



# WESTMINSTER WEEKLY

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee

JUNE 12, 2009

*Fostering a caring, diverse & deeply spiritual community*

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### Holy Baptism

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**June 14**

I Samuel 15:34 - 16:13; Psalm 20;  
Mark 4:26 - 34

### Homily

Ben Sparks

Assisting: Martha Bess DeWitt

### Anthems

8:30 AM, Sarah Conwell, soprano  
"Zion's Walls" Revivalist Song,  
- arr. Aaron Copland

11:00 AM, Westminster Choir  
"You Will I Love"  
- Kevin Hildebrand

### Hymns

442 *The Church's One Foundation*  
323 *Loving Spirit*  
399 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**June 21**

I Samuel 17:32 - 49; Psalm 133;  
Mark 4:35 - 41

### Homily

Ben Kane

Assisting: Jason Sikma

### Anthems

8:30 AM, Jeanette MacCallum, soprano  
"Praised be the Lord"  
Maurice Greene

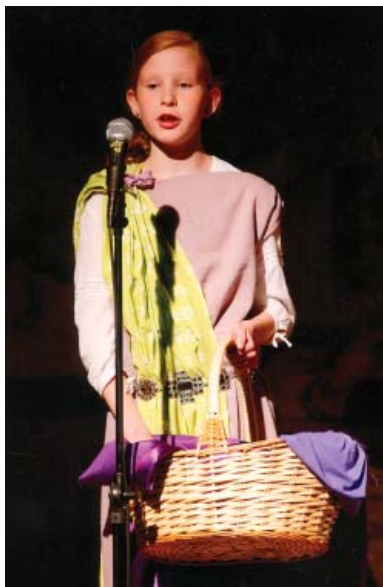
11:00 AM, Summer Choir

"How Can I Keep From Singing"  
- arr. Jeffrey Honore

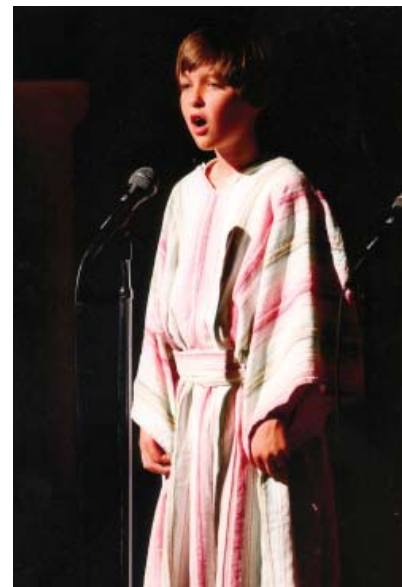
### Hymns

479 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*  
422 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*  
286 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears*

## MUSIC CAMP 2009



Elise Blackburn as Hannah



Jake Moor as Samuel

Music Camp 2009 will present "OUR MAN SAM" in performance on Sunday, June 14, at 9:45 AM. in Fellowship Hall. The musical was written by Westminster member, John Arnn, and tells the story of young Samuel as found in the first seven chapters of the Old Testament book of 1 Samuel.

John has composed wonderful, original jazz music to tell the story, and it will be sung and acted by some truly outstanding Westminster children. The band for the musical is "world class" and includes piano, upright bass, flute, clarinet, drums and bells. Sally Mae Arnn is Camp Director; the musical will be staged by Hank Hildebrand; and John Semingson serves as Music Director. You won't want to miss this lively production that includes Brad Johnson as the Narrator, Elise Blackburn as Hannah, Jake Hodge as Elkanah, Leah Griffith as Peninah, Jake Moor as Samuel, Ben Wallace as Eli and many other children as Elders, Chieftans and Messengers. Please invite friends and bring the whole family for "OUR MAN SAM" on Sunday, June 14, 9:45 - 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.

## MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the Mission Study Committee was approved at the May 28 meeting of the Session. Copies will be made available to the congregation and can be seen on the church website, [www.nashvillewpc.org/News and Events/Mission Study Committee](http://www.nashvillewpc.org/News and Events/Mission Study Committee).

## WESTMINSTER WEEKLY ON THE WEB

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

• Communion Prep Committee •

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## SESSION

<i>Class of 2009</i>	Jim Jenkins
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Jeanne Jackson	<i>Class of 2011</i>
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Sam Levine	Mary Baysinger
Tom McDow	Derek Bryant
Suzanne McLemore	Hartley Hall
Ann Neely	Howard Lamar
Lynne Trost	Andy Kramer
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Bob Cooper	Rebecca Spencer
Sondra Cruickshanks	Britton Nielsen
Sydney DeWitt	Bill Yancey
Ben Folk	Katherine McElroy
Lane Harvey	Nancy Patton Langdon
Betsy Hunt	

## 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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# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

## PRAY FOR:

Week of June 14  
The Synod of Mid America and The Presbyteries of Europe, Portugal, Spain, Britain, Ireland, France and Switzerland

Mt. Tabor-Salem Presbyterian Church  
Columbia, Tennessee  
Supply Pastor: Jimmy D. Smith

## NEW ARRIVALS

Welcome to *Lorelie Charlotte*, born to Anne and John Schoenhard on May 22, 2009.

