

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALL YOUTH

We will *not* be meeting on **April 5 or April 12**. The 5th is the beginning of Spring break and the 12th is Easter Sunday.

GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE

On **April 26** and **May 3** at **10:00 a.m.**, we will offer a special Sunday School class for our Juniors and Seniors in high school. This Sunday School class will be led by three Clemson professors who are members of our church; *Kelley Barnhardt, John Smith and Seal Wilson*, along with *Ben Alexander* and at least two campus ministers from Furman, Wofford and Converse. The idea is to talk with you about what you might expect heading off to college and how you can best be prepared. Make plans to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER MISSION/MUSIC TRIP

It is time for current eighth through twelfth graders to sign up for our summer mission/music trip **June 27-July 4**. We will go to New Orleans to work on home repairs and along the way we will be singing in churches. The cost for the trip is \$275. Please sign up by **April 19** or sooner so that we have an idea how many will be coming. If you have any question, please call Steve Phillips 232-2424 or 380-5269.

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship: *Alex Clayton*, 105 Cureton St., 29605, 238-0870, comes to us by transfer from First Presbyterian of Greer, SC.

Greg Compton, 8 Ponce de Leon Dr., 29605, 271-1685, comes to us by reaffirmation of faith.

John & Kim Kinane, 203 Stewart St., 29605, 370-9104, come to us by reaffirmation of faith. They have a son, *Cory*, age 11.

Mae Todd Mullins, 11 Balentine Dr., 29605, 351-2000, comes to us by transfer from First Presbyterian of Columbia. Mae Todd is married to member, *Bo Mullins*.

Pace Snellings, 201 Smythe St., Apt. 402, 29611, 678-0173, comes to us by reaffirmation of faith.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Centering Prayer will meet on **Sunday, April 5**, in Room 213 from **6:00 – 6:50 p.m.** No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to begin at anytime. If you have any questions, contact Associate Pastor Dave Carlson at 232-2424, ext. 115, dcarlson@wpc-online.org.

CSInfo

The Creation Stewardship group will meet on **Sunday, April 12**, at **9:00 a.m.** in Room 213 to discuss plans for the Sunday School class which begins April 19.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet on **Monday, April 13**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. We invite you to join us for a discussion of the book, *50 Reasons People Give for Believing in God*, by Guy P. Harrison. The discussion leader is *Neil Shurley*.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Sunday, April 5
 • **Circle #7:** *Catherine Whitmire*, chair, will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion.

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THE SESSION The Class of 2010

Cathy Bailey	Tim Madden
Wes Bryant	Rob Morgan
Claude Cheatham	Trey Morrow
Christine Edmondson	Paul O'Neal
Jim Gettys	Will Quinn
Joan Herlong	Gaye Sprague

The Class of 2011

Vernon Anderson	Tod Hyche
Mary Ashmore	Suzanne Meece
Denise Broderick	Tina Phillips
Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	Catherine Whitmire
Anne Holleman	Jim Young

The Class of 2012

Ben Alexander	Amy Grace
Chris Beard	Jennifer Keir
Gayle Blouin	Tim Reed
Howard Boyd	Amanda Sanders
Dorothy Dowe	Paul Schultz
Joe Frasher	Courtenay Williams

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 5-11, 2009

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Confirmation Class
 10:00 a.m. Church School
 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
 12:30 p.m. PW Circle #7
 3:30 p.m. Tiger Cubs
 6:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting
 Witness & Service Committee Meeting
 Centering Prayer Group
 Stated Session Meeting
 Alcohol Anon.

MONDAY

5:30 p.m. Men's Recreational Basketball
 Uplift
 Westminster Bells
 5:40 p.m. NAMI
 6:15 p.m. Narcotics Anon.

