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Concord Presbyterian Church



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RAMBLINGS OF A REVEREND

In past centuries, Christians commonly agreed that if we think wrongly about God, we will live wrongly. This helps explain the emphasis on Christian education, particularly in the Presbyterian Church, which holds a strong legacy of education.

Thinking about God (theology and prayer) intimidates many people – they might feel that it is the job of pastors. Yet, to even make a statement about God is to be a theologian, in a sense. And how we think about God really does play out in our lives. To give a simple example: if my image of God is of one who is distant and judgmental, I will likely do everything I can to avoid such a God; I could also find myself plagued with feelings of guilt. On the other hand, if my image of God reflects a God who cares about my life and one who is full of grace, I might be more inclined to spend time with this God and turn towards him in gratitude. How we think about God effects how we live.

This is exactly why there has been so much ink (even blood) spilled over Christian doctrine throughout church history. Our fathers and mothers in the faith understood well that how we think about God matters. It mattered that God was a Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three persons in one being. It mattered that Jesus Christ was eternally begotten of the Father, fully God and fully human. These were not just hair-splitting formulations; they mattered for how we live. If God is a Trinity of persons, and we are made in his image, might that mean that we were primarily created for relationships with God and one another? If God really became human in Jesus Christ, might that mean he is the one to whom we should look in order to best understand the meaning of being human?

Yet, theology at its best is not talk about God, but talk to God. In others words, theology at its best is prayer. Just as many spend a lifetime getting to know things about their spouse, so they also spend a lifetime getting to know their spouse. It is no different with God. One cannot have a marriage without communication or without learning anything about one's spouse – that is the nature of relationship.

This is why the ministry of Christian Education in the local church is so important. Its goal is not to learn facts about God or the Bible – if that is all it is for, then it becomes an empty program of the church. The goal of Christian Education is the deepening of one's relationship with God and others, along with a deeper engagement in the world as a witness to Christ. The goal of Christian education is the formation of character and gifts for ministry.

This fall I would invite you to find ways to bring Christian Education into your life. This might mean beginning to attend one of Concord's Sunday school classes or joining an evening Bible Study. However it looks for you, such involvement in Christian formation will serve to deepen your prayer life and allow you to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

David

Stated Meeting August 19, 2010

Elders present: Kathy Ambrose, Kurt DelCour, Allen Knight, Jane Koopmann, Erin McCarty, Arthur McGinley, Ben Mooney, Jim Shawn, and Kathy Smith.

The Reverend David Webster, Moderator; Arthur L. McGinley, Clerk

Elders absent: None

Visitors Present: None

The Rev. David Webster led the devotional and opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was called to order.

The Clerk advised the Moderator that a quorum was present, the Moderator declared a quorum.

The Moderator led the session in a disciple formation study about the responsibilities of Elders in church leadership.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented the minutes of the (session/congregational) meeting of June 17, 2010. The minutes were approved.

The clerk reported correspondence received: Receipt for Session Minutes on deposit at Columbia Theological Seminary.

The clerk reported changes to the rolls: None

Committees and other entities reported the following:

TREASURE'S REPORT

Elder Kurt DelCour provided the Treasurer's Report. The congregation has maintained its excellent level of giving during the first seven months of the year. Ending checking account balance on July

31, 2010 was \$40,366.65.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elder Erin McCarty of Administration reported the committee has begun planning for the stewardship effort and budget development. She further noted that the church secretary has submitted her four week notice of resignation. She has personal reasons for being unable to continue her duties.

Elder Ben Mooney reported that our nursery worker will resume her duties in the October/November time frame. In the interim, Sunday mornings will have volunteers filling in. Leaders for children's church are scheduled and children's choir will resume soon. A Sunday School rally is coming soon.

Elder Jim Shawn of Church Property reported the air conditioning system is working it just takes some time to cool the sanctuary. Exhaust fans and return air vents are being checked for efficiency.

Elder Kathy Smith of Congregational Care reported that the Ice Cream Social will be September 19th. Fall festival planning meetings have been held and the effort is well underway. Several businesses have already donated goods or services for the silent auction.

Elder Kathy Ambrose of Mission and Evangelism reported that Christmas in July was very successful. The committee is gearing up for the Peacemaking Offering this fall. They are researching other charitable projects. The committee meets

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on the Second Sunday of the month at 4:30 PM at the church.

Elder Allen Knight reported that ___ were served Communion on August 1, 2010. The church Wedding Guidelines are finished and will be presented to Session for approval September 16, 2010.

Elder Jane Koopmann of Presbyterian Women reported that the Evening Edition met at Abuelo's for fall festival planning in August. While there the ladies persuaded the management to donate two dinners for the fall festival silent auction. The Morning Circle has met.

