



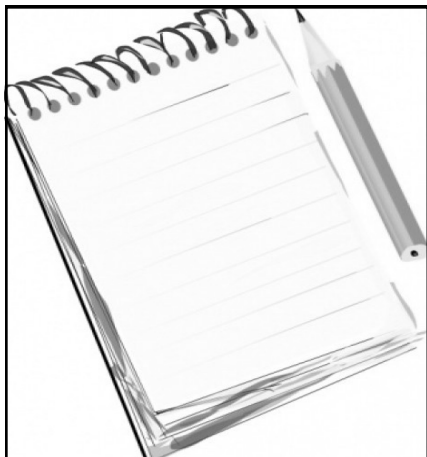
westminster PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Does God Ever Get Writer's Block?

by Baron Eliason

Does God ever get writer's block? No; however, I think it's fair to say His pen stops working. The pen is you and me. So what are the words He is trying to accomplish through us? Here are a few suggestions from our Bible.

"And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5: 12-20).



How many of these things are on your to do list today?

May the world be blessed through the writings God creates through you this month.

Blessings,
Baron

Comedy 4 Community

Wednesday, October 19, 5:30-7:30pm, FMC
Mark your calendars now for a night of fun and fellowship as we celebrate YOU, the volunteers at WPC.



Kenn Kington, a Christian comedian who has been a keynote speaker at PFR, will entertain us with "great comedy on the edge, BUT with no side effects (no blushing, no cringing, etc.).

Catered Brick Oven Pizzas!
Adults - \$5; Children under 8 - \$2, \$15 max per family.

Attention kids and parents—Kids WNL will not meet on October 19. Children will eat pizza with their parents in the FMC at 5:30pm. Please RSVP for your children. At 6:30pm, children may choose to go upstairs for an optional activity if they wish, until 7:30pm (ie childcare available).

Middle School youth will also attend "Comedy 4 Community" instead of having their regular meeting that night.

Reservations and sign-ups in the Narthex, RSVP cards in pew racks, by calling the Church office - 799-3621, or online at www.wpclubbock.org/comedy.

Invite your friends and neighbors. See you there!

Praise Team: In the Spotlight

Please welcome **James "Jim Bob" Pendell**. He is plays the drums for our praise team.

Jim Bob is from Clint, TX and currently a senior attending Texas Tech University, studying Music Education (Percussion). He is an inaugural recipient of Jennifer Jones Memorial Scholarship. His musical interests and influences include everything from Bach to Beck, Jazz, Rock, and R&B.

Jim Bob is a former member of TTU's "Goin' Band" drumline (Snare) and he has played for DCI's BLUE KNIGHTS drum corps (Snare, 2010).



Adult Ministry

by Tyson Taylor

It has been an exciting and eventful fall at Westminster Presbyterian Church, especially on Wednesday nights. As the first unit of Wednesday night classes comes to an end, we would like to say thank you to all those who work so hard to make Wednesday nights a time of fellowship and discipleship.

I would like to remind the congregation to pray about whom you might bring with you to join us for Comedy 4 Community on October 19th. This night is perfect for bringing guests to be part of our community here at Westminster. You can register by phone, by email (jan@wpclubbock.org), or online by going to www.wpclubbock.org/comedy.

If you were not able to join us for the first unit of Wednesday night classes do not despair. We are starting a new round of classes on Wednesday, October 26th. These classes will run for 4 weeks. This unit will include classes on the biblical account of Nehemiah with Rev. Tyson Taylor, Art as Worship with Donna Grimmer, The Prayer Class with Mary Zickefoose and Bev Day, and an Officer Training Class with Dr. Rev. Baron Eliason.

I hope that you can come and join us, and bring a friend.

