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# THE BANNER

**IGPonderings** by Interim General Presbyter Rev. Sallie M. Watson

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One of the things which happened at General Assembly this year was a unanimous vote - believe it or not! The General Assembly is asking us to **"grow God's church deep and wide."** You and I are being challenged to focus our efforts on growing our churches not only numerically, but also spiritually.

Martha Grace Reese's book Unbinding the Gospel (Chalice Press, 2006 and in our Resource Center) addresses this issue head on. Many of you have read this book, or are just now discovering it. She offers us a common-sense but Spirit-filled way to address what she calls "real life evangelism." And guess where it begins? *With you.*

The most important thing discovered in this study, she says, is that what lies at the heart of real evangelism is a vivid relationship with God. That has nothing to do with an altar call. It doesn't take big-bucks technology to enhance worship. It doesn't require knocking on the doors of strangers. She says that "the heart of evangelism is love - of God, of church, of others." (page 5)

Perhaps the best way to "widen" the church is to "deepen" our own spiritual life and our relationship with God. I encourage you to join me in doing just that. Carve out a dedicated time each day for prayer and study. Join up with

others who can hold you accountable for that time. Just pull out your Bible and start reading.



Sometimes I fear that we get so wrapped up in the work of the church that we lose our focus on our Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer. I wonder if the Spirit is speaking through John of Patmos to the Presbytery of Arkansas in Revelation 2:1-7: "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance...I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first."

Yes, we need to be about growing our churches deep and wide. But notice which one comes first. If we wish to grow our churches wide numerically, the place to start is with ourselves: drinking deeply from the well of scripture, living into our baptism and gathering around the table. If we grow in that kind of depth, our churches cannot help but grow as well.

Blessings to you,

Sallie

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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.

## Belair Presbyterian Merges with Central, Pine Bluff



With the help of an Administrative Commission of the Presbytery, members of Belair Presbyterian, 1601 Commerce, have merged with a cross-town church, Central Presbyterian in Pine Bluff. The group above were welcomed and recognized in Sunday morning worship on Aug. 17: Peggy Wilson, Clerk of Session Bonnie Rauls, Mildred Turner, Turner's granddaughter Amanda Chandler, Dora Vontungeln, Gwen Shell, Jorga Corres, Donald Walker, and Rev. John Shell, honorably retired. Rev. Shell was baptized, confirmed and ordained as a deacon at Central.

**-- LAST CALL --**

### Deadline Approaches for Lay Training Paperwork

Completed registration forms for the next CLP Academy training program and the \$25 non-refundable fee required with registration are due to be received by Rev. Heinrich Eiler, Academy Dean (501.922.3987) by Monday, September 15.

## Arkansas Presbyterian Cursillo No. 9

By Roger Chisholm

The ninth Cursillo weekend is rapidly approaching, and there are still a few spots open for participants. The weekend will be October 16 -19 at Ferncliff.

Cursillo is an opportunity for individuals to grow spiritually, experience God's unconditional love and grace, renew their relationship with the living Christ, while having a lot of fun. Then the participants return to their home congregations to share their renewed enthusiasm. Lay persons and pastors from 33 of the churches of the Presbytery of Arkansas have attended and highly recommend Cursillo.

More information about Cursillo (pronounced cur-see-yo) is available on the Presbytery website or from [arpc.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:arpc.registrar@gmail.com).

### Do We Have Your Photo?

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 15.