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
 Al-Anon
 PW Leader Meeting
 7:00 p.m. ADK

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 11:30 a.m. Writing Class
 Girl Scout Leader Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Pastor's Baptism Class
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. ChristCare Hiking Group
 10:30 a.m. Gittings Ministry



...Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey.....Zechariah 9:9

Codger Lesson #2

Codger - An often mildly eccentric and usually elderly fellow.-*Webster*
Codger - Someone who is old enough, and experienced enough, to know who he is, and just as importantly, who he is not.-*Will Quinn*

We shot at everything that moved. The beach was soon covered with the bodies of American soldiers.-German soldier Franz Gockel writing to his family on June 10th, 1944, about the landings on Omaha Beach four days earlier.

Will you tell me how we did this? Anybody would be a fool to try this. It was crazy then and it's crazy now.-LTC James Rudder CO of US Army Ranger Forces, revisiting Pointe-du-Hoc, the 100 foot cliff he and his fellow Rangers scaled on D-Day to knock out six 155mm German cannons that had a commanding view of both Omaha and Utah beaches.

Occasionally, I read history books. I particularly enjoy books about genuine heroes. Over the years I've read a few books about the WWII Allied invasion of Nazi controlled France on D-Day. These books taught me one thing for certain: I don't have, and have never had, what it takes to do what these men did. And, I'm awfully grateful I have never been in a situation that would reveal my shortcomings. I know who I am and who I am not.

Imagine sitting in a landing craft heading for the beach at Omaha and watching your fellow soldiers, who landed just a few minutes ago, being ripped apart by a continuous rain of bullets. As Franz Gockel said, "The beach was soon covered with the bodies of American soldiers". Within a few seconds, you're expected to run through the same surf and sand where your friends lie dead and the hail of bullets is unrelenting.

Or go back a day or so as your Company prepares for the invasion. You've been told by your superiors that 50% casualties are expected in the first wave of soldiers to hit the beaches. You look at a friend and know at least one, and perhaps both, of you are likely to die violently quite soon. And knowing this, you'll soon board landing craft and charge the beaches.

These men were heroes. Performing heroically all the while never knowing whether they would live or die. Many of you have, and some have demonstrated, what it takes to conduct yourselves as the soldiers did on the beaches D-Day. I'm thankful for you.

Now let's go one step further. Could you voluntarily enter an environment where death isn't just likely, it's certain? Furthermore, can you imagine purposefully creating that environment?

Not just death, but death preceded by betrayal, whippings, public humiliation, and having your hands and feet nailed to two rough pieces of lumber in the shape of a cross. And perhaps the worst part, you have personally nothing to gain and everyone who knows you, including your closest friends, are completely clueless as to why you are doing this. Most consider you are a fool for allowing yourself to land in such a predicament; particularly when you could have so easily avoided it. Do you have what it takes to do this? I know I don't.

Fortunately, you and I are not going to be asked to face a death as described above. Someone did it for us. He's my hero. I read his book, too.

*Will Quinn
 Codger in Residence*

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
 The next dates for the Adopt-a-Highway program are: **May 9** (9:00 a.m.) and **August 15**. Mark your calendars for this great cause.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 5, 2009

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Palm Sunday

THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*If you are curious, and have come to see
If you are weary, and have come to rest
If you are grateful, and have come to share
If you are hurting, and have come for solace
If you are listening, and have come to pray
If you are seeking, and have come for answers
WELCOME*

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

- PRELUDE – “Praise His Greatness” Hayes
- ** CHORAL INTROIT – “Hosanna!” Philips
- CALL TO WORSHIP
 - Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
 - People: That I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**
 - Leader: I thank thee that thou hast answered me and hast become my salvation.
 - People: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
 - Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;
 - People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
 - Leader: Let us worship God.
- * HYMN – No. 89 ELLACOMBE
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION
O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ’s name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace, that we may repent. We are prone to call on you to satisfy our needs; we practice obedience without cost to our comfort. Forgive our leisurely approach to your sacrifice for us as Christ intercedes on our behalf.
- * ASSURANCE OF PARDON
 - Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
 - People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**
- * GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 579)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.
- ** BAPTISM OF JAMES SPENCER REAM

