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Vince's View



Dear Family & Friends of West Union Chapel & Walhalla Presbyterian Church,

As the New Year 2010 begins, the shifting sands of change are moving faster than ever.

The video: *Did You Know 4.0* (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ILQrUrEW8>) reveals the following:

- A surge of new technologies and social media innovations are altering the media landscape. Are you ready for the future?
- Well over 1 million new books are published worldwide every year.
- A Google Book Search scanner can digitize 1,000 pages an hour.
- Americans have access to:
 - 1 trillion web pages
 - 65,000 iPhone apps
 - 10,500 radio stations
 - 5,500 magazines
 - 200+ cable TV networks
- There are 240 million TVs in the U.S.; 2 million are in bathrooms.
- Newspaper circulation is down 7 million over the last 25 years.
- In the last 5 years, readers of online newspapers are up 30 million.
- This year (2009), traditional advertising revenue is in steep decline:
- Newspapers advertising is down 18.7%
- TV advertising is down 10.1%
- Radio advertising is down 11.7%
- Magazine advertising is down 14.8%
- Meanwhile, digital advertising is growing rapidly:
 - Mobile advertising is up 18.1%
 - Web advertising is up 9.2%
- More video was uploaded to **YouTube** in the last 2 months than if ABC, CBS, and NBC had been airing new content (with no re-runs) 24/7/365 since 1948 (which was when ABC started broadcasting).
- ABC, CBS, and NBC collectively get 10 million website visitors per month. These business have been around for a combined 200 years.
- **Myspace**, **Facebook**, and **YouTube** combined get 250 million website visitors per month. These sites are 5 years old.
- Forty million people have been *Rickrolled* (do YOU even know what this means?)
- 95% of all songs downloaded last year weren't paid for.
- **Wikipedia** launched in 2001. It now features over 13 million articles in more than 200 languages.
- Cisco's new data switch could move **all** of Wikipedia in .001 seconds.
- Ang Chuang Tang of Singapore typed a Guinness Book of World Records-approved 160-character text on his cell phone in 41.52 seconds. That's about 4 characters per second. OMG!
- Pop Quiz: how many text messages does the average teen send every month? 584? 1,150? 1,612? Nope. 2,272. Above Average: Brady James of Los Angeles, California sent 217,541 text messages in March 2009.
- Nokia manufactures 13 cell phones every second.
- Right now, 93% of U.S. adults own a cell phone.
- Dell claims to have earned \$3 million via **Twitter.com** posts since 2007.
- In the month of February 2008, John McCain raised \$11 million for his U.S. Presidential bid. That same month, Barack Obama attended no campaign fundraisers. Instead, Obama leveraged online networks to raise \$55 million in those 29 days.
- 90% of the **200 billion emails sent every day** are spam.
- The mobile device will be the world's primary connection tool to the Internet in 2020.
- **The computer in your cell phone today is a million times cheaper and a thousand times more powerful and about a hundred thousand times smaller than the one computer at MIT in 1965.**

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Let love of the brethren continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,

for by this some have entertained angels

without knowing it.

(Hebrews 13:1-2)

Vince's View Continued...

"So what used to fit in a building now fits in your pocket. What fits in your pocket now will fit inside a blood cell in 25 years."

—Ray Kurzweil

Wow! Who can keep up with this frantic & exponential pace of change? Nobody. And that's not a worry! This is all very fascinating stuff, but it's all just a distracting sideshow from what real life is all about.

Thanks be to God that no matter how fast technology changes, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) Knowing Jesus Christ is the starting and ending point for the living of our days with God's wisdom in 2010 or any other year that God may give us to enjoy.

Rather than us rushing all over the world wide web to keep up with the wikis, God has a better idea for us in 2010: "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

Resting with you in His presence,

Rev. Vincent S. Alig

Walhalla Presbyterian Church Rosters Jan 2010

3rd Flowers in the Church -
Lay Reader— Linda Hostetler
Head Usher— Frank Forbes
Counters—Frank Forbes & John Hostetler

10th Flowers in the Church—
Lay Reader— Stephanie Wright
Head Usher— Don Rumer
Counters— Frank Forbes & John Hostetler

17th Flowers in the Church—
Lay Reader— Cheryl Morocco
Head Usher— John Hostetler
Counters - Frank Forbes & John Hostetler

24th Flowers in the Church—
Lay Reader— Frank Forbes
Head Usher— John Lay
Counters— Frank Forbes & John Hostetler

31st Flowers in the Church—
Lay Reader— John Hostetler
Head Usher— John Lay
Counters— Frank Forbes & John Hostetler

From Your Session

by Rosemary Bailes

At their Stated Meeting on December 7, 2009, the Session:

Heard a devotional by Robert Owens on the theme of Christianity as the basis for a good work ethic.

