



# WINDOWS

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## Join the Work of Living Waters for the World

The supply of clean water in our world is becoming more and more critical with each passing day. Forty percent of the world's population does not have access to clean water resulting in the loss of 5 million lives due to water-borne diseases each year. To address this critical need our own Synod of Living Waters has taken the example of Jesus Christ with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in John 4:13-14 ("Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.") to establish a Christ-centered ministry devoted to leading those who have no access to clean water to the living water of Jesus Christ that never runs dry by working alongside these needy friends to help them install water purification systems to purify their existing water supplies.

The name given to this outreach ministry of our synod is **Living Waters For the World** ([www.livingwatersfortheworld.org](http://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org)). In order to train church teams to participate in the installation of water purification systems Living Waters For the World has established the Clean Water University in two locations -- Hopewell Camp and Conference Center in Oxford, Mississippi and Calvin Crest Camp and Conference Center in Oakhurst, California. The curriculum consists of three concurrent workshops that are held over a 4-1/2 day period. The three workshops include: (1) Learn the fundamentals of team leadership, field survey, water testing, and partnership development; (2) Learn the health, hygiene and spiritual curriculum, teach other course participants, and finally become capable to lead the training for in-country instructors; and (3) Build a fully functioning water treatment system from the ground up, culminating in the production of clean water.

In order to have at least one participant in each class we need to send a team of at least three people. The remaining sessions at the Hopewell Camp and Conference Center for this year will be held on the following dates -- (1) July 6-10, 2010 and (2) September 15-19, 2010. If we send a team of three or more the cost per participant is \$550, and we need to commit to the purchase of a complete water purification system, which costs \$2400. Currently **Tom King, Leigh King and Parke Morris** are registered for the July 6-10 session. **J.B Madison, Chris Shaw and Matt Williams**

are committed to attend the September 15-19 session. Anyone that would like to join either of these teams would be welcome to do so. Please contact Tom King at [tfk@btes.tv](mailto:tfk@btes.tv) or 423-968-2453 or the church office to notify us of your interest and which session you would like to attend. Scholarship funds are available upon request.

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee commends this mission outreach effort to our entire congregation, young and old, as a way in which we as a church can use the provision of these water purification systems as a means of establishing a lasting Christ-centered relationship with those in need near and far. A DVD on Living Waters For the World is available in the church office for checkout by anyone seeking more information. We also encourage you to check out their website at [www.livingwatersfortheworld.org](http://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org). We will soon have a full scale water filtration system kindly loaned to us by First Presbyterian, Kingsport, on display in our church for your observation and interest.

## Presbytery Task Force Seeks Input on Mission Priorities

The Holston Presbytery Council has appointed a task force to review the vision and mission of the presbytery and determine which programs, ministries, and committee activities are most relevant and vital in fulfilling our vision and mission.

The task force is composed of the Rev. Louis Imsande, the Rev. Gary Kelly, the Rev. George Rolling, the Rev. Dan Donaldson, Rebecca Nunley (First Church, Elizabethton), Wilse Bishop (Colonial Heights Church), and **Beth Flannagan** (First Church, Bristol).

At the June 5, 2010 stated presbytery meeting, small groups were asked to discuss three questions:

- What do you see as the three most important ministries of the Presbytery?
- What is your vision for the Presbytery? 5 years? 10 years?
- What is the greatest opportunity that the Presbytery is overlooking?
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The Task Force also solicits your comments, which may be shared with the Council Task Force on Mission Priorities, at [holstontaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:holstontaskforce@gmail.com). The Task Force will bring recommendations to the August 30 Presbytery Council meeting.

## Sharing Christ Downtown Mission

We are pleased to be serving the evening meal at Sharing Christ Mission downtown on Saturday, June 19. You can help in a number of ways: cooking food in advance, serving the food that day, and preparing sack lunches to give to the guests. To find out more or to sign up, contact coordinator **Tammy Connolly** (423.968.3831) or call the church office (423.764.7176).

## Presbyterian Women Celebration on July 13

It's First Presbyterian's turn to host the annual area-wide celebration, which will be **Tuesday, July 13, 2010.**

Registration 10:30

Program 11:00

Lunch to follow

Come and enjoy the program and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

## Vacation Bible School/ 2010

"Sonquest: Rainforest"

July 19-21

Now registering children, as well as adult volunteers for this great week of ministry!

Forms available . . .

