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The Banner

Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas



In Touch by General Presbyter Rev. Dr. William F. Galbraith

The Lessons of the Speed Bump

I've recently gotten to know Valley Club Circle, a road in west Little Rock. Valley Club stretches in front of Pleasant Valley Country Club and bisects the club's links on the back side where Pebble Beach intersects from the west. It's a street populated by lovely homes, some modern, but most took up residence years ago and now say with subtle confidence, "We belong here." There are large properties bordered by iron and stone fences and more modest ones sprinkled along the loop.



In the early morning before sun up and the neighborhood begins to stir, Valley Club Circle is a quiet loop. When starting from my apartment at a deliberate jog the circle takes about an hour to navigate. Traffic on Valley Club is light before dawn. Nothing fast and furious about this sedate enclave. One would think that the gentle environment itself is enough to keep people from rushing but there's something else. About every four football fields along the street, substantial speed bumps sprout from the pavement. By substantial, I mean more than those jarring asphalt wakes paved onto school parking lots. The Valley Club bumps fit the neighborhood. These berms politely announce, "Don't rush. You've got time." The approaches to these bumps are well marked by a series of ten white stripes beginning about thirty feet before each rise. The first narrow stripe is followed by a wider one, the next wider still until the rise up from the level roadway lifts all traffic with the friendly reminder, "Keep it slow."

Those white stripes are helpful in the dark. Even without a flashlight, one can see them against the black surface. They warn even a plodder, "Watch your step." Good advice since, in the dimness, even a slight variation from level can throw one off balance.

Those warning stripes bring to mind less visible warnings that we may miss in other areas. Take church life for instance. Warning stripes may be those members who insist that even quiet voices need to be heard when decisions are made. They ask, "Now, who will this affect?" Someone may lay them in the middle of the fast track to build a new building by asking, "How much is this going to really cost?" "How is this redo of our sanctuary important to fulfilling our purpose?" On starting a new program, the warning stripes may be the long-time member with a recollection of many past initiatives who asks, "What about unintended consequences? Can we live with it if some decide to leave?" The stripes can be those who insist on developing, then, following a plan. They are those who keep wondering, "Is this what God wants us to do?" These stripes may be missed entirely when we're quick to tell someone how off track they are without asking ourselves, "How have I been a part of making our life together so bumpy?"

Sometimes, when we're feeling behind and pressed, we start rushing. We exchange fretting for thinking. We don't want to slow up or be forced to detour. Yet, ignore warning stripes and we can wind up off balance. Sometimes, slowing down, noticing the caution signs, taking the uneven places carefully, keeps us balanced. Instead of falling flat, we move ahead. It's a matter of paying attention all along the way.

Yours in faith,

[Bill](#)

General Presbyter's Out of Office Meetings and Visits

Feb. 10 Session Meeting, Mt. Comfort Presbyterian, Fayetteville
Feb. 11 COM Examination Training, Central Presbyterian, Russellville
Feb. 14 Celebration of Robert Williamson's Ordination, Hendrix College
Feb. 16 Day at the Legislature, Arkansas Interfaith Conference, State Capitol
Feb. 16 Northwest Arkansas New Church Development Commission, Fayetteville
Feb. 18-19 Presbytery Meeting, University of the Ozarks, Clarksville
Feb. 23 Lyon College Board of Trustees, Little Rock
Mr. 3-5 Small Church Retreat, Ferncliff
Mr. 6 Preach, Memorial Presbyterian, Atkins
Mr. 6 Installation Service of Rita Wilson, First Presbyterian, Yellville (pending vote by Presbytery)
Mr. 8 Austin Seminary Partnership Luncheon, Little Rock
Mr. 12 Mission Committee, First Presbyterian, Conway
Mr. 16-20 Solar Under the Sun, Solar Schools, Ferncliff
Mr. 29-30 Executive Presbyter Forum, Dallas
Mr. 30-31 Synod Leadership Convocation, Dallas

A Polity Point

by Rev. Cathy Ulrich, Stated Clerk

This is the time of year the Annual Congregational Meeting is often planned (G-7.0302). Depending on the bylaws of the particular congregation, and the direction of the Session, these meetings may be as expansive as hearing reports from all organizations of the church about programs of the past year, plans from the session for the coming year, honoring and remembering members, and the election of officers.



The one item of business that is mandatory for the annual meeting is the review of the adequacy of compensation of the pastor or pastors, based upon the report of a prior review by the Session. Of course, the only time the congregation would take a vote on this item would be if there were a change in the compensation, or "terms of call."

