

Presbyterian 'Connection'

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From the Pen of Reverend Terry



I have been deeply moved by two films, I saw in January. The first was the movie, Lincoln. The second was the three-part miniseries, The Abolitionists on PBS. I learned from Lincoln about the struggle to pass the 13th amendment to abolish slavery in the United States. From my place in time it seems unreal to see anyone argue that racial slavery was ordained by God, sanctioned by the Bible, essential to the economic survival of the nation, justified under the umbrella of states rights and even acceptable on scientific principles. How could people of intelligence and faith believe these things? How could others decide that it was a matter of individual conscience or to put it bluntly none of their business?

Thank God for the people of faith who saw the issue differently. I had never really thought of the role of faith in the lives of those who became Abolitionists. Until I saw the mini-series by the same name, I'd never even heard of Angelina Grimke. Born into a prominent slave-holding family, Angelina strongly opposed slavery. She considered it a morally depraved system contrary to God's law.

In 1826, Angelina became a Presbyterian. She found an ally and spiritual advisor in the Rev. William McDowell. Not for the last time did she find herself at odds with other abolitionists. She and McDowell disagreed on the right way to end slavery. In 1829, Angelina spoke to her congregation exhorting all slaveholders to openly condemn slavery. It was also in 1829 that she was officially expelled from the Presbyterian Church as much for her outspokenness as a woman as for her views on slavery.

Angelina moved to the North where she lived with her sister, Sarah. She never again returned to her home in South Carolina. Her essay, "An Appeal to the Christian Women of the South" was burned in her hometown and across the state. She was critical of her northerners as well for purchasing slave-made goods and engaging in social and economic relationships with slaveholders.

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Despite threats of physical violence, loss of connection with her family, disillusionment with organized religion and loss of social status and wealth, Angelina continued to speak and write against slavery. When men began to attend the events where she spoke, many of her fellow abolitionists protested. While they supported freedom for slaves, they weren't ready for equality for women. There is much more to the series than Angelina's story.

One verse kept coming to me as I watched these stories of our country's struggle against the seductive power of sin presented in the institution of slavery, "love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself."

The brave men and women, who led this fight, loved God and sought to know and do his will with all that was in them despite enormous pressure from every area of their lives. They loved their neighbor enough to give up the lives of relative ease they might have had to rescue complete strangers from lives of cruelty and pain.

My purpose in writing this is more than to lift up these heroes as examples of faith. It is also to ask myself and each of us how God is leading us to show our love. Am I, are we, willing to give up everything to take up the cross and follow Christ?

May "Thy will be done" be our constant prayer.

Many blessings,
Pastor Terry



Angelina Grimke

Born

(1805-02-20)20
February 1805
[Charleston, South
Carolina, USA](#)

Died

26 October 1879
(1879-10-26) (aged
74)
[Hyde Park,
Massachusetts,
USA](#)

Occupation

Politician,
abolitionist,

Spouse(s)

[Theodore Dwight
Weld](#)



Thank you for your monthly newsletter. My husband and I moved to Bull Shoals in 1998. We picked The Presbyterian Church after attending other churches. We met Norm Hockley walking our dogs. He influenced us. My husband died in a nursing home in Flippin in 20014. The Pastor, can't remember his name, took care of the burial service. He was retired, and we liked him very much. I can't remember too many of the church members. The names are familiar. Now I'm in a Retirement Home. We have a young minister of 45 years from Calgary Church, Interdenominational, that comes here every Sunday. We all like him very much. A lady in your church told me she was going to wear a hat in church now that I was leaving. I always wore a hat to church.

Merry Christmas to all.
Love,
Violet Nelson



Thank you to our anonymous friend. James and I are grateful beyond words for your generosity this past year. May God bless you for your kindness.

Terry Hart



Dear Terry and Members of Bull Shoals,

Thank you for your support of Christ's mission through the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Together, we are continuing to make visible the body of Christ. Your gifts are essential in carrying out our shared ministry and are appreciated.

Gratefully yours,
Bill Galbraith - General Presbyter

Strength Quotes For Encouragement

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 *So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*



Deacons for the Class of 2015

James Hart
Pam Hobart

Elders for the Class of 2015

Ken Hobart
Steve Broskovak



Be sure to drop in for coffee, maybe a Danish
or cookies and wonderful fellowship on
Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.
in Memorial Hall!

Connection Online

If you would like to read the "Connection" newsletter online,
go to our website;

<http://www.presbyterianchurchofbullshoals>

Click on the 'Info Center' tab at the top, then on the drop-
down menu, click on "Presbyterian Connection", then
choose the month of the newsletter you would like to read.
The most recent newsletter will be at the top.