## 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 (Join us in this discussion of the role of faith in contemporary American politics and explore how many of the assumptions we make may not be as accurate as we once thought.)
  - 2) Worship and Sacraments, Rev. "Chip" Andrus, First, Harrison (We will discuss ways in which our sacramental understanding helps us give deeper meaning to worship, daily prayer, and most of all the way we live each and every day.)
  - 3) Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response, Rev. Emmett Powers, First, Lonoke (The information shared will include an overview of disaster preparation for the congregation, as well as ideas for relief, response and mitigation along with model plans, forms, and guide sheets.)
  - 4) Opening the Doors to Discipleship - Teacher Training, Associate General Presbyter Joan Erickson (*Opening Doors to Discipleship* are free online courses in the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition to help teachers and leaders equip themselves to be faithful disciples with Teaching Skills, Bible Background, and Presbyterian/Reformed Faith.)
  - 5) Pastor Search Process, Elder Lynn Condra, moderator of Committee on Ministry and Rev. Carl McCormack, First, Malvern (This workshop is designed to be informative for those serving on active Pastor Nominating Committees; for members of Churches anticipating a change in pastoral leadership; or anyone who is curious about our Call Process.)
- 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. Opportunities to meet with and respond to the General Presbyter Search Committee regarding the proposed new job description will be offered Thursday night during the reception and Friday over lunch.

## Presbyterians Respond to Hurricane Gustav Evacuation

by Rev. Gordon Garlington

As rains spawned by Gustav roll across our state, Presbytery of Arkansas churches are offering assistance to evacuees from Mississippi, Louisiana, and other Gulf states who left their homes in anticipation of the hurricane's arrival.

First Presbyterian, Little Rock hosted 25 family units Saturday night, August 30. These families were placed there since one of the official evacuation centers had not yet opened. The overnights represented families of medical evacuees. Other churches are responding as they become aware of needs.

As of the morning of September 2, our Presbytery of Arkansas Disaster Relief Team (DRT) was standing by, waiting to respond to congregations that may need assistance with hosting or in other ways.

Since within the framework of our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's network denomination-wide all disasters are first considered local, it is hoped churches will look for funding in their communities before seeking funds from our presbytery's Disaster Response Team. This is due in part to the fact that, as of this date, our Presbytery of Arkansas Disaster Response Team has not received, nor requested, any funds for this event. If the flooding predicted in the wake of rains associated with Gustav takes place within the bounds of our presbytery, our DRT may seek funds from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance nationally.

Rev. David Schaller, co-pastor at First, Jonesboro,

reported on Sept. 4 that the church was then serving as the only Red Cross shelter in town, after opening on Sept. 2. They have hosted 36 people, feeding an additional 30 or more per day. Most evacuees are eager to return home, but "home" is still without electricity and other basic services.

Elder Patty Minga, a member of presbytery's General Council, coordinated with several churches in Jonesboro to provide meals in the shelter, drawing upon her similar experience after Hurricane Katrina. Members and officers, as well as community folks, have been stepping up and keeping things working well there, but prayers are still requested, according to Schaller.

As events develop, Presbytery of Arkansas churches needing assistance or who have volunteers seeking information about where they might serve are asked to please contact the Disaster Response Team either by phone at 501-412-8497 or through its email address, [pbydisasterteam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pbydisasterteam@sbcglobal.net).

Presbyterian News Service reported on Sept. 3 that to that date it was known that Hurricane Gustav tore off the sanctuary roof at Baker Presbyterian, Baker, LA, 10 miles north of Baton Rouge; that Church of the Way Presbyterian and Broadmoor Presbyterian, both in Baton Rouge, had sustained moderate roof damage; and that the manse for Westminster Presbyterian, Natchez, MS had been destroyed and the church's education building damaged by fallen trees. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

## Together in God's Grace

by Associate General Presbyter Joan Erickson

The Christian Education and Nurture Committee (CEN) formed a new Campus Ministry Subcommittee this spring. This action was taken after the Arkansas Campus Ministry Board self-dissolved after years of faithful service when the Synod of the Sun suspended its participation. Over 12 campus ministries ranging from start-up to long-standing were asked to send adults and students to make plans and together guide the Presbytery's effort to support our college students.

