

# The Chimes

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## From Pastor John Conley

### HE'S OUT AHEAD, HE IS BEFORE US

Upon the death of Jesus, it is asked, "Where is Jesus now?" Some believe there was no resurrection and that he is in an unmarked tomb. The Apostle's Creed states he is *at the right hand of God the Father Almighty*. As for me? I am relying on Mark's words (16:7): *He is going ahead of you* [to Galilee].

In Mark there is not an ending but a new beginning. Why Galilee? It is where Jesus called the first disciples. Now he's going to do it again.

*He is going before* reminds us of the Exodus. You remember? That journey across the wilderness from Egypt into the Promised Land, from slavery to freedom, during which God *went before* the Israelites. *A pillar of fire by night, a pillar of cloud by day?* So maybe saying Jesus is going before us is to say we're still on a journey. Jesus is still here to free us from whatever it is that holds us in bondage from the kind of life God has for us.

He is going before you. That means he is always out in front of us. Which means we don't possess him. He is not our Jesus. He is especially not My Jesus. We cannot domesticate him. He is always out there, leading us on. So that if anybody says the *status quo* is the way God wants it, then they don't know the resurrected Lord who is always before us.

And if anyone says we have to put up with society the way it is right now, we have to endure the injustice in all the forms that it takes in our society, if we have to accept poverty and all the terrible consequences of it in society, if we have to assume that the plague of violence is something we must live with, if you say anything is inevitable in this world, then you do not know the resurrected Christ, who is going before us.

### MARCH WITH THE MINISTER

John Conley plans to visit with every member of the church in their home or at the church during this month. Can you give John a half-hour to sit and talk about the congregation? The things of which you are proud? Your concerns? Unfinished business? New directions you see in our future?

Each Sunday there will be a list of available meeting times and John will also be making calls to you as well. Call him at 903.874.3781.

### New Elders Installed/Ordained January 20, 2013

Six ruling elders were ordained and/or installed January 20, 2013: Class of 2015 – Marsha Banks (ordained & installed), Cindy Beasley (ordained & installed), Seth Brown (ordained & installed), and Mike Miller (installed); Class of 2014 unexpired terms – Ann Coker for Beverly Barnette (term began at election - installed), and Amber Johnson (for Priscilla Clore starting January 1, 2013 – ordained & installed).

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# What's Going On Around Here?

## 2013 Moderator Reports and Excerpts

### Outreach: Marsha Banks

Outreach is taking shape as we begin 2013. If you feel called to serve on this committee or assist in its mission, please call me (903.872.3395) and I'm sure we can find a place for your talents. Suggestions and concerns are always appreciated.

Teddy bears and stuffed animals collected during Advent have been delivered to CASA. CASA was most happy to receive these.

Donations to the Food Pantry are always needed and deeply appreciated. Remember that non-perishable items are collected in the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall and taken to the pantry on a weekly basis or as needed.



**Remember the Food Pantry**

### Treasurer: Bill Maupin

Bill Maupin was elected the 2013 Treasurer. Bill reported to the February 18, 2013 session meeting that January 2013 had been a break-even month; however, with the money from both pledges and trusts down and our expenses roughly \$4,000 more than we are receiving in income, we may have to make some serious cuts as the year progresses.

### FAS: Ken Cavanaugh

	Finances for January	
Total Sources of funds		\$31,633
Total Expenses		\$29,926

Looking at the numbers above you would have to say so far so good; however, the 2013 budget is an unbalanced budget with the difference covered by the cash in our operating fund at the end of 2012.

Since we do not anticipate the trust fund income soon returning to the levels of the past, we must use our resources wisely to avoid having to make very difficult decisions with the 2014 budget.

We will keep everyone informed throughout the year with articles in the **Chimes** and quarterly reports at Sunday services.

### Grace Presbytery Commissioner: Charles Irvine

Charles Irvine was elected the 2013 commissioner for Grace Presbytery. Cindy Miller attended the February Grace Presbytery Meeting and returned with a detailed report on the proceedings, including the news that Westminster may now send 2 commissioners to presbytery and that two scholarships are available for high school graduates this year.

### Christian Education CEP: Donna Ralston

Finally! Our fulltime Child Enrichment Program is open. Our days of operation are Monday through Friday with hours from 7:15 am to 5:30 pm. We have gotten off to a really good start. We still have some spots for more kids, except for our infant class, which is full.

