

February 16, 2012



Save the Date! 28th Annual Bach's Lunch March 5-9 12:15 p.m. Free Concert • Free Lunch

Celebrate Johann Sebastian Bach's 327th birthday with his music!
Concerts are at 12:15 p.m. in the Starmount Presbyterian sanctuary followed by a free lunch in the fellowship hall.
Free-will offerings accepted.

Monday, March 5	Wendy Rawls, violin; Scott Rawls, viola
Tuesday, March 6	Loretta James, organ
Wednesday, March 7	Michael Parker, piano
Thursday, March 8	Relevents Wind Quintet
Friday, March 9	Alicia Campbell, flute; Keiran Campbell, cello

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Pastor's Letter

"If you always do what you always did, then you'll always get what you always got." This old adage, of disputed authorship, may not be Biblical, but it certainly is faithful. It echoes the wisdom of the apostle Paul who says, "Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone and the new life has begun" (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is fundamentally, too, the church's historic theme for Lent.

Lent is the 40 day period (excluding Sundays) that leads to Jesus' resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday, and although many people think that Lent is a time to buckle down and try harder to be more like Jesus, to take on all manner of onerous tasks and to refrain from all manner of pleasures, the real heart of Lent is an invitation to hit the reset button on life and faith. Lent is not the time to do what we've always done just harder and faster and more diligently. It is instead an invitation to let go of all that is unproductive, unhelpful in life and to try something new, uplifting and life-giving on for size.

Lent challenges people of faith to experience God, experience faith in new ways, and Starmount is offering an abundance of opportunities and activities to help us become Christ's new creation.

- Experience the blessing of breaking bread together and eating as an intergenerational family of God at our weekly Wonderful Wednesday night meals at 5:45 p.m., February 22 – March 28.
- Participate in a quiet and meditative worship service of healing and wholeness on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. including an opportunity for individual prayer time with the pastoral staff.
- Let the blessings of music move you to a higher level at the Bach's Lunch free concerts and lunches during the week of March 5 -9 at 12:15 p.m.
- Join a small group study – Busy Christians, Lenten Learners, Sunday School classes for all ages, Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study, Presbyterian Women's Circle.

- Connect with Christ through a noon worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 5 on the day that Jesus instituted this sacrament or be moved by the choir's Easter cantata at our Good Friday, April 6 worship service.

Don't keep doing the same old things with your faith and expect live as Christ's new creation. Endeavor to do something different this year. Get with God's program, and let Lent change you for good.

See you in church!



WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

February 19 – *Transfiguration of the Lord*
Sunday – John Odom preaching.

February 22 - *Ash Wednesday* – 6:30 p.m.
Service with imposition of ashes in the sanctuary.

February 26 – *1st Sunday in Lent* – Installation of Linda Anderson on Session, John Odom preaching.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Would you like to put flowers in the sanctuary one Sunday in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone?

These dates are open:

March 18, April 1, April 29.

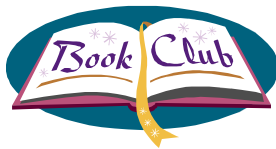
Just e-mail Brenda Valle at circle6@starmountpres.org or call her at home at 299-8234.

MOBILE MEALS RETIREMENTS AND DRIVING OPPORTUNITIES

A great big thank you to Randy and Glenda Lippard, Lee and Nan Goodson and Bruce Schick for their monthly service to Starmount Presbyterian and the senior citizens of Greensboro through the mobile meals ministry. Starmount provides Mobile Meals a once-a-month driving team to bring a hot lunch to homebound folks.

In light of the above retirements, mobile meals needs new drivers for Starmount's team. For more information, please contact Ray Shelton or Stan Dixon.

One Church; One Book



MARCH SELECTION

Brighten the Corner Where You Are
by Fred Chappell

Imagine one church reading one book and discussing. Check out a copy of Brighten the Corner Where You Are by Fred Chappell. Books are available in the church gathering space and lobby. Read this delightful book about a fictional North Carolina school teacher and join the book club discussion on **Wednesday, March 21**, noon in the church parlor.

