



# WESTMINSTER WEEKLY

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee

AUGUST 7, 2009

*Fostering a caring, diverse & deeply spiritual community*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Baptism

August 9

II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2;  
Psalm 34; John 6:35, 41-51

### Homily

Ben Sparks

Assisting: Martha Bess DeWitt

### Anthems

8:30 AM

Sarah Conwell, soprano;  
Bonnie Montgomery, alto  
"I Am the Living Bread"  
- Antonio Caldara

11:00 AM

Westminster Choir  
"I Am the Living Bread"  
- Michael McCabe

### Hymns

423 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
323 *Loving Spirit*

*Laudate Choir (grades 7 -12)  
is welcoming new members.*

*The first rehearsal is Sunday,  
August 23 at 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM in the  
Choir Room. Join in song!*

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## VBS AND MISSION CAMP 2009



*Mission Camp 2009 at Second Harvest Food Bank*

Westminster's VBS was a huge success! This year, Westminster had its highest, ever, number of children attending VBS and Mission Camp! The children at VBS explored the trail with Discovery Canyon, learning Bible stories, daily memory verses, studying the canyon terrain through art

and maps, and collecting canyon critters such as Liz the Lizard and Felix the Fox. The children learned how not to just memorize verses, but how to live them out in their lives. *Psalm 9:1* reads: "I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart and tell about the wonders you have worked." Ask a Westminster VBS kid about God's wonders and be prepared to hear all about the discoveries they made in Discovery Canyon.

While VBS explored the trail at Discovery Canyon, the Mission Camp kids actually hit the trail. Their trail led to the Campus for Human Development (all the kids helped fix the food), Ronald McDonald House and Second Harvest Food Bank in downtown Nashville. They did "hands on" missions; learning that hard work brings about marvelous results! Westminster's Mission Camp is surely at the forefront of mission outreach; making sure that the needy and hungry receive much needed food. Congratulations to our kids for participating in a "hands on" mission outreach that helped them to discover one of the many ways they can spread God's love to the community!

## FLOWER GUILD

The Flower Guild at Westminster would like to invite anyone that is interested to become a member of the group. The Guild is responsible for arranging the flowers that grace the Chancel in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning. They also are responsible for the seasonal decorations in the church during Christmas and Easter. The group promises to anyone willing to join them excellent on-the-job training and a lot of wonderful appreciation from the congregation! If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild, please contact Britton Nielsen at 665-1975.

As an additional reminder from the Guild, there are still three Sundays available in 2009 for you to provide the Sanctuary or Parlor flowers in memory of or in honor of family members, friends or special occasions. Those Sundays still available are August 23; October 18; and October 25, 2009. Please contact Danna Brooks in the church office to schedule your request. You may contact her by phone at 292-5526 or by email at [dbrooks@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:dbrooks@nashvillewpc.org).

## WESTMINSTER WEEKLY ON THE WEB

Articles that can be found online at, [www.nashvillewpc.org/News and Events](http://www.nashvillewpc.org/News%20and%20Events)

• PNC updates including the Church Information Form (CIF) •

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**SESSION**

*Class of 2009*

Doug Berry  
 Carole Bucy  
 Ashby Burks  
 Nancy Falls  
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 Tom McDow  
 Suzanne McLemore  
 Ann Neely  
 Lynne Trost

Jim Jenkins  
 Linda Koon  
 Bob Parker  
 Billy Worsham  
 Tom Wyly

*Class of 2011*

*Class of 2010*

Bob Cooper  
 Sondra Cruickshanks  
 Sydney DeWitt  
 Ben Folk  
 Lane Harvey  
 Betsy Hunt

Mandy Young  
 Jennifer Barnes  
 Mary Baysinger  
 Derek Bryant  
 Hartley Hall  
 Howard Lamar  
 Andy Kramer  
 Rich Penuel  
 Rebecca Spencer  
 Britton Nielsen  
 Bill Yancey  
 Katherine McElroy  
 Nancy Patton Langdon

**VISION STATEMENT FOR 2006 - 2008**

With God's help, we dedicate ourselves to small group fellowship, spiritual nurture and mission/outreach.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

With God's help, Westminster Presbyterian Church fosters a caring, diverse, and deeply spiritual community that nurtures lives of faith, hope, and love. Through prayer – and with thanksgiving for God's grace – we seek to grow in the spirit of Jesus Christ, joyfully committing ourselves to worship, study, and service in the local community and the world.

