

May 2011

Chronicles

Community of Faith Presbyterian Church
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Notes from a Life on April 27, 2011

If I hear one more ark joke
I'm going to hurt somebody!

Are you as tired of this rain
as I am? Tired of hearing
about records being set for
the number of tornados in
April?

Then again, it works both
ways, doesn't it.

I remember during my last
year in seminary I served
as student pastor at the
Hebron Presbyterian
Church, a few miles south
of Louisville. The summer
of 1975 was dry in Bullitt
County. The long time
members of the church and

their children, made their
living farming and the
weather had long since
become a burden. The
worry of failed crops and
subsequent need for a
(another?) bank loan to
tide some of them over
was a grim possibility.

Somewhere I'd read that
no prayer went unheard.
Somewhere I'd read that
if I knocked, the door
would be opened, so one
Sunday, during the wor-
ship service, I prayed for,
among other things, rain.

Well wouldn't I be proud
to report that Monday
morning we all awoke to
real soaker? The crops

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were saved and the bank had to close early? But it was not to be. It did not rain that week, or the next, or the one after that. In fact six long weeks passed before it rained, on a Sunday no less.

Walking out of the church after the service one of the church's elders, my grandfather's age looked at me, and with a slight smile said, "Well

Don, looks like you got your rain." Thankfully I had the good sense to blush.

I have many more reasons to be humble. Stay tuned!

Doesn't keep me from praying for some dry weather though, you know-- for the farmers?

Don

TIME TO RECOGNIZE OUR GRADUATES !

Please send graduation information to communityoffaith@fuse.net. Next month we would like to publish the names of graduates, the name of the school he/she is graduating from and what they plan to do next; the name of the college they will be attending, employer's name, major league team they will be playing for, and anything else your graduates have accomplished that you want to share with your church family.



Betty Murphy has moved. Please change her address in your directory.
Betty Murphy, 3000 Riggs Road, Apt. 100, Erlanger, KY 41018.

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS



Pete Beckett, Mark Brant, Donna Kreicker, Linda Bowen, KC Clarke, Phyllis Houp, Lynda Jaeger, Charlotte Owen, Marge McDermott, Inky Hall, Linda LaVelle, and Dot Thomsen.

Please remember our nursing home residents and shut ins: Ruth Comisar and Evelyn Wallace.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Houp	4th	Terri Brown	23rd
Kyle Brown	5th	Ariana Beach	26th
Kelly Stull	5th	Evelyn Wallace	27th
Jessica Brown	12th	Johanna Willis	27th
Jim Berry	15th	Marilyn Gordon	28th
Cliff Brown, Jr.	21st	Roy Miller	29th
David McDermott	21st		
Roger Bell	22nd		

KC Clarke has moved. Please change her contact information in your directory. 525 W. Chelsea Drive, Apt. #3, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41011
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FROM OUR TREASURER

GENERAL			MISSION			
			Year - To - Date			
2011	March	Y-T-D	March	Deacons	Desig.	Other
Beg. Balance	2,105	4,308	193	305	547	-1,210
Income	10,119	27,666	345	257	735	605
Expense	<u>11,469</u>	<u>31,219</u>	<u>812</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>636</u>
End Balance	755	755	-274	285	682	-1,242

MISSION AT WORK

BY: JACK KLEIER

At this time of year, we have again been reminded of the work that is made possible by the one Great Hour of Sharing campaign. By responding to the campaign with our generous giving we make it possible for the church to act in God's name quickly in cases of natural disasters. But did you know that the Presbyterian Church has another program that also helps us provide funding to do the work of the church in the future?

It is called the Will's Emphasis Program. It offers a way for people to remember the Church and its important work in their will and to provide a way for that work to continue in the future. Many years ago the Ernst Family provided a fund to be used to help Seminary students with the cost of going to seminary. Evidently this was an important issue with them and they provided a fund to help seminary students finance their education. From time to time the Session receives a thank you note from one of these students. It would be hard to find someone from the old Covington church who remembers the Ernsts, but anyone who has benefited from their generosity will know the name.

The first Sunday in May is set aside as Wills Emphasis Sunday. It is one of a number of programs of the Presbyterian Foundation. They offer help in setting up wills and other programs for estate planning. They can help you set up funding through your will for any one of the Mission programs of the Church or perhaps you would like to leave a bequest to your local church and they will help you with that.

A couple of months ago Buckhorn Children's Center was the recipient of such a bequest. It came at a time when the Agency was having serious financial problems. No one on the board knew the person that had made the bequest, but one thing was certain, someone who had a real desire to help children made a big difference in children's lives some 10-12 years after their death. This is the kind of impact that faith can have on people's lives.

