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# THE BANNER

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Dear friends,

This month I am ceding this space to our new Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Gradye Parsons. Gradye’s reflections are wise, and I want to share them with you. May God so continue to build us together, on the strong foundation of Christ.

Blessings to you,

Sallie

*A monthly column for the church-at-large by The Reverend Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

## The Stuff God Is Putting Together

August 2008

One of my favorite books is How Buildings Learn, by Stewart Brand. It is a book about what happens to buildings after they are built.

We tend to look at buildings as static objects with a utilitarian future. Brand argues that good buildings are those that adapt to new uses, different inhabitants, and changing customs. Buildings that can adapt and are indigenous to the local culture usually survive and thrive.

Brand gives particular praise to structures built during the 1930s by the New Deal programs – Civilian Conservation Corp, Public Works Administration, and Works Project Agency. These programs provided work for millions of people who had lost their income during the Depression. They found help and hope while

constructing some of our favorite structures.



In Ephesians 2, Paul uses a building metaphor to describe the way God is constructing the church. It is built on a foundation of the saints and apostles, with Christ as the cornerstone.

This construction of God’s has two great goals. One is to transform you and me from strangers and aliens into members of God’s household. The second is for the whole structure to grow together into a holy temple in the Lord, a dwelling place for God.

The church that God is building is not a specific structure. Most of the time it is not even visible. Sometimes we get a glimpse when we see bread broken, a cup of water offered, or an eight- or eighty-year-old face light up. But, seen or unseen, we should never doubt that this church is being built and that we are the materials.

We are the stuff God is putting together to build God’s church.

The Book of Occasional Services [Geneva Press, 1999] (Acc. #BK7329 or #8652 in our Resource Center) includes liturgy for the groundbreaking of a church. One of the prayers offers this hope:

Eternal God, our days and years are in your hand. Our accomplishments are fleeting, and what we build is temporary. We pray that what we begin here today will rise to give you glory, standing firm on the foundations of apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone.

The Presbytery of Arkansas is a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the northern two-thirds of the State of Arkansas. We are composed of almost 15,400 Presbyterians gathered in 93 congregations and one fellowship, two New Church Developments and one ministry located in various towns and cities in this geographical region.

## Photos of Church Professionals Requested

General Council of the Presbytery has endorsed the plan to update the photo directory of all minister members of the Presbytery, all actively-serving Commissioned Lay Pastors, and all Christian Educators, youth directors, children's ministry directors and musicians in churches. Rather than contract with a commercial company, it is hoped that each church professional will e-mail a digital "mugshot" (head and shoulders) preferably before a light-colored background to [brian@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:brian@presbyteryofarkansas.org). These will be added to the presbytery website and updated quarterly in 2009. Please submit a photo by October 1.

## First, Harrison Needs Font Photos

Rev. Charles "Chip" Andrus, pastor of First, Harrison, has requested every congregation take a digital photo of their baptismal font and e-mail it to him at [chipandrus@fpcharrison.org](mailto:chipandrus@fpcharrison.org) by September 15. He is assembling a collection of these photos for possible projection at the reception after worship at the 109th stated meeting of the presbytery on October 9.



## "The Banner" to Reach More Readers

In response to positive feedback and as part of the current Presbytery vision for communication, the General Council of the Presbytery is working to widen the audience for good news of the work of congregations and the news of opportunities for special events and resources. The ultimate hope is to get to every PC(USA) household within the presbytery bounds the eight-page monthly newsletter.

- For the congregation having a web site, Council and the Presbytery staff request that a link be posted on the congregational website to take members to the Presbytery's web site and/or directly to the online version of "The Banner."

- For the congregation that does not have a website but does use e-mail with their membership, the request is to e-mail each month's "Banner" to all willing recipients in the church who have e-mail addresses and have agreed to receive church-related e-mails.

- For the congregation that has neither a web site nor e-mail communication, the request is to share the hard-copy of "The Banner" with your Session and post several on bulletin boards or in common areas.