- weekdays in the church office
- Sundays on the table in the "Fellowship Hallway"

*For more information, call the church office or VBS Director Lilly Osborne.*

## Church Seeks Applicants for Staff Positions

First Presbyterian Church is currently welcoming applications for the following positions:

**Director of Children's Ministries:** 20 hours per week. This person will coordinate the various children's ministries of Christian education and nurture, including Nursery, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and fellowship groups, for children from birth through Grade 5.

**Communications Staff:** Estimated 10 hours per week. Primarily responsible for writing, updating, and maintaining content on the church website plus production and distribution of church newsletter in digital format. Other print publications (brochures, booklets, reports) as well.

Anyone interested in either position is encouraged to send cover letter with resume to Personnel Committee, First Presbyterian Church, 701 Florida Avenue, Bristol, TN 37620. If they prefer, applicants may send these items electronically to [bgallier@fpcbristol.org](mailto:bgallier@fpcbristol.org). **Please submit applications by June 15.**

### *Library News from Bill Wade*

## **A Choice “Buffet” for Early Summer Reading**

Sir Francis Bacon wrote that “some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.” So here is one book that should not initially be read straight through, from cover to cover. It’s not that kind. Imagine instead that you are at a festive buffet, with a tempting array of morsels and delicacies before you. You will sample and selectively choose those which are most suitable to your mood and taste.

That’s the way you should approach Belief: Readings on the Reason for Faith, our “Book of the Week.” It’s a delightful collection of essays, both short and long, that explore various aspects of our faith. Its collector and editor, Francis S. Collins, is one of the world’s leading geneticists and former head of the national Human Genome Project. A strong Christian, he is also the author of The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidences for Belief, which is also in our church library.

In this volume he has assembled a choice array of essays by well-known Christian writers, each exploring aspects of faith from a personal view. His authors include N. Tom Wright, Madeleine L’Engle, Elton Trueblood, Dorothy Sayers, Desmond Tutu, Martin Luther King, Jr., John Polkinghorne, C. S. Lewis, Thomas Merton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Mother Teresa, G. K. Chesterton, and others. With an array of writers like this you can’t go wrong! Their selections are divided into subject chapters which are equally inviting – “Loving God With All Your Mind,” “Faith and the Problem of Evil and Suffering,” “Faith and the Cry for Justice,” “The Harmony of Science and Faith,” “Love and Forgiveness as Pointers to God,” “The Irrationality of Atheism” and others. The whole adds up to a broadly rich and varied collection of readings which are equally good for devotional meditation or for more serious study and reflection.

Collins suggests that the reader should first read Anglican Bishop Tom Wright’s opening essay which is a summary of the modern case for faith and reason and then head off “in whatever direction you find the most interesting – or the most vexing. If you encounter

an essay that doesn't speak to you, move on to another one within the same theme. If you find a selection to be particularly helpful, seek out other works by that author – there is a wealth of material out there.” That's good advice. And who knows? You may be so taken with these selections that you will resolve after all to read the whole book from cover to cover. And that's okay; Bacon said there are some books that should be thoroughly chewed and digested! It's on the display table in the library waiting for you.

## Music Program News

**Music Participants:** The Sanctuary Choir will sing in worship through July 4, then soloists will provide music leadership for the 11:00 service through August 1.

**Programs of Note:** Be sure to check out the Paramount's schedule for the Friday summer series “Tunes at Noon,” underwritten by our own **Frances Caldwell** in memory of her late husband David. This Friday, June 11, the Bristol Music Club's scholarship winners will perform, then on Friday, June 25, clarinetist Gene Jones will be accompanied by **Vicki Fey**.

**Barter Theatre:** In the Barter Theatre's current production of the musical “Annie” our own **Annie Osborne** plays the part of one of the orphans for certain performances. The Feys will secure group tickets for the **July 15** matinee show. Call us at church if you would like to be part of this group. Ticket price info will be in the next newsletter.

**The Lord's Prayer:** There are many musical settings of the Lord's Prayer, the most familiar being Malotte's version sung frequently at weddings. For the 11:00 service this week, to highlight Gordon's sermon on prayer, the congregation will sing a version found in our hymnal. The tune is a West Indian folk melody, and the form is “call and response,” with a leader intoning the first few words of each phrase, and the response following. There will be a brief congregational rehearsal prior to the beginning of worship.