A report that is regularly made during an annual meeting is the budget of the church. Though it is the responsibility of each member of the church to be a wise and knowledgeable steward, voting on the budget is left to the session.

The business that may be transacted at meetings of the congregation are:

1. matters related to the election of officers
2. matters related to the calling of a pastor or pastors
3. matters related to the pastoral relationship (changing, establishing or dissolution of the call)
4. matters related to buying, mortgaging, or selling real property
5. matters related to the permissive powers of the congregation

A fellowship meal, or another program tied to the meeting, can make this a banner event in the life of the congregation. A well planned annual meeting helps to make visible the body of Christ who is the Head of the Church (G-1.0100)

Blessings & peace

[Cathy](#)

116th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas
Friday-Saturday, February 18-19 - University of the Ozarks, Clarksville
by [NiAnn Thompson](#), Assistant Stated Clerk

Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. Friday.

Pre-presbytery workshops from 3:30-5:00 (choose one)

- a. New Form of Government -- Rev. Robert Lowry
- b. Summer Sunday School and Vacation Bible School -- Certified Christian Educator Jeannie Ford
- c. Clerk (and Moderator) of Session Training -- Rev. Dick Shinkle

Pauline Rhodes, Presbytery & Financial Administrator, will be available on Friday from 3:00-5:00 to assist anyone with completion of statistical reports.

Gavel at 6:30 p.m. in Munger Chapel with Youth at Presbytery and Young Adult delegate advisors invited. Business continues until evening worship, which includes Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, installation of Elder Sam Highsmith as 2011 moderator of the presbytery and sermon by retiring moderator Rev. Debra Carl Freeman, and continues on Saturday.

Highlights of this meeting: voting on the [15 proposed amendments](#) to the Book of Order at 10 a.m. Saturday, welcoming new ministers, examination of a candidate for ordination, voting on the 2011 presbytery budget, an overview of the proposed new Form of Government by Revs. Lowry and David Dyer, and committee reports. The meeting packet will be posted on the presbytery website by February 1.

Ingathering donations are for Interfaith Service Network food pantry of Johnson County with pasta and sauce, canned fruit and vegetables listed as the most needed items. Worship offering Friday night is designated for the Presbytery of Arkansas scholarship at University of the Ozarks.

The recap of the meeting will be published in a Special Edition of *The Banner* that will mail on February 22.

Change in Plans for June Officer Training Workshop

The officer training retreat proposed for June 4 and 5 at Ferncliff has been changed to an event conducted at the same time as the June 4 meeting of the Presbytery at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will meet with officers and officers-elect during the afternoon docket of the Presbytery. This will be an excellent opportunity for those who are not commissioners to the June 4 meeting to have the benefit of Gradye's vast experience with Presbyterian polity and officer training. Please notify the Presbytery office if you are planning to participate.

Mission Corner

by [Rev. Dr. William Branch](#), World Mission Advocate, Presbytery of Arkansas

The mission trip of the Presbytery of Arkansas to the Presbytery of Lacandon in Chiapas, Mexico is taking shape. We have eleven plane tickets (the last seats on the plane) and enough people to fill the seats. There is one person who is willing to give up her seat if there is someone who would like to go this year. The dates are March 19-26 (spring break for the Little Rock schools). This is a wonderful opportunity to share with our sisters and brothers in our



partner presbytery as we work together on building a youth camp in the community of Santo Domingo. If you are interested you can contact me at wwbranch@comcast.net. The deadline is February 20, so let me know right away if you want to go. The Presbytery's Committee on Mission helps support travel. The only cost is \$475 that will cover expenses while in Mexico for a week.

The week before our mission trip Susie Wiggins, a senior at Louisville Seminary and a candidate under care of our presbytery, and Liz Branch from Westover Hills Presbyterian, Little Rock will be traveling to Chiapas to represent our presbytery at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Society Meeting of the Presbytery of Lacandon. Our presbytery has been instrumental in forming this gathering of women of the Presbytery in Chiapas.

There will also be participants from the trip who would be pleased to make a presentation to a Presbyterian Women's meeting, a Sunday School class and/or a fellowship meal. You can contact me at the email address listed above.

People and Church News

News of Our People

- Congratulations to **Rev. Carl and Terry McCormack** on the birth of grandchild Caiden Walker Bagley on January 17. Proud parents are Jennifer and Ryan Bagley of Grand Prairie, Texas. Caiden is pictured with big brother Ian (right). Carl serves as pastor at First, Malvern.

