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# Williston Presbyterian News

Cassie Todd, Pastor September-October 2012

## NEED A SESSION MEMBER?

Pastor Cassie Todd	266-3623	Moderator
James Hewitt	266-7825	Music & Worship
Norm Duncan	266-3532	Clerk of Session and Budget & Finance
Todd Waller	266-4116	Buildings & Grounds
Barry Zeigler	266-3196	Buildings & Grounds
Jim Hilton	266-4440	Congregational Nurture
Kathy Beasley	709-1302	Congregational Nurture

**THANK YOU** Mark Creech for re-upholstering the chairs in The back of the sanctuary from yellow-gold to red, perfectly perfectly matching the carpet in the sanctuary!



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** for  
September: Linda Starnes  
October: Alyson Hutson

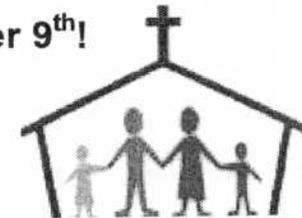
**WANTED:** \* Newsletter contributions by November 15<sup>th</sup>

**NEEDED:** \* Working CD player for Children's Sunday School



## Fall Kickoff September 9<sup>th</sup>!

Something for everyone!



**Adult Class**, taught by Norm Duncan, will be studying the Uniform Series A Living Faith: *What is Faith? Who Understands Faith? What Does Faith Cost?*

**Children's Class**, taught by Paula Waller & Kathy Beasley will be using the *We Believe* curriculum for K-5, studying the Ark of the Covenant, the tabernacle and the temple in Jerusalem, exploring the significance of places and furnishings dedicated to the worship of God.

**Youth Class**, taught by Pastor Cassie Todd, will study two books: Banned Questions About Jesus (by Christian Piatt) and What Other Faiths Believe (by Paul E. Stroble).

**PW Circle**, taught by Diane Sheppard and moderated by Grace Barnes, will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Joann's home. This 2012-2013 *Horizons* Bible study is called Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles.

**Youth Group**, Alyson Hutson and Matt Todd are the Youth Advisors,. Youth Group meets Sunday evenings in the Youth Room at 6:00.

**Men's Club** meets every Wednesday morning at 9:30, Fellowship Hall.

**Bible Study**, led by Pastor Todd, resumes 9/18, 7:00 Tuesdays, Manse.

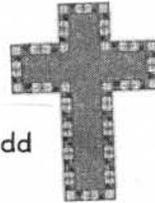
**Choir** meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00 in the Sanctuary. Christmas music practice begins Wed. 9/05. We'd love for you to join us!





## A Word from The Pastor

Pastor Cassie Todd



In a sermon in August, I read to everyone the *Serenity Prayer*, the long version by Reinhold Niebuhr. I want each of you to have this longer version for nurturing your faith, so I've included it in this edition of the newsletter.

"God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, Courage to change the things which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen."

**FALL FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF**  
6:00 p.m., September 8th  
Bob's, Mark's and Mary's home  
123 Marilyn Street, Williston, SC

Meal and drinks will be provided.  
Swimming optional. If you swim,  
bring a towel for afterwards!

Come *r-e-l-a-x*, laugh, and enjoy the fellowship!



## Who Am I?

I was born in Noyon, France, the son of a lawyer for the Roman Catholic church. I was educated in Paris, Orleans, and Bourges, France. I studied Greek and Latin at the University of Paris, thus my education reflected the influence of the liberal and humanistic Renaissance.

As an adult I settled in Basil, Switzerland where I published the first edition of Institutes of the Christian Religion. Although never ordained, I became a leader of Geneva's First Protestant Pastors. Geneva's leaders reacted against the strict doctrines of the Protestant pastors and along with several other clergymen were banished. Later that same year I became the pastor of a French refugee Protestant church in Strasbourg, Germany where I was deeply influenced by the older German Protestant leaders, especially Martin Bucer whose ideas on church government and leadership I adopted.

Many of my ideas were considered controversial but no one else forced people to think about Christian social ethics the way that I had. Along with my ideas and those of Martin Bucer I developed the pattern of church government that today is called "Presbyterian."

Who am I? *(Answer found somewhere in this newsletter.)*

Now that you are pondering "WHO AM I?", let's bring it home:

- ★ Who do you say that we, the Williston Presbyterian Church, are?
- ★ What are we, the WPC, called to do in the immediate future?
- ★ Where are we headed?
- ★ How do we fit into the Church's mission?      SESSION NEEDS
- ★ What is Williston Presbyterian Church's mission?      YOUR INPUT!!



