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Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas



In Touch

by General Presbyter Rev. Dr. William F. Galbraith

"Go Back to Sunday School, Please!"

"Go back to Sunday School, please!" That's what the caller said when calling the news program after the newscaster issued the invitation, "Let us know what you think." The caller was referring to members of Congress stuck in their ideological mud hole. Rhetorical wheels spun flinging more mud than gaining traction. Tea Partiers stayed in first gear, "We won't vote yes without approval of a balanced budget amendment." Liberals shifted between drive and reverse insisting that revenue be increased, that entitlement programs go untouched and that the debt not be balanced on the backs of our most vulnerable citizens. They gunned it all the way to August 2, before agreeing to details. No one got all they wanted. President Obama quickly pointed out that it could have been a better agreement if the longer term implications of expenditures and revenues were settled. But, at least, there would be no default. The monster truck of state began to inch ahead.

"Go back to Sunday School," he said. "It's do unto others as you would have them do unto you, not, do unto others before they do unto you. Make the first move. You know what you would appreciate. Do it!"

So what is it we would have others do for us in their governing role? A first thought is to work on the economy; keep the market on an upswing. Grow jobs. Take care of Seniors. Ensure Social Security and Medicare. Some might say, "Keep the tax cuts." "Protect defense." Others, "Make the tax code fairer."

But what if we did go back to Sunday School, all of us, members of Congress and members of congregations? What if we heard again and acted on the radical notions of the One who invited us to do to others what we hope will be done to us? What if we followed the insight of Micah in delighting God by doing justice, loving kindness, practicing mercy and being humble? What about joining Amos in insisting that justice and economic fairness roll on like a river descending on everyone? How would we make a difference that the world thinks more than a bit daffy? How do we put what we want alongside what those so precious to Jesus need? Jesus makes it clear. He came for the sick instead of the well, the poor instead of the rich. It's not that he didn't come for all, including you and me and field sparrows. He just made it clear that those who are well have a dickens of a time recognizing hidden illnesses like greed and gossip and indifference, and that those who are rich can't succeed in sticking themselves through the Kingdom's night deposit slot no matter how hard they try.

But even more critical, how do we join hearts, minds and voices to speak this Sunday School truth to those in power?

"Let us know what you think when you've gone back to Sunday School." Last week has been a reminder



that Christian education really should and can make a difference in our world view, in how we take up our role as responsible citizens of this great land.

Gratefully yours in faith,

[Bill](#)

General Presbyter's Meetings and Out of Office Commitments

August

- 08-09 Synod Committee on Ministry Convocation, Irving, Texas
- 09-10 Executive/General Presbyter Forum, Irving, Texas
- 13 Budget Hearings, Presbytery Office, Little Rock
- 14 Lead Worship and Preach, Grace Presbyterian, Little Rock
- 15 Cluster 9 Event, Second Presbyterian, Little Rock
- 27 Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals, First, Conway
- 28 Lead Worship and Preach, Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs

September

- 06 Committee on Ministry, First, Conway
- 07 New Form of Government Planning Group, Little Rock
- 10 Mission Committee, First, Conway
- 10 Reception for Retiring Mo-Ranch President David Jordan, Dallas, Texas
- 15-18 Solar Under the Sun, Ferncliff
- 17 General Council, First, Conway
- 27 Vera Lloyd Board, Monticello

October

- 01-02 Retreat, Yellville, Mountain Home, Bull Shoals Sessions
- 02 Preach and Lead Worship, Bull Shoals
- 03-08 Mennonite Peace Center, Conflict Resolution Training, Dallas
- 14 New Church Professional Training, First, Conway
- 14 Committee on Ministry, First, Conway
- 14-15 Presbytery Meeting, First, Conway
- 17-18 Polity Conference, Pittsburgh
- 19-20 Association of Executive Presbyters, Pittsburgh
- 21 Lyon College Board
- 23-29 Colleague Group, Mo-Ranch
- 30 100th Anniversary, First, Rogers

A Polity Point by Rev. Cathy Ulrich, Stated Clerk

The pedometer I use for my (nearly) daily walk has a pink ribbon logo on it. It is an indication that a portion of its purchase was contributed to breast cancer research. The paper I use in my home printer is wrapped with an "eco-friendly" seal. The fine print tells me that this certifies the product is made from the Forest Stewardship Council 50% recycled paper.