## Cluster of the Trinity Event

Cluster of the Trinity (III, northeast Arkansas) invites all churches of the Presbytery to "The Trinity Event" at First, Jonesboro, on Saturday, September 6, from 9 to 3. This event will "explore the liberating experience of Unbinding the Gospel in individual and church lives." Contact Rev. David Schaller at 870.932.4101 or e-mail [fjcb@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:fjcb@suddenlinkmail.com) for details.

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## 109th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas Thursday-Friday, October 9-10 First Presbyterian, Harrison

Pre-Presbytery Workshops, 3-5 p.m., Thursday, October 9

- 1) Faith and Politics, Rev. Robert Lowry, First, Searcy
- 2) Worship and Sacraments, Rev. "Chip" Andrus, First, Harrison
- 3) Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response, Rev. Emmett Powers, First, Lonoke
- 4) Opening the Doors to Discipleship - Teacher Training, Associate General Presbyter Joan Erickson
- 5) Pastor Search Process, Elder Lynn Condra, moderator of Committee on Ministry and Rev. Carl McCormack, First, Malvern

Thursday: Supper on your own, gavel at 6:30 p.m., business followed by worship with sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and special reception Thursday night. Friday: Morning prayers, business, luncheon at the church.

Watch for the packet to be posted on the web site (<http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org>) by September 18th.

## Presbytery-sponsored Youth Trips Offer Connections



Twenty-one youth and five adults from five congregations in the presbytery and Eastminster, Dallas traveled together to Junior High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch Assembly, Hunt, TX (above) on the theme of "Godspace, a Place for Community, Friends and Faith" July 5-11. The annual trip is planned and led by presbytery's Youth Council, a subcommittee of the Committee on Christian Education and Nurture.

Eleven presbytery high school youth took part in



the Montreat Youth Conference during July (above). These conferences give youth a chance to get to know other Presbyterian youth from other states in small groups and participate in worship and keynotes with hundreds of youth. Trips this year were planned with attention to good stewardship of the earth: ride-sharing was organized with the presbytery group, a presbytery congregation, and two churches from TX. One result was that three fewer vehicles were on the road this summer.

### Together in God's Grace

by Associate General Presbyterian Joan Erickson

Some of the Christian Education programs in churches in the presbytery are in a time of start-up as the schedule may be patterned after a school year schedule. So using the school start time of August or after Labor Day is a good time to jump into Christian Education as it begins anew. If the school schedule isn't relevant to you then the transition from summer to fall might be a time when new classes start up and an invitation goes out to visit a Bible study or topical study in the church. Our church year begins with Advent so that is also a good time to turn extra attention to God with us. Then there is also the tradition of New Year's resolutions that can inspire the action that goes along with the thought - I would like to grow more in my faith through organized study. Then there is the time of preparation before Easter - Lent, which is a good time to focus on discipleship. Summer may offer the sense that it is time for a new adventure and joining a class may be that adventure.

So I guess that the whole year offers cues, inspiration and opportunities to jump into discipleship a little more and join or form a new class.

*Joan*

### NEWS OF OUR CLUSTERS

- **Cluster VII** (west central Arkansas) is planning a town hall meeting on Sunday afternoon, August 24, at Central Presbyterian, Russellville, to hear Interim General Presbyterian Rev. Dr. Sallie Watson explain actions of the 218th General Assembly.
- Rev. Ken Upham, honorably retired, of Conway has been chosen as the **Cluster VII** representative, Class of 2011 to Committee on Clusters.
- **Cluster VIII** (central Arkansas) has elected Elder Betty Anderson from First, Jacksonville, as their representative on Committee on Clusters.