Welcome to *Joseph Aubrey*, born to Layne and Derek Bryant on June 5, 2009.

## HOSPITAL

Evalina Andrews Vanderbilt

## TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Ed Anderson, Sr.  
Nashville, TN  
May 29, 2009  
Father of Ed (Bev)  
Grandfather of Anna Gray Hart,  
Sarah and Walter Anderson  
Great-grandfather of Merrill, Nora,  
and William Hart  
  
Mrs. Clinton (Mary) Parrent  
Nashville, TN  
May 30, 2009

## "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE"

## VBS AND MISSION CAMP

Discover God Through the Eyes of a Child. It's often through the actions and words of a child that we catch a glimpse of God. Could it be that they see God in us?

The Vacation Bible School and Mission Camp, July 27-30, at Westminster are growing. In order to support the young families of the church we need help from the rest of the congregation. Many parents work and are unable to help during the week. Everyone sending a child is finding a way to be involved, but we still need helpers.

## VBS AND MISSION CAMP

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[www.nashvillewpc.org](http://www.nashvillewpc.org)

## JOIN IN CELEBRATION



The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered Sunday, June 14, to the following children:

8:30 AM *George Arthur*, son of Susan and Mark Isaacs.

8:30 AM *Graham Ryan*, son of Robin and Bebo Patton.

11:00 AM *Roman Michael*, son of Alison and Gary Abbagnaro.

## CHANGING GEARS

Wednesday, June 24 at 11:00 AM  
in Fellowship Hall



What can you do to prevent identity theft and fraud?

This topic will be presented by Betty Primm and Linda Frost from First State Bank, our neighbor on Harding Road. They will also discuss your money in today's economy and answer any questions you may have. The program will begin at 11:30 AM. Don't forget to make your lunch reservations with Kristen Steele, 292-5526, in the church office by Monday, June 22.



# 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.

- June 14** Music Camp Musical "Our Man Sam: The Story of Young Samuel" - written by John Arnn
- June 21** Report from Mission Study Committee
- June 28** Living Waters For the World - Led by Carson Salyer
- July 5** No Sunday School
- July 12** The Outreach Foundation's Work in Central Africa - Led by Tom McDow
- July 19** "What Kind of Pastor are We Looking For?" - Led by Guy D. Griffith
- July 26** Mission Work in Africa - Led by Senator Bill Frist
- August 2** Shakespeare's View of Human Nature - Led by Ward DeWitt, Jr.
- August 9** Overview of Youth Mission Trips
- August 16** Mission Fair / Combined Sunday School - Led by Ben Folk – Outreach Committee
- 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

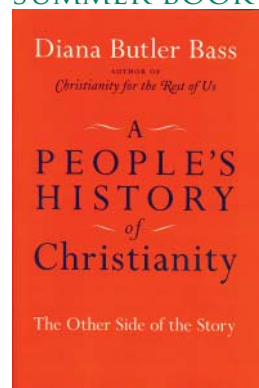
## OTHER SUMMER SUNDAY CLASSES:

Both the Good Samaritans Class and Young Adult Class plan to continue throughout the summer. The Good Samaritans Class meets in Goodpasture Hall for fellowship and Bible study based on *The New International Lesson Annual* September 2007 – August 2009 and is a lecture format. The class will take the month of August off. The Young Adults Class meets in M-310 and will view and discuss movies facilitated by various members of the class.

## CONNECTIONS CLASS

The Connections Class will be having a summer supper in August, more news to come when available. Please contact Sondra Cruickshanks for more information at [scruick434@gmail.com](mailto:scruick434@gmail.com).

## SUMMER BOOK STUDY



I wanted to let you know what the plans are for Summer Book Study and invite you to join in the fun! We will be studying Diana Butler Bass' *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story*. Author of *Christianity for the Rest of Us* which the Session read with great interest last year. Cost of the book is \$17.00 through the church; please let my assistant, Kristen Steel, know if you would like a copy. We'll begin meeting on Thursday mornings in the library from 9:30 AM through 11:00 AM from June 4 until August 27. Childcare is available by e-mailing Corye Nelson at [cnelson@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:cnelson@nashvillewpc.org). For more information contact Guy Griffith at [ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:ggriffith@nashvillewpc.org)

## 2009 MISSION YEARBOOK FOR PRAYER AND STUDY

The theme for this year's Mission Yearbook is "Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God" *Micah 6:8*. Each story in the Yearbook bears testimony to the faithful response of God's people to Micah's words. These books are a great way to learn about Presbyterian missions around the world. Also, use them as a resource for your daily prayer and devotional. Pick up a copy of the 2009 Mission Yearbook in the Parlor today!





