs/DVDs of sermons from those selected as potential candidates for our position and have also begun conducting initial first level telephone interviews.

The search for a new pastor is a lengthy process and we still have a lot of work yet to do. In the meantime, we ask for your continued prayers.

If you have any questions or suggestions for potential candidates, feel free to contact any of the committee members below.

John Dotson, Chairman  
Larry Toussaint  
Debbie Metoyer

Mark Grey  
Dana Jackson

Jan Evans  
Walt Schrimper



DORMITORY:  
When you rearrange the letters:  
DIRTY ROOM

PRESBYTERIAN:  
When you rearrange the letters:  
BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:  
When you rearrange the letters:  
MOON STARER

DESPERATION:  
When you rearrange the letters:  
A ROPE ENDS IT

SNOOZE ALARMS:  
When you rearrange the letters:  
ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT:  
When you rearrange the letters:  
IM A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES:  
When you rearrange the letters:  
THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:  
When you rearrange the letters:  
TWELVE PLUS ONE

Submitted by Harold Howard

## From the Endowment Committee

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Last month, there was “The Greatest Story Never Told” of Grace Presbyterian’s Endowment Fund. Who knew?!?

Being a 9 year old Presbyterian, I’m one who didn’t know until last year that there is such a Fund. Now I know a lot more about the What, Why and How of this opportunity to be a part of another way of advancing God’s Kingdom.

A financial gift to the Endowment Fund can be made at any time – and will add to the existing balance of approximately \$64,000.00. Thanksgiving comes to mind as a perfect time to make a contribution, a way of showing thanks for God’s Grace at Grace.

Adding the Grace Presbyterian Endowment Fund as one of the beneficiaries in a life insurance policy or IRA is do-able for a lot of us. If *you* have an IRA or a life insurance policy, think about it! It doesn’t take much time to get a change of beneficiary form.

Making your contribution as a percentage of the policy amount or as a fixed amount will extend your Christian Stewardship beyond your lifetime. What a concept! As suggested last month, consult with your financial advisor or insurance agent.

If you have any questions about the Endowment Fund, contact one of the Endowment Committee members ( John Price, Harold Howard, Larry Toussaint, Gail Hackney, June Kuykendall or John Evans.) And continue to

WATCH THIS SPACE!

(Your comments for this topic are welcome)



## From the Outreach and Evangelism Committee

I recently saw a bumper sticker that read: “**Be fishers of men: God will clean them.**” Although it isn’t easy for most of us, down deep inside, we know that God wants us to do evangelism. In the Presbyterian Church USA, every time we do an evaluation of what our top priorities are, evangelism is always right up there at the top. Evangelism literally means **good news**, the sharing of the good news of Jesus Christ. Evangelism is not just a program of the church; rather, it is the essential work of the Church. The conversion is not our work but the work of God through the Holy Spirit.

In the United States, our culture has become increasingly secularized and church membership has dropped. As a society we no longer have any expectation that people will automatically attend church. In fact, only about 40% of the country does. While this has caused a crisis in many mainline denominations due to lost membership and declining financial strength, it also presents a new opportunity for evangelism. Evangelism today means speaking to a culture that is increasingly secular.

Judith Reese loaned me a book by Albert Winesman titled *Growing an Engaged Church*. I was challenged by the book which did not **lay out methods or techniques**. Instead, it talks in terms of **characteristics and the heart of the church**. There were several take-aways for me, but the biggest one is that study after study from the past 30 years has shown that the way we begin getting people involved in a congregation is not primarily through newspaper advertising, media broadcasts, door-to-door campaigning, or a driving inner desire to belong to a congregation. Rather, by an overwhelming margin, it is through the personal invitation of a friend, family member or coworker.

The Mission Outreach and Evangelism Committee is seeking to bring together people who have an interest in learning more about reaching out to others. For more information, please contact Walter Schrimper at 386-2156, or e-mail me at [wschrimper@hotmail.com](mailto:wschrimper@hotmail.com)

God wants us to be our sister's and brother's keeper. To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, to instruct the ignorant, at a personal sacrifice, is what God wants us to do.

