



Presbytery of the Mid-South

**NEXT
PRESBYTERY
MEETING:**

**FEBRUARY
10, 2007
9:00AM
LOCATION TBA**

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Celebrations!

**First Church,
Somerville -
177 years of
service**

**Parkway
Gardens United
- 100 years of
service**

**Trinity Church
- 35 years of
service**

*Utility is when you
have one telephone,
luxury is when you
have two,
and paradise is when
you have none.*

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*Two friends were
beginning a game of
golf.*

*The first man stepped
up to the tee, hit the
ball, and scored a
hole-in-one.*

*The other man said,
"Now I'll take MY
practice swing, and
then we'll start the
game."*

The Good News

The Good News...

Thanksgiving is the time of year when we give thanks to the Lord for all of the blessings we have. But what would you do, if at this time of year, your heart was heavy and sadness filled your life?

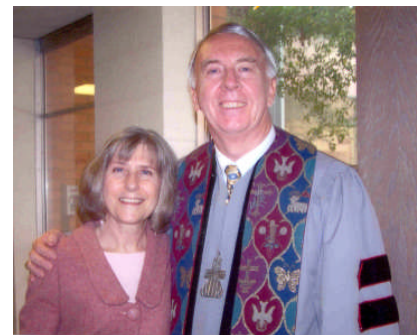
The Apostle Paul's answer was to "rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice...for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content." I believe Paul was saying that thanksgiving, real thanksgiving, comes from within and is not based on outward circumstances.

Abraham Lincoln certainly understood that concept. He issued a Proclamation of Thanksgiving, not when all was well, rather it came during the height of the Civil War, when our country was filled with fighting, when Americans were killing Americans, and when property was being destroyed. Yet, in the midst of all these losses, he understood the need to give thanks to God, for he knew that thanksgiving, real

thanksgiving, comes from within and is not based on outward circumstances.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, US, met in 1864, during the Civil War, and it was struggling with the issue of funding more missions. Some people were saying "now is not a good time" to expand missions. However, in the minutes under the "Foreign Mission Report" it is written, "Our backs are to the wall and our homes are being burned and our churches are being destroyed, but we must send another missionary to Brazil" out of gratitude to God. Those Presbyterians knew that thanksgiving, real thanksgiving, comes from within and is not based on outward circumstances.

During this Thanksgiving season, I hope you have so much for which to be thankful, but most of all, I hope you understand that thanksgiving, real thanksgiving, comes from your heart when we affirm the words of the



Apostle Paul when he said, "rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice...for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content."

And that is the Good News...

Pastor Jimmie

Presbytery Moving Day

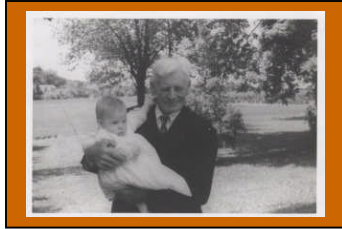
**Postponed until
Tuesday,
November 28**

Our new address
will be
449 Patterson St.
Memphis, TN
38111



MyLifeMyFaith

Rev. Pam Haley



- Childhood ambition** – To swim in the Olympics and be a UN ambassador
- Fondest memory** – Family vacations
- Soundtrack** – *Paint your Wagon*
- Retreat** – A cabin in the woods
- Wildest dream** – Spending a summer living in a beautiful Greek resort on the Mediterranean Sea.
- Proudest moment** – Graduating from Seminary
- Biggest challenge** – Growing up
- Perfect day** – Being outside – walking, swimming, napping anywhere that’s pretty
- Bible verse** – Philippians 1:6
- First job** – Shelved books in the Memphis Public Library in Junior High
- Indulgence** – Dark Chocolate Anything
- Favorite movie** – *My Best Friend’s Wedding*
- Best food** – Broiled fish and any dessert
- Am Presbyterian because** – It’s a “genetic thing”, and reformed doctrine is ok, too.
- My life** – Has been filled with God’s Grace and wonderful people.
- God** – is my reason for a joyous life. “There’s a lot of trouble in this life, but be cheerful because Jesus has overcome this world” (Pam’s translation).