### NEWS OF OUR RETIRED PERSONS

- Christian sympathy goes to **Barbara Waychoff** and family on the death of **Rev. Dean T. Waychoff** of Little Rock on July 10. He was pastor emeritus of First, Heber Springs, where his memorial service took place on July 15, and after retirement he served as temporary supply for First, Beebe.
- Christian sympathy goes to **Delores Cole** and family on the death of **Rev. Joe Nathan Cole, Sr.** of Houston, MS on July 23. He served as pastor of West End Presbyterian, Arkadelphia from 1999 to 2003.
- **Myra Rice**, wife of **Rev. Jerry Rice**, Honorably Retired, is recuperating at home after hospitalization.

## PEOPLE and CHURCH NEWS

### NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

- **Yasmin Martin** has begun duties as Communications Coordinator, the office position at First, Hot Springs.
- Candidate for ministry **Mark Hoehne** recently graduated from Dubuque Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.
- **Rev. Roger Patton** has resigned as presbytery evangelist and organizing pastor for the Northwest Arkansas New Church Development at Rogers.
- **Rev. "Woody" Brown** of Fayetteville has begun part-time work as a chaplain for Tyson foods.
- **Dr. Hee-Kyung Juhn** of Benton is the new musician/choirmaster at First, Malvern.
- **Rev. John Conley** has resigned as interim pastor of Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, effective August 10.
- Congratulations to **Gail and Jerry Archer** on the birth of a granddaughter, Charlotte Abigail, born to Brian and Jennifer Rader on July 9. Gail of First, Lonoke, is a member of Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.
- **Ruthie McRae** of First, Fort Smith, was featured in the article on "Thank Offering Update: Living Waters for the World" in the July/August edition of "Horizons" magazine for Presbyterian Women.
- Christian sympathy goes to **Don Eilbott and family** on the death of his mother, Geraldine Manar Eilbott on July 21. Eilbott, a member of First, Pine Bluff, is a member of Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

### NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS & MINISTRIES

- **Central Presbyterian, Russellville**, held a week-long Adventure Clinic for junior and senior high piano students to explore the church organ in response to a widespread shortage of organists.
- **First, Hot Springs'** Fellowship and Mission Committees will assemble "school (supply) kits" for Presbyterian Disaster Relief on September 6 after collecting various donated items in June through August.
- **First United, Fayetteville**, has written guidelines for the Session to vote by e-mail on limited items.
- **Highland Presbyterian, Hot Springs**, Boy Scout Troop 15 dedicated the new picnic area to the church and had a retirement of American flags on Flag Day.
- **Pulaski Heights Presbyterian, Little Rock**, Fellowship Hall will be the site of the Community Theatre of Little Rock's six performances of "Schoolhouse Rock Live Too".
- **Graham Memorial, Forrest City**, hosted a youth group from West Plano (Texas) Presbyterian who were returning home from a mission trip to Louisville, Kentucky. The group had sandwiches on Saturday night, spent the night in the church, and enjoyed breakfast on Sunday morning before leaving for home.

- **First, Walnut Ridge**, plans Wednesday evening classes this summer and early fall on Psalms and "What does it mean to be Presbyterian."
- **Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals** worshiped at the Bull Shoals-White River State Park on July 13.
- **Central, Pine Bluff**, is gathering school supplies for children of low income families in Jefferson County.
- **Park Hill Presbyterian, North Little Rock**, will take up a special offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance work in Arkansas at their 60th anniversary celebration on August 24.
- **Woodlands Presbyterian, Hot Springs Village**, offered a series of training sessions on Alzheimer's disease for their Stephen Ministers.
- **First, Yellville**, is conducting classes on hand chimes including basic rhythm and music reading skills.
- **Westminster, Hot Springs**, will raise funds for missions supported by the congregation by having a "Loose Change Collection" each month in worship with a "Minute for Mission" for the specific mission recipient.
- Students at John Brown University will do service projects around **First, Siloam Springs**, as part of their JBU Day of Caring on August 25.
- **First, Morrilton**, volunteers will assemble new Chrismon tree decorations this month in preparation for Advent.
- Members of **First, Gurdon**, attended the centennial celebration at **Barr Memorial Presbyterian, Norman**, on June 29.