- Congratulations to **Rev. Beth and Webb Sentell** on the birth of grandchild Jasper Weiss Sentell on January 31. Proud parents are Jennifer and C.J. Sentell. Beth serves as interim pastor at First, Van Buren.

- **Rev. Al Henager** is now Regional Director of Chaplains for Diversicare Management Services, a provider of long-term care. He is also parish associate at Pulaski Heights, Little Rock.

- Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **Susan Gabbard** on her death on January 21 in Little Rock. Susan served as organist at Central, Fort Smith and was the mother of Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard who was under care of the Presbytery while a candidate.

- **Amelia Walters**, wife of Rev. Donn Walters, is recovering from surgery. Donn serves as stated supply at Westminster Presbyterian, Little Rock.

- **Rev. Leslie Belden** of Fayetteville has begun service as parish associate at First United, Fayetteville.

- **Rev. Donn Walters** was honored on January 9 for completing 20 years of service as stated supply at Westminster, Little Rock.

- **Julea Bell** will retire February 16 after 17 years as pianist at Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

- **Rev. Park (Honorably Retired) and wife Betty Jean Moore** of Little Rock were recently honored with the construction of cabinets to hold scrapbooks and artifacts on the history of Second Presbyterian, Little Rock since 1882.



News of Our Congregations & Ministries

- **Second, Little Rock** invites all to the documentary film festival offering of "Inside North Korea" with Lisa Ling on Sunday, February 13, at 4:00 p.m. in Second Hall.

- **First, McGehee** is investigating ways to minister to and with Hispanic persons in the community.

- **Pulaski Heights, Little Rock** will begin Friday Bible study on February 11 led by Rev. David Dyer and focusing on the gospel of Matthew.

- **First, Jacksonville** has a new listening station system transmitter connected to their sound system and four portable receivers.

- **First, Bentonville** is planning an intergenerational mission trip to New Orleans June 6-11 to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on responding after Hurricane Katrina.

- **First, Fort Smith** plans a February 27 cookoff among session members and the Presbyterian Women's bake sale.

- **First, Benton** observed the blessing of the toys tradition on January 2 when children were invited to

bring a new toy to worship.

- Along with many other congregations, **First, Siloam Springs** observed Souper Bowl of Caring on February 6 to benefit the local Hunger & Thirst Ministry of Siloam Springs and shared a soup lunch.
- Ten members of **First, Prairie Grove** attended Wednesday night service at **First United, Fayetteville** led by a Presbyterian minister, a Jewish rabbi and a Muslim leader, all reflecting on Psalm 145.
- **First, North Little Rock** is hosting a music concert by David LaMotte on February 11 at 7:00 p.m.
- **First, Little Rock's** Session will retreat on February 5 to focus on the organization of the work of the church.
- **Spring River Presbyterian, Hardy** has replaced Sunday morning Sunday School with Wednesday afternoon Bible study.
- **First, Clarksville** hosts Strong Women exercise group on Monday and Wednesday mornings and a scrapbooking group one Saturday a month.
- **First, Batesville** Pastor's Sunday School class explored beliefs and practices of Presbyterian tradition in January.
- **First, Dardanelle** published in the February newsletter a recap of the church statistics from the annual report including losses, gains, gender of members, mission expenditures and average attendance for the year.
- **First, Newport's** "kids' stuff" Wednesday young people's group with help from the congregation granted the wishes of several foster children in their community with donations of clothing, toys and necessities.

Idea of the Month: **First, Rogers** members are sponsoring individual youth to attend Confirmation Camp at Ferncliff on February 25-27 to begin their confirmation training as well as making a weekly contact with the youth to encourage their study and preparation.

Next Solar Schools Set for March 17-20 at Ferncliff

The next opportunity to participate in Solar Under the Sun's Solar School will be March 17-20, at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. Two classes will be offered. Solar 1 deals with the basic understanding of solar power, how to do build mission teams, do energy assessments and site selections as well as how to negotiate agreements between partners in a solar power installation. Solar 2 offers a hands-on experience of constructing and wiring a solar array. Both classes are needed for those who wish to develop a solar powered energy source for particular projects. A major effort from this presbytery has focused on pairing solar power with clean water systems designed by Living Waters for the World. Many of these systems have been installed in Haiti. Others are in the planning stage as funding is sought. For more information or to register for Solar School, go to the website <http://www.solarunderthesun.org>



See you at the Big Tent in Indianapolis, June 30 through July 2 where nine partner conferences will be meeting under one roof, all at one time and we will all worship together.