Music Ministry

by Boyce Wyrick

The Church's One Foundation, # 277 (Tune: *Aurelia*)

Author: Samuel J. Stone

Composer: Samuel S. Wesley

One cannot study church history without becoming aware of the continuous harassment and persecution suffered by the Christian Church from its inception to the present time. As Protestants, we are especially mindful of one of the important climaxes in the struggle, that being October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Cathedral of Wittenberg condemning many of the practices and teachings of the medieval church ... we celebrate this "declaration of independence" as Reformation Sunday (the last Sunday of October). Prior to 1517 and since that time, it has been necessary for other Christians to defend the Church from those who would defile and destroy it with heretical doctrines and practices.

Such was the occasion for the writing of "The Church's One Foundation." Written by Samuel J. Stone, a pastor of the Church of England, during a period in which there existed much turmoil within the Anglican Church over a book, *The Pentateuch and the Book of Joshua, Critically Examined*, in which the author, a liberal bishop, John William Colenso, attacked the historic accuracy of the first five books of the Old Testament. On the opposing side was another Anglican leader, Bishop Gray. The theological dispute between these two bishops became widespread throughout the entire Anglican Church.

Stone, deeply stirred by this matter, wrote a collection of hymns, *Lyra Fidelium* ("Lyra of the Faithful"), containing twelve hymns based on the Apostle's Creed to combat the attacks of modern, "liberal" scholarship which he felt would soon divide and destroy the church. "The Church's One Foundation" was based on the Ninth Article of the Creed, which reads, "The Holy Catholic (Universal) Church; the Communion of Saints: He is the Head of this Body." It was Stone's conviction that the unity of the Church must rest solely with the recognition of the Lordship of Christ and not on the views and interpretations of men. The hymn soon became so popular throughout Great Britain that it was translated into a number of languages, including

Youth Ministry

by Shawn Mayo

Here comes the youth.....

I've never seen a student's life change at Disney Land. However, I have been able to be a part of life changing ministry. I see it most often when students are forced out of their every day lives and into places outside of their comfort zones. We rarely grow when life is easy.

Nothing good comes easily. That's our motto... Everyday drama dies down dramatically when a student sees first hand big problems of the world like poverty. Our desire is to help teenagers see what is really valuable in life and not worry about less important things.

School, after school practice, homework, church, and so many more things fill our lives leaving no wiggle room. Our schedules are rigid, and we often grow comfortably numb. When was the last time you sat still for just 10 minutes?

Physical growing pains are a normal part of adolescence. Spiritual growing pains are no different. It's okay to ask difficult questions. I guarantee that God will show up when you do!

Latin! In 1868, Anglican bishops met in London at the great theological conclave known as the Lambeth Conference. Stone's hymn was chosen as the opening processional and thematic hymn for that historic meeting. Is there any question as to who controlled the conference? The original third stanza (omitted in today's hymnals) is interesting when you know of Stone's determination to counter the liberal views:

"The Church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against the foe or traitor she ever shall prevail!"

You can only imagine how the opposing sides felt about singing this as the processional hymn of the conference! Don't you have the feeling that many delegates could not force themselves to sing the processional? Stone became widely known and respected as a prolific writer of hymns with a total of seven books of verse being composed. Of all the many hymns he wrote, this is the only one still in general use.

The composer of the music for this hymn is none other than Samuel S. Wesley, the grandson of Charles Wesley. He was, and is, recognized as one of the leading church musicians of his day. He received his Doctorate of Music from Oxford University when he was only twenty-nine years of age and went on to compose a great deal of church service music as well as a number of original hymn tunes. This tune, known as AURELIA, taken from the Latin word for "golden," was originally composed for the hymn text "Jerusalem, the Golden" and was first matched with Stone's text at the 1868 Lambeth Conference.

Do you have a favorite hymn? Would you like to assure that it is sung at Westminster? Simply submit it to Boyce, and it will be considered for use in an upcoming service! You can hand it to me; "snail mail" it to 3321 33rd Street, Lubbock, TX 79416; call it in to 799-3621; or email it to bwyrick@yahoo.com. You have a say in the music ministry!

