

The Cherokee Chat

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What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling...

Read the book *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the American Church* (Oxford 2010) and join us for discussion before the presbytery meeting in Dalton, 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 28. The book is available for *Nook* and *Kindle* for \$9.48. Fritz Bogar will be our discussion leader.

Clergy Colleague Groups can build support networks

Our Board of Pensions has promised some financial support to encourage the development of Clergy Colleague Groups in our presbytery. Details are on-line at http://web.pensions.org/Publications/pensions/Home/Forms%20%26%20Publications/Booklets%20%26%20Brochures/CCG_brochure.pdf or by phone from Gwen Holmes Abrams at 1.800.773.7752, ext. 7453. The Nurturing Disciples Team and the Spiritual Development Team stand ready to help with the application process and with the life of any group formed.

And the winner is . . .

New Lebanon PC was the first in Cherokee Presbytery to enter their 2011 statistics online. Jerry Rogers is their clerk of session. February 22 is the last day churches will be able to edit or enter their data. The Clerk's Annual Questionnaire for 2011 is also due by that date. Be sure to thank your clerk for handling these year-end details.

Don't forget the Sewing Workshop Sat. Jan 21, 9 to 4

hosted by the Craft Circle at Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Lunch and snacks will be provided. For questions or to RSVP, contact Lynn Hall ([770-552-0949](tel:770-552-0949)) or Lynne Buchanan ([404-234-5063](tel:404-234-5063)).

Rebuilding Hope in Haiti – Two years later

Two years after the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti, many people who gave to charities are asking why they are not seeing more progress. The answer is often that charitable groups were focused on the immediate needs with little emphasis on long term recovery. This is what sets the response by PC(USA) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance apart from other relief efforts in Haiti. PDA placed a strong emphasis on working with longstanding local and ecumenical partners. These Haitian partners already had the trust of local communities before the quake struck, and so they were able to help facilitate the ongoing PC(USA) response. We are working to maintain and use these long-time partnerships to help repair and rebuild homes, support agricultural sustainability, empower people who became disabled from the earthquake, and promote long term recovery. Visit the PC(USA) [Haiti Response web page](#) for stories and updates on some of the ways YOU are walking with Haitians as they rebuild their lives.

The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women

will be July 18-22, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. The theme is *River of Hope*. To learn more or to register, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering. The Gathering, held once every three years, is an opportunity for Presbyterian women from across the country (and around the world!) to gather for worship, education, community-building, fun and renewal.

Remember in your prayers:

~ The memorial service for Jan Boehm will be Friday, January 27, 1:00 p.m. at Southminster Presbyterian Church. Jan was mission coordinator of Cherokee PW.

~ News was received of the death of Humphrey Kanga's brother-in-law in Narok, Africa while he was working with the Kenya Police and was shot by thugs. Humphrey was a Candidate in Cherokee Presbytery and is now serving at *Kenya Connection for Kids International* in Chuka, Meru-South, Kenya, Africa.

One Church, Many Locations, Following Christ Together

January 23, 2012 – *Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week*: Bethany Presbyterian Church located at 4644 Sandy Plains Road in Cobb County. Organized in 1987, the church provides worship services in English and Korean languages. The Rev. Byeongho Choi is pastor, Rev. Peter Lim is Associate Pastor for English Speaking Ministry, and Hanna Kim is Youth English Ministry Pastor. Sungae Lim is Children's Pastor, and Onyou Son is Kindergarten Pastor. Charlie Cheong is Clerk of Session. Active membership is 663.

January 29, 2012 – *Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week*: First Presbyterian Church, Calhoun, in Gordon County where they relocated from downtown to 829 Redbud Road near I-75. Calhoun First PC was organized in 1847 as Mt. Zion PC. The Reverend Pete Ullmann is Pastor, and Laurie Kersey is Clerk of Session. Active membership is 161.

Presbytery Calendar:

January 17, 6:00 p.m. – Committee on Preparation
January 17, 7:00 p.m. – Cherokee Retreat Center Board
January 19, 5:00 p.m. Presbytery Coordinating Team
January 21, 9 to 4 – Sewing Workshop at Eastminster PC
January 23, 11:30 a.m. – Ministry Support Team
January 23, 2:00 p.m. – Mission Team
January 23-27 – Interim Pastor Training, Calvin Center
February 2, 10:00 a.m. – Lectio Divina, Presbytery Office
February 8, 11:00 a.m. – Nominating Committee
February 14, 12:30 – Women Clergy Luncheon
February 28, 10:00 a.m. – Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery at Dalton First PC
March 3 – New Church Development Celebration
June 3 – Summer Camp begins at Camp Cherokee

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