



As soon as Jesus was baptized he came up out of the water.

--Then the voice said from heaven,

"This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased." Matthew 3:16-17

Codger Lesson #1

- **Codger** — An often mildly eccentric and usually elderly fellow. -*Webster*
- **Codger** — Someone Who's Been There, Done That, and got a T-shirt to Prove It. -*Will Quinn*

Do you keep your word? In business? With family? At Church? Does it depend upon the situation?

With every baptism at Westminster Presbyterian Church several promises are made.

Let's consider two of them.

- #1** Parents promise to raise their child to "...study Jesus Christ, know him, love him, and serve him as his chosen disciple."
- #2** The congregation, both individually and collectively promises to "...tell this child the good news of the gospel, to help him or her to know all that Christ commands, and by (our) fellowship, to strengthen his or her family ties with the household of God."

In lay terms the promise of the parents gets down to this: "To attend Church with our children from diapers through diplomas each and every Sunday." If not, how will children learn to study, know, love, and serve Jesus?

How do you do this? Easy. You go to Church each and every Sunday.

If from the time children are baptized they go to Church every Sunday morning why should they question it at age six or sixteen? It becomes a normal, accepted, and important part of each week. Church attendance doesn't need to be discussed, voted upon, or presented as an option.

As parents do we give our children an opportunity to vote each Monday through Friday as to whether they stay home or go to school? Why should Sunday School be optional? Is it less important?

As members of the congregation our promise, again in lay terms, is to love, encourage, protect, and support children baptized at Westminster. This isn't something we simply agree is a good idea. It's a promise publicly made within the confines of the house of the Lord. In other words "in front of God and everybody!" How do we keep this promise? Attend Church every Sunday to demonstrate our commitment to our Lord and our/his Church. Keep the nursery. Teach Sunday School. Coach athletic teams. Mentor. Become friends with children and treat each with love and respect. Actively and publicly participate in the missions of our Church. Nurture children at every opportunity.

"Someone Who's Been There, Done That, and got a T-shirt to Prove It"? Our children are now 26 and 27. Woody and Liza are not perfect children. Nancy and I are not perfect parents. Far from it. I well remember Liza at a very young age going "toe-to-toe" with Nancy regarding the wearing of tights to Church. At times I thought there would be bloodshed. Also, I remember needing an air-raid horn to stir Woody from his bed. We came to Church sometimes in one car and many times in four cars. We may have argued over what to wear, what time to leave, and where to eat afterwards. We never argued about whether or not we were going. Never.

Raising good children is one of the most difficult challenges imaginable. However, it's a piece of cake compared to repairing broken adults.

Parents, how good is your word? Congregation, how good is ours?

Will Quinn, Codger in Residence

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 11, 2009

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

First Sunday After the Epiphany

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 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” arr. Hayes

** CHORAL INTROIT – “O Sing a New Song to the Lord” Buck

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Let us worship God.

* HYMN – No. 482..... LOBE DEN HERREN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of your holy name.

* 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.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

** CALL TO PRAYER..... Lyon

“God is My Strong Defense”

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

- * HYMN – No. 488.....LEONI
“The God of Abraham Praise”
Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church during the last stanza.
- OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Genesis 37:2b-8, 19-28 (Page 34)
- NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Acts 7:9-16 (Page 124)....*Mary Claire Busby*
- PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
- SERMON *Ludwig Weaver*
“He Didn’t Get That Off the Rack”

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

Solo (9:00 a.m.) – “His Salvation is Nigh Them that Fear Him”..... Bennett
Kathryn Knauer, soprano

** Anthem – “Consider the Lilies” Hoffman

* 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. 261.....O QUANTA QUALIA
“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

* BENEDICTION

** CHORAL RESPONSE – “Amen” Keen

* POSTLUDE – “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”..... Haydn

** ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* *All who are able may stand.* **11:15 a.m. service only

HEAD USHERS:	9:00 a.m.	Roger Beasley
	11:15 a.m.	David Clark
SPONSOR:		Suzanne Meece
GREETERS:	9:00 a.m.	Chas Key, Charles Little, Eldena Moore
	11:15 a.m.	Sam White, Will Quinn Tina Phillips
LITURGIST:		Dave Carlson

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.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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, January 11:**

9:00 a.m. *Jody & Sandra Howard*

11:15 a.m. *Bob & Anne Cox*

This week, Mr. Weaver will continue his sermon series entitled, "In the Beginning..."

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.