Children's Ministry

by Leslie Roach

The preparations have begun for our annual Trunk or Treat event which will be held on Halloween, Monday, October 31st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We are making a few changes to the plans of this year's event and keeping some old traditions as well. First, we are going to host the entire event outside in the park/street again this year as that seemed to work very well last year! Secondly, we are collecting candy as always. There are barrels in the FMC Lobby as well as the Narthex where you can deposit your individually wrapped candy. Everyone has always been so gracious to donate candy, and for that we are very thankful! Finally, the one aspect that will be changing this year is that we have decided to not host the chili cook-off and instead serve only hot dogs, popcorn, and drinks. The reason why the planning team made this decision was two-fold. One being that the amount of chili our church is able to produce does not adequately feed the amount of people who attend the event. Another reason is that the amount of setup needed to host the event outside is huge which wouldn't be a problem except the volunteers needed to set up will be few due to the fact Halloween is on a Monday and people will have a hard time getting from work to church in order to set up everything in time for the event. Thank you for understanding, and please know that we appreciate so very much how the entire church gets involved in this event!

We have many places where you can get plugged in that night and volunteer! We are in need of people to hand candy out of the trunks of their cars, people to cook hotdogs and help with food preparations, and we need people to come early and help set up as well as people to stay late and help clean up. If you are interested in volunteering you can email me at leslie@wpclubbock.org or stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday and sign up.

This is a HUGE outreach, and as we all come together as a church body and serve we are actively living into our mission statement of Loving our Neighbors. Thank you again for all the years of support you have given this event, and I am looking forward to another great year!

Sewing Ministry

By Dona Nussbaum

The 3,000 Stockings for Kunsan AB is a project begun by the Missions Committee in the fall of 2007.

In February, denim is donated by the PCCA to WPC to be cut into 3000 Christmas stockings.

In the following months, the stockings are sewn & decorated by WPC members as well as individuals and community organizations. Then in November, volunteers come together to stuff, package, and mail the stockings in approximately 600 boxes to Kunsan AirBase in the Republic of South Korea, where the United States AirForce has been stationed since 1945.

Items needed to stuff into the stockings include small toiletries, decks of cards, CDs, small business promotional items, candy, and Christmas cards with messages of encouragement. Donations of these items as well as contributions toward the \$7,500 needed for postage would be so very appreciated!

Christmas cards are FREELY available (in the Sunday School rooms, the Narthex, & the FMC lobby) to be taken so that messages of encouragement can be written inside. Collection containers for the finished cards are available in the same locations.

Excerpts from a September 2011 letter from Bacon Heights Baptist Church:

"This summer members of our Special Needs Bible Study Class attended a Vacation Bible School specifically structured for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities. As the mission project, they decorated Christmas stockings provided by your church...The Special Friends Department of BHBC finds it challenging to find mission projects where they can contribute. Most of the members of the class do not read or write; they do not drive; they are limited both physically and mentally, and their finances are stretched. This project gave them the opportunity to be involved in

SAVE THE DATE!

"FOR UNTO Y'ALL"

Church-wide
Christmas Dinner &
Youth Musical

Sunday, December 4th

Dinner – 6pm,
Show – 7pm

*****More info to come*****

missions at their level of understanding and ability. First, they very much understand that the recipients will be men and women in uniform who serve our country...Secondly, our Special Friends were able to create ...without a supervisor or caregiver doing it all for them. They can write short words of love and thank you...The stocking project which WPC so wisely extends to everyone in the community of Lubbock, TX, has significance far beyond the overseas location where the stockings will eventually be sent. For our Special Friends Department it has provided a way for our learners to feel a sense of achievement in that they are contributing a valuable part of themselves. We plan to make the stocking project part of our covenant for our Special Friends Sunday School Department, naming it as a year -long service project. Thank you for allowing us to participate in this. We hope to continue providing the decorating skills and encouragement cards for a long time.

