

March 2010

The Messenger



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If we come running to church on Easter will we see Jesus?

One of the great cautionary stories in the Bible is found in chapter 24, verses 13-35 of Luke's Gospel. It seems two believers were walking down the road, after the resurrection of Jesus, still mourning his death. The risen Christ shows up and begins walking along with them, and wonders what they are talking about.

They patiently explain to the unrecognized Lord that Jesus has been crucified. In fact, he must be the only person in Jerusalem who is so uninformed! It isn't until later, after this mysterious visitor has shared scripture with them and broken bread in their presence, that they suddenly seem him for who he really is.

Jesus is like that. Showing up at church on Easter is no guarantee that we will see him. But preparing to meet him through prayer, the study of scripture, and celebrating communion greatly increases the chances that we will recognize him.

That's why the church, many centuries ago, came up with Lent. It's the season before Easter when we prepare ourselves to have eyes to see and ears to hear the Risen Christ. I encourage you to be a regular in worship during the month of March as we consider the historic faith of the church in the Apostles' Creed. Make some extra time for prayer and Bible study on your own. And if you give something up for Lent, make sure you replace it with increased attention on the central miracle that is at the heart of our faith, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

May God bless you this month! And may we gather for worship on Easter, April 4th, looking earnestly for a Risen Savior.

Mike

<u>March 7th</u>	<u>"March 14th</u>	<u>March 21st</u>	<u>March 28th</u>
I Believe In The Holy Spirit	Are We "Catholic"?	Is Forgiveness Hard Or Easy?	Palm Sunday Worship
John 14:15-27	Exodus 19:3-6; I Corinthians 12:12-13; 27-31	Matthew 18:23-35	scripture TBA
Mike Garrett	Mike Garrett	Mike Garrett	Scott Huie
Communion			

Announcements must be in the Church Office by 10 am on Wednesday in order to be included in the following Sunday's bulletin.

Announcements for the Messenger must be in by March 21st. Place them in the Messenger mailbox, turn in to the Church office or e-mail to kmdutton@comcast.net (75 word Maximum)

**Every Week
Sundays**

8:30am Chapel Service (YC)
9:00am Contemporary Service (S)
10:10am Sunday School
9:00am FPU (P)
11:00am ECSI Worship (YC)
11:15am Traditional Service
12:15pm ECSI Sunday School
5:30pm Alpha Class (22)

Tuesdays

10:00am Staff Mtg.
10:00am Calvin Cove (FC)
10:30am Encouragers (22)
6:30pm Contemporary Practice (S)

Wednesdays

9:30am Truthseekers (P)
10:00am Calvin Cove (FC)
6:45pm Adult Bible Study (L)
7:00pm Bereavement Support (P)
7:30pm Chancel Choir (CR)
Westminster Wednesday

Thursdays

10:00am Calvin Cove (FC)

S Sanctuary
FC Fellowship Center
BR Brides Room
CR Choir Room
CY Court Yard
L Library
P Parlor
PS Pulse Room
YC Youth Center
YK Youth Kitchen
YO Youth Office
13 Room 13

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Adult Education

Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes

Studies on Books of the Bible

Romans - Acts 29 Class, Room 22
Judges - Serendipity Class, Room 7
Jonah and Ruth - "Community with a Mission" - Friendship Class, Room 10/Library
Women of the Old Testament - Women at the Well Class, Room 5

Studies on Spiritual Disciplines

Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? - Pilgrim Class, Room 13

Studies in Sharing Our Faith, Stewardship, the Missional Church, and More

The Case for Christ - Christian Living Class, Room 6
Just Walk Across The Room - Believers Class, Room 8
Financial Peace University - Parlor
What Is Missional?: 6 Sessions To See Differently - Young Adults Class, Bride/Prayer Room

Walk Thru the New Testament

Sunday, March 7 10:10-11:05am, 1:30-6:00pm

For Children (K-5), Youth, & Adults.

Childcare provided for younger children.

\$7/person, \$25 max./family

Want a great, fun, and memorable overview of the New Testament? Then mark your calendars for the internationally-acclaimed Walk Thru the New Testament Seminar on Sunday, March 7! In just a few hours without taking notes, you will become familiar with the key people, places, events, and themes of the New Testament. If you have ever wanted to deepen your understanding of Scripture, you won't want to miss this event! There are a few spots available so if you still want to attend, contact Nicole Lock ASAP at 770-979-9676 ext 224 or nicolelock@wpcsnellville.org.



First Impressions Gifts:

In memory of ...