What we give to the poor for Christ's sake is what we carry with us when we die. As Jean Jacques Rousseau says: "When you die, you carry in your clutched hands only that which you have given away."

People who are in need and are not afraid to beg, give to people not in need the occasion to do good for goodness' sake.

Modern society calls the beggar bum and panhandler and gives her the bum's rush. The Greeks used to say that people in need are the ambassadors of the gods. We read in the Gospel: "As long as you did it to one of the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it to me."

While modern society calls the beggars bums and panhandlers, they are in fact the Ambassadors of God.

To be God's Ambassador is something to be proud of.

(from Peter Maurin's Easy Essays, adapted for inclusive language).  
Submitted by Jean Starnes



*If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?*

*If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?*

## From the Stewardship Committee

### OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

As usual, October is the month of the year in which an emphasis is placed on stewardship. Members of our congregation will be asked to prayerfully consider their financial commitment to the church indicate an estimate of their giving for 2008. During the last week of September, a letter from this year's Stewardship Campaign chairman, Mark Pfaffenroth, will be mailed to all members of the church. The letter will be accompanied by a summary of the askings budget for next year, a chart indicating various giving levels and, of course, an estimate of giving card. It is hoped that each person or family will step up at least one level in their giving for 2008.

At worship services on the first three Sundays of October, members of our congregation will share their thoughts on stewardship. On Oct. 21, a joint worship service will be followed by a Stewardship Luncheon and consisting of a lasagna dinner catered by Coletta's, with desserts provided by our Presbyterian Women. Tickets for the luncheon will be sold on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. At the conclusion, John Price, chairman of the Commitment Committee, will outline the church's financial needs for next year and answer questions about the proposed budget. Commitment Sunday will be on Oct. 28, at which time the congregation will have an opportunity to make a financial commitment to the church for next year in a visible way by placing their estimate of giving cards on the communion table at the conclusion of the worship service.

With the completion of the new building fast approaching, the church soon will be making mortgage payments of almost \$4,000 per month, so it is vitally important that all of us who love Grace Presbyterian respond as generously as possible to the financial needs of the church so that we as a congregation can proclaim the gospel message and do the Lord's work.



### Blessings of the Season

*Refreshing becomes the autumn air  
Following the summer heat  
Reminding me of God's Spirit  
Who energizes my soul.*

*With the colors of the season  
That show forth God's glory,  
I behold His Creative power  
In the beauty of the earth.*

*With the rustling of the falling leaves,  
I listen for God's voice  
And pray that I will obey His call  
Joyfully willing to serve.*

*With the showers of rain that fall  
To renew the dry thirsty land,  
I am grateful for God's showers of blessing  
Transforming me to be used by Him.*

*As the harvest time draws near  
And the food is gathered in,  
May we all give thanks to God  
For His providence and care.*

Suzanne Getman  
September 2007



### From the Congregational Life Committee

#### THE FALL FESTIVAL IS COMING

The Congregational Life committee is busy planning the Fall Festival, to be held October 28, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. This is **the one big annual event** at Grace Presbyterian Church specifically geared for the youth and children of the church and the community.

We will be depending on volunteers to help us make this a success. Tentative plans are to have 9 games inside the church, plus the ever popular cake walk. We will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks to help offset some of the cost of the Festival, so plan to come and have dinner at the church. Approximately 15 – 20 volunteers will be needed for the 2 hour period – hopefully we will have enough volunteers to designate 30 minute duty periods. We are also hoping to have enough volunteers to have the **Trick or Trunk** activity again this year.

Collection boxes for donations of Halloween candy will be in the narthex from now until the Festival date, please be generous with your donations. Signup sheets for volunteers will also be posted in the narthex.

Plan to attend, plan to volunteer, and plan to see the joy in the eyes of the children !

The Congregational Life Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Byron Graves & Linda Foster - co-chairmen  
Jan Evans      Jane McGoldrick      Jean Starnes  
Susan Smith    Carl Jones                              Sara Lawson



## From the Day Trippers

### Grace Presbyterian Day Trippers Program

**Brief History** - Day Trippers was a program of Raleigh Presbyterian Church led by Pastor Mike Krech. When Raleigh merged with Bartlett, the program became non-existent for a period of time. In October 2003, Mike asked Byron Graves and Bill McGoldrick to be on a committee to activate the program and plan future activities. We were very active until Mike Krech left the Grace congregation in August 2005 and moved to Sommersville, TN.