MARRIAGE

On Saturday, December 20, 2008, *Karolyn Troupe* and *Andrew Heaton* were united in marriage in St. Augustine, Florida.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

The Sunday Prayer Group will meet from 6:00-6:50 p.m. in Room 213 this **Sunday, January 11**. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to begin at anytime. If you have any questions, contact Dave Carlson at 232-2424, ext. 115, dcarlson@wpc-online.org.

THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet **Monday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Charter Room. Alan Elmore will introduce the group to a growing movement called Progressive Christianity, its background, content and leaders.

CONNECTIONS

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will have their monthly gathering on **Sunday, January 18**, after the 11:15 a.m. service. We will meet at Mimi's Café, 1125 Woodruff Rd., 297-9545. The restaurant requests reservations. Please contact Dot Elmore at 286-0036 or dotelmore@bellsouth.net.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS WE WILL SHARE

Large churches struggle to create community. Here at Westminster, as necessary and helpful as two worship services are, they also divide us. Plus, the activity levels, diversity, and mobility of our members make it difficult to get many of us in the same place at the same time.

So, how do we build community, a sense of all of us thinking and praying together? Beginning on Monday, January 5, I will email a weekly devotional to all those members for whom we have email addresses. (If you wish it mailed to you, we will be glad to do that.) The devotional will be brief. Its byline will be "Westminster Devotional." My intent is that it give an opportunity, even for a brief moment, for all of us to share together in a time of spiritual contemplation and meditation.

I ask that you pray for me as I begin this new area of ministry, and pray for our church, as we seek to bring together our thoughts and prayers in the service of Christ's Kingdom.

Ludwig Weaver

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, membership here, and what it means to be Presbyterian are invited to attend our New Member Class from 8:45–10:30 a.m. **Sunday, January 25**, in Room 213. Led by Volunteer Coordinator Susan McLarty and Associate Pastor Dave Carlson, this informational session is designed to answer questions and explain the process and meaning of membership here. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may join WPC at the 11:15 a.m. worship service or on a future new-member Sunday. RSVP's to the church office are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Carlson (dcarlson@wpc-online.org) or Susan McLarty (smclarty@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424.

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Adult Education Update

At Westminster, adult Sunday School is organized on a rotation model, with class topics changing every 6 – 8 weeks. Join us as 2009 begins, and become part of our educational adventure where faith can be deepened, friendships can grow, ideas can be exchanged and laughter celebrated. The following classes will be offered from **January 11 – February 28**.

1. **Bible 101**. Do you often wish you had a basic overview of the Bible's themes, purpose and meaning? This course is designed to further and deepen our understanding of the library found within the pages of the Bible, and to discuss how to apply biblical insights to our daily lives. **Teacher:** *Barbara Stoop* **Room:** 211
2. **Christian Commonwealth or Empire of Liberty?** This class will look at the hard fought historical contest of whether to fashion America on a Puritan model or on a French Revolution model. Using Forrest Church's book, *So Help Me God*, the study will look at our first five presidents and their impact on religion in America. **Teacher:** *Amos Workman* **Room:** 213
3. **The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully**. Not only accepting but celebrating getting old, the Faith Forum class will discuss the many facets of the aging process, from purposes and challenges to struggles and surprises. Using a book by Roman Catholic nun, Joan Chittester, the course will ponder the temptation towards isolation, the need to stay involved, the importance of health and well-being, the fear of tomorrow and the mystery of forever. **Co-ordinator:** *Henry Chaskelis* **Room:** 212
4. **Leap Over a Wall**. Based on a book by Eugene Peterson, the Nautilus class will examine the life of King David from the Old Testament. Exploring David's story, fraught with struggles, shortcomings and joys, the discussion will focus on how the divine is often hidden within the ordinary, and how God's purposes are often worked out in the ordinariness of our human lives. **Leader:** *Judith Chandler-Huse* **Room:** 210
5. **To Do Justice: A Guide for Progressive Christians**. How do Christians respond when it comes to issues such as drug problems, prisons, health policy, immigration, public education and militarism? Rooted in Christian tradition, the class will attempt to analyze contemporary problems from social, biblical and theological perspectives and provide direction for concrete action. **Teacher:** *Jean Weaver* **Room:** 209

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S

CIRCLES

Tuesday, January 13

- **Circle #5:** *Clara Lawson*, chair., will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Room 212.
- **Circle #6:** *Gretchen Reed*, chair, will meet at 12:15 p.m. in the Charter Room.
- **Circle #3:** *Barbara Wallace*, chair, will meet at 6:45 p.m. at the home of *Dee Malone* with *Carole Tinsley* as Helping Hostess.