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WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

February 3rd 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Souper Bowl of Caring

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4: 21-30

Communion

“The Greatest of These”



February 10th Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43

Potluck

“Face to Face”

February 13th – 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday

Joel 2: 1-17; Psalm 51: 1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10
Matthew 6: 1-21

Imposition of the Ashes Communion



February 17th 1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 91:1-16
Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4: 1-13

Blessing of the Food Pantry “First Fruits”

February 24th 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15: 1-18; Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
“God and Abram”



CHURCH USHERS AND GREETERS

Greeters

February 3 - Ken & Pam Hobart
February 10 - Betty Craig & Mary L. Bryant
February 17 - Sue Babulski & Norm Hockley
February 24 - Amy Johnson & Irene Bere



USHERS & GREETERS

Ushers

Faye Brackett & Amy Johnson
Betty Aaron & Irene Bere
Bruce & Lee Powell
Esther Roberts & Sandy Erickson

PRAYER LIST FOR CONGREGATIONS, PRESBYTERY OF AR.-2013

February 3 - First, McGehee
February 10 - First, Lincoln
February 17 - First, Ozark
February 24 - First, Jacksonville



Inquirers & Candidates for Ministry
First, Heber Springs
Church Musicians
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

PLEASE NOTIFY PAT ERLEWINE IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO SHOULD BE ON OUR PRAYER LIST.

BIRTHDAYS

February

February 21 - Bonnie Monroe
February 27 - Bob Richardson

March

March 3 - Dick Sass
March 10 - Allen Althof
March 20 - Betty Perrin
March 22 - Pat Erlewine
March 28 - Betty Aaron
March 30 - Jini Sass

ANNIVERSARIES

February 29 - Pat & Paul Graham

March 12 - Bob & Arabella Richardson
March 18 - Dr. Roger & Meg Simons

This Retreat is For:

- All laypersons
- Teaching & Ruling Elders
- Commissioned Ruling Elders
- Lay Academy participants and graduates
- Christian Educators

Seminar Leaders:

Rev. John Arnold serves as co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Texarkana, Arkansas, along with his wife, Rev. Dr. Susan Arnold and is a member of the Presbytery of the Pines. He is also Chief Inspiration Officer of the 7 Minute Life, Inc. He is the author of the blog, The Practical Discipline.com and a pioneer of online discipleship. When he isn't wearing his pastor hat, he loves performing in local theater and participating in Boy Scouts with his son.

Rev. David H. Dyer is a graduate of King College and received his D.Min. from Union Theological Seminary in 1974. He has served churches in an ordained Teaching Elder in the PC(USA). He has served churches in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, and five congregations in the Presbytery of Arkansas as well as serving on the Presbytery staff and the faculty of Philander Smith College. Honorably retired, he is currently serving as the minister at Westminster Presbyterian in Little Rock. He is married, has two daughters, and two grandchildren; and gives God thanks for being cancer-free eight years after colon cancer and non-Hodgkin lymphoma. He was the Moderator of the presbytery in 2012 and currently moderates the General Committee.

Keynote Leaders:

Rev. Gradye Parsons **Stated Clerk of the General Assembly**

A native of Tennessee, Gradye Parsons joined the Office of the General Assembly in 2000. Previously, he served congregations in Newport and Bristol, Tennessee for 15 years before becoming the executive presbyter and stated clerk of Holston Presbytery in 1994. He was elected Stated Clerk in 2008 and re-elected in 2012.

Gradye graduated from the University of Tennessee and received his Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, MA. He did post-graduate work at Columbia Theological Seminary, with Edwin Friedman and with the Alban Institute. He was ordained in 1979 by Holston Presbytery. Gradye's wife, Kathy, is an elementary school teacher. They have two adult children – Josh, an attorney, and Rachel, a youth minister.

Rev. Philip Lotspeich **Coordinator of Church Growth for** **Presbyterian Mission Agency**

This is Philip's second time to be a part of this retreat. He was our keynote speaker at the 2010 retreat. He is a graduate from University of Texas at Arlington and received his Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was the organizing pastor of Faithbridge Presbyterian Church in Frisco, Texas. He was also the pastor of a transformational church in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. He and his wife Linda have two children, Austin and Abby.

This Retreat is exciting!

Don't miss it!

Sign up today!!