Beginning February 2006, Bill and Byron began to meet and plan activities for the Day Trippers group. The Day Trippers program, which is now a program of the Congregational Life Committee, is currently being led by Byron & Diane Graves.

**What is the day trippers program?** Day Trippers primarily caters to church members, regardless of age, who are available during the day (thus Day Trippers) to travel to some interesting activity which always includes lunch. This is not a senior program, but the majority of participants are of a senior age. Friends and/or relatives of church members are welcome to participate.

Trips are usually scheduled for either the fourth Monday or Tuesday of the month (we try to alternate), unless it is a special event that dictates the date and time. Due to time constraints, out of town trips are limited to a 150 mile radius. Generally we travel in the 15 passenger church van and supplement with carpools when the number exceeds 15. Seating on the van is based on the first 15 registrations received.

Each attendee is responsible for admission fees to events, lunch and a minimum donation for gasoline for the transportation. Outings and/or activities are planned for each month of the year, but December is usually an exception as attendance is poor due to the Christmas season. Planning is dictated by weather conditions -

during extremely cold or extremely hot temperatures we schedule inside activities. Due to the age and physical condition of some participants, trips/activities are not planned that require excessive walking. In July 2007, we added Bingo to our activities and the response was very rewarding.

Notice of Day Trippers activities and outings are published in the weekly bulletin and the newsletter.

### **Day Trippers is sponsoring night Bingo, October 19, from 7:00 to 9:00.**

This special night Bingo will offer an opportunity for people to attend who are not able to attend daytime Day Trippers activities. You are asked to bring snacks, chips or desserts to share with the others. Come join the fun and fellowship - reservations are not required.

Transportation for members that are unable to drive at night will be arranged, call Byron or Diane Graves at 386-6779.



## From the Presbyterian Women

PW FALL GATHERING: September 10, 2007 32 women gathered at the church for the fall gathering pot luck of the 5 circles. The gathering was "Bring a Friend" night and we had four guests. Sara Lawson was in charge of the table decorations and used an unique theme of Red Hats, Boas, Heels, and Purses. All enjoyed the colorful décor. Jean Markham gave the Bible Study , ABOVE & BEYOND HEARING GOD'S CALL IN JONAH AND RUTH. Her outline of the lessons was enthusiastically presented enabling us to want to learn more about Jonah and Ruth. After a brief business meeting door prizes were given to 11 of the attendees. Thanks goes to the PW board who set up and cleaned up to make the gathering successful.

Sunday September 16, 2007 the PW officers were installed by Rev. Judith Reese. They are:

Moderator: Jan Evans  
 Vice Moderator: Wendi Glenn  
 Secretary: Jean Starnes  
 Treasurer: Susan Lawson  
 Historian: Dot Hathaway  
 Hostess: Jan McGoldrick

Circle # 1 Leader: Virginia Martin  
 Circle # 2 Leader: Linda Foster  
 Circle # 3 Leader: Miree Pomeroy  
 Circle # 4 Leader: Sara Lawson  
 Circle # 5 Leader: Sandy Kehrl

### CIRCLE MEETINGS:

October begins our circle meetings. Plan to attend a circle that suits your time period. We are studying ABOVE & BEYOND HEARING GOD'S CALL IN JONAH AND RUTH for our Bible Study.

- Circle #1 - Tuesday October 9 at 10:00 AM at the church
- Circle #2 - Tuesday October 9 at 10:00 AM at the home of Linda Foster
- Circle #3 - Tuesday October 16 at 10:00 AM at the church. Out to lunch after the Bible Study lesson
- Circle #4 - Monday October 8 at 7:00 PM at the church
- Circle #5 - Tuesday October 9 at 7:00 PM at the home of Sara Lawson

For a circle to be complete, there must be a coming together. Circles shaped around heartfelt needs will achieve the purpose of Presbyterian Women.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** Plan to attend the Fall Workshop Gathering on Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church. Registration forms are available from Jan Evans. The cost is \$6.00 (includes lunch) and your registration must be in by September 25, 2007. We will car pool from Grace Presbyterian Church on the day of the gathering.