Billy Kirkland (father of Kay Hellwig)

James Lock, Jr. (father of James Lock)

The First Impressions Lasting Memorial Fund is a program for refurbishing/maintaining the Courtyard and Narthex at Westminster; it is a long-term project and the Courtyard Committee anticipates making additional improvements as funds become available. Brochures containing more information are located in convenient locations around the church as well as in the office.

Explorers

Explorers will meet March 2, at 11:30am at John Boy's on Hwy 78. Please join us for good food and lots of fun and good fellowship. Questions contact Betty Singletary.

Women Of Westminster

Ruth Circle - Tuesday March 9th 10:30am in the Parlor.

Lesson 7 God's Concern for Justice - Joshua 29:1-9; 21:13-41

Refreshments - Velma Deitrich and Margaret Jones

Hannah Circle - Tuesday March 16th at 7:00pm in Room 22

Lesson 7 - Providing a Sanctuary: The Cities of Refuge

Refreshments - Bonnie Neal

Special Offering will be for Honduras

Ladies save this date: Ladies Night Friday April 16th at 7:00 (Bring a dessert or snack to share) (Childcare also available) Kristina Seymour and Barbara Myers will be speaking on their new book *The Warrior Mom Handbook - Equipping women through the Word*. "Moms cannot survive on caffeine and animal crackers alone. They must be armed and nourished with the Word. The *Warrior Mom Handbook - Equipping Women through the Word* - is a Bible study for women based on *The Armor of God* (Ephesians 6:10-18) combined with the *Fruit of the Spirit* (Galatians 5:22 - 23). Many moms feel as if they've been battling all alone. Join other mothers on a journey meant to transform hearts, minds and spirits. Alongside other *Warrior Moms*, you will realize that the battle is not yours: it is the Lord's! Start a Bible study or dive in on your own and join the army of women who have discovered the strength and amazing grace of God through *The Warrior Mom Handbook*. *Warrior Moms Unite!*"

Got questions?



Alpha

Got questions about Christianity? Are you new to the church? Do you have a friend who's exploring what he or she believes, and you'd like to invite them to an exciting course where we explore together the basics of the faith? Are you a long-time member who'd like a good "refresher" course? Check out the Alpha Course! Alpha is an opportunity to explore questions in a relaxed, friendly setting. Over 13 million people worldwide have participated in this internationally-acclaimed practical introduction to the Christian faith. At each session, we will enjoy great food, laughter, and learning in a fun, safe atmosphere. This is a great chance to invite a friend to join you in taking a fresh look at Christianity!

Join us on Sunday evenings!

February 28-May 23

5:30-8:00pm in Room 22

Alpha. Explore the meaning of life.

Youth News

Wednesday, March 3rd: Confirmation Class #1: 6:45-8 pm at the Church (Room 22). Senior High and PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study at the Church: 6:45-7:45 pm.

Sunday, March 7th: SPECIAL ALL-AFTERNOON VERSION of Senior High and PULSE Fellowship: "Walk Thru the New Testament." 1:30-6 pm. Youth Advisor/Teacher Luncheon Gathering/ Training/ Discussion 12:15-1:30 pm (Library).

Wednesday, March 10th: Confirmation Class #2: 6:45-8 pm (Room 22). Senior High and PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study: 6:45-7:45 pm.

Sunday, March 14th: Metro Atlanta Hunger Walk. 12:30-5 pm. PULSE and Senior High, we'll leave right after traditional worship, eat fast food (bring bucks) on the way, and walk or run, whichever you choose, five kilometers (beginning at 2 pm at Turner Field) to raise awareness of the hunger problem in our world and money for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Walk envelopes are in the Youth Office or you can register online on the Westminster team. Cash or check (payable to "Hunger Walk.") Youth Ministry Meeting: 5-6 pm (Youth Office)

Wednesday, March 17th: Confirmation Class #3: 6:45-8 pm (Room 22). Senior High and PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study: 6:45-7:45 pm. Senior High Sanctuary Care: 7:45-8 pm.

Sunday, March 21st: 19th Annual Venice Gardens Spaghetti Supper. 6 pm Seating. One of our most cherished traditions continue as we serve and sup spaghetti for the 19th year in a row, raising money for our summer retreat to the Great Escape, Montreat, and Puerto Rico. For \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$25 maximum per family, you get the best spaghetti this side of Provino's—and without the wait. Both Senior High and PULSE will serve, beginning at 5:30 pm. All youth, wear white shirts and dark pants/skirt as helping serve will get you that additional \$20 discount on your summer retreat. If you have any questions, see Barbara Myers.