Although we are sad to lose our current pre-school teacher, Laurie Bedsole, we are thrilled that the new teacher is our own Carole Motley. She has the education (certified elementary teacher) and experience we sought. She loves the kids and they all love her. She will enhance our curriculum with Bible stories.

As you may know, Linda Denbow is a volunteer through the Child and Family Program. Linda provides *Character* lessons for the children. She also has provided some teacher training for our staff. Linda, a certified school counselor and teacher, brings her expertise and experience to our program. We have excellent leadership from our director Meagan Gould, also a certified elementary teacher. Our Assistant Director, Angie Young, has an Associates Degree. She returned from maternity leave on February 25 with baby Ava Grace. Our 3 year old class teacher, Ashley Dawson is currently studying for her teaching credentials. Erica McIntyre, Sherie Farmer, Michelle Tyler, and Victoria Taylor, our other staff members, are experienced and loving. Ron Motley leads the children in chapel every Monday. The kids love it. One of the CEP moms said, "Logan says when he grows up he will be a teacher, baseball player, choo-choo man and Mr. Ron man!!"

Our program is definitely not your average child care location. We strive to be the best in town. So please spread the word with parents and friends who may have a need for our program. Tell them about our Facebook page where there are lots of pictures of activities at CEP such as "pet day," Valentine's parties and lots more.

### Worship: Nancy Smith

The Worship Team has been busily working on plans for Holy Week (see schedule, p. 3). Also, all worship responsibilities were reviewed at the February meeting and updated, as needed.

## Member Address Updates

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**Mary Kaster:** 2810 Coldwater Court, Midlothian, TX 76065-6607

**Myra Lanier:** 3004 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Apt. 621, Corsicana, TX 75110. Phone: 903.874.3495 (same)

# Holy Week Calendar

## **Palm Sunday (March 24): 11:00 a.m.**

The Choir presents the Palm Sunday Cantata  
arranged by Sandra Huffman:  
*One Day in Jerusalem*

## **Palm Sunday Dinner: 6 p.m.**

## **Palm Sunday Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m.**

The Reverend Dr. Robert Crilley

## **Monday (March 25): Noon**

Lunch and Bible Study with Reverend Crilley

**7 p.m.** FourTwelve will be our guest presenters for  
worship (reception following)

## **Thursday (March 28): 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday communion "He Took A Cup"**

Where Palm Sunday remembers the masses who  
greeted Jesus, on Thursday Jesus gives his  
*mandatum* (meaning command from which we  
derive the name Maundy), "Go and love one  
another as I have loved you." John 15:12

**Good Friday (March 29): 7 p.m. Tenebrae  
Service** (The darkening of the church in accordance  
with the crucifixion of Jesus)

## **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER (March 31)**

**6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service by Ron Motley and  
the youth at the home of Chip & Debbie Rich,  
214 Collins Lane**

**11:00 a.m. Easter Service:** Everyone will be  
invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

## **Child and Family Program Update February 2013**

My name is Pamela Stover and I am working with the  
Presbyterian Child and Family Program located at the  
Westminster Presbyterian Church in Corsicana, Texas. I am  
an advanced practice Master's of Social Work (MSW) intern in  
my last semester of graduate school at Baylor University.  
After graduation in May, I plan to embark on a new career as a

social worker specializing in equine assisted counseling with  
families, couples, and children.

I am no stranger to serving people at their worst; for I have  
been a registered nurse for 30 years. Serving members of the  
human race in their darkest days has always been my passion.  
This passion strengthened as I grew-up in my Grandparent's  
funeral home and as I matured in my desire to please Jesus  
Christ, my Hope and Savior.

I want to express my deepest appreciation for your support  
of the many programs Presbyterian Children's Homes and  
Services offers, but especially for the Child and Family  
Program. Without your support and prayers many children  
and their families would continue in hopelessness, turmoil and  
brokenness. Not to mention the opportunities aspiring social  
workers, like me, would lose. Your generosity to social work  
internship placements provides quality real world experience  
for the social work intern to build competencies in assisting  
clients find quality solutions for their life struggles. You are  
yourselves like Jesus sending out the twelve to spread the  
Good News.