**CRAFTS/HOBBIES** The PW's project this year will be a Crafts/Hobbies Silent Auction in May 2008. Only hand made items will be accepted. Start now to get your item or items ready for this money making project. More information will be given in our newsletters before the big event. We have so many talented members that this will be a chance to show your talents and participate in a worthwhile cause.



## Eugene Ng Approved as Eagle Scout in Troop 487

Eugene Ng stood before a Board of Review on August 14<sup>th</sup> to answer questions about his experience in Scouting and was approved for the rank of Eagle Scout. Eugene joins a distinguished group. Only about 2% of all who enroll in Boy Scouts reach the rank of Eagle. Attaining the Eagle rank involves, in addition to learning and mastering basic Scouting skills, the completion of several merit badges, with service to the community, leadership development, and personal growth in the physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual areas of life.

His Eagle project was to design a multicolored map of the United States for the area behind Altruria Elementary School, with game boards for the sidewalk, and to lead a group of colleagues in its completion.

Eugene is a 2007 graduate of Bartlett High School, and was valedictorian of his class with a 4.0 grade point average. In addition to the many awards and honors in high school he found time to be active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Youth Leadership Bartlett, Big Brother, Big Sister and several academic and athletic teams. He has been in scouting and the youth fellowship at Bartlett Pres and Grace Pres, in Cub Scout Pack 487 where he earned the Arrow of Light Award in 1999, and in Troop 487 where he held the offices of Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader, among others. He is enrolled at the University of Tennessee where he will major in computer science.

One comment received about his embodiment of the traits of the Scout Law was “for me, the ones that most stand out in Eugene are loyal, helpful, friendly, cheerful and reverent. Eugene is always mentally awake and maintains his moral compass in the right direction.”

Congratulations, Eugene. We are proud of you!

## From Preschool & Extended Care

The Preschool and Extended Care went through state assessment and re-licensing this past week without any infractions. We expect to maintain our three star rating which is the highest the state awards.

Mother's Day Out is almost full -- we still have a few openings, especially in the nursery. MDO little ones experienced their first fire drill last week and did great! They were out and clear of the building in two minutes!

The center welcomes back Teresa Simpson as Assistant Director, who left previously to have her son, James. Kelly Phelan resigned on September 8th to return to her love -- teaching.

In October, we are looking forward to having fall pictures taken on the 3rd and 4th and Fall Break will be on the 8th and 9th. The fire truck will visit us on the 17th and 18th and our Fall Festival is scheduled for the 30th and 31st.

Our year is off to a great start!



## Seminary's 180th Year Begins with Convocation and Dedication of Montreat Archives

Decatur, GA—Columbia Theological Seminary celebrated the start of its 180th year on September 6, with a convocation service at Columbia Presbyterian Church. Erskine Clarke, professor of American religious history, gave the convocation address. Following the traditional community lunch, the John Bulow Campbell Library hosted a ceremony to dedicate the Montreat Archives.

Now occupying the third floor of the library, the Montreat Archives include significant portions of the holdings of the Presbyterian Historical Society's Montreat branch, which closed last year. The materials include local Presbyterian church records, congregational histories maintained by Presbyterian Women, personal papers, a collection of rare books, and museum artifacts from 500 years of Presbyterian history. All will be available to scholars, church historians, family genealogists, as well as seminary faculty and students.

Speakers at the dedication included seminary president Laura Mendenhall; Lois Stroman, Dublin, GA, vice-chairperson of the Board of Trustees; Clifton Kirkpatrick, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA); Sara Myers, director of the library; and Professor Clarke, who is also director of the seminary's new program in Presbyterian and Reformed History and Theology. Developed by the faculty and the Center for Lifelong Learning, the program began its inaugural year this summer with a series of lectures in Montreat.