Wednesday, March 24th: Confirmation Class #4: 6:45-8 pm (Room 22). Senior High and PULSE "Digging Deeper" Bible Study: 6:45-7:45 pm.

Friday, March 26th: Westminster Senior High Guys Basketball Team Begins. \$45 Per Person. Let Scott Huie Know If You Want to Play!

Sunday, March 28th: Parent/Youth Night: "Parenting in a Text Messaging World" with Scott Huie. 6-8 pm. Technology in the form of cell phones, computers, internet, and text messaging is part of the fabric of teenagers' lives today. How are parents to both understand and negotiate in this world as they relate to their children. We'll discuss the matter thoroughly seeking practical and Biblical guidance along the way. Senior High and PULSE Serve Homeless Breakfast at First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. 6-9:30 am.

Children's Ministry

Westminster Preschool's Spring Consignment Sale will be held March 18th - March 20th in the Youth Center.

Sale hours are

Thursday, March 18th 9am-1pm & 6pm-8pm

Friday, March 19th 9am-1pm

Saturday, March 20th 9am-1pm (items without NR will be 1/2 price).

Please see our ad at www.thebargainwatcher.com and contact Julie Temples if you are interested in registering as a seller.

Volunteer Training

Sunday, April 11th 2:00-4:00 PM

On April 11th, all teachers are invited to a volunteer training session in the Fellowship Center from 2:00-4:00 PM led Dr. Karen Massey, Associate Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Christian Education and Faith Development at McAfee School of Theology. This is an important opportunity. All teachers in adult, children, and youth classes are encouraged to attend.

March 7th, Walk Through the New Testament: During Walk Through the New Testament the elementary children will have their own program. There is childcare available for the preschool and nursery aged children.

March 28th, Easter Festival: Following worship on Palm Sunday we will have an Easter Festival. All families are invited to participate in a picnic lunch followed by family crafts and an Easter egg hunt.

One Great Hour Of Sharing: Ash Wednesday began the One Great Hour of Sharing mission emphasis. All money raised supports: Church World Service, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. These programs provide direct emergency assistance in response to disasters and development aid both nationally and internationally. Banks and calendars will be given out on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you haven't received one, please contact Miss Clary.

Monday March 1st

7:00pm WOW Council (22)

Tuesday March 2nd

11:30am Explorers (John Boy's)
5:00pm Fireside Chatter (P)

Wednesday March 3rd

5:00pm GCPS My 95 (L)
6:45pm Mike's Class (13)
6:45pm Confirmation Class (22)
6:45pm PULSE (BR)
Westminster Wednesdays

Thursday March 4th

Friday March 5th

11:00am Fixeash Memorial Service (S) and Reception (FC)

Saturday March 6th

Sunday March 7th

10:10am Walk thru the New Testament (FC & BASC)
12:15pm Youth Teacher Training/ Lunch (L)
1:30pm Walk thru the New Testament
7:00pm Prayer Vigil (S)

Monday March 8th

6:00pm Holy Conversation (P)

Tuesday March 9th

10:30am Ruth Circle (P)
12:00pm St. Mtn. Cluster Lunch (YK)
5:15pm Worship & Music (L)
6:00pm Celtic Evangelism (22)
7:00pm Adult Ed (Nicole's)
7:00pm Mission & Evangelism (22)

Wednesday March 10th

6:45pm Mike's Class (13)
6:45pm Adult Bible Study (L)
6:45pm Confirmation Class (22)
6:45pm PULSE (BR)
Westminster Wednesdays

Thursday March 11th

7:00pm Men's Basketball (Mt. Zion)

Friday March 12th

Saturday March 13th

Sunday March 14th

12:30pm Hunger Walk
12:30pm Finance & Budget (S)
5:00pm Youth Ministry (YO)

Monday March 15th

Tuesday March 16th

12:00pm Bridge (P)
5:00pm Fireside Chatter (P)
7:00pm

Wednesday March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

- 6:45pm Communications (5)
- 6:45pm Mike's Class (13)
- 6:45pm Stephen Ministry (BR)
- 6:45pm Confirmation Class (22)
- 7:45pm Sr. Hi. Sanctuary Care

Thursday March 18th

- 9:00am Consignment Sale
- 6:00pm Consignment Sale

Friday March 19th

- 9:00am Consignment Sale

Saturday March 20th

- 8:00am Men's Breakfast (FC)
- 9:00am Consignment Sale

Sunday March 21st

Messenger Deadline

- 12:30pm Session Meeting (22)
 - 6:00pm Spaghetti Supper (FC)
 - 6:30pm 5 Star Families (P)
- Family Promise*