Elder Jim Shawn of the Men of the Church reported that the next meeting will be September 14, 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The session approved a request for a wedding November 13th at 3 PM.

The Moderator presented excerpts from the General Assembly Report.

The Administration Committee was authorized to begin a search to replace the church secretary.

The ad in the Church Directory prepared by Farragut Press was discussed.

Concerns and celebrations of members, relatives and friends of the church were conveyed by session.

The pastor reported on his/her ministries

and shared special prayer concerns.

Reminders:

The next Communion is Sunday, September 5, 2010.

The next Stated Session Meeting is Thursday, September 16, 2010.

The next Presbytery meeting is August 21, 2010 at 10 AM at Second Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga.

The Moderator led the session in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arthur McGinley Rev. David Webster
Clerk of Session Moderator

2¢-a-Meal Hunger Offering

When this free-will offering is given on the first Sunday of each month it is to remind us daily, in fact whenever we eat a meal, of the world's millions who are hungry. We have been given so much. Let us express our thankfulness by committing ourselves to the feeding of all of god's people.

Donations for August totaled \$77.74.

Receipts - June 2010

Date	Att.	Budget Only	Total
Jul. 4	69	\$2,222.00	\$2,237.00
Jul . 11	66	1,682.00	2,028.95
Jul . 18	68	1,691.00	1,705.00
Jul . 25	50	<u>2,630.00</u>	<u>2,633.00</u>
		\$8,225.00	\$8,603.95

Needed for budget - \$2,380/week
Total includes 2¢-a-meal, memorials, etc.

Please Send Articles & Photos to "The.Koopmanns@Charter.net"

Women's Circle

The Presbyterian Women's "Circle" is poised for a new year of monthly meetings, Bible study and service. The group meets at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7th., in the home of Wynona Smith.

For convenience, those who wish to car-pool should meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. Wynona's home is quite close, at 731 Harbor Way. Her phone number is 671-3113.

Having had an introduction last month to this year's study of the book of Revelation, we will do Lesson No.1: in the study guide. Now is the time to find in this much misunderstood book, a message of hope, not mystical visions which only serve to frighten readers. If you can join us, see Eleanor Gibson to get the study guide.

Thanks.

Mary Larson (986-9171)

Wednesday Night Dinner

Don't miss our dinner on the 1st Wednesday of each month. This month the menu is Bar-B-Que, baked beans, potato salad and apple dumplings with drinks. The price of the dinner is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

PLEASE-PLEASE-PLEASE

Sign up or call Jane, Shirley or Kathy so we don't have to turn anyone away. We always have a wonderful time and good fellowship.

Kathy Smith

Fall Festival October 16, 2010

It's Football Time in Tennessee!!!!

But, they're not playing on Oct. 16!!

Fall Festival is off and running. We're keeping somethings and dropping others! We need your help. Treasures in the Attic needs gifts that you no longer want, ... but not junk from garage sales (unless you have a fabulous find). Tom Swenson is in charge of the older kids games; Barbara Beeler & Betty Lawhorn are doing the Quilt Show; Sharon & Larry are our Treasures in the Attic coordinators; Erin McCarty has the games for younger children; Kathy Smith & Shirley DelCour are leading the Bake Sale ;Carolyn Coker is head of the Silent Auction. We're encouraging everyone to ask businesses to donate gifts, gift certificates or whatever. Jenny has musicians perform and Ms. Elsie will have her critters.

We will need volunteers to setup and take down attractions, men to man the grills, and help to run the games. Judy Updegraff will be organizing craft booths, Rayna Schrick is doing publicity and Mary Henry is doing decorating. We would **Love** to add your name to the list of volunteers. Just call Jane Koopmann or Jenny Davis.

Thank You For Your Help

Jane Koopmann

Fall Festival Bake Sale Coming October 16, 2010

We will be having the bake sale again during the Fall Festival. The sale was such a great success last time that we almost ran out of baked goods before it was over. Your favorite cookies, candy, pies, breads, cakes, brownies, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Baked goods should be brought to the church by Friday, October 15. I will be at the church until about 7:00 PM. If you can't make it on Friday, please bring your goods early Saturday morning. as we will need to price and label each item. Items should be in packaging that need not be returned.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the front of the church and in the hall. We also need volunteers to help with the sale in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working in shifts of 2 people so everyone will have time to enjoy the Festival.

If you have any questions about the Bake Sale, please call me at 966-6361 or 207-5848

Thank You
Kathy Smith

Members of Session

Class of 2011: Allen Knight, Art
McGinley, Jim Shawn

Class of 2012: Kathy Smith, Jane
Koopmann, Erin McCarty

Class of 2013: Ben Mooney, Kurt Del-
Cour, Kathy Ambrose

Old Concord Quilt Show

Well, it is time we start planning for the Old Concord Fall Festival Quilt Show. If you would like to participate in the Quilt Show this year, please find instructions and applications in the Classroom at the left of the front door of the Church. Please complete the application and return it to Barbara or Betty at Church or mail it to Barbara at 133 Admiral Road, Farragut, TN 37934. The Festival will be October 16, 2010.