Columbia Theological Seminary, located in Decatur, Georgia, was established in 1828 and is one of 10 theological institutions of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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## Wheel Tax Reimbursement

You can get a \$50 wheel tax reimbursement from Shelby County if you qualify, see qualifications listed below:

1. Age 65 or older.
2. Income of \$25,000 annually or less.
3. Own a vehicle which you paid wheel tax on.
4. Submit the proper form for reimbursement.

and

Another qualifier is having a handicap license plate and meeting the income limit – you can be **under** age 65.

The vehicle **can** be jointly owned with your spouse or anyone else.

The income limit is your (or your spouse's) income only, not your combined income.

Only one reimbursement is allowed per household per year.

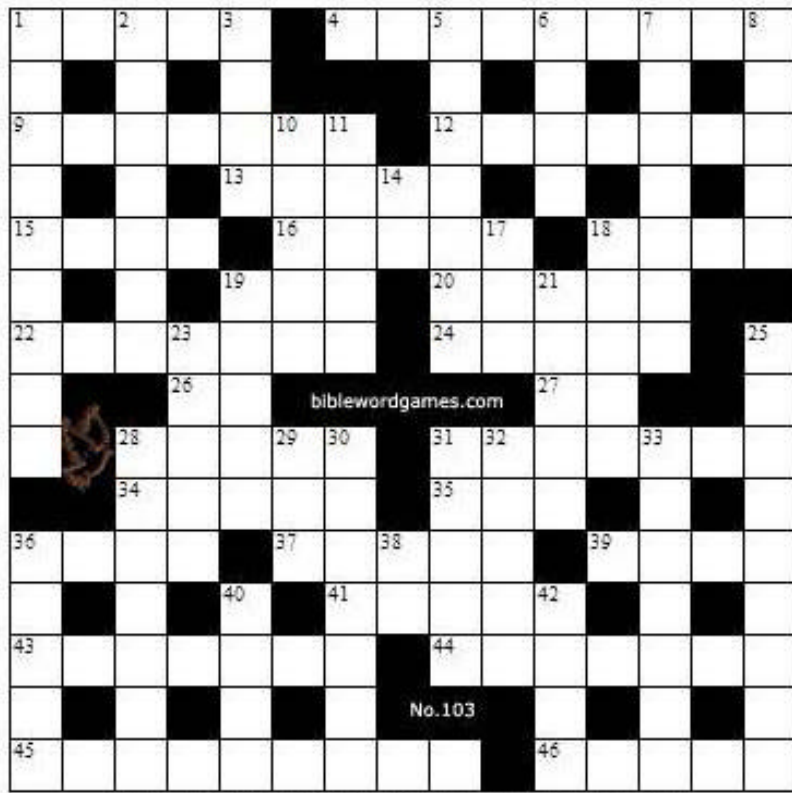
Be sure to file for the reimbursement each year after you receive your license renewal receipt.

Pick up a wheel tax reimbursement form from the County Clerk's Office just off Mullins Station Road (across from the penal farm).

Direct any questions to the Office on Aging, phone 452-0340.

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ACROSS

- 1 why \_\_\_ money on what is not bread (Isa 55:2)
- 4 he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the \_\_\_ (Luke 5:2)
- 9 he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve \_\_\_ of angels (Matt 26:53)
- 12 they made their hearts as an \_\_\_ stone (Zech 7:12) KJV
- 13 the people \_\_\_ with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy (1 Kings 1:40) KJV
- 15 A righteous man may have \_\_\_ troubles, but the LORD delivers him (Ps 34:19)
- 16 the LORD rained down burning sulfur on \_\_\_ and Gomorrah (Gen 19:24)
- 18 he will sharpen his sword; he will \_\_\_ and string his bow (Ps 7:12)
- 19 she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with \_\_\_ and pitch (Ex 2:3)
- 20 By faith the \_\_\_ of Jericho fell, after the people had marched (Heb 11:30)
- 22 and showed him in an \_\_\_ all the kingdoms of the world (Luke 4:5-6)
- 24 by the \_\_\_ of your brow you will eat your food (Gen 3:19)
- 26 I \_\_\_ sending you out like sheep among wolves (Matt 10:16)
- 27 Follow my example, \_\_\_ I follow the example of Christ. (1 Cor 11:1)
- 28 She considers a \_\_\_ and buys it (Prov 31:16)