Choose from Clergy Women's Leadership Institute, Evangelism and Church Development Conference, Healthy Ministry Conference, National Elders Conference, National Multicultural Church Conference, Peacemaking Conference, Presbyterian Communicators Network National Conference, Racial Ethnic and Immigrants Convocation, World Mission

Conference ... or don't choose any one conference and design your own schedule.

Registration fee: \$285 / Hotel rate: \$99 per night (J.W. Marriott)

More details coming soon. Registration will open in February.

For more information: Kerry Rice, G.A. Meeting Services 1.800.728.7228, x5412

Ferncliff Accepting Applications for Summer Staff 2011

by [Abby Cain](#), Program Director, Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center

Who Are We Looking For?

- Enthusiastic Christians eager for challenge, personal growth and leadership development. Presbyterian heritage, while helpful, is not required.
- Outgoing college-aged individuals who have a love for children and the out-of-doors. Staff need to have good judgment and understand the importance of being positive role models.
- Team players who are sensitive to the needs of others. Summer staff provide a multicultural family atmosphere with U.S. and international staff.
- College-aged students ready to make a difference!

Responsibilities:

- serve as counselor to a cabin group of 5-6 campers
- be teamed up as co-counselor with a counselor of the opposite gender to form family group with which you do each day's activities
- attend staff training for about 10 days before campers arrive
- serve as a friend and surrogate parent to assigned campers

What positions are available? Counselors, Media Technician, Music Leader, Assistant Program Director

Dates and Salary: Summer staff work from about May 22 - July 24. Starting salary is \$180/week plus room and board. There are \$10/week increases for each year of experience and for specific certifications. Applications are available on the [Ferncliff website](#).

Bird & Butterfly Garden at Presbyterian Village Takes Flight!

by [Eileen Oldag](#), Director of Development, Presbyterian Village Foundation

Second Presbyterian, Little Rock members Ann and Rick Owen joined other central Arkansas Master Naturalists on Saturday, January 15 in developing a bird and butterfly garden at Presbyterian Village. The project saw the volunteers planting native and adaptive flowers, transplanting bulbs and ornamentals, improving the soil, and installing feeders and bird baths. The naturalists were joined by Presbyterian Village volunteers and family members who contributed funds and gardening expertise.



Overseeing the project were Village residents from independent living and residential care who closely watched from their garden-side, interior viewing posts as Team Naturalists performed a "magical transformation." More than 160 individuals call Presbyterian Village home, and the interior courtyard is designed to be a centrally located for all residents. The garden is part of an on-going renovation of the courtyard so that it is accessible, inviting and contributes to the health of all residents.

Presbyterian Village is a 46-year-old continuing care retirement community in mid-town Little Rock. It was established in 1964, with the support of 11 Presbyterian congregations in central Arkansas: First, Jacksonville; Allison, First, Grace, Pulaski Heights, Second, Trinity, Westminster, and Westover Hills, Little Rock; and First and Park Hill, North Little Rock.

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

Commissioned Lay Pastor Roger Shields

by [Brian Perry](#), Communications Director

Roger Shields serves as commissioned lay pastor at First Presbyterian, Pocahontas.



How did you feel you were gifted or called as a Lay Pastor?

I began to pursue full-time church vocation work shortly after finishing high school and enrolling in Arkansas Polytechnic College, now Arkansas Tech, Russellville. I had been actively involved in the church in my home town and continued involvement while pursuing my undergraduate degree, which I received in May, 1959. At that time I enrolled in Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. I completed two years of the three year program, but left seminary when it became necessary to gain full-time employment to support my family. This led to a fulfilling career in the airline industry in the field of Human Resources, from which I retired in April, 2005. I joined the First Presbyterian Church in Independence, Missouri in 1964 and have been involved in leadership in the denomination as an Elder at St. Luke Presbyterian, Kansas City, Missouri; Deacon and Elder at Central Presbyterian, Russellville, Arkansas; Elder at Emmanuel Presbyterian, Bedford, Texas; and Elder at First Presbyterian, Dardanelle, Arkansas prior to completing the Lay Academy training program with recognition at the Presbytery meeting on February 16, 2008.

What was covered in your training?