*If you have an article for the newsletter, please send it to Jennifer Dutton Communications Coordinator at: jdutton@nashvillewpc.org. The deadline is 4:00 PM on Thursday the week before you want the article to be included.*

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**PRAY FOR:**

Week of August 9  
 The Synod of Mid America  
 The Presbyteries of Newton, Northern New England, Northern New York, Palisades, Southern New England, and Utica

Post Oak Presbyterian Church  
 Cookeville, TN; Pastor: Wesley Henry

**TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT**

Bill Frazer  
 July 19, 2009  
 Survived by his wife Sallie

Jean Denney  
 July 22, 2009  
 Survived by his wife Jane

Ella Cowan  
 July 30, 2009  
 Survived by her husband Bob, son Leland (Nan) and grandchildren Kate, Bess, Robert and Samuel

**"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"**

**JOIN IN CELEBRATION:**



The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered Sunday, August 9, to the following children:

8:30 AM *Bowen Mercer*, the son of Lindsay and Lee Ballew

8:30 AM *Joseph Aubrey*, the son of Layne and Derek Bryant

8:30 AM *Paxton Ethridge*, the son of Laura and Paxton Scott

11:00 AM *Madeline Elizabeth*, the daughter of Elizabeth and Brandon Priddy

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**STEWARDSHIP 2010**

Summer School for Stewardship

We married a little later in life, at 42 and 34, and celebrated our fourth anniversary in June. When we were going through premarital counseling with Carson Salyer, he asked us one question about finances: Were we in agreement about how much we would give to the church? Our simultaneous answer? Tom replied, "Yes", and Julie replied, "No." Oh boy, we were going to need several sessions!

On other fronts, we were in accord: We both loved jazz, hiking and travel. Though we had never voted for the same presidential candidate, we shared similar values, liked 8:30 church and more traditional hymns. On the financial front, we had discussed careers, 401(k)s, investment philosophy and account balances. We thought our most glaring difference was sports, ACC (Julie) vs. SEC (Tom).

However, we were worlds apart in our stewardship philosophy. Tom was a steady, continuous giver. Julie gave sporadically, always in response to an appeal. Carson's question began a dialogue in our relationship that continues today. Before we were married, we came to agreement about our giving, but our stewardship of money is an ongoing conversation.

This summer we are reading, talking and praying about stewardship and giving in preparation for serving as chairs of the 2010 Stewardship Campaign. We would like to share our exploration with you in this newsletter space.

"For where your heart is, there your treasure shall be also." *Matthew 6:21*

*Julie + Tom*

Tom and Julie Wilson



# ADULT EDUCATION

All classes meet at 9:45 AM unless otherwise specified.

*Throughout the Adult Education program we work to cultivate an environment in which diversity is valued and different opinions are respectfully engaged. Our Sunday morning classes are designed to be communities where members and visitors are invited to join the journey growing deeper in faith and fellowship. Some classes are geared more for “age and stage” of life, while others are intentionally intergenerational. During the year, special classes and speakers are arranged for the whole church to experience learning together. All are welcomed to become part of what God is doing through the education ministry at Westminster. We seek to nurture our members at all stages of their faith journey in ways that strengthen Biblical, spiritual, and moral foundations and affirm what we believe as Reformed Christians.*

## 2009 SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

While the pace at Westminster shifts substantially during the summer, the Adult Education Committee believes there should still be opportunities for spiritual nurture. Most of our Sunday morning classes take the summer off, but we plan a program in Fellowship Hall where education, nurture, and fellowship happen every week. Below is a list of the weekly topics and teachers for Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall.

- August 9** Overview of Youth Mission Trips
- August 16** Mission Fair / Combined Sunday school - Led by Ben Folk – Outreach Committee  
Safe Sanctuary Training - Led by Dr. Deborah Bryant in room M-110.
- August 23** Sunday school Kick-Off – Overview Guy & Class Coordinators
- August 30** Dr. Brian Blount, President, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia - the class topic will be The Book of *Revelation*

## SAVE THE DATE FOR SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

What is Safe Sanctuary? Safe Sanctuary is a covenant by the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church with every person who participates in any of the ministries of Westminster that we have an absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all of our children. We have a written child abuse protection policy that includes the requirement that everyone who works with our children and youth, whether volunteer or paid, will participate in training regarding the use of the appropriate method and policies. Safe Sanctuary training is Sunday, August 16, 2009, at 9:45 AM in room M-110, led by Westminster member Dr. Deborah Bryant. Please call the church office, 292-5526, or e-mail Lisa Anderson, our receptionist, at [lisa@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:lisa@nashvillewpc.org) to register so we will have an adequate supply of materials for the class.

## DISCIPLE CLASSES FORMING

Disciple Bible Study aims at transformation, not just information. It is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. It focuses on the disciple as learner, believer, follower, proclaimer, and servant while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support, and servanthood. Disciple is based on the model of Jesus and the twelve disciples and works best with small groups of 12-14 persons. These groups are forming now for classes set to begin in mid-September. Please stop by the Adult Education table in the Parlor on Sunday mornings during August to speak to some of Westminster's Disciple graduates, to explore the study materials, and to look at the schedule of classes.