~Michael B Levin, Assoc. Pastor for Spiritual Formation

The following eMail excerpt is from an AF Captain:

"The big factor here is not so much what our troops can/can't afford but that this mission is the opportunity for ministry and thanksgiving. These folks put their lives on the line daily even in Korea, it just doesn't make the news. Warm hearts helping others and saying thanks - that we aren't forgotten is so critical! I know I haven't been forgotten. But in this environment, it is very easy to fall into the trap where you think no one cares, no one understands, no one appreciates, and you're all alone - I myself have felt that and I'm only deployed here for 6 months - not for a solid year. The Stocking Project isn't about the toiletries or candy or the little items. It is about sharing God's love, plain and simple, with others. The best way to do that in a manner that can be sustained and follows federal ethics rules for service members is through little items such as toiletries, little games and candy. It's the fact that someone cares enough to send these stockings and hasn't forgotten us, especially at Christmas."

Announcements

WEDNESDAY NITE LIVE FOR KIDS

Every Wednesday, 5:45-7:30pm, Upstairs
DINNER PROVIDED WEEKLY

Classes provided for 3 year olds through Kindergarten and 1st through 5th graders. Childcare is offered from 7:00-7:30pm for parents attending adult ministry Wednesday Nite Live classes). To register, go to the Children's page at www.wpclubbock.org. The Children's Ministry offers a free, separate Wednesday Nite Supper for children 11 years old and younger, served upstairs at 5:45pm.

Please note: Wednesday Night Live will not have a regular meal and program on Wednesday, October 19, which is the Comedy 4 Community night. Children will eat pizza with their parents, and then come upstairs if they do not want to stay for the comedy program (i.e. childcare will be available).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER!

Takes place every Wednesday evening and begins at 5:30pm in the FMC. Adults \$5, Children 11 & under \$2, Families \$15.00 (max.). Your RSVP is needed, and you may do so in one of three ways—1) fill out the white Wednesday Nite Live Classes RSVP card in the pew holder and place it in the offering plate, 2) call the church at 799-3621 by Tuesday at noon, or 3) e-mail your reservations to jan@wpclubbock.org by Tuesday at noon. Please indicate if you would like a standing reservation for the semester, and how many reservations for adults, children or family.

Do you have a standing reservation? You will be included in the RSVPs for "Comedy 4 Community" night on October 19!

PRIME TIMERS TO MEET OCTOBER 17

Prime Timers, circle your calendar for Monday, October 17th because you don't want to miss this program! Local storyteller, Anna Lon Gilbreath, will join us and bring the story of, "Molly Brown, the Woman Who Saved the Buffalo." She has received wonderful reviews for her ability to engage her listeners with her storytelling. That's Monday, October 17th at 11:30am in the Church Parlor. Come for lunch, fellowship, and a great program. Questions? Call Alice at 748-1801 or Debbie at 863-5257.

Coming soon: In November, Prime Timers will meet the 2nd Monday (November 14) since the regular meeting (3rd week of the month) in November will be during the very busy Thanksgiving week. Pat Anthony will present a patriotic program in honor of our veterans, so you won't want to miss it—save the date!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 10/16:

Think Pink! Breast Cancer Survivor Recognition Sunday, Kids' Deep and Wide Camp for age 2—K

Saturday, 10/22: WoW Trip to The Corn MAiZE

LITERACY LUBBOCK WANTS VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that 13% of adults in Lubbock County are functionally illiterate? Literacy Lubbock, a non-profit partner agency of the Lubbock Area United Way, provides adult literacy education free of charge to any adult 18 and older. Find them inside the Mahon Library (2nd floor), 1306 19th Street, phone 775-3636. Want to volunteer? Help someone learn to read, speak English, learn math, prepare for the GED, or overcome learning challenges such as dyslexia. Go to www.literacylubbock.org to volunteer or make a donation.