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## PERIODICAL



## WITNESS

### MISS MARTHA'S ICE CREAM CRANKIN'



Last chance to get your tickets for the Ice Cream Crankin'! See Jeanne Jackson in the Parlor this Sunday, June 14 for pre-event prices. Purity Miss Martha's Ice Cream Crankin' will be held on the shady lawn at First Presbyterian Church, 4815 Franklin Pike on Sunday, June 14.

From 4:00 - 6:00 PM, you can sample all the homemade ice cream you can eat from the dozens of flavors brought by volunteers, as well as Purity ice cream treats. You are invited to stay for the post Crankin' concert featuring Ashley Cleveland, three time Grammy winner.

The Frist Center, the Predator Organization and Vanderbilt football team members will be on site. The minister's ice cream stacking contest is also part of the old fashioned summer social. Be sure to bring your minister!

Tickets will also be on sale at the site.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge to the 2009 Habitat House so far!

Every little bit helps as we move steadily toward our goal of \$60,000.

Thanks, also, to the food and construction volunteers who have already signed up to work in the fall. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please stop by the "Habitat House 2009" table in the Parlor every Sunday throughout June. For monetary contributions, checks can be mailed to the church office with "Habitat House 2009" noted in the memo section. Thank you for continuing the tradition!

### VBS AND MISSION CAMP

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There are many jobs that take no preparation and require only your time. Come build relationships with the children of this church by being a shepherd, serving snack, assisting in hook up or traveling into the community. If you are interested please contact: Kathy McKennon 373-9034 or Lisa Wooley 353-1391.

## WESTMINSTER WEEK

### Sunday, June 14

8:30 AM	Worship
9:45	"Our Man Sam" in FH
10:30	Westminster Choir
11:00	Worship
4:30 PM	CODA
6:00	PNC meeting offsite

### Monday, June 15

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

### Tuesday, June 16

6:30 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study
10:30	Children's Committee
5:30 PM	Communications Committee
6:30	Al-Anon
7:00	Worship Committee

### Wednesday, June 17

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

### Thursday, June 18

9:30 AM	Bible Study Group
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### Friday, June 19

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
8:30	Ladies Exercise Class

### Saturday, June 20

11:30 AM	AA Meeting
6:00 PM	June/Rodgers Wedding

### Sunday, June 21

8:30 AM	Worship
9:45	Sunday School
9:45	Summer Choir
11:00	Worship
4:30 PM	CODA
6:00	PNC

### Monday, June 22

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

### Tuesday, June 23

6:30 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study
6:30 PM	Al-Anon
7:00	Muscular Dystrophy Association

### Wednesday, June 24

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study Group
8:30	Ladies Exercise Class
9:30	Changing Gears Handbells
11:00	Changing Gears Luncheon

### Thursday, June 25

9:30 AM	Bible Study Group
7:00 PM	Session Meeting

### Friday, June 26

7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
8:30	Ladies Exercise Class

### Saturday, June 27

11:30 AM	AA Meeting
4:00 PM	Mayfield/Graf Wedding

The next deadline for the *Westminster Weekly* is June 18 at 4:00 pm. Contact Jennifer at [jdutton@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:jdutton@nashvillewpc.org) with any questions or concerns.



# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CONTINUED

## DO YOU KNOW?

**Lochiel and Joe Gaines**



**Children:** Amanda, 23; Andy, 22  
**Joined WPC:** 1984

**WPC:** Working Women's Circle,  
and Session

**Activities:** Tennis, and Woodworking

Lochiel and Joe Gaines chose WPC for many reasons, but its proximity to their West End area home was a major factor. After all, they weren't even Presbyterians; Lochiel was a Baptist, and Joe was raised in the Church of Christ. Despite moving to Brentwood, they've remained active Westminster members, and both of their children grew up in the church. Daughter Amanda, a nurse at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, still attends; Andy, a UT student, lives in Knoxville.

Lochiel is an avid tennis player who works as Communications Director for the Professional Insurance Agents of Tennessee. She's taught Sunday school since her children were young, and for the last five years she has been teaching the 'Two-year-olds' class. Not only has she fallen in love with the toddlers, but she's enjoyed getting to know Westminster's young families.

Joe works for the Department of Agriculture, but his hobby is woodworking. He tackles projects in his home workshop, but it's WPC's outreach programs that have really benefited from Joe's talents. He's a familiar face at our Habitat builds, and it's Joe, along with Carson Salyer, who leads Westminster's successful work trips to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

## SESSION NOTES

From the Session, May 28, 2009



Photo By Beccie King

At its stated May meeting the Session took a number of actions to prepare Westminster Church for our next pastor.