Monday March 22nd

- 6:00pm Holy Conversation (P)
- Family Promise*

Tuesday March 23rd

- 6:00pm Personnel (P)
- Family Promise*

Wednesday March 24th

- 6:45pm Sr Hi (TRC)
 - 6:45pm Mike's Class (13)
 - 6:45pm PULSE (BR)
 - 6:45pm Confirmation Class
- Westminster Wednesdays*
Family Promise

Thursday March 25th

Family Promise

Friday March 26th

- 5:00pm Gillaspie/ Ball Rehearsal (S)
- Family Promise*

Saturday March 27th

- 5:00pm Gillaspie/ Ball Wedding and Reception (S& FC)
- Family Promise*

Sunday March 28th

- 6:00am Youth Serve Homeless
 - 12:15pm Easter Festival
 - 12:30pm Children's Ministry (P)
 - 12:30pm Congregational Care (FC)
 - 6:00pm Parent/Youth Night (YC)
- Family Promise Departs*

Monday March 29th

Tuesday March 30th

Wednesday March 31st

- 6:45pm Mike's Class (13)
 - 6:45pm Confirmation Class
- Westminster Wednesdays*

Congregational Concerns

Sympathy is Extended to:

Stacey Schoeck, DJ, Keith and Kevin, after the death of Stacey's husband, Richard, February 15, 2010. Stacey is the granddaughter of former members, J. H. and Frances Morgan.

Kathy Ballesteros after the death of her father, Wallace Hand, February 10, 2010.

Cheryl Ellis after the death of her father, Marlin S. Ellis, February 5, 2010.

The family of Roberta Fiveash after her death, February 25, 2010.

Mary, Stewart, Tori and Patrick McClanahan after the death of Mary's aunt, Alice Taylor, February 22, 2010.

Extended to Jon, Natalie and Madison Craytor after the death of Jon's father, Robert Craytor, February 27, 2010.

Wedding:

Grant Johnson and Cara Durrance were married February 13, 2010, at Westminster.

Bob Connell and Bertie Roberts were married February 27, 2010.

Online Giving at WPC:

Several people have asked about how they might make church contributions electronically. While our web site doesn't yet have the capability to accept donations, a substantial number of our members already give electronically through their own bank or credit union. If you're interested in this convenient way to send your offering to Westminster, please log on to your bank's web site and enter their "online banking" area. You can make a one-time payment OR set up a recurring (weekly/monthly/etc.) payment which will be sent directly to us from your bank on the date you request. All you'll need to enter is the church name and address, your "envelope #" (if you have one, it's on your contribution statement that arrived in January; if you don't see a number, use the first 3 letters of your last name, your first and middle initials, a "dash" and "01". The # for John A. Smith would be SMIJA-01.). We will be investigating ways to make online giving even easier in the future (via our web site) and will communicate instructions as they become available.

Westminster Wednesdays

- 6:00pm Dinner for all ages
- 6:30- 7:45 pm **Children's Activities**
Nursery (2 years and younger)
Preschool (3 yrs. - K)
Choir & Hands on Bible in the Preschool Wing
Early Elementary (1st - 3rd)
Bible Study in the Fishes 'n' Loaves Café
Choir in Room 11
Upper Elementary (4th - 5th)
Choir in Room 11
Bible Study in the TENT
Commandments Room
- 6:45-7:45pm PULSE in the PULSE Room
- 6:45-7:45pm Senior High in the Senior High Room
- 6:45-7:45pm Adult Bible Study-Library

Adult Bible Study: Nehemiah: A Life of Prayer and Vision - Wednesdays, 6:45pm in Library

Looking for direction and vision in 2010? Check out Nehemiah. He did more than rebuild the walls of Jerusalem after the exile. He also served as a model of prayer and vision for them - and for us. Join us as we consider Nehemiah's life and how we may apply his principles of prayer and vision to our lives today. **Note that the Nehemiah study will not meet on March 3. Join us March 10, 17, 24, and 31.**

Pastor Mike's Class: "Do You Get The Picture?: Jesus' Wisdom for Faithful Living." - Wednesdays, 6:45pm in Room 13

We'll take a close look at some very old scriptures - the parables - and some very modern pictures of what the wisdom of Christ might look like today. I hope you will be part of this unique blend of Bible and cinema. **Class will be held from February 24th - March 31st at 6:45 PM in Room 22.**

Bereavement Support Group - Wednesdays, 7:00pm in the Parlor

This group is sponsored by Covenant Counseling and is open to anyone in the community or congregation.