Through internships, MSWs are able to work with families,  
groups and individuals in crises, turning chaos to calm, fear to  
courage, and hopelessness to hope for the future. One of those  
families assisted through counseling by the MSW intern at  
Child and Family Program, came to the office wanting us to  
"fix" their children. This is a blended family of eight with six  
children ages 2 to 18 and relationships have been strained for  
over a year. At the assessment, it was clear the parents had  
lost control. Discipline, healthy boundaries, mutual respect  
and positive relationships had been lost. Home was chaotic  
and not the safe haven it once was. None of the tried and true  
"fixes" of the past were working, so the parents were  
desperate for a new system to bring the household back to its  
earlier harmony. These issues were starting to spill into the  
children's school lives as seen by poor school behavior and  
decreased school performance.

After assessing the situation, a plan to re-establish simple  
measurable and attainable rules was set. These rules were set  
for each child with individualized consequences. After all,  
rules needed for the 18 year old are far different from rules  
needed by the 2 year old. What happened to the rules the  
parents used once upon a time? These rules became useless  
because they did not grow and change as the children grew  
and changed. This caused resentment, animosity, and many  
days and nights of wailing and gnashing of teeth. The solution  
of rules setting was accompanied by teaching the use of  
effective communication for the whole family; between Mom  
and Dad, parents and siblings, and sibling and sibling.

After meeting with the family weekly for five weeks, all  
household members report less yelling, more time for quality  
communication and an increase of relationship building  
opportunities and desire. These solutions are only lasting with  
continued work and encouragement. Work to assist the  
family put enduring solutions into place for a harmonious  
household continues, but great progress has been made.  
Progress is only made possible through your generous support  
of the Presbyterian Child and Family program, its staff and its  
MSW interns.



# JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK 2013



**Dr. Robert S. (Bob) Crilley**

*This year's Holy Week speaker is **Rev. Dr. Bob Crilley***

Dr. Crilley has been Pastor of First Presbyterian since May 1993. Bob is a gifted preacher who has the ability to communicate with the congregation as if he were talking to each member individually. He has won several preaching awards and authored the book "Veiled Glimpses of God's Glory" (CSS Publishing). He is a graduate of the University of Michigan (1984) with a BA in English Literature and Philosophy. He received his theological education at Princeton (Masters) and McCormack Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry). He was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Austin College. Bob enjoys reading, writing and playing the tuba (Lake Cities Community Band).

Son of the long-time pastor at Fort Street Presbyterian Church of Detroit and a native of Michigan, Bob is an avid fan of Detroit sports teams and his beloved UM Wolverines. Bob is married to Judy and they have three daughters.

**Join Dr. Crilley for dinner at 6 pm and worship at 7 pm on Palm Sunday evening, March 24  
and then again for lunch and Bible study at noon on Monday, March 25**

**MONDAY EVENING MARCH 25**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

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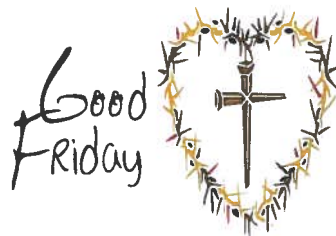
**LIVE IN CONCERT • 7 PM**



**Also...**



**Thursday,  
March 28  
7 pm**



**Friday,  
March 29  
7 pm**

## Christian Education

Ron Motley, Director of Christian Education



**LOGOS Beach Night, February 20, 2013**



### LOGOS News

We are having a great spring with our Wednesday Night LOGOS Ministry! Kids and volunteers have made it work!

Worship skills learned during Logos have already been seen in the Sunday worship service. This semester will end with a celebration night on April 17.

### Adult Education News

A big *thank you* goes out to Rev. John Conley and DCE Ron Motley for leading our combined adult Lenten series class.

### Easter Sunrise Services

DCE Ron Motley and the youth expect to again lead the Easter Sunrise Service at the lake home of Chip and Debbie Rich on March 31<sup>st</sup> about 6:30 a.m. Mike Miller offered to give rides to as many as his vehicle would hold.