After presentation by the Mission Study Committee, the Session unanimously adopted the report which had been in process since the Committee, chaired by Ashby Burks, was appointed last December. Copies of this report are available on the website, [www.nashvillewpc.org/News and Events/Mission Study Committee](http://www.nashvillewpc.org/News and Events/Mission Study Committee). The report is being used by the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to write the Church Information Form. The Session thanked the committee enthusiastically for its work.

The Session accepted with thanksgiving a bequest from the estate of Adelaide Hohanness for \$241,393.00. Upon a motion from the Finance Sub-Committee, and after careful

discussion, the Session agreed to use the bequest to repay the internal Westminster Building Debt Fund which had been used to fund major renovation of these facilities completed in 1998. Balance owing to the Building Debt Fund is \$241,141.00

Growing out of that action, the Moderator and Clerk were asked to appoint a committee to recommend to the Session an appropriate way to honor the memory of Mrs. Hohanness in appreciation for the bequest, as well as for her love for and commitment to this church over a lifetime.

The Session received with gratitude a report by James Fields and Jennifer Bottorff from the Westminster School for Young Children. The report listed in some detail the eight objectives agreed to by the board of the school and the Session when the Session reaffirmed that the school is a mission of this congregation to the young children of Nashville and their families. Two of the objectives which were accomplished were the combining of the boards of the two schools, and a successful fund drive for the renovation of two playgrounds used by the children.

The Session was advised by the vice-chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee, Tom Wylly, that the PNC is hard at work writing the Church Information Form which it expects to bring to the June Session meeting for approval.

## WESTMINSTER FAMILIES: DO YOU KNOW?

Westminster is a big church undergoing a big change, a change we can weather better collectively, rather than in small disparate groups. With the goal of strengthening our bond as a congregation, as space permits the newsletter will feature a brief article about one member or family. These short pieces aren't meant to take the place of an introduction, but to aid you in locating members you would like to get to know better. There will be a photo accompanying each article, to help you recognize the people about which you've been reading. Introduce yourself, and help strengthen our congregational bond.



# 2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



## JULIE AND TOM WILSON TO LEAD 2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We are both excited and grateful for the opportunity to lead the 2010 Stewardship Campaign at Westminster.

Westminster has meant a lot to us both spiritually and personally. On a personal level, we met at Westminster in a Sunday School class, were later married at Westminster, and baptized our daughter Ferrell at Westminster.

On a spiritual level, we both have grown in our faith at Westminster through worship, service and witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. In short, Westminster Presbyterian Church is very special to us.

Agreeing to serve as co-chairs for the 2010 Stewardship Campaign has already been enlightening for us. In the many conversations we have had about stewardship as a couple since agreeing to serve as stewardship co-chairs, we have discovered, somewhat surprisingly, that the reasons why we give to the church are more different than what we previously thought or assumed. We agree on what we give,

but why we give is different for each of us.

One thing we do agree on is the scriptural basis for this year's campaign. It comes from Jesus' Sermon On The Mount and is found in *Matthew 6:21*... **"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."**

This particular passage really resonates with us. We have found that as we have committed more of our time, talent, and especially our treasure to the Church, and to Westminster in particular, our connection with the church has grown stronger.

One of our objectives for the 2010 Stewardship Campaign is to expand the conversation about financial stewardship at Westminster beyond the traditional 6-8 weeks in the fall. For something that is as important as financial stewardship is to the life and work of the church, we believe it should be a year-round conversation. While it likely cannot be accomplished in a single year, we hope for a day when conversations about stewardship at Westminster are as natural as those about Bible study and other matters of the church.

In an effort to begin that conversation, we commend to your reading this summer a book titled, *Creating Congregations of Generous People* by Michael Durall. This book really resonated with us, articulating and affirming many of the beliefs we have about financial stewardship and how mainline churches such as Westminster should approach what is such a vital part of Christian discipleship. You can order it through [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) for \$14. It is an easy, yet engaging read, and we highly recommend it to everyone at Westminster.

Just two weeks ago at the May meeting of our Session, we handed out copies of the book to every member, as well as the pastoral staff, to read as a summer homework assignment. We hope to return at a future Session meeting to lead a discussion about the book.

Another objective for this year's stewardship campaign is to educate the congregation about the giving habits of the congregation and the needs of the church. It is our hope that by doing this the congregation will become more informed about the impact of each individual and family's giving on the financial sustainability of the church.

Rest assured that we will also have a financial goal for the congregation during this year's Stewardship Campaign. We pray that that goal will be God's call for Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Let us close by thanking you for this opportunity. We encourage and invite everyone to become engaged with each other in a heartfelt discussion about stewardship at Westminster.

Peace Be With You,

*Julie and Tom*

Julie and Tom Wilson