Prayed for ill and bereaved members, family and friends. Added to prayer list the names of Gene Nix, Elaine Barnett, Jennie Hostetler, Janet McDaniel, and Harold Thomas.

Noted, with prayerful thanksgiving for their lives and loving sympathy for their families, the deaths of members Barbara Griffin and Janice Forbes.

Approved motions for:

- increasing the 2010 Missions budget by 11.27%, to \$22,700.00.
- changing the monthly Session meeting to the 3rd Monday

Approved by consensus:

- the Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting on Sunday, January 17, beginning with lunch at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall.
- Elder Training for new and continuing Elders from 9 a.m. until noon on January 16 and January 30.
- a new series of Grow Your Faith classes for prospective new members on February 21 and 28 and March 7 and 14, with a called Session meeting for examination and reception of new members at 9:45 a.m. on March 14.

Heard Announcements that:

- Rev. Alig will conduct the morning worship service and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at WUC on January 10, and Alan Houtzer will preach at WPC on that day.
- the RFOM Sunday School Class will host the Wednesday Night Supper on January 13.
- the next Stated Session Meeting will be held on January 18, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.
- the next Stated Presbytery Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2010.

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**YOUR SESSION PRAYS FOR YOU;  
PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR SESSION**

# A Mission You Support Through WPC Missions Giving: **Medical Benevolence Foundation**

see the website: <http://www.mbfoundation.org/>

**For over 40 years, The Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF)** has worked to provide hope and healing to those most in need. Working with our international church partners, MBF supports healing ministries in more than 100 hospitals and clinics throughout the world. Our work includes:

### Funding

MBF Provides crucial funds needed to give medical care to the needy. We also help fund medical mission workers and build, maintain, and operate hospitals in some of the world's most impoverished nations and communities. Through your gifts, MBF contributes to the fight against *diseases of poverty*, including HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and malnutrition.

### Medical Supplies

MBF works with U.S. partners to fill cargo containers with surplus donations of medical supplies and equipment, which are then sent to a wide variety of grateful facilities around the world. MBF works hard to insure these supplies arrive in safe hands and are put to good use to help those in need.

### Mission Service Personnel

Through an international short-term Mission Service Program, MBF is able to recruit healthcare professionals and others to support healing ministries in developing nations. We also support PC(USA) long term medical missionaries.

### Community Development

MBF goes even further than immediate healing needs by working toward *lasting changes* that effect whole communities. This includes community health programs, helping to train indigenous healthcare workers and personnel, education programs on disease prevention and nutrition, and more.

### Awareness

Domestically MBF works to inform donors of the great needs around the world and how, together, we can all be a part of this exciting work. MBF reports back the mission impact of your gifts, on lives saved and transformed, and progress made through these ministries in many places.

## New on the Walhalla Presbyterian Website

[www.walhallapresbyterian.org](http://www.walhallapresbyterian.org)

There is always something new on the website! Go to the **About Us** link to see the missions we support. There are links to Local, Regional, National and International missions. Also click on the **Staff** link where you can now listen to recorded sermons. As always, you can always read or download the Messenger from your computer.

# More History....

By Annie Brown will return in February

# West Union Presbyterian Chapel

By Ed Bryant

We have had another great year of worship and fellowship at the Chapel. The choir and a part of the Walhalla choir joined to sing at the once Presbyterian Home near Easley, SC. It was good to see old friends there. We also made new friends and all seemingly enjoyed the music and singing. I believed that we will return at the first opportunity and do a gospel singing as we were asked if we would do this. I believe this would be a great and wonderful thing to do. I believe that we would enjoy doing this as much as they would enjoy us.

We continue with the Sunday morning Sunday school at 9:45am. Our service is for one hour beginning at 11:00am and the third Sunday luncheon follows. The bible study begins at 4:30pm for one hour. This is a great and in depth study. All are welcome to come and join us.

The "Old Joe's Breakfast and Devotional" is at 7:50am each Friday morning at the Kountry Kupboard Restaurant in Walhalla. They have great food and we have a wonderful time of devotion and fellowship. Come and join us, you will be warmly welcomed.