**Merge** on Sept 13th at Ferncliff is the first event planned by the new subcommittee. College students are given the gift of this time to consider their life and their faith. Please encourage your students to attend. (see page 5)

Why would we as a presbytery need to put the effort and money into such an area of responsibility as campus ministry? The article in "The Presbyterian Outlook" Jan 28-Feb 4, 2008 *Campus Ministries: I am a big, fat liar* by John Richardson, vice president for development at Montreat Conference Center states, "Consider this: From 1990-2000 more than 10,000 new members joined the PC (USA) in the state of South

Carolina - more than all other 49 states combined." So it seems that congregations and presbyteries that put effort in the area of campus ministry are displaying a high degree of health as well as putting effort in the right direction. Robinson concludes in the article that, "The single greatest mission field facing the PC(USA) in the next century is the college campus."

Campus Ministry is vital to our young adults and an integral part of the viability of our churches.

*Joan*

## NEWS OF OUR RETIRED PERSONS

- **Rev. and Mrs. James Westbrook** of Russellville have moved to Jasper, Arkansas.

- Christian Educator **Anna Bedford** of First, Little Rock, recently completed a term as interim editor of *Horizons*, the Bible study and magazine of Presbyterian Women, where she produced two issues of the magazine and the Bible study resources *Jubilee!*, *Eyewitness News*, and *A Jubilee Journal*, and also wrote *On the Road: A Storytelling Journey with Luke*.

- **Rev. J.Q. Williams** of Mena has begun service as temporary supply at First, Mena.

## PEOPLE and CHURCH NEWS

### NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

- Presbytery Stated Clerk **Doyle Webb** has established stated office hours in the Presbytery office on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and otherwise by appointment.
- **Rev. Anne Russ**, now living in London, promoted her new book What's More Fun Than a Funeral? while visiting Little Rock this summer.
- **Jennifer Oakley** is the new secretary and bookkeeper at Park Hill Presbyterian, North Little Rock.
- **Rev. "Chip" Andrus**, First, Harrison, has co-edited the new book Theology in Service to the Church.
- **Revs. John and Susan Arnold**, co-pastors of First, Hot Springs, have accepted the calls as co-pastors at First, Texarkana, a church in Presbytery of the Pines.
- **Debbi Buckalew**, a member of Grace Presbyterian, is the new administrative assistant at Westover Hills Presbyterian, Little Rock.
- Christian sympathy is extended to **Rev. and Mrs. "Jesse" Gonzalez** on the death of his mother Germana Gonzalez in Mexico on September 3. "Jesse" is presbytery evangelist and organizing pastor of the Comunidad Presbiteriana Hispana in Springdale.

### NEWS OF OUR CONGREGATIONS & MINISTRIES

- **Central Presbyterian, Russellville**, has employed Rev. David Schneider of Cimarron Presbytery (western Oklahoma) as interim pastor effective August 15.
- **Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista** has called Rev. Dennis Ritchie as pastor as of August 24. Ritchie was pastor of First, Claremore, Oklahoma for 10 years.
- The Pastors' Sunday School class at **Central Presbyterian, Fort Smith**, discussed General Assembly actions in August.
- **First, Batesville**, awarded their annual college scholarships in August.
- **Spring River Presbyterian, Hardy**, is participating in the Arkansas "Adopt a Soldier" project of sending cards, letters and care packages to deployed military personnel.
- **First, Van Buren**, regularly helps needy families through its food pantry ministry.
- **First, Jonesboro**, has begun a midweek vespers service based on *lectio divina* (divine reading) of 1 Corinthians and prayer.
- **Second Presbyterian, Little Rock**, will host the Lyon Lecture Series "The Psalms as Christian Prayer" with guest lecturer Dr. Patrick D. Miller, Old Testament scholar and author. Presentations are set for Sunday morning and evening, September 28 and Monday night, September 29.