YOUR HELP NEEDED FOR OUTREACH HYGIENE BAGS

Personal hygiene products are needed to fill bags being given to those requesting assistance from the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A collection tub is located in the church front office. If you travel, please collect shampoos, conditioners, and soaps to add to the donation. Also needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotions, washcloths, etc. Any unused book bags and sturdy grocery bags that items can be packed in are also appreciated.

EXODUS PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

Prisoners both locally and all over the nation benefit from this ministry. The local office is located at 4223-34th Street. They collect new and used Bibles, devotional books, study materials, and Christian books and magazines to ship to chaplains for prison libraries, jails, and youth detention centers. Your donations may be dropped off in the church front office on Sundays and weekdays in the box marked, "Exodus Prison Ministry Donations." For more information about this ministry, go to www.exodusprisonministry.org.

New Members

Camille (Cammy) Taylor joined Westminster on October 2, 2011 by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church-Amarillo, TX. Cammy is picture here with her husband, Rev. Tyson Taylor (our Associate Pastor) and their children Cale and Rylie. Their address is 6302 Knoxville Ave./79413 and home phone is 806-336-6073.



Jean Lewis joined Westminster on October 9, 2011 by Profession of Faith from First Baptist Church-Lubbock. She is the mother of Sheri Landers. Jean's address is 4420 33rd Street/79410, and her phone is 799-1697.



Christian Concerns Westminster Cares

Please phone Jan in the church office (799-3621) to notify WPC of birth, death, illness, or hospitalization. We care, and we want to know! (Please remember that HIPAA regulations do not permit the hospitals to share patients' names with WPC staff.)

Church-wide Prayer Team "My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." —Isaiah 56: 7. Join a church-wide prayer team of all ages, which will be broken into smaller teams to meet on a rotating basis from 8:00-11:00am each Sunday in the prayer room. Contact: Bev Day, 794-0038, Leslie Roach, 799-3621, ext. 219, or Sally Andrews, 797-0097. Anyone is welcome to join us or come in asking for us to pray for their needs.

HOSPITALIZED—Fay Carter, Edwin Chauncey—Covenant Medical Center; Barret Noble—hospitalized in Dallas

Recently hospitalized: Rebecca Biddle, Egie Crozier, Ted Hartman, Betty Schmitz

SYMPATHY TO: Sherri Landers and family in the death of her father, Dan Lewis, on 9/25 in Lubbock. A graveside service was held 9/28 at the City of Lubbock cemetery.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Scott and Stacy Birney in the birth of a son, Ezra Gabriel Birney, on 9/25 in Kearney, NE. Grandparents are David and Nadine Birney; Al and Sue Faison in the birth of a grandson, Patrick Jonah Faison on 10/12 in Lubbock. Parents are Todd and Roxanne Faison.

HEALTH & GENERAL CONCERNS

Marc Adams, Tommy Alexander, Ryan Bitzer (TTU studies), Anne Bulls, Walt Clark, Norma Couch, Maureen Davis, Eunice Dersch, Monica Dunlap, Mae Egbe, Barbara Ewalt, Todd Faison (Al and Sue Faison's son), Eugenia Gray, Dana Hale, Reesa Hamilton, Jack Helms, Wallace Hess, Charles & Wilhelmina Hiemstra, Len Hutchison, Ann Jenson, Juanell Johnson, Amy Kidwell, Brandy Langston, Harold Laverty, Bertha Lemaster, Wilma Leslie (Memphis, TX), Harvey & Micky McEachern, Helen McGarrett, Barret Noble (eye surgery 10/13), Margaret Pappas, Mabry Peel, Helen Price, Jack Rudd, Joyce Russell, Donna Smith, Betty Schmitz, Hannah Thomas, Treyton Tubbs, Betty Turner, Peggy Vannoy, and Helen Walker. Erik Herrera needs prayer for strength as he goes through therapy for Myasthenia Gravis and medical expenses.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

(We will list friends and extended family for a month. Following that time, please call the office if you wish for them to remain on the list.)