- 31 he must \_\_\_ from wine and other fermented drink (Num 6:3)
- 34 An \_\_\_ must be blameless, the husband of but one wife (Titus 1:6)
- 35 grandson of Terah (Gen 11:31)
- 36 a man shall cast his idols of silver....., to the moles and to the \_\_\_ (Isa 2:20) KJV
- 37 The LORD has \_\_\_ with me according to my righteousness (Ps 18:20)
- 39 Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him \_\_\_ daybreak (Gen 32:24)
- 41 like as a \_\_\_ of corn cometh in in his season (Job 5:26) KJV
- 43 one thing I know, that, \_\_\_ I was blind, now I see (John 9:25) KJV
- 44 Zacharias said unto the angel, \_\_\_ shall I know this? (Luke 1:18) KJV
- 45 do the work of an evangelist, \_\_\_ all the duties of your ministry (2 Tim 4:5)
- 46 You made my enemies turn \_\_\_ backs in flight (Ps 18:40)

DOWN

- 1 every seven years, in the \_\_\_ of the year of release (Deut 31:10) KJV
- 2 And he shall set \_\_\_ of war against thy walls (Ezek 26:9) KJV
- 3 Surely the nations are like a \_\_\_ in a bucket (Isa 40:15)
- 5 the daylight is fading, and the \_\_\_ of evening grow long (Jer 6:4)
- 6 The first son of Isaac (Gen 25:25)
- 7 Wilt thou not shew us what thou \_\_\_ by these? (Ezek 37:18) KJV
- 8 I will shew thee that which is \_\_\_ in the scripture of truth (Dan 10:21) KJV
- 10 the twelfth year of King Xerxes, in the first month, the month of \_\_\_ (Est 3:7)
- 11 when I put on sackcloth, people make \_\_\_ of me. (Ps 69:11)
- 14 Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar \_\_\_ (Josh 22:34) KJV
- 17 give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the \_\_\_ (Deut 18:3) KJV
- 18 with trumpets and the \_\_\_ of the ram's horn (Ps 98:6)
- 19 animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being \_\_\_ (James 3:7-8)
- 21 For he who is \_\_\_ among you all — he is the greatest (Luke 9:48)
- 23 them tail to tail in pairs. He then fastened a torch to every pair of \_\_\_ (Judg 15:4-5)
- 25 six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the \_\_\_ (Num 35:6) KJV
- 28 "Let us break their chains," they say,"and throw off their \_\_\_ ." (Ps 2:3)
- 29 You \_\_\_ your people like a flock by the hand of Moses (Ps 77:20)
- 30 Then said he unto the \_\_\_ of his vineyard (Luke 13:7) KJV
- 31 David rebuked his men and did not \_\_\_ them to attack Saul (1 Sam 24:7)
- 32 The LORD will smite thee with the \_\_\_ of Egypt (Deut 28:27) KJV
- 33 Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracnitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of \_\_\_ (Luke 3:1-2)
- 36 Then the man \_\_\_ down and worshiped the LORD (Gen 24:26)
- 38 I fell facedown, crying out, "\_\_\_ , Sovereign LORD! (Ezek 9:8)
- 40 Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was \_\_\_ (Gen 29:16-17)
- 42 If you, O LORD, \_\_\_ a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? (Ps 130:3)

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## Public Access

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01	02	03 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal	04	05	06 8:30pm» Christian Education Committee	
07 (Week 41) 5pm» Bell practice	08	09	10 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13
14 (Week 42) 5pm» Bell practice	15	16	17 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal	18 11:30 a.m. Ladies/O'Charley's	19 7:00-9:00 p.m. Day Trippers host Bingo Night	20
21 (Week 43) Commitment Comhists Catered Lunch following joint Worship Svc 5pm» Bell practice	22	23	24 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 (Week 44) Fall Festival by Congregational Life Committee Games/Trick or Trunk 5pm» Bell practice	29	30	31 7:30pm» Choir Rehearsal			