- **Good Shepherd Presbyterian, Greenwood**, published a newsletter article about the history and meaning of the season of Ordinary Time.
- **First, Arkadelphia**, formed a softball team to play against the other church teams this summer.
- **Mountainburg Presbyterian** celebrated all birthdays of members born in January through June after worship on the last Sunday of June.
- **First, Harrison**, has offered a series of weekly classes on "Being the Church."
- **First, Springdale**, will begin construction this fall on a memorial garden which will house a columbarium.
- **First, Newport**, published color photos of the children and youth of the congregation in August with the invitation to ask them about their summer sports, camps, and academic accomplishments and jobs.
- **Westover Hills Presbyterian, Little Rock**, will host Rev. Chuck Campbell of Columbia Seminary as the Cotham Lecturer October 5-7 on "Liberating Bible Study: Reading Scripture with Imagination."
- **Grace Presbyterian, Little Rock**, is offering a "Spiritual Retreat" to church members and guests on Saturday, September 27, at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church and House of Prayer.
- **First, Huntsville**, "kicked off" Sunday School and worship for the fall with breakfast, Bibles for first graders, and the kids' choir singing in worship on August 24.
- **First, Malvern**, hosted a town hall meeting on August 14 for both sides of the September 9 county vote on the future of the county hospital.

### U. of O. Ranked as "Top Tier" for 10th Year

For the 10th consecutive year, University of the Ozarks, Clarksville has been ranked as a "top tier" University in the *U.S. News & World Report's* annual late summer publication that analyzes institutions of higher education. In the 2009 edition of "*America's Best Colleges*," released on August 21, Ozarks was ranked third in the category of "Great Schools, Great Prices" among 95 universities in the 12-state South Region that are considered Baccalaureate Colleges.

### Lyon College Again in Top Tier of U.S. News Rankings

The 2009 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges"* again ranks Lyon College, Batesville in the "top tier" of national liberal arts colleges. In the report, Lyon also moves up to 15th on the list of 40 "best values" among the 265 "Best Liberal Arts Colleges" in the nation. Lyon is the only college in Arkansas and one of only seven in the South on U.S. News' list of "Great Schools, Great Prices."

## NEWS and OPPORTUNITIES

### Trinity, Little Rock Opens Addition



Rev. Jeff Price and Anna Feldman cut the ribbon on a new addition at Trinity Presbyterian, Little Rock, on September 7. The space includes adult classrooms, a choir room, middle school room and a senior high room as well as new restrooms and a shower for use by Interfaith Hospitality Network and other groups.

#### Administrative Personnel Association Mini-Conference

for church support staff members  
Thursday-Friday, October 23-24  
First United Presbyterian, Fayetteville  
(Lodging at Holiday Inn Express, Fayetteville)

Classes offered are: Church History, Level 1 (5 hours)  
Time Management (2-1/2 hours),  
Safety in the Workplace (2-1/2 hours)  
Excel (5 hours, laptop computer required)

Brochures will be mailed to churches soon

### - LAST CALL -

## 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,  
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### Financial Corner: The Presbytery Budget

Are you current with your congregation's pledge?

August Revenue	\$38,145.42
August Expenses	\$52,870.33
August Deficit	\$14,724.91-
Year-to-Date Total	
Revenue	\$434,049.02
Expenses	\$667,992.32
Deficit	\$223,943.30-
Money from Reserves	\$ 50,000.00
Deficit	\$183,943.30-

#### Presbytery needs your support!

Attention Clerks of Session: 2009 Pledge Letters, Brochures and Cards were mailed September 8. Please check your mail box at the church.

### Wanted and Giving

(The following "wanted" items are also posted on the presbytery's website under "Resources," "Wanted and Giving.")

Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals is "growing our choir" and asked if any churches have "extra" copies of sheet music to give them. They are seeking SATB or SAB modern anthems that are easy to medium in difficulty. Contact Rev. Mark Lenneville at mwl51@centurytel.net.

