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Westminster Presbyterian Church

Newsletter for February 6 - 12, 2012

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You Can Help Families in Crisis



You can help spread the word! Thornwell

Home for Children is your ministry serving children in need and their families - and we are ready to help. While you may be most familiar that we serve children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and abandonment, we also serve children from families in crisis. Family crises such as death of a parent, divorce, serious health issues of a parent/family member, and serious economic hardship are among the many situations in which children and families need our help.

One of the fastest growing groups of children who need us is those being raised by their grandparents. In Thornwell's service area (SC, GA, and FL), almost 335,000 of children under age 18 are living in homes where grandparents are responsible for them (2010 U.S. Census Bureau statistics).

Thornwell currently serves a number of children whose grandparents have turned to us for help. Regardless of the reasons a child comes to live at Thornwell or length of a child's placement, Thornwell works alongside these families, whether they are parents, grandparents, or other relatives, providing regular opportunities for family visits, family counseling, and other support.

You can help! As people of faith, we are called to spread the word about the ministry of Thornwell, for it is one way we help keep the promises of baptism. If you know of a child and family in your church, family, or community who may need our services, please encourage them to contact our Admissions Coordinator, Susan Mattison, at 888-310-9387. All calls and inquiries are held in strictest confidence.

The Reverend Elliot Smith



Tuesday, February 7

12:00 p.m. Administrative
Committee

6:30 p.m. [Chancel Choir](#)

Wednesday, February 8

9:15 a.m. [Mom's Bible Study](#)

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:00 p.m. ["It's Elementary!" and
Twins](#)

4:30 p.m. [Junior and Senior
Choristers](#)

5:30 p.m. [Dinner](#)

6:00 p.m. JustFaith

6:30 p.m. New Members
Assemble Care Packages for

College Students

6:30 p.m. Divorce Support
Group

6:30 p.m. [ChristCare
Couples Bible Study Group](#)
(Ages 50+)

6:30 p.m. [ChristCare Knitting
Group](#)

7:00 p.m. [Sanctuary Choir](#)

Thursday, February 9
10:00 a.m. [Bible Study](#)

Saturday, February 11
10:00 a.m. [Gittings Ministry](#)

Sunday, February 12
8:15 a.m. Finance Committee
8:45 a.m. Witness and Service
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:00 a.m. Library Committee
9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women
Coordinating Team
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Stated Session
5:00 p.m. [Middle School Group](#)
6:00 p.m. [Senior High Group](#)
6:15 p.m. [ChristCare Couples
Bible Study Group](#) (Ages 40-)

6:30 p.m. [ChristCare Single
Parents Group](#)

Thornwell Home for Children President

Support the Westminster Weekday School

Would you like to support your church preschool? Did you or your child attend the Weekday School? The school's annual carnival is Saturday, March 17. We are currently soliciting donations for our Carnival Raffle. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, and we are thinking creatively!

- Do you have a friend who owns a landscaping business?
- Do you own a lake or beach house?
- Do you know someone who would sponsor a gift card to a downtown restaurant?



We would love your support! Remember, the money raised comes directly back to our wonderful preschool! Contact [Elizabeth Palmer](#), Raffle Chair, with any ideas or donations.

Senior Adults

February Luncheon



Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Dr. George Frein, will be speaking on "America in Crisis." Dr. Frein, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Religion at the University of North Dakota, has served as a scholar/performer for the Great Plains Chautauqua Society. The luncheon will begin at 12 noon on Presidents Day, February 20. The cost is \$10 per person. Make your [reservations](#)

now!

Pictorial Directory Photos

Our goal is 100 percent of our church membership in our upcoming pictorial directory! We need you to sign up [online](#) or by calling the church office. If transportation is a concern, call Ellen Miller at 627-0725, and she will arrange transportation for you. You may also call Dave Sems at 297-6344 to arrange for someone to come to your house to take a picture.

Mom's Study and Fellowship

All moms who are looking for a place to share, laugh, discuss, and gain support from other Christian moms are invited to a new class beginning on Wednesday, February 8. We will start with a light breakfast at 9:15 a.m. and then look at the book *First Comes Love, Then Comes Money*. Two major topics in the Bible are love and money. How do we make sense of what the Bible tells us about these? How do we put good Christian and good financial practices to use in the midst of the raising a family? Our discussion will end around 11:00 a.m. Childcare is available. Call the church office at 232-2424 to sign up. (Discussion Leader: Jean Weaver)

Youth

All Youth

Youth groups will not meet on Sunday, February 5. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

Senior High Mission Trip

Senior Highs and eighth graders are invited to participate in the Dominican Republic mission trip June 21-28. The cost is \$1,000. Scholarships are available. You must [sign up](#) by March 4. For more information, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

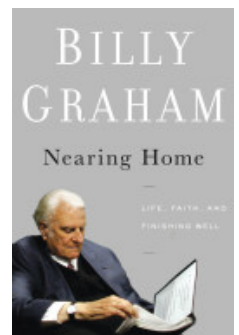
Library Resource

[*Nearing Home*](#) by Billy Graham (248.85 Graham - New Titles Shelf)

"In this book I invite you to explore with me not only the realities of life as we grow older but also the hope and fulfillment - and even joy - that can be ours once we learn to look at these years from God's point of view and discover His strength to sustain us every day. ... I pray that you and I may learn what it means not only to grow older, but, with God's help, to grow older with grace and find the guidance needed to finish well."

~Introduction.

WPC's online library catalog includes a link to [Google Books excerpts](#) from this title.



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