Annual Spring Retreat 2013



*Mining the Riches of
Tradition to Forge the
Future:*

*the
Presbyterian Way*

March 7-9, 2013
Thursday - Saturday

at

Ferncliff

**Camp and Conference Center
Little Rock**

*Sponsored by
Congregational Care & Development
Committee
Presbytery of Arkansas*

Annual Spring Retreat Schedule of Events

Thursday
4:00-6:00 Registration Opens
4:00-5:30 Seminars
6:00 Dinner
7:00-9:00 Plenary—Gradye Parsons
9:00-9:15 Evening Prayer

Friday
7:30 Breakfast
8:45 Morning Prayers-CAB
9:00-11:30 Plenary-Gradye Parsons
12:00 Lunch
1:00-2:30 Seminars
2:45-4:15 Seminars
4:15 Free Time (Bookstore, etc)
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Plenary-Gradye Parsons
8:30 Communion & Benediction

Saturday
7:30 Breakfast
8:45 Morning Prayers-CAB
9:00-11:30 Plenary—Philip Lotspeich
12:00 Lunch
Closing Benediction—
Dining Hall

All Plenary are held in the CAB Building.

All Seminars are held simultaneously and will be presented once on Thursday, and twice on Friday to allow each participant to attend all seminars being offered.

Thurs & Fri Plenary

"Reformed & Always Being Reformed"

Why can't we just let things lie?

A conversation about what leads us and where are we going. How do we live our faith in a transitory church?

Rev. Gradye Parsons

Saturday Plenary

"Anxiety or Passion—What's fueling our urgency?"

Explore the reasons we want our churches to grow and why we might want to (or not) be a part of the 1001 New Worshiping Community movement.

Rev. Philip Lotspeich

Seminars

A. "What is our future story?"

Each church has a history but do we have a future? Do we have a vision for what our faith community is striving to be?

Rev. Philip Lotspeich

B. "How to Stay Focused When Praying."

Do you struggle to focus when praying? Learn the 5 pillars of life-changing prayer from his book "Tips On Prayer, a Quickstart Guide to Improving Prayer".

Rev. John Arnold

C. "The Rebellious History of the Presbyterian Way"

Look at leaders from our Presbyterian past who stand as examples of the ways Presbyterians have often been people who challenge the prevailing norms of their societies.

Rev. David Dyer

Registration Form

Your Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Roommate Preference _____
Church/Town _____

Accommodation Preference:

	Lodging and meals			Meals only
	Triple	Double	Single*	Commuter
Entire Event	\$95	\$115	\$145	\$80
Thurs Eve & Fri only	\$75	\$90	\$40	\$40
Fri Eve & Sat only	\$75	\$90	\$40	\$40

*Single occupancy is available on a limited first come, first served basis.

There is **NO LIMIT** on the number of participants from each church.

Registration deadline is Feb. 24

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

ON REQUEST BY FEB 1, 2013

Register online through Ferncliff at
www.ferncliff.org

Or call 501-821-3063

Or send registration to Ferncliff :
1720 Ferncliff Road
Little Rock, AR 72223



LIBRARY LINES FOR FEBRUARY 2013

We have two new Amish Series. Books 1-3 of The Women of Lancaster County Series by Mindy Clark & Leslie Gould:

THE AMISH MID-WIFE, AMISH NANNY, & AMISH BRIDE.

We have Books 1 & 2 of the new series Home To Hickory Hollow by Beverly Lewis: THE FIDDLER & THE BRIDESMAID.

The featured book this month is the following non-fiction book: CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD by Neale Donald Walsch.

"Suppose you could ask God the most puzzling questions about existence--questions about love and faith, life and death, good and evil. Suppose God provided clear, understandable answers.

You are about to have a conversation....the dialogue begins...

I have heard the crying of your heart. I have seen the searching of your soul. I know how deeply you have desired the Truth. In pain have you called out for it, and in joy. Unendingly have you beseeched Me. Show Myself. Explain Myself. Reveal Myself. I am doing so here, in terms so plain, you cannot misunderstand. In language so simple, you cannot be confused. In vocabulary so common, you cannot get lost in the verbiage. I will come to you if you will invite Me. I will show you then that I have always been there."



Faye Brackett, Librarian

MISSION MINUTE

FEBRUARY - 2013



Thank you to all for the generous donations to the Christmas Card Tree to benefit the Food Pantry and to the Joy Offering which goes to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to the Presbyterian Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges.

The donations for the Joy Offering were \$388. 26.
The Christmas Card Tree donations were \$115.00.

We will be participating in the Souper Bowl Collection again this year for the Food Pantry on Super Bowl Sunday February 3rd.



Thank you God Bless you all,
The Mission Committee



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Now that we have all the holidays and the year of 2012 behind us, it's time to start planning for our new year.