#### Save the Date - 2009

Small Church Conference Toolbox  
(Tools and Resources to use for  
Healthy Small Churches)

March 5-7, 2009 Ferncliff Conference Center

#### IGP ITINERARY

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

- Sept 11 Lyon College Board of Advocates
- Sept 13 Cluster II Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering
- Sept 14 Teach Sunday School, Second, Little Rock  
Dedication of First, Yellville
- Sept 15 "Matching" for Pastor Nominating Committee,  
Central, Pine Bluff
- Sept 16 Presbytery Meeting Packet Review  
Cluster IX Lunch
- Sept 17 "Matching" for Associate Pastor Nominating  
Committee, First, Fort Smith
- Sept 18 Committee on Nominations
- Sept 19 Committee on Care and Nurture of Church  
Professionals
- Sept 21 Preaching at First, Pine Bluff
- Sept 23 Vera Lloyd Home trustee training
- Sept 24-30 General Assembly Meeting & Training
- Oct 5 Worship and assist with Communion at  
First, Malvern
- Oct 7 Committee on Ministry

## Search Committee Seeks Readers' Input on New Job Description

by Rev. Steve Hancock, Committee Moderator

The General Presbyter Search Committee is seeking your input on a possible General Presbyter job description. Below you will find a link to a possible job description for our next General Presbyter. This document is the result of work done by a task force of the presbytery that was charged to consider the future of the General Presbyter position, including a job description.

Our search committee solicits your comments, both positive and negative, on this suggested job description. Your comments will help guide us as we finalize a job description and present it for approval at the February, 2009 presbytery meeting. We need to receive your comments by Monday, November 10. Please send them to any **one** of our search committee members listed below.

Thank you for your attention to this important step in the search process for our next General Presbyter.

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See "Presbytery News" on the website or click

[http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmNewsFullContent.aspx?HEADLINE\\_ID=5](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmNewsFullContent.aspx?HEADLINE_ID=5)

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## Presbyterian Women – Blessings Without Boundaries

By PW Moderator Elder Kathy White

"Celebration Giving" is a term which is used to describe gifts to Presbyterian Women over and above the gifts which are made to the local congregation. A packet was mailed to each congregation in the Presbytery of Arkansas to the attention of Presbyterian Women. One document contained in that packet was the Mission Pledge Form – Presbyterian Women in the Congregation. This is an offering to support the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) through the General Assembly Mission Budget and the basic operating budget of PW in the Synod and on the Churchwide level.



"Blessings Without Boundaries" is the term which is used to describe the PW Mission Pledge. Without the Mission Pledge, the church's ministry in the world would shrink. For PW, the Mission Pledge makes possible programs, resources, scholarships, events, and much more. With recent reductions in membership and decreases in giving, the Mission Pledge is more important today than ever. For stories on how the Mission Pledge has been used, you may visit <http://www.pcusa.org/pw/giving/mission-pledge.htm>.

If you need another copy of the Mission Pledge Form, it is available for download under Presbyterian Women at [www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org). Additional offerings of Presbyterian Women include the Birthday Offering, Thank Offering, Fellowship of the Least Coin, and Cents-ability.



## RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

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— Our patrons are really enjoying and using the online catalog for YOUR Resource Center. It's easy! Again, just go to the presbytery website ([www.presbyteryofarkansas.org](http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org)), click on "Resources," 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." In the latter, you may search by title, medium, subject, resource code number, or author. When you find a resource you like, you may read the detailed description which includes suggested age of users. To "check out" the resource, just add it to your shopping cart. Then I'll respond to your request the next day I am in the office to let you know when the resource is available and send it out to you on loan.

—This month I'll share a story about spreading the

good news—not only of great resources for groups and individuals to use, but the place where these are available for use FREE. Tiffany Mattingly, daughter of Rev. Burle and Ruth Mattingly, called this week to ask if her friend and fellow medical school student Michael Wiggins here in Little Rock could use the **Nooma** DVDs for the men's Bible Study he leads on Tuesday nights. We quickly worked out the details and Michael's group used the DVD that very night. Michael heard from Tiffany who heard from her parents (Dad Burle is a member of presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Nurture and stated supply pastor at Barr Memorial Presbyterian in Norman) about the services of YOUR Resource Center. Let's all be passing on that good news.

