

July 1, 2013



The Caller

This past year, I had the Session read R. C. Sproul's "Chosen By God," a stirring and over the top defense of classic Calvinist theology. It was not well received. Trying to redeem the effort your faithful Elders put into reading the book, I finished the year by including two chapters of a book titled, "Why I am Not a Calvinist." While I enjoyed the readings, I don't think I ignited a renewed passion in studying 16th century Reformed theology. They say good stories come out of bad choices. At least the Elders will remember their year in office as the one where the pastor made us spend a year discussing Predestination. What can be more Presbyterian than that!

Apparently, there are other people interested in reviving the theological battles between Presbyterians (Predestinations) and Methodists (Arminians). Amazon is reporting brisk sales of a book by the Rev. J. D. Hall titled, "Help Mom! There Are Arminians Under My Bed!" This is a picture book intended to teach children the Calvinist Doctrine of Sovereign Grace. A reviewer on the Amazon website by the name of B. Ditto writes facetiously, "We bought this for our three boys. Beza, Calvin and Van Till! The joy they got out of the book made me almost as happy as when little Calvin started quoting Calvin's "The Institutes of the Christian Religion." (To Presbyterians the greatest work ever published). Little Van Till argued for the existence of God by assuming He existed and little Beza threw rocks at that Methodist kids in his class. I know that

God has predestined them to great things." Isn't grace irresistible?

For those that like their theology in a more enjoyable form, I recommend you attend one of this week's performances of "The Children of Eden." This musical makes those first chapters of Genesis come alive in a way that both children and adults will appreciate. Linda Miller and Susan Ricci Rogel have attracted a great cast and crew. Spoiler alert: I play a giraffe.

Try to have a little fun this summer.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard



Cluster Gatherings

Clusters meeting in Dodds Hall after church are:

Clusters 4, 9, and 10 will meet on July 7th

Clusters 5 and 11 will meet on August 4th

Clusters 2 and 12 will meet on August 11th

Clusters 3, 14, and 15 will meet on August 18th

Clusters meetings not meeting at the church are:

Clusters 1, 6, and 7 will meet at
Peggy Oates home on July 28 after church.

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Births



Amber (Dziduch) and Henry Kwong delivered
their baby girl last Wednesday, June 19th.
Cali Kalena Kwong weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz. and measured 19 inches
long. This is grandchild number four
for Melodie and Charles and the first for Henry's parents.

Congratulations to the Dziduch and Kwong Families!

New Address

New address for Mary
Frances and Jack Jones
is:

52 Stonebridge Drive
Asheville, North Carolina
28805-1465

Session Committee Members

2013—2014

Welcome to the following Session Committee members for our 2013—2014 year.

2013 – 2014 Session Committee Members	
Buildings and Grounds	Paul Sell
Children's Ministry	Carrie Ahearn and Gladys Tataw-Ayuketah
Finance	Cyd Radden-Le Sage
Mission	Susan Brutout and John Backus
Nominating Committee	Susan Brutout
Outreach/Parish Life	Mary Lou Chappell and Lynn de Seve
Personnel	Johnny Guy
Stewardship	Cyd Radden-Le Sage
Worship	Matt Kaye and Kathryn Mc Carty
Youth Ministry	Debbie Armstrong and Kristen Zacheis



The next Caller will be sent out around July 15th. Please have all articles in by 9 AM on Tuesday, July 9th. ? = Call the office.



Worship Notes

June 30th: In 2 Kings, we hear of the great prophet Elijah's passing on his mantle to the next generation. In Luke 9:51-62, we find Jesus setting his face towards Jerusalem. Jesus and Elijah both talk about sacrifice and avoiding distraction as we follow God. They differ in how to deal with opposition.

July 7th: In Galatians 5, the Apostle Paul shares two lists of talks about freedom. He lists the benefits of freedom and the dangers of freedom being used as an excuse for self indulgence. This leads to his famous listing of the "Fruits of the Spirit." How do we enjoy joyous and life giving benefits of the Spirit and avoid being dragged down by the roots of bitterness and division?



July Sunday Calendar

† Sunday, July 7, 2013

10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr High
10:00 AM Sunday School: Ages 4 through 5th Grades
11:00 AM Clusters 4, 9, and 10 Brunch -- Dodds Hall
5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room
7:00 PM Prayer/Study Group -- Member's Home

† Sunday, July 21, 2013

9:30 AM VBS Kids Performance During the Children's Message
10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
11:00 AM Optional Activity with Dick Arnold
5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room
6:00 PM VBS Staff Dinner Pool Party -- The Brassard's
7:00 PM Prayer Study -- Member's Home

† Sunday, July 14, 2013

10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Optional Activity after Children's Message
5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room
6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor

† Sunday, July 28, 2013

10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
10:00 AM Sunday School: Ages 4 through 5th Grade
5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room



CCPC *Ladies Getaway*

Ladies, it's that time of year!
A *Ladies Getaway* for friends and family to enjoy
a relaxing weekend by the sea.

Friday—Sunday, October 4—6, 2013
(or just come Saturday night)

Dunes Manor—28th Street, Ocean City, Maryland

Call 1-800-523-2888 by September 4th
(can cancel for full refund by August 31st)

Cost per night:

\$123.76 (includes tax)—double

\$129.29 (includes tax)—triple

\$133.71 (includes tax)—quad

Two double beds per room with small refrigerator and microwave.

All rooms are ocean front with a balcony.