Rev. Pam Haley serves as the Associate Pastor at Woodland United Presbyterian Church. In one of her duties at WUPC, she is involved with the Casa de Oracion Church which took over the Macon Road Presbyterian Church property. The black and white photo is her baptism photo. Pam grew up in this presbytery.

DO YOU WANT TO BE a Good Presbyterian?

Join this email list and get the Presbytery updates!

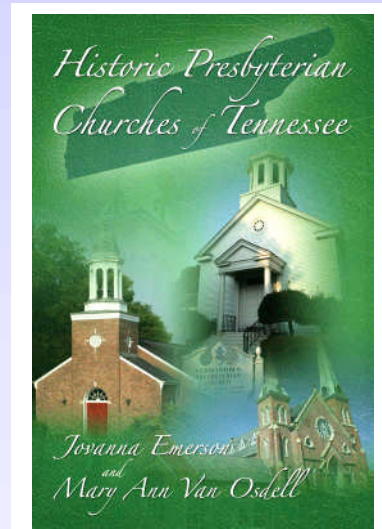
Sign up today or by emailing

Lucycummings@midsouthpresbytery.org



Historic Presbyterian Churches of Tennessee

Thirty-four churches built before 1850 are featured in this project that will raise money for the 1,100 people with developmental disabilities served by Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries. Copies are \$30 (plus tax of \$2.75) and only 3,000 are available. The historical coffee table book, which is loaded with pictures by *Tennessean* chief photographer Tom Stanford, makes a great gift to honor those having weddings or who have been married and are celebrating anniversaries at these churches.



To Place Your Order Now, Please Contact: Jovanna Emerson, Regional Director of Development, Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries.

Phone: 615-833-9500 Fax: 615-833-9010;

jemerson@epmi.org; www.epmi.org

You will be contacted by e-mail, mail or phone when the books arrive to arrange a pickup time or delivery to you if you will not be at the launch events.

Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries is a nonprofit, Christian mission, dedicated to helping people with developmental disabilities enjoy the highest quality of life. It serves people with developmental disabilities, each of whom have different aspirations, dreams, desires, needs, potential, and capabilities. Your support will help make dreams come true.

Our Brownsville and Germantown Churches are featured in this publication.

A full order form may be found on our website under *Service Opportunities*.

Message from Kent Grimes

On My Path

Kent Grimes, Vice Moderator of the Presbytery...

A number of people in the presbytery have expressed concerns with "Louisville" and their actions over the years. The massive cuts made within the General Assembly Council (GAC) earlier this year were necessitated by cuts in financial giving by presbyteries and sessions throughout the denomination. The decision to make these cuts was very difficult, especially having to cut long-time missionaries in the field.

Linda Valentine, the newly installed Executive Director of the GAC staff, is working to restructure the GAC to focus on ministries and programs that congregations expect from Louisville. Linda plans to provide support from within the GAC in mission and evangelism that many sessions have

begun to turn to special interest organizations outside the church to provide. We hope that you will give Linda and the new GAC your prayerful and financial support as they seek to fulfill the goals of the church.

Linda Valentine will be in the Presbytery of the Mid-South on the afternoon of **Tuesday, February 27**, for a listening session and to present her plans for the restructured organization. We hope you and representatives from your session will plan to attend and make known to her your hopes and expectations of the GAC. *More information on the event and the exact time and place will be announced in December. (Rem: The exact time and place for this presentation has not been set.)*

Faithfully, Kent Grimes

An email note from Mary Thrash, Director of Music at First Church, Paris in reference to a Wednesday Night Supper talk about Pinecrest.