Many products have these eye-catching marketing devices. I enjoy being able to do two things at once: help a worthy cause while purchasing something I need. I will ignore the fact that I have not thoroughly researched if these are legitimate.

As responsible Presbyterians who have been purchasing the [Book of Order](#) over the last several years, we have been contributing to the larger good, without any fine print, or ribbon logos, or "eco-friendly" seals set upon our constitution. We have merely been purchasing our [Book of Order](#) each time it has been amended, and continued to serve Christ and his Church.



There have been some questions recently about the price of the book, particularly since recent changes have reduced its size. At \$10.00 a copy it is still a bargain considering what we are supporting with this purchase.

The revenue stream from the sales of the Book of Order covers the production of the book (printing costs), the cost of translating and producing the book in Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, Mandarin Chinese, and Braille, editing and pre-production work, and support.

Since the translation and printing of the Book of Order into Korean & Spanish back in the '90's, and the other languages listed above including Braille, the Assembly decided that these additional costs would be folded into each copy of the book. All Books of Order, in each language, are \$10. We decided that it is our polity that makes us different, not our languages.

I would encourage all Presbyterians to purchase the [2011/2013 Book of Order](#). It is for a good cause.

Blessings & peace

[Cathy](#)

118th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas Friday-Saturday, October 14-15, 2011 - First Presbyterian, Conway

Friday

1:30-5:30 p.m. Orientation of new church professionals

2:30 p.m. Registration opens

3:00-5:00 p.m. Pre-Presbytery Workshops (choose one)

a. Hunger Emphasis

b. Feasting on the Word Curriculum (Linda LeBron)

c. Planning and Leading a Service of Healing and Wholeness

d. Caring for Family & Parishioners When Cognition and Health are Compromised

(Dr. Karen Young-Vinson)

Dinner on your own

6:30 p.m. Gavel, business, followed by Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Saturday

7:30 a.m. Continental breakfast

8:30 a.m. Healing and Wholeness Service or candidate preaching

8:50 a.m. Business continues

11:30 a.m. Order of the Day to recognize graduates of the lay academy

Lunch served by host church after which business continues

Highlights: Welcome of new ministers, workshop within meeting on decisions by congregations to be made in light of the new Form of Government section of the Book of Order, annual reports of Committee on Nominations, Christian Education and Nurture, Disaster Preparedness and Response (bring those flood buckets please!), Presbyterian Women, Clusters. Worship offering recipient is Cents-ability. Ingathering recipient is Bethlehem House in Conway, a community homeless shelter, and particular needed items are non-perishable foods, paper products and cleaning supplies.

The meeting packet will be posted on the Presbytery website by Sept. 26.

Committee on Mission Asks for Your Input

by [Rev. Dr. Gordon Garlington](#), Moderator

Dear Presbytery of Arkansas Friends:

Your Mission Committee continues to work on implementing the Unified Mission Emphasis of hunger selected by our presbytery at its meeting in October, 2010.

To help us, we invite each congregation to ask the most appropriate person to complete and return this [survey](#) asking about your church's current hunger-related ministries, and your ideas about how best our Presbytery might combat hunger in our state and communities.

Information about where to send the completed survey is included. If you have further questions or suggestions, we encourage you to call or email the chairperson of our Unified Mission Emphasis task force, the Rev. Dr. Emmett Powers, at 501-412-8497 or presbypastor@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for helping us join hands in this Matthew 25:40 ministry!