If you want to find out more about annuities, estate planning, or wills you can contact me or get information on line at www.presbyterianfoundation.org. It is a wonderful way to keep your faith alive even after you are no longer here.

FILM CAPSULES

BY: ED McNULTY

Barney's Version

Rated R. Numbers 15:37-41

I found it hard to like a guy who, while dancing at his wedding party falls out of love with his bride, sees a more appealing woman, and promptly proposes that they run off together. Even though I admire actor Paul Giamatti who plays Barney, it is hard to empathize with a man content with spending his life chasing after the girl and continuing to produce an awful soap opera for Canadian television. The title refers to an exposé alleging that Barney killed his best friend years earlier, written by the detective who investigated the case. Barney supposedly confides to the screen audience his version of his past life.

(At the Kenwood Theaters)

Born to Be Wild Imax 3-D

Rated G. Genesis 2:19

This is a wondrous, and all too short at 40+ minutes, tale of two women dedicated to saving orphans. These are not babies victimized by wars in Africa or Asia, but animals, orphaned when their mothers are killed by poachers or more natural causes such as lack of water and food caused by drought. The film alternates between primatologist Birute Galdikas in Borneo and elephant expert Daphne Shel-drick in Kenya. These women have successfully passed on their love for their charges to the fine staff of na-

tives who, in so many tender scenes, deal so patiently with their small charges (and tiny in the case of the adorable orangutans). During the course of the film we learn a great deal about elephants and primates that lift our awareness that we are not the only creatures with emotions. The care the two women give the animals echoes the Genesis passage in which God involves "the man" in completing the creation of animals by having "him" name them.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules

Rated PG. Psalm 133:1 KJV

Somewhat better than the first film based on a series of children's books, this tale also is told through diary entries by a new 8th grader. No, make that "journal entries," our under-sized hero believing that a "diary" is a girl thing. In the first movie younger brother Greg reveals how bullying his older brother Roderick is, and in this sequel we see how obnoxious he can be—he leads an awful band called Lōded Diper. Much of the humor is at Greg's 8th grade level, but some of it can be enjoyed by adults as well, who will be gratified at how, when ordered by their naïve mother (parents and adults are almost always ignorant blunderers in this genre!) to hang out together so they can resolve their differences, that both boys are capable of groping their way toward a little more maturity.

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

Hanna

Rated PG-13. Psalm 58:10-11

What happens to the psyche of a teenager who has been raised in the isolation of the forests of northern Finland by her ex-CIA agent father and taught a hundred ways of killing a person? Hanna's mission is to kill the person who killed her mother thus ruining his life. This film offers little to answer such a question, but while enveloped in the exciting action, there is little time to reflect on it anyway. However, after the violent climax, such questions as what it is like to be raised without music so that one has to ask what it is, or to be isolated from one's peers—such are inevitable for anyone who thinks about their film fare.

Limitless

Rated PG-13. Genesis 3:2-5; Proverbs 3:13-14

If you could take a pill that would exponentially increase your intelligence, memory and motor skills, would you swallow it? Even though it lasted just for a day and you do not know if there are any side effects? That is the question faced by down on his luck writer Eddie Morra. When he does so, he is able to complete a book headed for the NY TIMES Best-seller list, win back the girl who ditched him, and gain fame and fortune on Wall Street. But there are consequences, partly due to dark

BY: ED McNULTY

forces wanting access to his pills, and the fact that the pill's effects last just a day. However, what looks like a traditional cautionary tale (think *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* or *The Fly*), turns out somewhat differently; the filmmakers seem to buy into the short-cut or improvement through science philosophy attacked by such films as *Jurassic Park*.

Of Gods and Men

(I am including this again because it has just recently opened at the Esquire. Do NOT miss this film!)
Rated PG-13. Luke 17:33-36; John 17:20-23

A great many people in France, where this film was a huge box office success last year, are upset because this winner of the Cannes Film Festival's Grand Prize of the Jury was passed over for "Best Foreign Film" nomination. The story of the martyrdom of a group of Trappist monks in Algeria during its civil war in the Nineties, the film is so artistically made, and so filled with Biblical/theological insights, that I put it at the top of Visual Parables' Top Ten films for 2010. It is even better than *Vision: From the Life of Hildegard von Bingen*. I was privileged to see it via a screener, so it will not arrive here for some months. Look for more details about it when it does.

(The reflection/discussion portion of

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

the review at visualparables.net contains 26 multi-part questions, this film is so rich and rewarding.)

