

The Cherokee Chat

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Statewide Disaster Assistance Training canceled:

The PDA training scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2010, has been canceled due to low registration. Ken McKenzie, who was to lead the event, will make the training available via internet at a later date.

Welcome to our newest member and correspondents.

The Reverend Gil Ward is our newest minister member. He was received at the presbytery meeting July 24. Gil is Honorably Retired, and he and his wife, The Reverend Joan Ward, have a home at Presbyterian Village. Gil comes to us from Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

Rev. Paulo Fernando Mendes (Greater Atlanta) has been approved by the COM to labor within the bounds of Cherokee Presbytery to serve the Brazilian Christian Church as a temporary supply pastor. A contract is being negotiated for Rev. Dana Hughes (Greater Atlanta) to serve as transitional pastor at Grace New Church Development. Grace NCD will be chartered in November.

For Such a Time as This!

Cherokee Presbytery was represented at this year's Presbyterian Youth Triennium event at Purdue University in July. Ellen Sanders from Cartersville First PC organized our delegation of youth: Hannah Dunlap, Weston Melton (Cartersville First), Xavier Gordon (Rockmart), Kayla Robinson (Trinity), and Tyler Melton (Eastminster). Our youth joined 6,000 other Presbyterians from across the nation and world, participated in small groups, attended worship with speakers such as Bruce Reyes-Chow and Tony Campolo, and came home energized and excited about their faith. We hope that youth from your church will participate in the next PYT in 2013!

Tell us what you think about communications.

A communications survey form was distributed at the July 24 presbytery meeting requesting your opinions about the Presbytery Website, *Rebecca's Blog*, and the *Cherokee Chat*, plus other media. If you would like to complete one of the surveys, the form will be posted on our website, or contact the presbytery office to have it emailed to you.

Please remember in your prayers:

~ Connie Beauchamp, Moderator of the Mission Team, in Rome Hospital rehab for injuries she received in an auto accident in Alabama on July 20.
~ Bridget Waddell's brother and family, who lost their home and possessions in a fire over the weekend.
~ Joe Brice, as he continues to recover from a procedure to repair a hole in his heart.

Fall Leadership Event is August 21, 9:00 to 3:00.

Pre-registration by August 10 is \$20. If you register at the door, it will be \$30. Prices included lunch.

Growing Christ's Church Deep and Wide:

The call to grow in evangelism, discipleship, Servanthood and diversity was adopted by the 2008 General Assembly and renewed by the 2010 General Assembly. There are many stories about PCUSA congregations responding to this call to "*Grow Christ's Church Deep and Wide.*" The **Providence PC** has some stories to share, and maybe you have some to share as well. Their group of ladies called *Christ Crafters* has made Chrismon ornaments, adult bibs for the nursing home, and scarves for American Indians. They have also collected coupons for military families in Japan and made 50 hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The church has also organized a program for their group of seniors which travels each month to various venues around the state.

For your bulletin and newsletter:

August 1, 2010 – *Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week:* Mars Hill Presbyterian Church organized in 1837 in Cobb County and located at 3385 Mars Hill Road, Acworth. Active membership is 490. The Reverend Bryant Harris is Pastor. Clerk of Session is Ernie Hawley.

August 8, 2010 – *Cherokee Presbytery Church of the week:* Menlo Presbyterian Church, originally named Alpine, was organized in 1853 in the western part of Chattooga County near the Alabama border on Edison Street in Menlo. The congregation is yoked with the Cloudland Church. Membership is 13. The Clerk of Session is Iva Nelle Spears.

Presbytery Calendar:

August 1, 3:00 p.m. – Todd Reinschmidt Ordination
August 2, 10:30 a.m. – Campus Ministry @ Ga. Tech
August 5, 10:00 a.m. – Nominating Committee
August 10, 9:00 a.m. – Ministry Support Team
August 10 – Tri-Presbytery New Church Development
August 12, 3:00 p.m. – Mission Team @ Parkway PC
August 15, 4:00 p.m. – Pete Ullmann Installation
August 17, 5:00 p.m. – Presbytery Coordinating Team
August 17, 6:30 p.m. – Committee on Preparation
August 21, 9 to 3 – Tri-Presbytery Fall Leadership Event
August 26, 6:30 p.m. – Committee on Ministry
September 2 – Luncheon for New Pastors in Presbytery
September 9, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. – Lectio Divina @ CRC
September 13, 2:00 p.m. – Nurturing Disciples Team
September 13-14 – First Call Pastors Retreat
September 18 – Youth Paintball Day at Mars Hill PC
September 21, 6:30 Cherokee Retreat Center Board
September 28, 5:30 – Presbytery Meeting @ Rockmart PC
October 11, 1:00 p.m. – Presbyterian Answer to Hunger
October 14 – Synod of South Atlantic Meeting
October 18-20 – Montreat Wee Kirk Conference
October 22-24 – PW Synod of South Atlantic Gathering
November 11-13 – Engage Evangelism Conference

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