## CONNECTIONS CLASS

Join us for a Southern summer supper Sunday, August 23, 6:00 PM at Sugar Tree Clubhouse. The cost is \$20 per person, please make checks out to Westminster Presbyterian Church. The deadline is August 17. Contact Sondra Cruickshanks at [scruick434@gmail.com](mailto:scruick434@gmail.com) or (615)297-7767 for more information.

## GOOD SAM'S

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Good Sams Sunday school class **will not** be meeting during the month of August. Information on the fall class schedule will be forth coming.

## PNC



Your Pastor Nominating Committee continues to meet weekly in the search for our new pastor. The Church Information Form (CIF), has been approved by both our Session and the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. This CIF form contains key information about Westminster (taken largely from the Mission Study) and it can now be read on the church website at [www.nashvillewpc.org](http://www.nashvillewpc.org).

We continue to desire your input that will aid us in our search. There are several effective ways to reach us: the church website has our photos and emails listed under “PNC”; there is a box on a table in the corner of the Parlor where you can put potential candidates' names; or you can call any of the PNC members. We appreciate your continued prayers throughout this process.



Susan Baughman, PNC Chair  
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PERIODICAL

**WESTMINSTER WEEK**

**Sunday, August 9**

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:15 Westminster Choir
- 11:00 Worship
- 1:30 PM CODA

**Monday, August 10**

- 8:30 AM Ladies Exercise Class
- 9:30 Morning Prayer
- 11:30 Women's Covenant Group

**Tuesday, August 11**

- 6:30 AM Men's Morning Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Al-Anon

**Wednesday, August 12**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Group
- 8:30 Ladies Exercise Class
- 10:00 Summer Handbells
- 11:00 Men's Coffee
- 5:00 PM TOC
- 7:00 Westminster Choir

**Thursday, August 13**

- All Day Disciple Leader Training
- 9:30 AM Bible Study Group

**Friday, August 14**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 Ladies Exercise Class
- 10:00 Choristers Guild Board

**Saturday, August 15**

- 11:30 AM AA Meeting

**Sunday, August 16**

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:45 Safe Sanctuary Training
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:15 Westminster Choir
- 11:00 Worship
- 1:30 PM CODA

**Monday, August 17**

- 8:30 AM Ladies Exercise Class
- 9:30 Morning Prayer

**Tuesday, August 18**

- 6:30 AM Men's Morning Bible Study
- 9:15 WSYC Board
- 10:30 Children's Committee
- 5:30 PM Youth & Their Families
- 5:30 Communications Committee
- 7:00 Adult Education Council
- 7:00 AA Literature Study

**Wednesday, August 19**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study Group
- 8:30 Ladies Exercise Class
- 9:30 Changing Gears Handbells
- 2:00 PM Changing Gears Committee
- 5:30 Finance Committee

**Thursday, August 20**

- 9:30 AM Bible Study Group

**Friday, August 21**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 Ladies Exercise Class
- 6:00 PM Choir Retreat off-site

**Saturday, August 22**

- All Day Choir Retreat off-site
- 11:30 AM AA Meeting
- 6:00 PM Shaffer/South Wedding

 **WITNESS**

**LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD TEAM UPDATE**

Westminster's Living Waters for the World Team members Bruce Spaulding and Terry Allen recently returned from Iquitos, Peru, where they made a visit to the Belen Clinic water purification system installed by the WPC Team in May 2008. The system was working well and plans are underway to increase distribution and water usage in the community.

Carson Salyer recently completed Clean Water University training at Camp Hopewell in Oxford, Mississippi, in preparation for a planned new water purification system installation in Peru next spring. Other team members include Beth Weaver, Tim and Erin Nedrow, Mike DeWitt and Suzanne Allen. For further information about this mission of WPC, please contact Terry Allen at tallen1939@gmail.com.

**JOIN OUR WELCOMING TEAM**

We at Westminster have something precious to offer everyone who walks in the doors on Sunday mornings, an opportunity to encounter God. Each week we welcome our visitors and members to a place where they can build lasting relationships with one another and with God. Wouldn't you like to be a part of this important ministry? If you can smile and say "Good Morning" then you are qualified for this job. Remember how Jesus said things like, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" and "love your neighbor"? Well, here is a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in the transforming ministry of our Lord. We have openings to fit your schedule, please join us. For more information, contact Tracy Moor 292-5526 or [tracy@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:tracy@nashvillewpc.org)

 **MUSIC**

**LAUDATE CHOIR**

The Laudate Choir is a Christian community for young people that expresses its faith in song through worship, and care for one another. If you are in grades 7 - 12, come be with friends and make new friends, come worship God and lead over 300 other people in worshipping God each week, and sing and do hands-on mission work while on tour in Guatemala next June. We have had large graduating classes the past several years and we need new singers, especially young men. The first rehearsal is Sunday, August 23, 5:00 PM in the Choir Room. Questions, e-mail John at [johns@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:johns@nashvillewpc.org).