

The Cherokee Chat

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There is still time.

Santa Shoppe on Sixes is **Saturday, December 10**, 10:00 to 2:00 at Sixes Presbyterian Church with vendors, crafts, food and more. You can also purchase a raffle ticket for a week at the Mountain Loft Resort in Gatlinburg. For more information, contact the church office at 770-485-1975.

Coordinating Team will have a special meeting

You are invited to attend a special Presbytery Coordinating Team meeting on Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church to consider the Fellowship of Presbyterians and other possibilities for churches that are concerned about 10A. No need to make a reservation, just come. Anyone interested in the subject may attend. No meal will be served, so eat before you come. Mars Hill PC is at the intersection of Mars Hill Road and Highway 41 in Acworth.

There were twenty-seven of us!

We squeezed into the presbytery office meeting room and reviewed changes in the *Book of Order* and how they affect work of the sessions. Rebecca Blackwell reviewed helpful resources listing 10 top things to do now and 10 things to do later. There were 14 clerks of session and 6 session moderators plus other interested persons who gave up their Saturday morning on December 3 to come to this workshop. Tasks before those present include setting local policies to reflect the nFOG, preparing end-of-year statistics, and reviewing 2011 session minutes.

Seminar to Greece is October 2012

During this 11-day study experience, October 2 - 12, 2012, participants will visit Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Heraklion, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, and Thessaloniki – including a three-day cruise to the Greek Isles and Turkey. Sponsored by Columbia Seminary's Center for Lifelong Learning Spirituality Program – in collaboration with NAWAS International Travel – this seminar will be led by V. Bruce Rigdon, PhD, President Emeritus, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, and Deedra Rich, Interim Associate Director, Spirituality & Lifelong Learning. For details or to register, click [here](#).

Congratulations to Ed Langham on his re-Retirement!

Minister Member Ed Langham was honorably retired in 1994 after 40 years of ministry. Since that time he served God's people in an interim position at Chickamauga Presbyterian Church and then outside the bounds in a stated supply position at First Presbyterian Church, Spring City, TN. Ed recently announced that he will retire, again, at the end of this year.

If you are planning an officer training retreat and are looking for a place to have it, keep in mind that Cherokee Retreat Center can accommodate you. It's a short drive away and details can be customized to fit your needs. Call Kelly Howington at 678-848-5739 or visit the website www.cherokeeretreatcenter.com.

They are on their way:

Thanks to the good efforts of YOU – in the congregations – confirmation was received that 24 baby kits are on their way to a hospital in the Congo, 80 school kits are on their way to a school in Malawi run by PCUS missionaries, and 97 hygiene kits are being distributed by Church World Service. The effort was coordinated by Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery.

Please pray for: Minister Member Roger Martin and wife Julie's son James McClung (Mac) Martin, 47, was admitted to the Oncology Unit at Floyd Medical on Sunday, November 27 with abdominal and cerebral pain. They were awaiting results of various scans.

One Church, Many Locations, Following Christ Together

December 11, 2011 – Prayers for: Specialized Ministries – for Mike Jackson, Jan Rhodes and Frank Weathersby who serve as Pastoral Counselors; for Jennifer Lee, Cathy Meyer and Debbie Wells, who serve as health care Chaplains; for Darrell Guder, Stephen Hayner, and George Stroup, who serve Seminary Faculties; for Sam Bridges and David Horton, serving as Air Force Chaplains; and Jose Pezini serving Outreach Foundation.

December 18, 2011 – Prayers for: Specialized Lay Ministries: for Kelly Howington, Director of Cherokee Retreat Center; for Dan Boles, Lay Campus Minister for Kennesaw State University; and for Sheri Groves, Lay Campus Minister for Berry College.

Presbytery Calendar:

December 8, 6:00 p.m. – Presbytery Coordinating Team
December 10 10-2 – *Santa Shoppe on Sixes*
December 11 – Installation Service for Blake Hudson
December 12, 7:30 p.m. – Career Transitions workshop
December 13, 12:30 – Women Clergy Lunch @ Zeta's
December 15, 7:00 p.m. – Committee on Ministry (BBQ @6)
December 23 – January 2 – Presbytery Office closed
December 31 – Presbytery financial books close for 2011
January 7, 9:30 – Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
January 7, 10:00 – Spiritual Development Team
January 9, 10:00 – New Church Development Commission
January 11, 11:00 – Nominating Committee
January 16 – Martin Luther King Day – Pby. Office closed
January 23-27 – Interim Pastor Training, Calvin Center

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 a.m. – Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery. We still need a place to meet.

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