Call for Artists

by [Rev. Anne Russ](#)

Where was God on the morning of September 11, 2001? To commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the September 11 attacks, First Presbyterian in downtown North Little Rock's Argenta neighborhood will be hosting an art exhibit of paintings and drawings that depict where the artist believes God was on the morning of those attacks. We are accepting submissions through August 31. Submissions should include the work itself, contact information, a brief bio of the artist as well as a short description of the work. The artwork will be on display from September 9-September 25 at the church. Prizes will be awarded to the three pieces that best embody the theme. For more information, contact Rev. Anne Russ at revruss@gmail.com. First Presbyterian Church is located at 201 West Fourth Street (corner of Fourth and Maple) in Argenta.

People and Church News

News of Our People

- Congratulations to **Rev. Bobby Williamson** of Conway who married **Miss Lindy Vogado** on June 5 at Betheseda Presbyterian Church in York, South Carolina. He teaches at Hendrix College and is parish associate at Second, Little Rock. The couple will be at home in Little Rock.
- Congratulations to **Rev. and Mrs. Kenny Shaw** on the birth of their first child, a son, **Kenneth William Shaw III (Liam)** on June 27. Kenny is pastor at First, McGehee.
- **Doug Walters** began service as the Interim Youth Director at Second Presbyterian, Little Rock on August 1 while the search continues for a permanent Youth Director.
- Congratulations to **Rev. Leslie Belden and husband Ted** on the birth of their second grandchild, Harper Grace Werner, on May 5, 2011. Proud parents are Melissa and Randy Werner of Fayetteville. Leslie is parish associate at First United, Fayetteville and Ted is a member of the Committee on Clusters and a former moderator of the Presbytery of Arkansas. Maternal great grandmother is **Mary Virginia Smith** of Little Rock, one of presbytery's commissioners to the Synod of the Sun.
- **Joel Gill** began duties as program director of Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center on August 1 after **Abby Cain** departed for graduate studies in Searcy.
- Congratulations to **General Presbyter Rev. and Mrs. Bill Galbraith** of Little Rock on the birth of a granddaughter, Cassidy Laine Cook, on August 2. Parents are C.W. and Kate Cook. Cassidy's brother is Carter.
- Prayers are extended to **Educator Lynn Condra and Rev. Shauna Silmon** as they care for Lynn's daughter/granddaughters, Shauna's sister/nieces after an automobile accident in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Marcia, Maddison and Makenna Rodery are hospitalized at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa. Lynn is Director of Christian



Cassidy Laine Cook

Education at Central Presbyterian, Fort Smith and Shauna is Pastor of Grace Presbyterian, Little Rock.

- Christian sympathy is extended to **Rev. and Mrs. Ben Bateman**, honorably retired, of Hot Springs on the death of her mother, Frances Davis, on July 27. Mrs. Davis was a member of Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs.
- Prayers are extended to **Rev. Bill Christman** who is hospitalized in Oklahoma with a head injury following a fall. He is interim pastor at First, Mena.

News of Our Congregations & Ministries

- **First, Clarksville** recently held a town hall meeting to discuss the following: Are we fulfilling our mission? What are our traditions? Does the budget support our mission and traditions? What are logical next steps?
- The mission project at Summer Celebration (VBS) at **First, Jacksonville** was to fill flood buckets and assemble hygiene kits and baby kits.
- **First, Benton** started JUPYS for junior high/middle school age youth on Wednesdays in July with a meal, devotional/study and activity.
- **First, Morrilton** publishes a list of weekly ushers, acolytes, greeters, children's sermon leader, liturgist, Sunday School teachers and people to open/close building and count the collection.
- **Harmony, Clarksville** publishes in their newsletter regular articles on their history, most recently about the ladies group, which is now 99 years old.

News of Our Clusters

- **Cluster VII** (central region of Presbytery) will conduct session records review on Wednesday, August 24, at First, Heber Springs.