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### DO YOUR RESOURCES MATCH THE SEASON?

—**Season of Stewardship.** "**Faith & Money: Understanding Annual Giving in Church**" (Acc. #BK9053) book is "about what happens to people's thinking about giving when they connect giving to their own faith needs, rather than to the financial needs of the church." "**At Ease: Discussing Money and Values in Small Groups**" (Acc. #BK8480) is a tool for groups to "Wrestle with monetary values in a wholistic and healing way." "**Giving Together: A Stewardship Guide for Families**" (Acc. #8288) helps families understand the importance of stewardship in the family, the congregation, the community and the world. The Stewardship Education Subcommittee also sent out a recent press release with excellent suggestions, and the Resource Center has a catalog on the website of our best resources on stewardship.

—**Season of Office Election and Education.** "**Humble Leadership**" (Acc. #BK9082), "**Call Me If You Need Anything**" (Acc. #BK9066), "**Congregational Mission Studies Notebook**" (Acc. #BK9078), "**More Than Numbers**" (Acc. #BK9085).

—**Season of New Classes on Sundays and Weekdays.** "**Bad Boys of the New Testament: Exploring Men of Questionable Virtue**" (Acc. #BK9050) looks at the elder brother of the Prodigal Son, Pharisees, Judas Iscariot, Pontius Pilate, Ananias, and the Accusers of the Adulterous Woman. "**The Grand Sweep: 365 Days From Genesis Through Revelation**" (Acc. #BK9046) is a Bible Study which assigns daily reading and summarizes that reading with a devotional quality. Book discussion favorite "**Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith**" (Acc. #BK9052) by a preacher-turned-teacher.

—**Season of Inspiring Children and Youth.** For those working with youth "**Way of Pilgrimage**" (Acc. #BK9015), "**Starting Right**" (Acc. #BK9019), "**Practicing Passion**" (Acc. #BK9021). For children and those who love them "**My Very First Prayers**" (Acc. #BK9048), "**Butterflies Under Our Hats**" (Acc. #BK9064), "**The Colors of Us**" (Acc. #BK9087), "**Children Around the World**" (Acc. #BK9088).

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**CALENDAR**

Sept 12 Deadline for 109th Stated Meeting Materials  
Sept 13 MERGE (Campus Ministry Event), Ferncliff  
Sept 13 Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering: Clusters II, III, V, VI  
Sept 14 First, Yellville Dedication Service  
Sept 18 Committee on Nominations, First, Conway  
Sept 18 Pine Bluff, Belair Administrative Commission, Presbytery Office  
Sept 20 Committee on Care & Nurture of Church Professionals, First, Conway  
Sept 20 Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering: Clusters IV, IX  
Sept 22 General Presbyter Search Committee, Second, Little Rock  
Sept 26-28 Junior High YouthQuake, Ferncliff  
Sept 27 Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering: Clusters I, VII  
Oct 3 Deadline for October Banner Submissions  
Oct 7 Committee on Ministry, First, Conway  
Oct 7 Committee on Congregational Care & Development, First, Conway  
For details and additional activities please go to our website.  
<http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/firmEventCalendar.aspx>

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Oct 10 Committee on Clusters, First, Harrison  
Committee on Christian Education & Nurture, First, Harrison  
Oct 11 Arkansas Black Presbyterian Caucus Meeting, Faith, Pine Bluff  
Oct 12-18 Presbytery-wide Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast  
Oct 16-19 Arkansas Presbyterian Cursillo, Ferncliff  
Oct 18 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, Presbytery Office  
Oct 19 First, Arkadelphia 150th Anniversary: 9:45 Fellowship 11:00 Worship



*Graham Memorial Presbyterian  
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Forrest City  
November 8-9  
Vespers Service  
Organ Dedication  
Worship  
and Potluck***