Paul

Rated R. Leviticus 19:33-34

Although a welcome break from the evil-aliens-invading-earth genre of *Battle: L.A.*, this tale of a little green alien (voiced by Seth Rogen) is no *E.T.* Too bad, as the movie could have been a family film but for all the sex talk and scenes. When two Brits attend a comic book convention and then tour the UFO sites of the American West, they come upon the little alien named Paul after he has crashed the car he has stolen. Like in all road films, the three bond as their adventures increase ludicrously. Chased by government agents intent on recapturing the alien whom they had been studying for years, the trio come across a Christian Fundamentalist father and daughter whose belief teaches that Paul could not exist, and then at the climax, the now grown female who had first encountered Paul thirty years earlier. Strictly for adults who remember *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, and mature teens.

Soul Surfer

Rated PG. Jeremiah 29:11-13; Romans 8:28

It is interesting that the *Village Voice* reviewer regards this true story-based

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film as “Christian Pandering That Pretends It Isn’t.” Secular viewers apparently cannot accept it when a family like Bethany Hamilton’s is depicted as a God-loving family whose faith is central to coping with their teenaged daughter’s near-tragedy, the loss of her left arm to a tiger shark while she is out surfing. Incredibly, Bethany was able to return to the sport she loves, emerging as a champion. The film has a minimum of “God talk,” and I especially appreciated the refusal of Bethany’s youth leader Sarah to give an easy answer to the question posed by virtually everyone enveloped in pain and loss, “Why does God allow this to happen to me? This would be a good film to watch and discuss along with *Rabbit Hole*.

T. Lincoln Lawyer

Rated R. Psalm 57:6

This is the first of two films about less than admirable lawyers who learn lessons the hard way. Matthew McConaughey winningly plays Mick Haller, a scheming Los Angeles criminal defense attorney whose office is the back seat of a Lincoln Continental sedan. His newest client is no scumbag like his other clients (all of whom are guilty), but a scion of a wealthy socialite. The pampered son staunchly maintains that he is not guilty of a brutal assault against a waitress/call

FILM CAPSULES , CONTINUED

BY: ED McNULTY

girl. However, thanks to the digging of his P.I. (a wonderfully cast William H. Macy), Mick begins to wonder how he is being used, and, his sense of justice and fair play aroused, how can he get out of the ethical dilemma of defending a guilty man intent on manipulating the law so that he can get away with murder.

Win Win

Rated R. Proverbs 12:19-20; 1 Peter 3:10-12. I like Paul Giamatti's character much better in this sports genre film than in *Barney's Version*, even though his lawyer Mike Flaherty takes an ethical shortcut because his law practice is not bringing in enough money to support his family. Through a series of events he and his wife Jackie (Amy Ryan) take in Kyle, the grandson of his main client. When the boy turns out to be a skilled wrestler, Mike, who moonlights as an assistant H.S. wrestling coach, bonds with the boy as the lad turns around the team that has never before won a match. Matters take quite a turn when the boy's addicted mother shows up, and the Big Match, so central to the sports genre, also takes a different turn. (At the Kenwood Theaters)

Save your money on these next two turkeys, unless you have seen everything else showing, your DVD and TV set are broken, your Netflix subscription has expired, and you are terribly desperate for escapist entertainment.

Your Highness

Rated R. 1 Peter 2:1

A twist on the Good Brother, Bad Brother theme, this lame imitation of *Monte Python and the Holy Grail* stars Danny McBride as Prince Thadeous (Bad. Slacker Brother) and James Franco as Prince Fabious (Brave, Virtuous Brother). Much of the humor is sophomoric, too often smothered by over abundance vulgarity, depriving this film of the family audience that might have enjoyed its adventures and special-effect monsters.

Mars Need Moms

Rated PG. Ephesians 6:1-3

Actually, this motion-capture animation film does have two touching scenes, the first at the beginning of the film, and the second near the end, when Mom does what moms do. In between there is a lot of frenetic action that takes place beneath the surface of Mars where a matriarchal society periodically kidnaps a mom from Earth in order to transfer her discipline from her mind to the programs of the robots that raise Martian children. Alls well that ends well, with young Milo gaining a new appreciation of the mother he had rejected as a nag.

Film Capsules is the Rev. Dr. Ed McNulty's synopses of current films plus suggested scripture readings with similar themes. Ed, is an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Cincinnati. Fuller descriptions and discussion questions are available by subscription at www.visualparables.net.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SESSION
COMMUNITY OF FAITH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
March 10, 2011

A quorum was present.

OPENING: The regular meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church was called to order in the church conference room on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 7:05 P.M. by the moderator, The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. Rev. Smith read from Psalms 51, then opened the meeting with prayer.