Veronica Acquah (Kofi A-Addai-Mensah's friend) Needs employment; Beth Brantley (Chris Jones' cousin) In CIC in Odessa hospital; Holly Easley (Monica Dunlap's friend) Recent transplant at M.D. Anderson; Peter Fischer (Carolyn Farrer's friend) Colon cancer surgery; Lindsay Lewis (Kasey Thompson's friend) Hospitalized in McKinney, TX with pneumonia; Wayne Linder (Tamara Gilreath's friend) Recovery from back surgery; Jim McKee (Mary Zickefoose's brother) Undergoing chemo and radiation treatments; Vera Moore (JR Cochran's grandmother) Recovering from pneumonia; Natalie Nazworth (Beth Lee's daughter) Severe bacterial infection; Eriq & Anna Neale (Ken & Sharon Romines's son & daughter-in-law); Endurance for Eriq's cancer treatments; Shelley Nelson (Jim & Kathy Gilbreath's friend) Complications after surgery; Monica Nussbaum (Ralph & Dona Nussbaum's daughter) Safe return to U.S.; Cheryl Pinkston (Nancy Foster's sister) Treatment for blood clots; Jennifer Roberts (Don and Chris Jones' granddaughter) Possible surgery at Children's Medical-Dallas; Tim & Lisa Tam (Word at Work Ministry) Family crises; Mark Weber (Robert Hook's brother-in-law) Needs employment.

SEMINARY STUDENTS

Emily Roberts, Dillon Ferguson, Jessi Fleming, Max Hochenedel

MISSIONARIES

Will & Amanda Johnson (Youth with a Mission) China

Katie Mathis (iGO Global) Middle East

Keith & Kelly Rodgers (Hope for Nicaragua), Nicaragua

Jack Rudd (Teethsavers) Teethsavers in Africa & Central America

Doran & Amy Schoenhals (Campus Crusade) Texas

Brandon & Jenny Scott (CAM International) Guatemala

Billy & Jess Streu (Operation Mobilization) Bosnia

Tim Tam (Amarillo office), Beth Garner, Kenny Logan, Pedro Perez (Word at Work Ministry) Belize

MILITARY PERSONNEL

AIR FORCE Jonathan Hogan (Doug Hogan's son) Texas, Adam Keith (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son) Italy, Zachary Laird (Ruth Huffaker's grandson) Arizona.

ARMY Keith Anderson (Beth Anderson Lee's son) Texas, David Hale (Becky Benson Hale's husband) Afghanistan, Rick Miller (Martha Daniel's nephew) Germany, Aaron Taylor (Jordan Sims's brother, Jenny Watson's nephew) Afghanistan, Zane Wilson (Lynnette Wilson's son) S. Carolina, Garrett Zuerker (Mike Zuerker's cousin), Afghanistan

MARINES Beau Babcock (Mike Zuerker's cousin) Afghanistan, Bryan Perry (John & Betty Schmitz's grandson-in-law) California, Paula Sepeda (Todd Faison's sister-in-law) California, Nick Sims (John & Debbie Sims's son) Rhode Island, Sean Vannoy (Peggy Vannoy's grandson) California

NAVY Jeff Benson (Becky Benson Hale's brother) Japan, Jay English (Jerry & Paulette English's grandson) Japan, Mark A. Gilreath (Tamara Gilreath's husband) Colorado, Jonathan Loper (Stan & Kathy Tucker's son-in-law) Washington, D.C.



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Kerri Thompson.....Part-Time Media Coordinator
Freddie Bryant.....Custodian
Rosa Aleman.....Housekeeper
Joe Sarratt.....Part-Time Custodian
Robert Sanders.....Night Sexton

Worship Times

Sundays

9:00am.....Contemporary Worship
 10:00am.....Sunday School for Children
 Fellowship Time for Adults
 10:15am.....Sunday School for Adults
 11:00am.....Traditional Worship

Wednesdays

5:30pm.....Supper (with reservation)
 Family Ministry Center
 6:00pm.....Wednesday Nite Live

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