We hope you will let us show your quilts, crafts or collectables (Aprons, old kitchen tools, antique baby cloths, dolls, etc.) Many of us are not as talented as you quilter, but have other talents and hobbies that we would like to show. This does not mean if you have a quilt in the show you can not have other crafts and collectables, we welcome all. It can be a quilt that your Mom or Grandma or Aunt made for you or your Family, just tell us the history. It will be a great show.

If you are planning to enter a quilt(s), Crafts or Collectables please get your information to us by September 30, 2010. This information is used in developing a "program" for the show. So please return your information as soon as possible, or call Barbara at 966-9293 or 591-6576

We hope you will participate in our wonderful Old Concord Fall Festival, 2010.

Thanks,

Barbara Beeler and Betty Lawhorn, Co-
Chairs, Quilt Show

Annual Ice Cream Social

The time is rapidly approaching for the Annual Ice Cream Social.

This year the Ice Cream Social will be on 19, 2010 at 4:00 Pm; the place is the church Fellowship Hall. The kids can play games or on the playground. Please bring a finger food and cookies. Come enjoy in good fellowship and fun with friends

Thank you
Kathy Smith

Men of the Church

Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM. I have not yet been able to firm up a speaker, but when I do we will announce it in the bulletin.

Thanks, Jim

Sunday School Rally Day September 12, 2010

We will have our annual Rally Day on September 12th beginning at 9:00 AM. Please come and enjoy a pancake breakfast cooked and served by the Christian Ed. committee starting at 9 AM and then we will break into our Sunday School classes.

Starting that Sunday we are asking that children 2nd grade and older stay up for the entire church service. On the last Sunday of the month, the children will go down after the anthem for Worship Discovery with Dawn Webster. During this time the children will discover the importance of the church service and their time with God. We hope to see everyone at Sunday School Rally Day.

If anyone is interested in helping teach a Sunday School class, please contact Ben Mooney.

Thanks
Ben Mooney

Maryville College Connections to Concord Presbyterian Church

Each September, congregations are encouraged to celebrate the education ministries of the Presbyterian Church. We are fortunate to have in our area one of the 65 colleges related to the PC (USA). Founded in 1819, Maryville College is a small, liberal arts college rooted in the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition.

MC sees itself as a community of faith and learning where students come to stretch their minds, stretch themselves and learn how to make a difference in the world. When we asked our members to share their connections with MC, we found that this was the experience shared by many in our congregation. We hope you will enjoy their memories, stories, and appreciation for the college. (Names are listed in order by date.)

O. A. Smith, Sr. (1906), father of our Concord member George W. Smith, attended Maryville in 1906 for at least two years, perhaps more.

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Anne Akana (1941), sister of Mac Abel, attended MC as a piano major. After three years, she announced her wish to marry boyfriend Paul Akana, a Japanese-American Maryville student. The announcement was not enthusiastically received, as it came just months after Pearl Harbor. Knowing they would marry with or without approval, her parents proposed that Anne take her senior year at Oklahoma A&M, living with her aunt and uncle. If the two still wished to marry after a year of separation, her parents would not object. Anne attended OSU, and Paul served in the U.S. Army with the "Go for Broke" battalion, the most decorated unit in WW II. They married shortly after her graduation, and the story had a happy ending.

Robert A. Larson (1951) – Miss Jessie Johnson, my mother's sister, who taught English at Maryville for 35 years, influenced me and my sister Alice Jo to enroll at MC. I felt right at home there and especially enjoyed playing football all 4 years. I still go to many home games, participate in alumni events, and have close friends from those years.

Mary W. Larson (1951) – Several friends in my home church were at MC and encouraged me to join them. But the money was not available. However I learned that the college provided many on-campus jobs, and most students worked. So I was able to go and had four wonderful years. Although that system of aid is not now available, the administration still works with qualified students to make attendance at MC possible.

Lynn Sexton (1956) and Pat Sexton (1954) were members at Concord from 1961 to 1967. He was coach and teacher for 30 years at Farragut High School, and she a teacher the final 27 years at Karns. Their grandson, Ben Williamson is a senior this year at MC and is on the basketball team.

Two of the pastors who served at Concord in the 1960's were also MC graduates. The Rev. Harry Hassall served our church from 1958 to 1964, and the Rev. John Magee served from 1965 to 1969. In earlier years, and in the absence of a full-time pastor, MC students planning to enter the ministry were frequently guest preachers for Sunday services at Concord.