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER & SERVICE February 22



Menu: Chicken Pie, Salad, Side & Dessert

Cost: \$6.00 Adults,
Kids (5 -11) \$3.00

Time: 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Service will follow in the Chapel

Please make your reservations by noon on Mondays. You can sign up at the church or online at www.starmountpres.org. You can pay at the door. You will be responsible for the cost of your dinner. Take-out is available.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

February 29

Menu: Roasted Pork Tenderloin
Baked Potato, Salad & Dessert

Program at 6:30:

"10 Minute Life Change"
Pastor John Odom

March 14

Menu: Baked Chicken, Salad with
Goat Lady Cheese, Side, Dessert

Program at 6:30 p.m.:

Steve Tate
Goat Lady Farm & CSA

March 28

Menu: Ham, Potato Casserole, Green
Beans, Dessert

Program at 6:30 p.m.:

Service for Healing & Wholeness

PASTORAL CARE

Do you know a hospitalized Starmount member or friend? Often during emergencies, the "religious affiliation" information is not relayed to the hospital. That means, our pastors and staff may not get the word that a Starmount member or friend is in the hospital.

We want to make sure our Starmount family is always on our hearts and prayers, especially during a hospital stay. Please help us, by calling the church and emailing John, Kathryn or Cynthia when you know of someone in the hospital - whether that person is your family member, a Starmount member or friend, or you!

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Honorary Life Membership

Presbyterian Women, we have the opportunity to nominate one of our own for Honorary Life Membership. The award recognizes those members of Starmount who have a commitment to Christ and the mission of the church.

A listing of members selected for this honor in the past is in the front of your PW Handbook.

If you have a deserving person in mind, please write a PERSONAL letter of nomination, along with the reasons you are nominating this person, (i.e.- faithful member of Starmount, committees, participation in church programs, etc.) No e-mails accepted, as well as no verbal communications. Nominations must be in writing.

Please submit sealed letters to Peggy Smith, Moderator. You may mail them to the church, marked to the attention of Peggy or leave them in the PW mailbox or Peggy's mailbox in the workroom. This is kept **SECRET** until the May Birthday Dinner when the selected honoree will be announced. **NOMINATIONS MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 29.**

Just for Women

2012 Starmount Women's Retreat February 24-26

Grab your Bible and your workout clothes for the 2012 Starmount Women's Retreat. Join us for a weekend with your Sisters in Christ and discover ways of *Exercising Your Faith*. Information/Registration Brochures are available at the Welcome desk in the narthex. **Deadline: Sunday, February 19**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Dinny Sisley
Shirley Van | 17 | Connie Kronenfeld
Nancy Buchanan |
| 2 | Jan Epps-Dawson
Anne Thorn
Robinson Blackwood | 18 | Marian Solleder
Joel Ritter
Matt Winters, IV |
| 3 | Catherine Gaffney
Warren Vestal | 19 | Teri Craven |
| 6 | Lib Bray | 21 | Mike Fitzpatrick |
| 8 | Randy Lippard | 22 | Marjorie Hoffman
Nathaniel Odom
Brenan Winters |
| 9 | Bea Stover
David Buchanan, Jr. | 23 | Jesse Burris
Jonathan Clapp |
| 12 | Gary Anderson
Susanne McIntire
Carter Walton | 25 | Katherine Nadler |
| 13 | Kathryn Hunt
Elizabeth Ingram
Paashaus | 26 | Bob Hochuli
Brenda Valle |
| 14 | Ray Penvose | 29 | John Tyson
Betsy Rives |
| 16 | Lillian Steele
Mary Vigue | 30 | Rebecca Stubbs
Darby Winters |



THANK YOU

To those who helped with or donated to the recent Blood Drive at Starmount.

Thanks to all of you, it was a huge success!

LOVE AND LOGIC PARENTING SMALL GROUP

Pastor Kathryn is starting a small group for parents of children elementary-aged or younger. Utilizing the book *Parenting with Love and Logic* as the basis for conversation, the small group will allow parents to grow deeper in their faith and confidence as parents, as well as meet other parents going through some of the same things. The 5-week class will begin March 4 at 9:15 am (concluding April 1) and will cost \$15 for the whole series, which includes the book and breakfast. If you'd like more information or would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Kathryn.



STARMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH (SPY)

Questions about upcoming middle school and high school SPY! events? Please contact John Schoultz at 336-509-4946 or johns@starmountpres.org

UPCOMING YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Make sure to mark your calendars!

- February 17: Join in on Restaurant Roulette with the Starmount community.
- Faith and Relationships: Plans are being made for a counselor from the Presbyterian Counseling Center to facilitate conversation on topics based on the theme. If you're interested in more information, please talk to Pastor Kathryn.

For more information and details about these and other upcoming events, please ask Pastor Kathryn.

Upcoming Nursery/Preschool Sunday School Duty

- February 19: Samantha B. & Laura C.
- February 26: Lindsay C. & Kathryn H.
- March 4: KK H. & Vivienne W.

Any questions? Please ask Pastor Kathryn

Upcoming Sunday Morning Snack/ Evening SPY! Dinners

- February 19: Hunt & Lewis
- February 26: Kattmann & Moffitt
- March 4: Odom & Overman

Any questions? Please ask Pastor Kathryn

Greetings from a jet-lagged seminarian!

I have now been on American soil for about 6 hours after returning from the UPSem Ghana Travel Seminar. I feel like a walking zombie as I fight jet lag and am in complete shock as I think about what I have just done. Sadly, there is no rest for the weary as Spring classes start on Monday, but for now, I will focus on Ghana.

The travel seminar actually began in November with a series of three meetings and consisted of a delegation of 7 current UPSem students, 1 alumni, and 2 professors. For each meeting we read several articles relating to religion in Ghana, specifically Presbyterians. We learned about the strong influence that the Pentecostal church has on Presbyterians and even further, about the two branches of Presbyterians in Ghana (Presbyterian Church of Ghana and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church). This was key to our visit as we were hosted by both the PCG and EPC and met with the leaders of each.

While in Ghana, we stayed in Accra, Kumasi, and Ho (all in southern Ghana). We arrived in Accra first and stayed at Trinity Presbyterian Seminary for five days. During this visit we attended several lectures that related to the history of Christianity in Ghana and how Ghanaians approach the Bible as well as a meeting with PCG leaders at their headquarters. We also attended a deliverance service in Akropong and got the chance to meet with the Asofu (Reverend Minister) both before and after so that we can ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of this very foreign practice. We were also able to enjoy a few "touristy" outings while in Accra, including a trip to the rainforest where we walked through the canopy, a tour of the Elmina Slave Castle, and hiking through the Doryumu forest and wildlife preserve.

Following Accra, we visited Kumasi, the cultural capital of Ghana. This was a key stop for us as we began to gain a better understanding of business in the cloth and wood carving industry and also visited the Asante Palace. On Sunday, the ten of us were divided among five PCG churches so we could have some experience in a PCG worship service (this was very comfortable and very Presbyterian! Except for the dancing...).

While in Ho, we met with the EPC leaders and visited their numerous ministries, ranging from education for teenage mothers to providing a space for the elderly during the day. We also visited a monkey sanctuary and the Wli Waterfalls (where I of course got a little adventurous and played in the water). The most incredible experience while in Ho was when they allowed us to lead two of the daily devotions and I was able to deliver the message in our final devotion.

Finally, we returned to Accra for worship with an interdenominational church at the seminary as well as a Pentecostal church. We also enjoyed African dance lessons followed by an incredible lecture by Mercy A. Oduyoye regarding gender issues in Ghanaian culture, society, and religion. We closed out our trip with a dinner with the PCG moderator and lunch with the President of Trinity Theological Seminary.

This trip was such an incredible experience and blessing in my life. I have a whole new appreciation of not just a different form of Presbyterianism, but most specifically, the form that I practice. I am looking at my call from a whole new angle, but am even more convinced that this is what I am supposed to be doing. Most importantly, I have a whole new outlook on life in general and can't wait to begin incorporating that into my life, studies, and ministry.