DOCKET: The docket was approved as presented.

MINUTES: The minutes for the regular Session meeting held on, February 10, 2011, were approved as presented. The minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, held on February 6, 2011, were approved as distributed.

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT:

Communion: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated by intinction on Sunday, March 6, 2011, during the morning worship service. The Rev. Donald H. Smith, Jr. and Dr. Edward McNulty presided.

On Sunday, February 20, 2011, during the morning worship service Freda Carlin was installed as a Deacon, Class of 2013.

The clerk completed and filed the end-of-year reports required by the presbytery.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from Princeton Theological Seminary reporting on the status of the William and Sarah Ernst Scholarship Endowment Fund and giving the names of the three students who received financial aid from the fund during 2010 – 2011.

The clerk related a story which showed how much one of the sons of Andy and Melissa Corn enjoys living in the former manse, located on Closson Court, of the First Presbyterian Church of Ludlow, Kentucky. Community of Faith sold the manse to the Corns shortly after the merger of the Ludlow and Covington churches in 2000.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev. Smith presented a written report of his activities on behalf of the church since the last Session meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Gary Willis provided a written report which was received and will be filed.

TRUSTEES: Information from our insurance company, Guide One, offers the opportunity of taking a training course that will give us a 15% discount on our insurance. **ACTION:** A motion was adopted to refer the information to the Trustees for their consideration.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH SESSION MINUTES, CONTINUED

Correspondence: Arc Electric sent a reminder that the fire alarm should be tested annually. The letter was referred to the Administration and Property Umbrella.

Elder Roger Bell reported that the realtor has parties interested in the purchase of the Ludlow property.

ACTION: A motion that the Trustees be authorized to liquidate all NCR, Quest, and Teradata stock was adopted.

DEACONS' REPORT: Howard Story has agreed to represent the Deacons on the Nominating Committee.

C.L.A.S.P.: Jack Kleier reported that C.L.A.S.P. is working to revise its bylaws. Ken Wynn, Mayor of Ludlow, is now serving on the board. Remke's cards are available. Use of the cards by Remke shoppers result in a donation by the company to the after school program. Anyone wanting a Remke's card should see Bill Lindsay or the pastor. A fundraiser is planned for March 22 at Max and Erma's in Crestview Hills.

**U M B R E L L A R E P O R T S :
ADMINISTRATION AND PROP-
ERTY:** Elder Dawn Farwick has been elected as moderator for the Administrative and Property Committee.

By consensus, the Session scheduled a housekeeping day at the church on Saturday, April 9, to begin at 9:00 A.M. Mem-

bers of the Calvary Chin Baptist Church will be invited to join us in the clean up. Elder Jim Berry will announce the housekeeping day to the congregation on Sunday, March 13.

ACTION: A motion granting permission to the Administration and Property Umbrella to post two lists on the bulletin board in the narthex allowing members to choose cleaning tasks was approved. Jim will also announce the posting of the lists to the congregation on Sunday, March 13.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Elder Erika Berry reported.

The Maundy Thursday service will be held on April 21 at 7:00 P.M.

The schedule for Easter Sunday will be as followed:

Early Service	-	8:00 A.M.
Breakfast	-	8:45 A.M.
Sunday School	-	9:30 A.M.
Worship	-	11:00 A.M.

The church anniversary will be held June 5 following the morning worship service.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM: Elder Jack Kleier reported. Dates were set to receive the four special offerings during 2011:

One Great Hour of Sharing	-	Palm Sunday
Pentecost	-	June 17
Peacemaking	-	October 9
Christmas Joy Offering	-	December 18

A stewardship campaign will be planned for the fall. The Circle of Hope group is meeting at the church. Crescent Springs Presbyterian is planning to house the English as a Second Language program for the Chin immigrants.

ACTION: A motion prevailed to hold a family night supper on April 3, at 6:00 P.M. followed by a program of slides from the mission team that went to Nicaragua. The supper will be potluck.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Officer Training: Officer training will be held on Saturday, March 19, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Safety Deposit Box: Elders designated as having authority to open the safety deposit box were Jack Kleier, Floyd Hastings and Harry Eagan.

A meeting of the Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 P.M.

Elder Jim Berry reported that the Ad Hoc Contingency Committee, composed

of Elders Roger Bell and Jo Shade, Rev. Smith and himself, is working of a plan in the event that the church runs out of money.

CLOSING:

Joys and Concerns: Prayers of thanksgiving and concern were lifted for the following: The mission team traveling to Nicaragua and our Nicaraguan partners, the people of Libya, Roger Bell's family, Milosh, and Laura Russell.