**Hello, Lucy,
Your presentation at First Pres in Paris was just really nice, and brought back many memories for me of camp-times. I am certainly an example of how a life can be changed at camp...as a very shy and quiet teenager, a camp counselor noticed that I could sing and encouraged me for the first time to sing a solo...wouldn't take no for an answer, actually! It was something that altered my own history. I went to college the next year, wound up majoring in music, later taught music at camp myself while I was in college, directed the choirs there, and worked as a counselor myself. But the main thing for me was that contact with folks who showed me that I "mattered" in that intimate, close, nothing-else-like-it setting that God so used to guide me on my "path."**

Caregiver Support Group at Balmoral

Balmoral Presbyterian Church will sponsor a new Caregiver Support Group beginning Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 7:00 PM. The group will meet on the third Thursday of every month at the church. This new service and ministry is directed to help those in the East Memphis-Germantown-Collierville area who need information and emotional support for their role as caregivers. Participants will include those who care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, other forms of dementia, or other elder care issues. The group is not, however, strictly an Alzheimer's Support Group. Other targeted participants are those caring for someone with a chronic disease such as: multiple sclerosis, ALS, Parkinson's, cardiac disease and any other long-term care issue that puts the burden of care on one (or a few) individuals.

Balmoral members, Howard and Bettye Lasley, provided the impetus for the group's formation based on personal experience. When confronted with a family

member's diagnosis of Alzheimer's, the support group they found through the local Alzheimer's Association was crucial in helping them cope with the struggles of the disease. As Howard states, "This group gave me back my life and God is now telling me to 'Pass it on.' We may not have all the answers but we certainly care enough to listen and through a vast library of resources and personal experience can address issues with which the caregiver may be struggling." Both Howard and Bettye have been active in the local Alzheimer's association and Howard has served on the Board for three years. Bettye completed training as a support group facilitator in preparation for starting the support group at Balmoral.

Balmoral Presbyterian Church is located at 6413 Quince Road in East Memphis, very close to Kirby and Quince and adjacent to Highway 385, in zip code 38119.

The group is free and open to the public.



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Part I

You are invited to participate as a singer
or as an active listener

featuring

**Germantown Presbyterian Church
Chancel Choir**

4:00PM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2006
GERMANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

2363 Germantown Road, South; Germantown, TN

Jerold Teachey, Conductor

Carolyn Mason, Organist

Orchestra: members of the Memphis Symphony

One rehearsal will be held for those interested in attending
7:00pm, Monday, November 27, 2006
Germantown Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

Bring your own score; Limited number of scores will
be available for purchase

Contact Jerold Teachey (754-5195 ext. 22) or
Carolyn Mason (754-5195 ext. 18)
to confirm the number of singers from your church
that will be participating.

Child care provided for children 4yrs old and
younger



Bo Scarborough tells the kids
how it was in Bible times.

*Around the
Presbytery*



Farmington Trunk-R-Treated at
Family Camp at Pinecrest



Mentor and Me Camp made
crazy hats at Pinecrest.



Watermelon "art" at the Paris
Family Picnic

Synod Voice

The Synod of the Living Waters would like to add your congregation to its mailing list for the FREE Synod Voice newspaper. This quality publication covers news in the 13 Presbyteries of the Synod as well as Synod business, mission, and work. All they need is your current mailing list. Please call the Presbytery office to find out how to make an Excel list for your church or simply email your current list to mailer@fwpc.com

Keep your church connected.

Junior High Youth Retreat at Pinecrest

February 9-11, 2007

Our Identity in Christ

\$85/person

A group of youth leaders has been working on a Jr. High Retreat. Thanks to these interested folks: Kyle York (Germantown), Shirley Hartsfield (First, Caruthersville), Kay Dawson and Rebekah Bruce (Balmoral), Gina Fumosa (Collierville), Betsy Ayer (LaGrange), Frank Kelly (Idlewild), Tommy Suttle (First, Jackson), Mike Singleton (PYC), Lucy Cummings (Presbytery).

Space is limited to about 60 youth and leaders.

Information will be forwarded to your churches (hopefully by email – is your youth ministry registered?) very soon. Please plan on this!