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
- CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Paul O’Neal
- ** CALL TO PRAYER – “Christ We Do All Adore Thee” Dubois
- MORNING PRAYERS
- THE LORD’S PRAYER

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

- SOLO (9:00 a.m.) – “When He Rode Into Jerusalem” Beall
Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church after the solo.
- ** HYMN – No. 88 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
- ** **Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church during the last stanza.**
- OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Psalm 118:19-29 (Page 565) Amy MacPhee
- NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Mark 11:1-11 (Page 47)
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
- SERMON Ludwig Weaver
“The Lord Needs It”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
- SERVICE OF GIVING
 - Anthem (9:00 a.m.) – “Ride On, King Jesus” Trinkey
 - Anthem (11:00 a.m.) – “Ride On, King Jesus” Hogan
- * Doxology (Hymnal, No. 592)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
- * Prayer of Dedication
- * HYMN – No. 91 ST. DROSTANE
“Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!”
- * BENEDECTION
- ** CHORAL RESPONSE – “Instead of Palms” Troeger
- * POSTLUDE – “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arr. Williams

* All who are able may stand	** 11:15 a.m. service only
HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m. Christine Edmondson
	11:15 a.m. Will Kellett
SPONSOR:	Gaye Sprague
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m. Rob Morgan, Denise Broderick
	11:15 a.m. Vernon Anderson, Tod Hyche
	Ben Alexander
LITURGIST:	Jean Weaver

If you are visiting this morning, we extend a special welcome to you. Westminster Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a community of faith open to all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall.

TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

CHURCH NOTES

The leaders for Children’s Church this **Sunday, April 5:**

- 9:00 a.m. *Matthew & Deborah Miller*
- 11:15 a.m. *Bill & Kelly Taylor*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

- Nancy Smith, pianist*
9:00
- Mark Kemp, tenor*
Chancel Choir
11:15
- Sanctuary Choir*

BAPTISM

This morning, we welcome into our fellowship *James Spencer Ream*, son of Trevor and Nicole Ream.

PASTOR’S BAPTISM CLASS

The pastor will teach a baptism class on **Thursday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Please call the church office at 232-2424 if you are interested in having yourself or your child baptized. A nursery will be available.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

People who had their pictures taken or submitted a photo for the new pictorial directory may pick up their copy, one per household, outside the Fellowship Hall this **Sunday, April 5**. Contact the church office to pick up a directory if someone from your household cannot be at worship this week.

SANCTUARY REOPENING

Next Sunday, on Easter, we will re-open our sanctuary. Worship services will be at their usual times of 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School will be cancelled. Donuts and coffee will be served in the new sanctuary atrium from 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday*
April 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday*
April 10th at 12 Noon
- Easter*
April 12th
9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

On **Thursday, April 9**, we will gather around the table in observance of Maundy Thursday, remembering that Jesus shared in this fellowship with his disciples, instructing them to do likewise with one another in remembrance of him. Join us at **7:00 p.m. in Room 209** as we journey through the days leading up to the Holy Week events of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

GOOD FRIDAY

Having shared his last meal with his disciples, Jesus went with them out to Gethsemane where he spent some time alone with God pleading that he might not have to suffer what was to come. Jesus is then arrested, put on trial, whipped and beaten, and nailed to a cross to die. On **Friday, April 10 at 12 noon**, we will join together in room 209 for our Good Friday worship service focusing on what Christ went through out of love for you and for me.

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PW SCHOLARSHIP

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HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, April 5**. The screenings will take place in the Entrance Pavilion immediately following the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. worship services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Joda Higgins* at 979-1486.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation Class will meet this **Sunday, April 5, at 9:00 a.m.** in the room beside the Sr. High Room.

LIBRARY MEMORIALS/EASTER LILIES

Those desiring to remember loved ones during the Easter season may do so in three ways. Money may be given to buy memorial books and supplies for the library, to purchase a lily for the sanctuary (\$11.00), or a contribution may be made to the Endowment Fund. *Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 5.*

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