The Lay Academy curriculum covered Theology, Bible, Church History, the [Book of Order](#) and the [Book of Confessions](#).

How were you matched with First, Pocahontas?

First Presbyterian, Pocahontas advertised in *The Banner* for a tentmaker pastor and I answered that call. Presbytery's Committee on Ministry administered a thorough examination prior to recommending commissioning, including sermon preparation and a personal Statement of Faith and Sense of Call to the ministry at Pocahontas. I was commissioned as lay pastor at the Presbytery meeting on October 9, 2010.

I have had opportunities to preach in supply situations at different times through the years and I have enjoyed each occasion, sensing the Holy Spirit's direction. I believe that lay ministry can be effective for certain pastoral situations, as in Pocahontas, when it is based on authentic personal faith, applied with caring sensitivity and prayerfully confirmed by shared commitment to meeting specific needs in the community as part of the church's mission.



The effectiveness of any ministry is proportional to the growth in Christian maturity of those engaged in the ministry. Our members are few but they are faithful and committed, and God's Spirit will continue to guide, nourish and encourage. Thank you for your prayers.

Tell a little about yourself and your family.

I am blessed to have a wife who assists the church in working with children. Ruenell is gifted and committed.

(The following Commissioned Lay Pastors declined to participate in this series: Bill Brown, West Fork Presbyterian; Bill Bush, First, Gravette, K.C. Chanthorn, Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith; Liz Hardin, First, Gurdon; Bruce Schlegel, Walnut Grove Presbyterian, Farmington & Cane Hill Presbyterian; and Harlis Wright, Faith Presbyterian, Pine Bluff.)

Financial Corner: The Presbytery Budget

by [Pauline Rhodes](#)

January Revenue \$47,784.85
January Expenses \$48,657.04
January Deficit -\$ 872.19



Reminder: The Statistical Report and Presbytery's four annual forms are due on or before February 23. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me at pauline@presbyteryofarkansas.org or 501.663.2424. I will be available at the 116th Stated Meeting of Presbytery at University of the Ozarks from 3:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18 to assist you with your reports.

Stewardship Corner

by [Rev. Breck Castleman](#)

Keeping the Work of Presbytery Going

In the 1950s, during my elementary school years, I remember visiting my aunt who lived several miles down a dirt road in east central Arkansas. The way to the outhouse was paved by two sets of boards laid out side by side. The only running water in the house was a red-handled pump next to the kitchen sink. Next to the pump was a can of water.



In order to get water from the pump, the water in the can had to be poured into the top of the pump. Once the pump was primed, water poured freely with every up and down cycle of the handle. The last responsibility I had after using the pump was to refill the can that held the water for priming the pump. If I forgot to refill the can and my aunt needed to use the pump, the unhappy lecture I received about refilling the can echoed for a long time in my ears.

Stewardship, especially financial giving to support the church's mission, is like the can of water that primes the pump. When we fail to give, we create a void that stops the "flow" of the church's mission. This is true for the work of our presbytery. It's important that we keep the "can" of financial resources full so that the ministry of presbytery can continue uninterrupted.

I don't remember how my aunt would get her pump flowing again after I failed to fill the can with water, but I do remember that I learned to fill the can without fail every time I used the pump.

Winter Weather Policy

The Presbytery Office is closed for inclement weather when the Little Rock schools are closed.

Save the Dates

Small Church Retreat

Awake! Arise! A Presbyterian Revival
Lifting hearts, Stretching minds, Building courage

March 3-5

[Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center](#)

Registration material can be found [here](#) and details can be found [here](#).

(Sponsored by Presbytery's Committee on Congregational Care & Development.)

Minister, Educator, CLP Retreat

May 8-10 (*note that these dates have changed*)

Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center

Speaker: Dr. David Jones, Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program, Austin Seminary

(Sponsored by Presbytery's Committee on Care & Nurture of Church Professionals.)

**ARKANSAS INTERFAITH CONFERENCE
2011 LEGISLATIVE DAY**

When: Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., Event at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Arkansas Education Association building (across from the Arkansas State Capitol)

Who: A number of members of the State Legislature have been invited to participate.

What: We will have presentations from a number of the legislators about the key issues. We will have training on how the legislative process works and how to visit with your legislator.