### THE CHURCH CONNECTIONAL

(A new column dedicated to publicizing activities shared by two or more congregations.)

- **First, Berryville's** Session will join the Sessions of **First, Eureka Springs** and **Holiday Island Presbyterian** for New Elder Training and a Session Retreat.



*First, Mountain Home, members proudly wore polo shirts on "Shirt Sunday," July 20, printed with the Presbyterian logo and sold by the congregation's Church Growth Committee. They will wear them again at their booth at the Baxter County Fair and to other community functions.*

## NEWS and OPPORTUNITIES

**-- LAST CALL --**  
**2nd Annual Presbytery-Wide  
 Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast  
 October 12-18, 2008**

**When:** Leave on Sunday, October 12th at 9:00 a.m. from and return Saturday, October 18th to Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs.

**Where:** In the area of Orange Grove, Mississippi through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

**Cost:** The cost is \$20.00 per day for room and board.

**Deadline for Registration:** Tuesday, September 2, 2008

**Organizational Meeting:** September 7 at 3:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs.

Participants and supporters who cannot attend may want to buy and donate gift cards from Lowe's (the closest building supply store to the work site).

**More Information:** Contact Susie Wright (501.525.1367 or 501.620.3335) for details.

### Idea of the Month

**First, Conway**, is giving space as a Cooling Center to homeless, elderly and very young people during the 100<sup>0</sup>+ days of August. Volunteer hosts/hostesses are on duty from 11 to 5 to offer games, magazines and videos to visitors.

### Deadline Approaches for Lay Training

by Rev. Heinrich Eiler

Registration forms are available on the presbytery web site for the next CLP Academy training program (<http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmPresbyteryDocuments.aspx>) or by contacting Brian Perry (501.663.2424/[brian@presbyteryofarkansas.org](mailto:brian@presbyteryofarkansas.org)). As previously, this program has been designed to provide training for commissioned lay pastors called for in G-14.0560. Enrollment is open to elders with a sense of calling to serve as lay pastors AND to persons interested in considering such a call as well as persons who desire to deepen their understanding of Christian faith and the ministry of the Church. The program of 10 quarterly weekend sessions Fri. evening-Sun. noon will begin in Feb. 2009. Between these sessions, there will be guided home study and projects. The geographic distribution of those enrolled, among other factors, will determine where the sessions will be held. A \$25 non-refundable fee is required with registration form and a \$50 tuition fee for each weekend. Some scholarship help is available. Questions, call Rev. Heinrich Eiler, Academy Dean (501.922.3987). **Deadline for Eiler to receive completed registration forms is Sept. 15.**

### Financial Corner: The Presbytery Budget

Are you current with your congregation's pledge?

July Revenue \$ 72,388.37

July Expenses \$ 91,986.96

July Deficit (\$ 19,598.59)

Year to Date Total

Revenue \$ 395,903.60

Expenses \$ 597,121.99

Deficit (\$201,218.39)

**Presbytery needs your support!**

### "Wanted & Giving" Page

The Presbytery's web site now has a place to list your congregation's items to give away or to list items you would like. (There will be no "for sale" listings.) Look under "Resources" to view current listings.

### Presbyterian Women Set Fall Gatherings

Cluster	Church	Date
1	First United, Fayetteville	Sept. 27
2	First, Harrison	Sept. 13
3	Faith, Horseshoe Bend	Sept. 13
4	First, Marianna	Sept. 20
5	First, Malvern	Sept. 13
6	First, Ft. Smith	Sept. 13
7	First, Morrilton	Sept. 27
9	Westover Hills, Little Rock	Sept. 20

The Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team voted a grant to the Presbytery of Arkansas for the purchase and construction of storage buildings to house personal belongings of victims of recent tornadoes and flooding in the amount of \$3,000. The Presbytery has entered a partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Ferncliff in this endeavor.