Our first meeting will be Monday at The Village Wheel on March 4th, at 11:30 a.m.

Ladies - lets have a wonderful year and lets put our best foot forward to attend the meetings, and bring a friend with you. All Ladies are welcome.

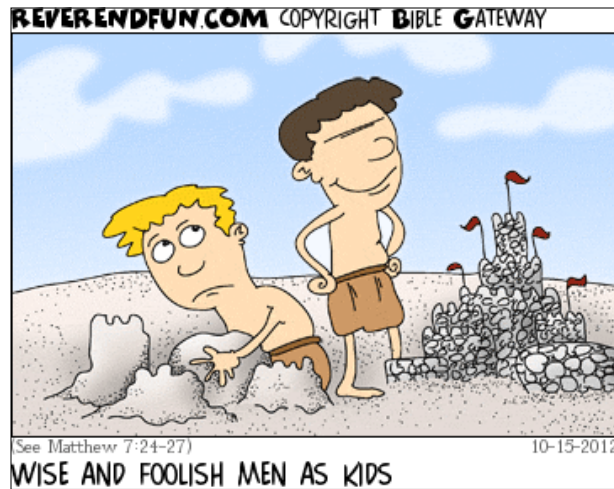
Time to start planning for this years Missions, Ice Cream Social, The Potato Bash, P.W. Women's luncheon and many more fun things.

There will also be a P.W. Coordinating Team meeting on February 7, 2013 at 12:15 in Memorial Hall. Bring a lunch if you'd like to.

God Bless

Mary Kerr - Moderator

REMEMBER



Who You Gonna Call? A Partial List of Who Does What

NOTE CHANGES FROM LAST MONTH

- Vicky Baer - Clerk of Session & Membership
- Faye Brackett - Missions
- Ken Hobart & Elaine Miller - Treasurer, Personnel & Finance Committees
- Norm Hockley - Evangelism Committee & Thursday Morning Coffee
- Ken Hobart - Church Financial Plan & Investments
- Meg Simon - Worship & Music
- Steve Broskovak - Property (Building and Grounds)
- Terry Hart - Christian Education & Moderator of Session
- Pat Erlewine- Deacon Moderator
- Sandy Erickson - Prayer Chain
- Irene Bere - Acting PW Moderator (temporary)
- Pam Hobart - Memorial Hall

February Fun

Submitted by Esther Roberts

KNOW YOUR HYMNS

Dentist Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
Meteorologist's Hymn.....There Shall be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn.....There is a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
Tax Payer's Hymn.....I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On
Electrician's Hymn.....Send the Light
Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet Bye and Bye
Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion
Massage Therapist's Hymn.....He Touched Me
Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician

For Those Who Like to Surpass the Speed Limit

45 mph.....God Will Take Care of You
65 mph.....Nearer My God to Thee
85 mph.....This World is Not My Home
95 mph.....Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph.....Precious Memories

-Source unknown

RECIPES



A Special Valentine's Pancake

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons *butter*
- 2 *eggs*
- 1/2 cup 2% *milk*
- 1 teaspoon *grated lemon peel*
- 1/2 teaspoon *vanilla extract*
- 1/2 cup *all-purpose flour*
- 1/4 cup *fresh blueberries*
- 1/4 cup *fresh raspberries*
- 1/4 cup *sliced fresh strawberries*
- 1 teaspoon *confectioners' sugar*



Directions

Quick & Easy!

- Divide butter between two 2-cup round baking dishes. Place on a baking sheet. Heat in a 400° oven until butter is melted.
- In a small bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, lemon peel and vanilla. Whisk in flour until blended. Pour over butter. Bake, uncovered, for 14-16 minutes or until golden brown and puffy.

In a small bowl, gently combine the berries. Spoon onto pancakes; sprinkle with confectioners' sugar.

Yield: 2 servings.

THIS WE BELIEVE for FEBRUARY

"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him."

" Romans 10:12"

~MISSION STATEMENT~

"We will be scripture-based to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and spiritually led to guide all people to be active doers of the Word"

Approved by Session on November 16, 2007

CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor: Rev. Terry Hart

Clerk of Session: Vicky Bair, Church Treasurer: Ken Hobart, Secretary: Christi Partee

Financial Secretary: Dick Sass, Asst. Financial Secretary: Elaine Miller

DEACONS

Class of 2013

Ed Lloyd
Gloria Wiles
Pat Erlewine

Class of 2014

Dot Pitts
Sandy Erickson

Class of 2015

James Hart
Pam Hobart

ELDERS

Class of 2013

Vicky Bair
Jini Sass

Class of 2014

Meg Simons
Vacant

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