How: Send \$15 check payable to "AIC" to: P.O. Box 151, Scott, AR 72142

Presbyterian Women News

by [Mary Beth Lysobey](#), Moderator, Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team

Reverend Kathy Angi and her mission co-worker husband, Joe Angi, visited Arkansas Presbyterian churches during January. Their presentations had two emphases: telling about their work in Hungary since 2001 with the Reformed Calvinist Church and sharing information of the upcoming Carpathian Basin Water/Solar Projects that will begin this spring in Ukraine. Westover Hills Presbyterian, Little Rock Presbyterian Women and Presbytery's PW Coordinating Team met the Angis at the airport, put them up for the night, showed them Little Rock on Saturday, and then hosted a program that afternoon. Six of the Little Rock churches had members present.

On Sunday, Joe spoke to a Sunday school class and Kathy preached at Westminster Presbyterian, Hot Springs. Westminster collected a second offering of more than \$1800.00 for the Carpathian Basin Water Project. That afternoon they traveled to First Presbyterian, Pine Bluff. On Monday, they were at Central Presbyterian, Fort Smith, Tuesday morning at First Presbyterian, Clarksville, Tuesday afternoon at Barr Memorial Presbyterian, Norman, and Wednesday night at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village.

Thank you to all of the wonderful PW ladies who made the Angis feel so welcome. We were blessed by their presence.

Upcoming events:

- Mary Beth and David Lysobey will travel to Ukraine in March and work with the Angis and teams from two villages to install two water systems in village schools.

- Spring Gathering at Central Presbyterian Church in Ft. Smith, Saturday, April 16. Chris McRae is keynote speaker and Rev. Leslie Roper, Associate Pastor, First, Batesville, will preach.
- Carolyn Nash will report on "Together in Service." A motion was approved to receive an offering for the Carpathian Ukraine water project.
- Ladies Retreat at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, Thursday, August 11 through lunch Saturday, August 13. Mark your calendars. More information on this event will be available next month.

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

Arkansas Presbyterian Cursillo

What? Next Cursillo Retreat

When? April 7-10 and October 19-23

Where? Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center

What is Cursillo? Cursillo is a short course in living the Christian faith with the objective to inspire, challenge and equip church members for Christian action.

Who are the leaders? The staff is lay led and composed of Presbyterian laity and clergy who have previously attended a 3-Day Weekend.

What will we do? Experience short talks, music, fellowship, small group discussions and great food.

How do I apply? 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.)

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.



HAVE YOU USED OUR ONLINE CATALOG?

From the convenience and comfort of your computer, you are invited to search at www.presbyteryofarkansas.org through our online catalog. Click on Resources, Resource Center, and Search the Catalog, with either a simple search or an advanced search.

You won't be surprised to find classroom helps for adult Sunday School, children's mid-week programs or Sunday night youth events, but did you know that YOUR Resource Center is your connection to stewardship helps, new member studies, confirmation classes, polity questions and even heavy equipment like oversize screens? Why not START with the Resource Center as you search for economical and affordable, quality studies for groups or individuals within your congregations!

JUST IN TIME FOR LENT (starting March 9)

- For women: "**Sisters: Unfailing Love, Growing Closer to Jesus Christ**" (Acc. #DVD and BK9521) a six-week DVD and book study on Jesus as friend
- For busy people: "**God is Closer than You Think**" (Acc. #DVD9516) a six-session study on God's desire for relationship, where is God, partnering with God, listening to God's voice, a relationship and breaking through. 90 minutes with participant's guide.
- For parents: "**CyberSafety for Families**" (Acc. #DVD9520) is a training DVD (with print resources) for parents and other adults about ways to keep children and teens safe when they are on computers, cell phones, social networking sites and playing video games. Part of "Safe Sanctuaries" resources.

- For serious adult students: "**Evil**" (Acc. #DVD and study guide9517) N. T. Wright confronts and examines some of the natural and human-made disasters of current times and with Desmond Tutu, explores the potential for defeating evil. 50 minutes.
- For new youth and adult Bible students: "**The John Wayne Movie Bible Study**" (Acc. #DVD and BK9496) includes four studies on vice, virtue, decision, and redemption with clips from the Duke's classic movies that relate to scripture on DVD with study guide.
- For those interested in cutting edge ideas: "**Hope for Humanity**" (Acc. #DVD and BK9494). This is the second part of Matthew Sleeth's film series' call to Christians to embrace sustainable living out of love for God. "**Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope**" by Brian D. McLaren (Acc. #DVD9493) DVD study explores what the life and teaching of Jesus have to say about the most critical international problems.

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

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We are composed of almost 15,000 Presbyterians gathered in 89 congregations, 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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