**Choir Anthem:** The anthem text for this Sunday, *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* is set to the familiar early American hymn tune HOLY MANNA and is arranged by composer David Ashley White. White is the Director of the Moores School of Music at the University of Houston where he also teaches composition and theory. Both his sacred and secular compositions are widely performed and published and his hymns can be found in a number of hymnals, including *The Hymnal 1982* (Episcopal), *The United Methodist Hymnal*, and in a collection of his hymns *Sing My Soul: David Ashley White Hymnal*. The text, attributed to 19<sup>th</sup>-century author George Atkins, makes several references to prayer, proclaiming finally that “Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.”

-Steve & Vicki



## This Week in Worship

**June 13** Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Scriptures:** Psalm 13, Luke 11:1-13

**Sermon:** "Means of Grace: Prayer" by Dr. Gordon Turnbull

**Hymns:** *How Firm a Foundation ; Our Father, Which Art in Heaven; Lead On, O King Eternal*

**Anthem:** *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

### 8:30 a.m. Worship

Led by the Praise Team  
Fellowship Hall

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Led by the Sanctuary Choir  
Sanctuary

## Congratulations!

We celebrate the birth of **Liza Jane Burns** on June 4 in Greenville, SC. Her parents are Sarah Connor Burns and Mike Burns. Her very proud grandparents are **John and Mary Connor**.



## Mowing Teams

**This Week: June 14-18**

**Jim White**

**Next Week: June 21-25**

**Brian Miller**

**Roger Sikorski**

Highly coveted spaces are still available on the church's mowing teams! Anyone wishing to participate can call the church office to serve, or be in touch with **Con Sauls**. Thanks!

## More Grads!

**Tyler Nelson Grubbs** graduated May 28, 2010 from Cardinal Mooney High School in Sarasota, Florida. He will be attending the University of Tennessee.

**Ronald Lee Grubbs, III** Graduated May 30, 2010 from Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. He will be attending the University of Virginia.

## In Our Prayers

### Cathy Andersen

*Please pick up a "Pray for One Another" list at church*

## By the Numbers

June 6, 2010

Worship at 8:30 a.m.:	122
Sunday School:	139
Worship at 11:00 a.m.:	124

## Birthday Prayer Fellowship

June 13	Ben Daniels Heather Esser
June 14	Stephanie Blaylock Janie Briscoe Robbie Pollard Betsy Turnbull
June 15	Christian Guldseth David Moore
June 16	Jennifer Wampler
June 17	Drew Bailey Laura Bassett Emily Hyder Serena Walker Bill Whisnant
June 18	Rocky Rausch
June 19	Kevin Buck Gavin Guldseth Parker Sword Bill Whitaker
June 20	Paul Blair Stuart Parker
June 21	Con Sauls Abbie Ramey
June 22	Melinda Akard Barbara Hallum Rob Simmons
June 23	Ruthie Blair Juanita Goforth Julie Vanaman

June 24      Blake McFerrin  
June 25      Frankie Trammell  
June 26      Tom Faucette

## Happening This Week (and Next!)

### Sunday, June 13

8:30 am    Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:45 am    Sunday School  
11:00 am    Worship, Sanctuary

### Tuesday, June 15

9:00 am    Staff Meeting  
10:00 am    Prayer Group  
7:00 pm    Heart to Heart Bible Study  
7:30 pm    Troop 3 Scouts

### Wednesday, June 16

8:00 am    USDA Commodity Distribution in Fellowship Hall  
1:00 pm    Women's Bible Study

### Thursday, June 17

7:00 am    Men's Bible Study

### Friday, June 18

10:00 am    Finance Committee

### Saturday, June 19

2:00 pm    Troop 3 Eagle Court of Honor  
5:30 pm    Sharing Christ Mission

### Sunday, June 20

8:30 am    Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:45 am    Sunday School  
11:00 am    Worship, Sanctuary  
1:30 pm    Evangelism & Outreach Committee

### Monday, June 21

4:45 pm    Administration Committee

### Tuesday, June 22

9:00 am    Staff Meeting  
10:00 am    Prayer Group  
7:30 pm    Troop 3 Scouts

### Tuesday, June 24

7:00 am    Men's Bible Study

## **Our Mission**

As disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
we are a community of believers,  
called by God to glorify and serve God  
through worship and witness.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we reach out to share  
God's saving love and grace  
with people in Bristol  
and throughout the world.