Westminster Wednesdays Menu

<u>March 3</u>	<u>March 10</u>	<u>March 17</u>	<u>March 24</u>	<u>March 31</u>
Pot Roast	Baked Chicken	Eggs	Turkey & Dressing	Lasagna - Meat & Vegetarian
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Rice Pilaf	Grits	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Italian Vegetables
English Peas	Broccoli & Cheese	Bacon	Green Beans	Garlic Bread
Garden Salad	Dinner Roll	Sausage Patties	Dessert	Salad
Cobbler	Garden Salad	Cantaloupe		Dessert
	Dessert	Biscuits		

Keeping-In-Touch

To help you keep in-touch with members who are not able to come to church often, we are providing the names, addresses, & phone numbers of folks, who you might like to write, call or visit.

Home-Touch Members I (Members living at Home)

Arnie Almand
Virginia Austin
Rosie Gresham
Marie Harris
Margaret Krieger
Hazel Monforte
Adele Schwier

Note: These addresses and phone numbers are removed from the website version for security reasons. Please contact the church office at 770-979-9676 to obtain further details.

Home-Touch Members II (Members living in Assisted Living, Retirement Communities, or Nursing)

Ray Andersen
Eloise Bowden
Malley Evitt
Frances Mann
Helen Mueller
Mimi Roberts
Jo Roesler
Louise Rowe
Anita Smith

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Thank You

Dear Westminster Family - Just want to thank you for your cards, prayers and generous support during my recovery from surgery. Your support meant the world to me. God is good!!!! Yours Sincerely, Rebecca Bush

Venice Gardens Spaghetti Supper

Sunday, March 21

One 6 p.m. Seating in the Fellowship Center

This 19th annual fundraiser helps to send our youth to three life changing trips this summer. The youth will serve you a sumptuous spaghetti dinner (best there is this side of 78!) and entertain you for the evening. Please bring your family and friends and help support the youth! Tickets will be available for purchase before and after services in the narthex. Adults \$7, children \$4 with a \$25 family maximum. Takeout is available.

New Members Joining WPC on February 21, 2010:

Mary Harris
Ben and Katie

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Clint and Donae Cannon
Sophia, Madelyn, and Zoe

Chad and Amanda Ensz
Leo

Russell and Janet Treadway

Rob and Erika Davis
Ryan

Ben and Karen McMillan

Session News

At the January 24th meeting, we welcomed the class of 2012 and thanked them for their willingness to serve. Paige Duranty, Director of Westminster Children's Weekday Ministries, gave a brief report about this year's program. With the addition of younger children and the merger between the Preschool and Before & After School Care under one board, the program is stronger than ever. The Board also elected Chuck Duffy as church treasurer for another year. The remainder of the meeting consisted of housekeeping items and new elder orientation. In February, staff and officers had a retreat at Calvin Center. Most of Saturday was spent with Joan Gray (past moderator of the General Assembly and Presbytery of Greater Atlanta). Deacons and Elders are reading her book entitled Spiritual Leadership for Church Leaders. Pastor Gray relayed interesting information sprinkled with small group discussion to help us all understand what the Scriptures tell us about spiritual leadership. The afternoon was left open for meditation, group bonding, and relaxation. Saturday evening, the Deacons and Elders met as a joint board (Book of Order G-6.0405) then broke into separate boards to continue business. Sunday morning, we debriefed what had been learned on Saturday, participated in a worship service which ended with communion. As we journey through Lent, which culminates at the cross and resurrection, your officers will continue to pray peace and joy for the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church and the world.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DEACONS ON CALL

March 1-6

Gail Frangoulis
Tom Kilpatrick
Gavin Williams

March 7-13

Mary Allen
Steve Ross
Gail Flowers

March 14-20

Pat Black
Jean Todd
Phillip Anderson

March 21-27

Ralph Cowden
Linda Cline
Joanne Gillespie

March 28-April 3

Jon Craytor
Roberta Howard
David Taylor

Westminster Presbyterian Church Staff

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Lovenia Greer, *Organist*
Pete McReynolds, *Contemporary Worship Leader*
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Kimberly Dutton, *Newsletter Editor*

Occasionally when you call the office during normal office hours, you may get the answering machine. Staff extensions have been listed above so you can reach them directly. The church number is 770-979-9676.

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