Ideas of the Month

- **First and West End, Arkadelphia** had a pulpit exchange on July 10 with lunch served afterwards for both congregations at First.

"There's a fire! Join the bucket brigade."

by [James Anderson](#), Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response



For centuries this cry rang out in communities facing disaster from burning buildings or fields. Today the alarm is sounded to help our neighbors trying to recover from tornado and flood. Won't you join your fellow Arkansas Presbyterians and "join the bucket brigade"?

These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a tornado or flood.

To assemble an Emergency Clean-up Bucket you will need:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- One pair work gloves

- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)

Please send only new materials. Place all items in the plastic bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal the lid with packing tape.

Deliver or ship Clean-up Buckets to:
Church World Service
Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center
1720 Ferncliff Road
Little Rock, AR 72223

Please consider a gift of \$3 for each Clean-up Bucket to cover shipping and handling.

Prayer List for Congregations - 2011 can be found [here](#).

Rev. Dr. Rick Young Named President of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation

by [Brian Perry](#), Director of Mission Support

Rev. Rick Young, familiar to many of us for his work with the Board of Pensions PC(USA), will become President and Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Presbyterian Foundation effective October 1. He served the past six and a half years as Regional Representative for the Board of Pensions with responsibilities for pastor members in 19 presbyteries in the Synods of the Sun and the Rocky Mountains. Prior to that he served four churches in the Synod of the Sun.



Rev. Rick Young

The TPF board expressed enthusiasm about the appointment of Rev. Young. "Rick brings a set of qualities and experience that will serve TPF well at this point in our history. His experience leading a growing congregation, his strong connections with pastors in our region, and his service to the larger church on the investment committee of the Board of Pensions (PCUSA) make him particularly well suited for the role of leading TPF in greater service to the church. We are pleased that he has accepted the position as President and is eager to help move TPF to the next level of size and service."

Texas Presbyterian Foundation is an agency of the Synod of the Sun of the Presbyterian Church (USA) with assets over \$700 Million. It serves as the primary investment entity for over 200 congregations and an additional 85 agencies and institutions in the four-state region comprised of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. The Foundation's offices are located in the Presbyterian Mission Center in Las Colinas, Texas.

Rev. Dr. Gerry Tyler Named Transitional Synod Executive

Rev. Gerry Tyer, recently retired after 19 years as Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, has been named Transitional Synod Executive for Synod of the Sun. Prior to that he served three churches. He too office on August 1 succeeding Rev. Judy Fletcher. He can be reached at gtyer@synodsun.com.

The Big Tent

The Big Tent was a big success. More than 1,750 Presbyterians gathered June 30-July 2, 2011, in

Indianapolis to explore ways to grow Christ's church deep and wide. Nine partner conferences plus numerous affiliated events inspired and equipped participants through worship, education, and fellowship. Attending from the Presbytery Office were General Presbyter Bill Galbraith, Stated Clerk Cathy Ulrich, and Director of Mission Support Brian Perry.

Catch God's Wave for Your Life! Jeremiah 29: 11-13

Come hang ten with us for a totally rad and far out 2nd annual
Northwest Arkansas Presbyterian Youth Rally event!

Who: Youth 6th grade - 12th grade and their adult leaders (Ratio 1 adult per 5 youth attending)

Where: First Presbyterian Church of SPRINGDALE

When: Saturday, August 20, 2011 5pm to 8:30pm

Are you a Soul Surfer?
Cookout, water games, fellowship, soul surfing,
Don't Miss it!

Mary Shaw 479.751.2040 / Kristi Button 479.442.4411 / Lauren Treptow 479.636.5542

Montreat Youth Conference 2011



Presbytery sent 22 youth and four adults (Ron DuBois, Karen Howard, Ellie Johnston, and Rev. Leslie Roper) from 11 churches and traveled with 19 youth and five adults (Greg & Syd Adams, Dena Kimberling, Kenneth Rich, and Rachel Wells) from Second Presbyterian, Little Rock to Montreat Conference Center (Montreat, North Carolina) for the annual Youth Conference, July 23-30. Cameron Highsmith, an Inquirer under care of the Presbytery, was also in attendance. The trip is funded by Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Nurture.