### IGP ITINERARY

Interim General Presbyter Sallie Watson will be in the following settings between now and the next Banner publication:

Aug 11-14	Synod's Next Steps event, COM training event, Executive Presbyter Forum
Aug 16	Presbytery Budget Hearing
Aug 17	preaching at First, Mena
Aug 21	at Stewpot (Little Rock, First) with Cluster IX
Aug 23	General Council meeting
Aug 24	Park Hill, NLR anniversary & Cluster VII town hall meeting
Aug 25-29	Vacation
Sept 2	Committee on Ministry
Sept 4	Harmony, Clarksville's carillon dedication
Sept 6	Trinity Event (Cluster III)

## Camp Counselors Offer Hugs at Little Rock's Rivermarket



During a mid-summer break college-age counselors from Ferncliff Camp visited Little Rock's popular Rivermarket area with an offer of "Free Hugs" inspired by a video on YouTube. Counselors include Nicole from New Zealand; Kathy from Florida; David from Highland, Hot Springs; Cameron from First, Batesville; and Nick and Deven from Little Rock.

## Mission Corner

One answer to the question "Where does our money go which is sent to the Presbytery?" is in your hand or on your computer screen. Besides publishing "The Banner" every month, the presbytery has a page in the Synod SUN newspaper and a recently redesigned web site ([www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org)) for use by our committees, congregations, leaders, members and those interested in learning about the PC(USA).

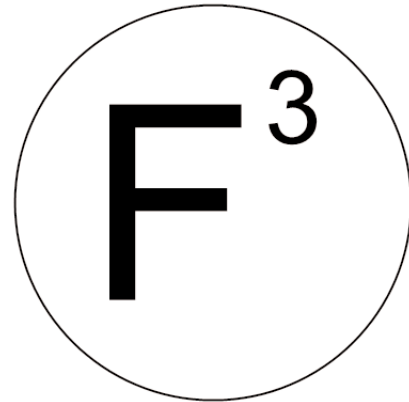
- Help us spread the word -

Calling **ALL** College Students:  
It is time to **MERGE!**

On Saturday, **September 13**  
from **11 AM to 9 PM**  
we invite you to merge at  
**Ferncliff Camp and Conference**  
**Center**

"Remember your Creator in the  
days of your youth"  
**Ecclesiastes 12:1**

For more info contact  
Theresa Spragins,  
[theresa.spragins@gmail.com](mailto:theresa.spragins@gmail.com)



## Junior High YouthQuake

Friday-Sunday, September 26-28

At Ferncliff Camp

Youth in Grades 6-9 (in Fall, 2008)

Theme: You've Got a Friend in Me  
(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

A camp full of youth, faith, and more fun than you  
can imagine

For more info contact: Bud McConkie  
501.450.3558 or

[widgetb@conwaycorp.net](mailto:widgetb@conwaycorp.net)

Registration: \$75 if registered by Sept. 2

\$85 if registered Sept. 3-12

Due to limited space, register early!

T-shirts are not guaranteed to registrants after  
Sept. 2.

YouthQuake packets are on the presbytery web site and  
were mailed and e-mailed to every church.



## RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

August, 2008

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— As we wither in the extraordinary heat of early August, thoughts of fall breezes carry new opportunities for Christian Education to our congregations. A RAVE REVIEW from Don Crapnell at First, Mountain Home on “**Living Faith: Exploring the Essentials of Christianity**” by Tom Wright (Acc. #DVD8918) expressed his class’ appreciation for this ten-session DVD kit complete with book, participant’s guide and leader’s guide.

— It’s time to order copies of another excellent, useful Presbyterian resource, the **2009 MISSION YEARBOOK FOR PRAYER AND STUDY** based on the theme of Micah 6:8. Payment of \$8 for each book must accompany the order placed to the Presbyterian office (brian@presbyteryofarkansas.org) by Friday, August 15.

— It’s also “Back to School” time, and even if your household is past shopping for notebooks and glue, you may have college students on your church rolls.