## Providers of Food for LOGOS Spring Semester, 2013

Our providers of food and/or kitchen services for the 2013 LOGOS spring semester include: Shari & John Beck, Amelia and Jim Wood, Bob & Gretchen Young, Marsha Banks, Dottie Hathorn, Marlene Rodewald, Ken Cavanaugh, Mary Cooley, Charles Polk, Arliss Watson, Sue Beasley, Cindy Beasley, Ann Coker, Nancy Smith, Janice Larson, Donna Ralston, Wendy Cook, Ron and Carole Motley, Nan Kana, Jenny Bratton, Cindy Miller, D'awn Dailey, Amber Johnson, Lou Ann Armstrong, and Sarah Barron.

Most everyone on this list provided more than one dish and some provided a dish every month. As she has done every semester, Sue Beasley served in the kitchen at least half of the time this semester. Those that provided the main dish on several occasions gave an expensive offering for the ministry. And the multitaskers among us served as kitchen supervisors and cooks at the same time. Our explorers were willing to try new recipes and ideas in order to "keep with the theme" of the evening. And Charles Polk prepared the fellowship hall tables for the LOGOS evening every week, as well as the beverages!

**Thank All of You!**



**Logos Christmas Celebration  
Energizers, 11-28-2012**



# Child Enrichment Program (CEP) Activities

Our new program is off to a great start! January was the beginning of our five day program with extended hours from 7:15 am - 5:30 pm. We are now providing childcare for infants and children 6 weeks through preschool age. Our goal is to provide a nurturing, Christian- based, educational environment for the families in our community who share these same values. We are looking forward to the continuing growth of our program!



The CEP is so fortunate to have Linda Denbow working with us! Linda has been coming once a month to teach 'Character Class' to our PreK. The kids have learned important lessons about responsibility and other necessary traits that build character!



We have chapel with Mr. Ron every Monday. The kids always look forward to it! It is so wonderful that they have the opportunity to worship God at school! We appreciate the support from the church so much!



**Logos Winter Wonderland Snowball Fight, 1-9-2013**

## Presbyterian Women (PW)

*by Dottie Mayer, Moderator*



**Priscilla Clore receives the Christian Service Award from Presbyterian Women**

Some of our Presbyterian Women attended the Session Meeting on Dec.18, 2012. Those Women attending were Gretchen Young, Nancy Smith, Nan, Kana, Sarah Barron, Marsha Banks, Ann Coker, and Dottie Hathorn. Dottie presented a plaque of recognition to Priscilla Clore on behalf of Presbyterian Women of Westminster. Session members gave Priscilla a standing ovation. She will be missed.

## Where Love is, God is



Presbyterian Women, friends, and guests attended a special 2 p.m. Christmas presentation on Monday, December 10 of Reader's Theater, a dramatization of Leo Tolstoy's touching story, "Where Love is, God is." .... *Nancy Smith*

## XYZ (EXtra Years of Zest)

Members and friends of XYZ proved that *Music and Laughter are the best Medicine* at their February gathering. Would-be comics entertained with their favorite jokes and Sandra Huffman and Rob Larson sang upbeat tunes and also

led the entire group in a fun sing-along. A home cooked turkey and spaghetti lunch by Nancy Smith and Arliss Watson with fixings from attendees was enjoyed by all.

Join us March 19th at 11:45 for a great lunch, congenial company and a program that brings extra zest.....Nancy

**Westminster will participate in the Food for Fitness program by preparing meals on March 4, 6, and 8 and again on April 22, 24, and 26.**

.....Ann Coker.

## Appreciation for the Food for Fitness Program

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express what a blessing the Food for Fitness Program has done for Donald and me – especially me. I have been trying to do it all since he has been so ill and it had *caught up with me* until we asked to be part of this organization!

This has freed cooking time up beyond words so now I can keep the house going and, hopefully, be able to keep him at home all the way through.

God bless all of you.....June Lewis

## To the loving and generous congregation of Westminster

Thank you all for the thoughtful Christmas gift presented at our staff luncheon on December 20<sup>th</sup>. I am sure the other staff members join me in a large "Thank you" to session, the personnel committee and everyone connected with this gift.

May the blessings of the glorious season come to you and yours as we celebrate the birth and life of our Savior.

.....*Sandra Huffman, 12-23-2012*

## 2013 Vacation Bible School

A tentative date of June 24-28 has been set for Vacation Bible School this summer. Three churches are participating: Believer's Bible, St. John's, and Westminster. Wendy Cook expects to work with Westminster



**Walnut Christian Service Plaque given to Priscilla Clore.**