TNT

TNT will have our first meeting of 2009 on **Wednesday, January 14**. Sign up for dinner no later than noon on *Monday, January 12*, or join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Sr. High Lounge. With only a few more Nooma videos to watch we will spend our evening on the 14th discussing what Bible Study we'll be doing next. And, as always, childcare is provided for our meetings. If you have any questions please call *Lisa Bryant* at 220-6629.

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THE SESSION
The Class of 2009

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Mark Lindahl	Peggy Thompson
Charles Little	Sam White

The Class of 2010

Cathy Bailey	Tim Madden
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Claude Cheatham	Trey Morrow
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The Class of 2011

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Christopher Carsten	Charlie Warth
Trey DuBose	Catherine Whitmire
Anne Holleman	Jim Young

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
January 11 - 17, 2009

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Church Supper Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.	Church School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting
1:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop
3:30 p.m.	Tiger Cubs
5:00 p.m.	Jr. & Sixers Groups Sr. High Choir
6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner Education Committee Meeting
	Centering Prayer
	Sr. High Oyster Roast
6:30 p.m.	Jr. and Sixers Choir
7:00 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anon.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.	Moms In Touch
9:15 a.m.	Weekday Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Weekday Chapel
5:30 p.m.	Men's Recreational Basketball
5:40 p.m.	Westminster Bells
6:00 p.m.	NAMI
6:15 p.m.	NAMI
6:30 p.m.	ChristCare – Bible Study
7:30 p.m.	Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anon.

TUESDAY

10:00 a.m.	PW Circle #5
12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
12:15 p.m.	PW Circle #6
5:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
6:45 p.m.	PW Circle #3
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" Tweens Cherub Choir
3:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Choristers
4:30 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner
5:30 p.m.	ChristCare – Hiking/Walking TNT
6:00 p.m.	ChristCare - Parenting Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	
7:00 p.m.	

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

Sr High Winter Retreat (thru 18th)

SATURDAY

10:30 am.	Gittings Ministry
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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for this **Sunday, January 11, 2009**, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. worship service. The order of business will be: (1) To elect twelve elders for the Class of 2012; (2) To act upon proposed changes in the ministers' terms of calls; (3) To answer questions concerning the 2009 budget.

SESSION NOMINEES

During the Congregational meeting this **Sunday, January 11**, the Nominating Committee will nominate the following to serve on the Session:

Class of 2012

Ben Alexander

Chris Beard

Gayle Blouin

Howard Boyd

Dorothy Dowe

Joe Frasher

Amy Grace

Jennifer Keir

Tim Reed

Amanda Sanders

Paul Schultz

Courtenay Williams

Others may be nominated from the floor. If you plan to do so, please contact the person beforehand to be certain he/she is willing to serve.

CHRISTCARE SMALL GROUPS

The first of Westminster's ChristCare Small Groups is meeting **Monday, January 12**, in Room 213 from 6:30-8:00 p.m., with plans to meet each 2nd and 4th Monday. This is a change from what had been planned last week. Visitors and those interested in joining this small group focused on Bible study are welcome to attend. The content of the Bible study will be based on input from the group, with the first several sessions following a Small Group guide for establishing a strong foundation. Please RSVP to *John Macrae* at jmacrae126@aol.com, 268-6569. Other groups are currently holding their first organizational meetings among those who responded to the all-church survey to decide on days and times, discuss the groups' focus, and gain a better sense of the ChristCare model. The regular meeting day and time for these groups will be publicized as available for people to visit and/or join the groups. Topics and activities of these groups are Hiking/Walking, Knitting, Luncheon, Movies, Outdoor Activities, Parenting, Simplifying Life, and Spirituality. Contact Dave Carlson (dcarlson@wpc-online.org) for information about these groups or the ChristCare program, or visit our website at wpc-online.org and click on Congregational Life and then Adult Groups.

SIXERS

This **Sunday, January 11**, the Sixers will meet for a Game Night competition from **5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

JUNIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, January 11**, the Jr. Highs will compete for the first time in the Wheel of Misfortune. We will meet in the Jr. High room at **5:00 p.m.** Next **Sunday, January 18**, we will have a gym night. Wear tennis shoes. Our Winter Retreat is January 24-25. There is still space available. Call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 if you have questions.

SENIOR HIGHS

This **Sunday, January 11**, we will meet at the home of *Colin Stafford* (101 Club Forest Ln) at **6:00 p.m.** for our annual Oyster Roast. Wear warm clothes and bring your appetites. Chili will also be served. Our Winter Retreat is January 16-19. We will not meet on Sunday, January 18. There is still space available for the retreat. If you are unable to come for the entire retreat, join us for as long as you can. Call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269 if you have any questions.