## *Put Your Best Foot Forward*

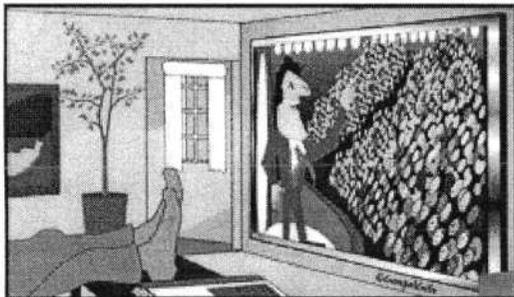
Walk To Support Roxanne Jump!

The Georgia Health Sciences University (formerly MCG) Cancer Center and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society are hosting a fundraising event on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, asking every patient that is able and their donors, caregivers, families, and supporters to participate in a 2 mile walk. Roxanne just celebrated one year since her treatment began and is team captain of "The Rock Stars". Her goal is to get 100 to walk with her. Roxanne's sister/bone marrow donor is also coming down from Atlanta to participate in the walk.

Details? Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30, at the Augusta Common.

For more information, or to register, see Roxanne's web page at <http://pages.lightthenight.org/ga/Augusta12/TheRockStars>, or simply let Roxanne know that you want to walk and she will see that you are registered. Children/strollers/wheelchairs encouraged.

This is a cost-free event. Donations are optional. For those who are interested, we will carpool together from the church no later than 5:30 p.m. Please join us - and tell everyone you know!



**You may not be on big screen TV, but as a follower of Jesus Christ, you are always in the spot light.**

## *Pause and Reflect Awhile*

"That man is a success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much."  
Robert Louis Stevenson

"Grace is the forgiveness, the favor, the wisdom, the power, the love of God, freely given to undeserving people. God's grace is a gift. His grace is greater and more powerful than any problem, temptation or sin."

"Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can."

*Thank you to Sarah Hilton for sharing these!*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

September 3<sup>rd</sup> - Horace & Sarah Hilton  
September 8<sup>th</sup> - Scott & Kia Valentine  
September 19<sup>th</sup> - Mickey & Buff Yelton



a threefold cord is not quickly broken  
Ecclesiastes 4:12



### COMMUNION

to be celebrated  
on 9/09 & 10/07.

SESSION meets  
9/10 & 10/08  
at 6:00 p.m.

### Who Am I?

John Calvin, born  
Jean Cauvin, 1509



### IF TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

If tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't fail to see the sunset.  
Don't let the tears in your eyes  
Steal your joy and make you forget.

If tomorrow starts without me,  
I know I leave you in good hands.  
For the One who has sent for me  
Also holds you in His hands.

If tomorrow starts without me,  
Greet the new day with a praise.  
Know that I am still with you  
And I will be always.

If tomorrow starts without me,  
Try not to grieve too long.  
Be quiet and just listen,  
To nature's sweet song.

If tomorrow starts without me,  
I know you will be a little sad,  
But hold onto the memories  
Of the good times we've had.

If tomorrow starts without me,  
You must go on living;  
You must go on giving;  
You must go on believing.

If tomorrow starts without me,  
I'll just be at a new address.  
So, if tomorrow starts without me,  
Know that I am very blessed.

*Thank you to Millie Adcox!*

### Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery News

(downloaded from *Chat-Line* e-news, capresbytery.org site)

#### *A Faith of Her Own: Women of the Old Testament*

by J. Ellsworth Kalas - The author focuses on women who were crucial, some in obvious and some in less obvious ways, to the story of the Old Testament. He examines the Scriptures to see what we can learn about them and from them, including their defining characteristics, how they fit into as well as shaped the Old Testament story, and how their stories of strength, courage, perseverance, and faith have shaped our lives as believers today.

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#### *The Barefoot Way: A Faith Guide for Youth, Young Adults, and the People Who Walk with Them*

by Dori Grinenko Baker - Each of us has our own faith journey full of stories. Some stories may be funny, tragic, uplifting, or heart wrenching. They help us to connect with God and each other as we journey together and share our experiences. This book is about our spiritual journeys. You will find an array of stories from those who have found God in the most unexpected places: a walk on the beach, a conversation with an old friend, a bus ride to school, and more. A four step practice is used for theological reflection on each story (Listen, Immerse in the feelings, View it wider, and explore actions and aha moments). This resource will help youth begin to think about the presence of God in their everyday lives.

### STAY TUNED...COMING THIS DECEMBER

...to Alyson Hutson & Trip Collins - a daughter  
...to Pastor Cassie & Matt Todd - a daughter