Check in time is at 3 PM. Afternoon tea served from 3 to 4 PM.

Heated indoor pool!

Sing-a-long on Friday and Saturday evenings in the lobby!

Saturday morning breakfast in the Victorian dining room.

Sunday worship at 8 AM

Any questions, please contact Peggy Oates at 301-262-6959
or peggyoates@hotmail.com.

Annual CCPC Crab Feast!

When: Sunday, August 25th from 1 to 4 PM

Where: Bowie Whitemarsh Park in the Large Pavillion

Cost: \$25 for adults eating crabs, \$10 for children under 12 or adults not eating crabs,
and free for children under five years of age

All you can eat steamed crabs or a crab cake, grilled chicken, and corn on the cob.

Bring your own drinks, utensils, and side dishes.

For more information, please contact Barbara Engh at bengh1@verizon.net or 301-464-4347.

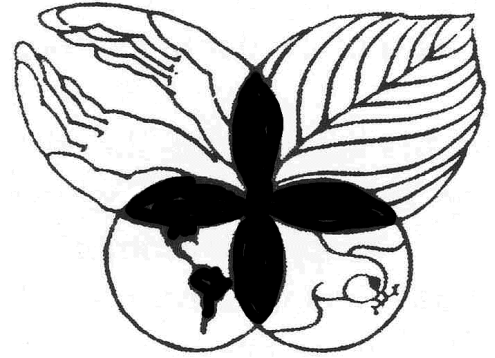
Hope to see you there!

Honorary Life Memberships

**Presbyterian Women
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

The Honorary Life Membership Award Pin

The caring, supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ, who is at the center of our lives. The overall design is of a butterfly, the symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation, Presbyterian Women.



Our congregation has been bestowing this honor since 2004. An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women is conferred upon an individual in recognition of faithful service of the church's work. This year, SHARON McNAMARA was awarded the "Woman of the Year" based on her years of service to our congregation and community. Sharon has served as Deacon, served many outreach efforts in our community as well as orchestrated and maintained our linen closet – which has beautified many meals and gatherings of our church family over the years. It was our great honor to present Sharon with this award.

CCPC Honorary Life Membership Awards by Year:

2004	June Colgan
2005	Jane Sumner
2006	Marjorie Tanner & Doris Kobe
2007	Dee McCarty
2008	Lois Pals & Peggy Oates
2009	Sue Cobb & Mary Hazel
2010	Jean Bauer
2011	Joy Bible & Marge Clark
2012	Nancy Honeyford
2013	Sharon McNamara

Christmas in July!

Sunday, July 14, 2013

Special Sunday Offering for our Christmas Families

Have you started preparing your Christmas list yet?

Believe it or not, the Christmas Families team has started preparing for Christmas Families 2013!

Were you one of the Christmas Families grocery shoppers in years past?

We have found a new way for you to participate in providing groceries.

Session has approved a special offering titled, *Christmas Families in July*. Special envelopes will be available on Sunday, July 14, 2013 for this purpose. All monies donated will be used to purchase groceries for our families this year. Special envelopes will be available on Sunday morning, July 14. This is the Sunday before the start of Vacation Bible School — when our attention will already be focused on children. Please come to church that day prepared to contribute toward this worthwhile program.

NOTE: It will be helpful for accounting purposes if you know your offering envelope number.

We are also working on other creative ways to make participation in Christmas Families more fun and meaningful.

Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to December.

Questions: Contact Roxanne Johnson at roglojo@gmail.com or 240-731-0683.

Merry Christmas!



Vacation Bible School **Supplies Needed!**

The following supplies are needed for Vacation Bible School:

Green blankets or rugs
Artificial greenery
Big roll of black plastic sheeting
Table top fountain
Small wading pool
Gold sheet or material to cover throne
A boat load of large plain brown grocery bags - need a lot for several lessons
Newsprint to stuff bags to make "stones"
Tiara
Shepherds crook
Plastic toy swords
White Christmas rope lights

VBS week is July 15th.

And, this year a special Toddlers VBS is July 20th!

If you have the above items and are willing to let us borrow them, please contact
Sue Evans or Rebecca as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting VBS!



CCPC Graduates

Congratulations to Roy Littlefield! Roy graduated in May of this year from Washington College.

And, our apologies to Jessica (Jonas) Hilliers for spelling her last name wrong in our last newsletter congratulating our first round of CCPC graduates. We should have wrote it as Jessica (Jonas) Silliers.

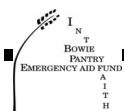
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CCPC, the first Protestant church in Levitt Bowie, was born from a passion for Christian mission in the local community, and this focus continues.

*Our Mission: To worship God, to grow in faith and community,
and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.*



Bowie Interfaith Pantry



Open for distribution and service 9 AM-11 AM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
We are closed on holidays.

Located at: Christian Community Presbyterian Church
(in the Education Building at the rear of the parking lot)
3120 Belair Drive — Bowie MD 20715

Visit our website: www.bowiefoodpantry.org

E-mail us: BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com **Phone:** 301-262-6765

Thank you for your continued support!

Imagine - Yoga & Wellness Center



Located in the CE building, offers yoga and a variety of wellness programs to CCPC members and the community. For more information, visit www.ImagineThePlace.com, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail Ann@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

Belair Cooperative Nursery School

The school is a non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-partisan organization.
It's located in the CE Building of Christian Community Presbyterian Church.
Call 301- 464-5782 or Email info@belaircoop.org



www.belaircoop.org