David S. Solomon (early 1960's), son of Judy Solomon, attended MC for two years in the early 60's before transferring to UT Memphis to pursue a degree in pharmacy. David was raised in our church, became a member in 1954, and transferred his membership to a Memphis church in 1969. His collection of MC memories is so varied and interesting, we print it at the conclusion of this article for all to enjoy.

C. F. Smith (1965) is the grandson of O. A. Smith (see above) and nephew of George Smith. He had a football scholarship to MC and was a pre-med major.

Bob Abel (1970), son of Mac Abel, and his wife Linda met and married while stu-

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dents at Maryville.

Carol A. Russell (1972), Mac's daughter, and her husband Dave Russell (1972) also graduated from MC. Carol received a B.S. in Psychology, and Dave a B.A. in Political Science.

Our church is represented on the Administration of the college by Mardi Craig, wife of Jeff Craig. Mardi joined the faculty in 1987 and has served as Associate Academic Dean since 1990. She says, "Maryville College is one of those special institutions that knows its mission and does everything possible to ensure that students have the sort of experience that creates a lasting effect on their lives." She believes that the institution's ability to meld the ideas of scholarship with a deep commitment to service makes a real difference in the lives of students. The integration of global perspectives has also greatly influenced students' ability and willingness to seek answers to the most perplexing and fundamental questions. She also finds that being at MC has supported her own lifelong learning.

Burt L. Rosevear has been a faculty member in the Fine Arts Department of MC since 1996. He has been Concord's Choir Director since the fall of 2004. His wife Alina teaches piano in the MC Preparatory Piano program and substitutes for our church pianist as needed. They have twin daughters, Anne and Lydia. All are extremely talented and much appreciated.

The Rev. Anne D. McKee, Maryville College Chaplain, is well known by our congregation as a frequent substitute preacher for morning worship. She has a number of other connections with our congregation as well. When Jessie Parks was at MC, Anne McKee was the sponsor for the Isaac Anderson Scholars, of which Jessie was one. Also, she conducted the baptismal service for Anne and Lydia Rosevear at MC.

Chris & Erin McCarty (2001) are both MC graduates. Chris majored in history with teaching licensure and minored in economics and political science. Erin had a major in English and a minor in business administration. Chris played football for five years at Maryville. Erin was a presidential scholar and wrote for the school's newspaper. Both enjoyed living on campus and being part of campus life. The two met in a history class and began walking to the cafeteria for lunch together after class. They were engaged the next year and married in 2001, the fall after graduation. Chris' college friend and roommate, Jackie Mathis (2000), sang with Erin's sister Sarah at the McCarty wedding. They married two years later.

Beth Mooney (2002) – The fall of my junior year in high school I visited MC after encouragement from Mardi Craig. I knew that day it was the place for me. By the November of my senior year I was accepted into MC and the Bonner Scholar Program. The

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Bonner Scholar Program is a service-based program that requires the students to volunteer throughout their school career and in work in a service type program in the summer. I primarily volunteered at the Good Samaritan Clinic my four years and worked at Camp John Knox in the summers. Obviously, this played a major part in my life since that is where I met Ben Mooney. I also decided to pursue teaching instead of medicine while at camp. I graduated with a degree in Biology. It is difficult to put in words all that MC has meant to me. I will say that I still have great relationships with my roommate, friends, and professors from MC. MC definitely molded me into the person I am today.

Lindsay Craig (2003), daughter of Jeff and Mardi Craig, graduated with a major in Business and Organizational Management. She reports a great experience at MC where she made lasting friends and developed work habits that have helped her gain a career in Tennessee state policy that includes government relations and managing successful senatorial campaigns.

Sarah Vincent Lavinder (2007) is granddaughter of Jackie Pearson. She majored in Religion at MC. Her husband is in the Coast Guard so they've lived several places and are now stationed in Savannah, GA.

Karen Vincent Scott (2008) is also granddaughter to Jackie Pearson. She majored in American Sign Language. She works at a facility in Knoxville called Rainbow Cottage, which serves the needs of disabled people.

Jessica W. Parks (2008), daughter of Kathy Ambrose, was an Isaac Anderson and Bonner Scholar at MC. These scholarships required service hours during the school year and a service internship during the summer. Jessie loved her time at Maryville and left her mark as one of the co-founders and first co-president of G.S.A.

Zach Craig (2008), son of Jeff and Mardi Craig, graduated in 2008 with a History major. He had a memorable and enlightening experience while gaining perspective on the world outside our borders. Zach had many great professors in his field of study that made a lasting impression and helped him excel in his post-graduate endeavors.

Maryville College Connections ... (will be completed next month)

Q: What can a man do while his wife is going through menopause?

A: Keep busy. If you're handy with tools, you can finish the basement. When you're done you'll have a place to live.

Q: Why should 60-year old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car

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