Rev. Smith closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

The next meeting of the Session of Community of Faith Presbyterian Church will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. at the church.

Rebecca S. Lindsay,

Clerk of Session

The **Mission Umbrella** will hold its quarterly meeting on **Monday, May 9 at 6:30pm**. Ideas from the congregation are welcome. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting!



Saturday, May 21, 2011

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Picnic style dinner at 6 p.m.

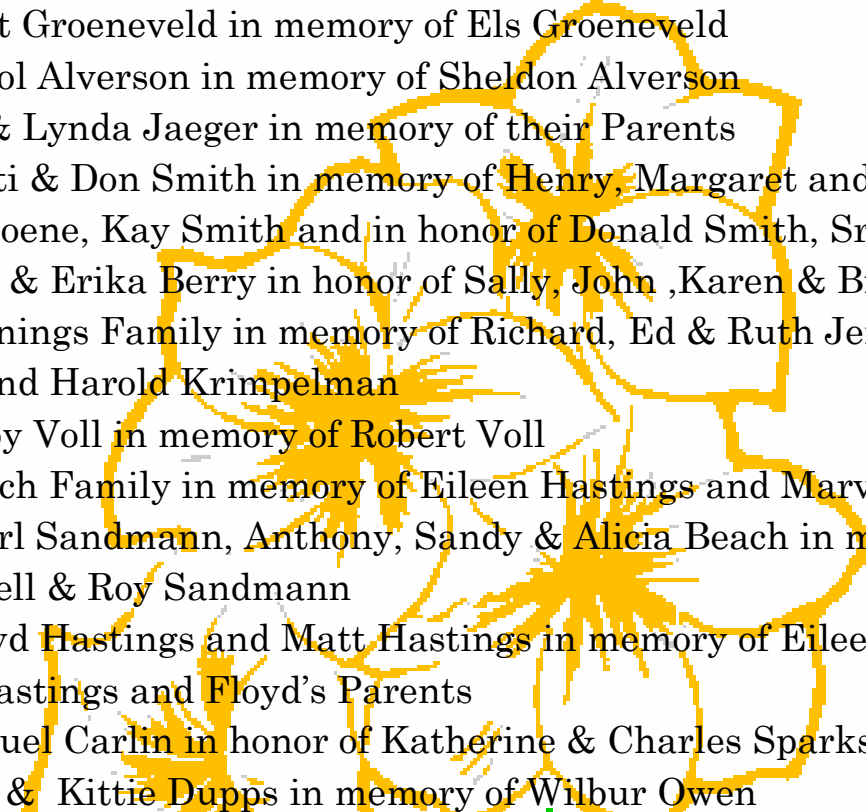
**Hamburgers, hotdogs and buns provided
Salads, side dishes and desserts are potluck**

**Sign up for what you are bringing
at your church by May 17th.**

ENTERTAINMENT WILL FEATURE

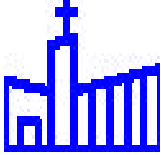
**The C.L.A.S.P. Children's Choir
The Lakeside Praise Band**

**THE LILIES THAT DECORATED THE SANCTUARY
FOR EASTER WERE DONATED BY:**



Bart Groeneveld in memory of Els Groeneveld
Carol Alverson in memory of Sheldon Alverson
Al & Lynda Jaeger in memory of their Parents
Patti & Don Smith in memory of Henry, Margaret and David
Coene, Kay Smith and in honor of Donald Smith, Sr.
Jim & Erika Berry in honor of Sally, John, Karen & Bill
Jennings Family in memory of Richard, Ed & Ruth Jennings
and Harold Krimpelman
Ruby Voll in memory of Robert Voll
Beach Family in memory of Eileen Hastings and Marvin Beach
Pearl Sandmann, Anthony, Sandy & Alicia Beach in memory of
Nell & Roy Sandmann
Floyd Hastings and Matt Hastings in memory of Eileen
Hastings and Floyd's Parents
Miguel Carlin in honor of Katherine & Charles Sparks
Bill & Kittie Dupps in memory of Wilbur Owen

*Any lilies that were not taken home were donated
to Rosedale Manor.*



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MAY EVENTS

Mother's Day	8th
Mission Umbrella Quarterly Meeting 6:30pm	9th
Presbytery Meeting—Mt Auburn—5:00pm	10th
Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30pm	12th
Session 7:00pm	12th
CLASP end-of-year Celebration 6:00-8:00pm (see page 12 for details)	21st

JUNE EVENTS

Anniversary/Birthday Luncheon	5th
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