I wish I could write more, but I will just have to save that for later! If interested, you may check out my pictures at www.photobucket.com/ghana2012 and be on the look-out for a series of blog posts over the next few weeks (assuming studying doesn't get in the way!).

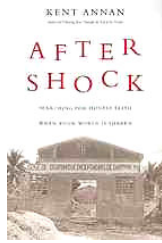
Grace, Peace, and Joy

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Buck



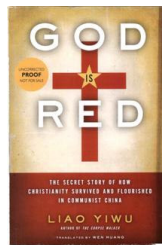
LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

Ten Myths About Calvinism, Recovering the Breadth of the Reformed Tradition by Kenneth



Steward. "While some may find even the word 'Calvinism' to be unhelpful, it is a standard term used by both its friends and enemies. Thus, Kenneth Stewart has done us all a service by writing a book which highlights and refutes many of the misconceptions about Calvinism propagated by both its adherents and its opponents. This book will provoke healthy and thoughtful discussions both among Reformed people and between the Reformed and Christians who belong to other traditions." (Carl R. Trueman, vice president and professor of historical theology and church history, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia)" Call no. 230.42 St 2011

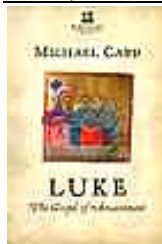
Love Wins, A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived by Rob Bell. If



you have watched any of the Nooma DVDs you may want to read this book. "This book is loaded with questions. Bell gives his take on those questions, but doesn't give very clear answers. This book is not predigested theology; it's in-your-face skepticism. If you enjoy

the understanding of God you have and don't want to ask important questions, read a Piper or Chan book. If you want your faith, for lack of a better word, rocked, read Bell." "A bold, prophetic and poetic masterpiece. I don't know any writer who expresses the inexpressible love of God as powerfully and as beautifully as Rob Bell! No one who seriously engages this book will put it down unchanged. A 'must read' book!" "Bell fights every impulse in our culture to domesticate Jesus [and] challenges the reader to be open to surprise, mystery and all of the unanswerables. . . . Bell has given theologically suspicious Christians new courage to bet their life on Jesus Christ." Reviews from Amazon.com Call no. 234.23 2011

Luke, The Gospel of Amazement by Michael Card.



"With careful attention to detail, Michael Card embarks on an imaginative journey through the Gospel of Luke. He introduces us to Luke the historian and imagines his life as a Gentile, a doctor and a slave.

Card explores Luke's compelling account of this dynamic rabbi who astounded his hearers with parables and paradoxes. What might Luke have experienced as he interviewed eyewitnesses of Jesus? What leads Luke to focus on the marginalized and the unlikely? Why does Luke include certain details that the other Gospel writers omit? Join Michael Card in the work of opening heart and mind to the "Gospel of Amazement." Review from Amazon.com Call no.226.4 Ca 2010

The Book of the Shepherd, The Story of One Simple Prayer, and How It Changed the World by



Joann Davis. "In a mythical time, in an unnamed land, the shepherd Joshua is troubled by the harsh code of "an eye for an eye" that governs his world. Called by a dream, he sets off on a journey to find "the new way." Accompanied by Elizabeth, a former slave, and David, a boy who must learn to walk in new shoes, the shepherd knows that "an age of miracles" will come when the new way is found. The journey is not without incident. On their way, the travelers meet a cast of extraordinary characters, including the Storyteller, the Apothecary, the Blind Man, and the Stranger. Each imparts an important lesson that pushes the travelers toward their destiny. But Joshua, Elizabeth, and David will also discover that sometimes what we have been searching for has been inside us all along." Book description from Amazon Call no. Da 2009

Mary Jane Conger, Librarian

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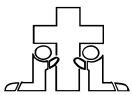
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February 19, 2012

February 26, 2012

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READER: Keith Dawson

SOUND: Parks Williams

VIDEO: Nancy Sands

CHURCH OPENER: Parks Williams

CLOSER: Marshall Melton

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SOUND: Mark Hammer

VIDEO: Owen Hammer

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