Junior High Jubilee 2011



Presbytery sent 18 youth and four adults (Whitney Bordelon, Brian Davis, Rev. Bill Galbraith, and Rev. Dari Rowen) from six churches along with Second Presbyterian, Little Rock's junior highs to Mo-Ranch (Hunt, Texas) for Junior High Jubilee, July 9-14. The trip is funded by Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Nurture.

Lay Academy Finishes Classes



Presbytery's Lay Academy completed the rigorous two and a half year curriculum the weekend of July 29-31. The Lay Academy subcommittee of the Committee on Christian Education & Nurture includes Academy Dean Rev. Heinrich Eiler, Rev. Bob Cox, Rev. Susan Gray, Elder Lon Hardin, Rev. John King and Commissioned Lay Pastor Kelly Pearson. Those attending were Suzanne Cain, Ken Coker, Michelle Duggin, Dianah Gourley, Ruth Hamilton, Betsy Harris, Jim Hays, Cyril Hollingsworth, Eddie Holt, Jody Ingram, Lesley Jones, Emily Laurel, Wilma Lewis, Rita Manske, Ellen McLemore, Rosilee Mugley, Charles Olson, Clay Parton, Jeannie Price, Art Ritter, Dawn Scarborough, Linda Statler, Jennifer Stiles, Ed Wilkinson, and Susie Wright. The graduates will be recognized at the 118th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas at First Presbyterian, Conway, October 14-15.

Save the Date

Feed Your Soul and Mind at PEC Eco-Justice Conference in the Rockies August 31-September 3, 2011

Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Retreat Center

Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC) is holding "God's Earth: Too Big to Fail? An Eco-Justice Conversation Among Faith, Science and Culture." Registration is \$175 (plus room and board) and is **due August 15**.

Get all the latest info on the conference and a link to registration at the "Too Big to Fail" blog,

<http://toobigtofail.wordpress.com/>

Junior High YouthQuake September 30- October 2, 2011 Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center

Registration information will be available soon!

(YouthQuake is funded by Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Nurture.)

Presbytery Mission Trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama

(Site has changed from Nashville, Tennessee)

October 16-22, 2011

Anyone age 18 or older is invited to rebuild and restore hope to the people of Tuscaloosa.

Registration Deadline: October 3

More information [here](#) or call Susie Wright (501.525.1367 or 501.620.3335)

(This mission trip is partially funded by Presbytery's Committee on Mission.)

**Emotional Intelligence & Human Relations Workshop
Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas**

October 17-21, 2011

Information is available [here](#).

Rev. Rebecca Spooner says "Last January, I attended this workshop and found it helpful in uncovering unhealthy leadership patterns. It also gave me a better awareness of myself and how I interact with others and/or are perceived by them."

Arkansas Presbyterian Cursillo

October 19-23, 2011

Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center

Cursillo is a short course in living the Christian faith with the objective to inspire, challenge and equip church members for Christian action. The staff is lay-led and composed of Presbyterian laity and clergy who have previously attended a 3-day weekend. Experience short talks, music, fellowship, small group discussion and great food. Applications are available [here](#), by calling 870.688.9189, or by e-mail request arpc.registrar@gmail.com.

(Cursillo receives funding from Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Nurture.)

Opportunities

Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs Seeks Organist/Choir Director

Salary dependent upon qualifications. Call 501.525.1367 for a job description.

**Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home & Family Services
Seeks a Church Relations Coordinator**

The Church Relations Coordinator, a part-time position working out of the Little Rock office, is responsible for managing an active church relations program throughout the constituency served by Vera Lloyd. Primary responsibilities include speaking to Presbyterian congregations, Presbyterian Women groups and others in order to increase awareness, participation and financial support of Vera Lloyd, and coordinating church and volunteer group activities. Knowledge of the PC(USA) is required, as are interpersonal and communications skills. Some overnight and weekend work is required, as is a valid driver's license. A candidate with a bachelor's degree is preferred.

To apply, email cover letter with resume, salary requirements and 3 references to

brendamauldin@veralloyd.org or mail to:

Brenda Mauldin, Director of Development

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home & Family Services

1501 No. University Ave, Ste 345

Little Rock, AR 72207

Presbyterian Women News can be found [here](#) and the **Best of PW** can be found [here](#).

(The PW Coordinating Team receives funding in the Presbytery budget.)

Resource Center News

by [NiAnn Thompson](#), Resourcing Director
 Phone 501.663.2424, ext. 104
 Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



RAVE REVIEWS from Resource Center patrons

- Amy McGhee from Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home in Monticello writes a thank you for the "helpful" resources that she used: **"Straight from the Heart"** (Acc. #VC5886) and the kit **"Confronting the Controversies"** (Acc. #DVD8827). She also emailed that "it is so good to know that I have another source for materials I can use here at the Children's Home" since we have a covenant with Presbytery of the Pines to resource their congregations and agencies in south Arkansas and north Louisiana.
- Marie Fikes of First, Malvern really liked the DVD **"What's in the Bible? 1: In the Beginning"** which was used as a station during Vacation Bible School. She reports that the children were intrigued by the animated characters resembling those populating the Veggie Tales series but updated by references to jazzy cell phones and online games. Part 1 in the series of five DVDs (so far) addresses in 25-minute episodes for children such questions as what is the Bible, who wrote it, and who chose the books in the Bible as it starts the journey through scripture.

HEADING INTO FALL

Check out the General Assembly Mission Council's resources for Remembering September 11, this year on a Sunday, for this, the tenth anniversary of the attacks on the U.S. The link (<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/september11/>) offers educational materials for the teaching of children, youth and adults; prayers and ritual actions for remembering the honored dead, taking a stand for peace, and preaching the gospel from the lectionary passages that day; theological resources; resources on working with people of other faiths; pastoral care and devotional resources.

TRAINING FOR NEW DEACONS AND RULING ELDERS

In a year when many congregations are planning refresher courses for continuing officers as well as education for new officers in light of the new Form of Government, here are two helpful pieces. These particularly relevant resources were produced in recent years by the magazine "Presbyterians Today."

The first guidebook now in its second printing is **"Welcome to the Presbyterian Church!"** which could also be used for new member training, visitor packets, evangelism, and marriage preparation. This colorful magazine is packed with facts, stories, pictures, charts, links about famous Presbyterians in history, being connectional and Reformed, our "language," highlights of social justice, evangelism, stewardship, vocation, ecumenism, mission, and our understanding of the Bible, prayer and the sacraments.

The second guidebook, recently published by the magazine, is entitled **"What Presbyterians Believe."** In 64 pages it lifts up many topics of Presbyterian belief, worship and practice and is filled with references, links and sidebars to help parents explain our faith to their children. This magazine would also be excellent for families, confirmation classes, adult small groups and, of course, officer training.

Both of these resources are available free from YOUR Resource Center in limited quantities. Congregations in the same city, county or cluster may want to order multiples at a very reduced price.

ONLINE CATALOG: Please remember you may search our resource collection by visiting www.presbyteryofarkansas.org, click on "Resources," "Resource Center," "Search the Catalog" for a simple or an advanced search. Are all of your age groups ready for the Back to School schedule and rhythm of programs, classes and activities? Let us help!

(The Resource Center receives funding from Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education and Nurture.)

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We are composed of over 14,000 Presbyterians gathered in 87 active churches, two new church developments and two fellowships located in various towns and cities in the northern two-thirds of the State of Arkansas.

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