Keeping in touch with them is an extension of our vows at their baptism. Excellent suggestions to accomplish this task abound in the brief document “**12 Months and 24 Ways: Staying Connected with College Students of Your Church.**” Just go to the presbytery website (www.presbyteryofarkansas.org), click on “ministries,” click on “Calvin’s List,” and then scroll to “12 Months and 24 Ways.” Your college students will thank you for remembering them.

—Interim General Presbyter Rev. Sallie Watson shared the following as a resource to Board of Pensions members and congregations from the summer, 2008 “The Board Bulletin.” Medical plan traditional program dues will remain the same in 2009, applications are now being accepted for Transition-to-College Assistance Grants and the requirement that employees work a minimum of 20 hours/week to participate in the Retirement Savings Plan of the PC(USA) will be eliminated on Sept. 1.

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## ***BIG NEWS FOR PATRONS OF THE RESOURCE CENTER***

At long last and thanks to funding by the Christian Education and Nurture Committee, the support of the Resource Center Advisory Council and the technical skill of Brian Perry, the people at ReQuest Manager, and Christine from KCI Cyber Web Development, the resources of YOUR Resource Center are online! Just go to the presbytery’s website (www.presbyteryofarkansas.org), click on “Resources,” then on “Resource Center,” then on the Resource Center’s homepage go to the box on the left and click on “Search the Catalog” to make a “simple search” or an “advanced search.” You may search by title, medium, subject, resource ID number, or author and when you find a resource you are interested in, you may read the detailed description which suggests ages of users. If you want to check out the resource, you can add it to your shopping cart. I’ll respond to your request the next day I’m in the office to let you know if and when the resource is available and send it out to you on loan. This service will reach more patrons and help our congregations.

## ***PREVIEW THESE DVDs NOW FOR USE WHEN FALL PROGRAMS CRANK UP***

“**Veggie Tales: The Wonderful Wizard of Ha’s: The Story of a Prodigal Son**” (Acc. #DVD9034) for younger children reminds them that there’s nothing like forgiveness and there’s no place like home. “**Seeds, Dirt, Fruit**” (Acc. #DVD9039) for children ages 6-12 in English and in Spanish presents object lessons on Jesus’ agricultural stories. “**Golden Rule Politics: Reclaiming the Rightful Role of Faith in Politics**” (Acc. #DVD9038) explores the political issues found in the Christian tradition beginning with the biblical priority of doing justice. Fans of Middle Eastern scholar Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey will rejoice at “**Jesus and His Vision of Mission**” in eight 30-minute lectures (Acc. #DVD9032).

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**CALENDAR**

- Aug 16 Committee on Administration Budget Hearing, First, Conway
- Aug 19 Cluster III Meeting
- Aug 19 Coal Hill Administrative Commission
- Aug 23 Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Presbytery
- Aug 23 General Council, Second, Little Rock
- Aug 24 Park Hill Presbyterian, NLR 60th Anniversary
- Aug 24 Des Arc Administrative Commission
- Aug 24 Cluster VII Town Hall Meeting
- Sept 1 Labor Day, Presbytery Office Closed
- Sept 2 Committee on Ministry, First, Conway
- Sept 2 Deadline for September Banner Submissions
- Sept 2 Registration Deadline for Mission Trip to Gulf Coast
- Sept 6 Trinity Event, First, Jonesboro
- Sept 9 Cluster III Meeting
- Sept 12 Deadline for 109th Stated Meeting Materials

For details and additional activities please go to our website.  
<http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/firmEventCalendar.aspx>

**Arkansans Help After Iowa Floods**



*Four people from the Presbytery of Arkansas traveled to Iowa June 29 through July 2 in response to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to deliver portable shower stalls (being unloaded above) to flood survivors. Mel and Carol Dunkle, First, Searcy, went to Cedar Rapids and Rev. Bob Hadley, Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay and Lou Drallmeier, First, Hot Springs, went to Iowa City.*