Our prayers have been answered with the rainfall that we needed. It seems strange to drive by one of the local lakes and to see the water as much as half way to the top of trees. These trees have grown as the rainfall decreased over the past years.

We at the Chapel wish to take this time to hope everyone had a wonderful and joyful Christmas and will have a great and happy new year. If we continue to follow the commands of our Lord and Savior this surely will happen.



## THE NEW YEAR

Let's make a new year as it should be,  
Walking in Jesus' footsteps as we should do.  
Love our neighbors as we ourselves,  
Spread the word to them and love them true.  
Let's give to the needy as we should,  
Be kind and gentle and treat all good.  
Let's follow His commandment day after day,  
And do all the things that we really should.  
Let's find how it feels next year this time,  
To say I did my best this entire year.  
I have done all the things the best I can,  
I feel such joy doing the things you hold dear.



## ...ANNIVERSARIES...

- 1/5 Ronnie & Kitty Coffey
- 1/8 Ennis & Mattie McCall
- 1/18 Jack & Laura Wyatt

## ...BIRTHDAYS...

- 1/11 Maria Macaulay
- 1/14 Earle Echols
- 1/14 Dianne Harris
- 1/15 Alisa Alig
- 1/15 Frank Forbes
- 1/15 Don Rumer
- 1/23 Deborah Darby
- 1/25 Margaret Williams
- 1/20 Bob Tinsley
- 1/29 Lindsay Wickliffe
- 1/30 Alex Macaulay
- 1/31 Cora Long

## January 31st is

### Sanctity of Human Life Sunday at WPC

Thirty-seven years have passed since two tragic decisions, *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*, by the U.S. Supreme Court. These misguided decisions enshrined abortion as a "right." **They have led to the deaths of more than 50 million unborn children in the last 37 years.**

Our society will never know the enormous toll that this immense loss of life has taken on our nation. **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** is a day set aside: to celebrate the God-given gift of life we have all received and enjoy; and to mourn for those whose lives were snuffed out before birth.

Thirty-seven years of abortion on demand have allowed government and society to get away with not providing the best choices to women in crisis. No woman desires to have an abortion, yet every year more than a million women put themselves through this murderous and traumatic procedure. Abortion doesn't solve problems, it only creates new ones. We will never eliminate human problems by eliminating unborn human beings. Abortion doesn't help women or their unborn children. It hurts both of them and all of us in the larger community.

Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton have led our society down the dangerous path of devaluing the eternal sacredness of human life as God's creation. Thirty-seven years of legalized abortion is thirty-seven years too many.

America cannot claim to be a land of freedom and justice for all as long as our unborn citizens have no right to life. Our country must repent of this evil. All of us must confess our national complicity in this corporate sin and seek God's forgiveness together. We must return to a place of peace with God if we ever hope to receive God's blessing on us as a nation. We can recover the truth and return to the place where we sincerely value human life. The life of every human being, including the unborn, was created in the image of God to be treasured and protected by law.

## Presbyterians in the Kitchen

### Orange-Pecan French Toast Casserole submitted by Rebecca Sobeck

- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons light-colored corn syrup
- Cooking Spray
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 5 large egg
- 12 (1 inch thick) slices French Bread (about 1 pound)

Combine brown sugar, butter, and corn syrup; pour into a 13 x 9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle chopped pecans evenly over sugar mixture.

Combine rind and next 7 ingredients; stir with a whisk. Arrange bread slices over pecans in dish; pour egg mixture over bread. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or up to overnight.

Carefully turn bread slices over to absorb excess egg mixture. Let stand at room temperature 20 minutes. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes or until lightly browned.

When you serve, scoop each piece with a spatula and gently flip over as all you nuts and sugar are on the bottom.

Very rich, no syrup needed.... But you can never have too much butter!






## Family Night Supper

Please make plans to attend our Wednesday Night Supper on January 13th. It's Soup and Sandwich night. Cost is \$5.00 per person and the R.F.O.M. Sunday School Class will be your host. Our guest speaker for the evening will be the Director of the Oconee County Preparedness, Rodney Burdette.

**Walhalla Church Services**  
 9:45AM Sunday School  
 11:00AM Sunday Worship  
 12:15AM Coffee Time

# January 2010

**West Union Chapel Services**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00AM Sunday Worship  
 4:30 PM Bible Study

| Sun                                                                      | Mon                                                                                                                                                 | Tue                                         | Wed                                                                                                                                       | Thu                                  | Fri                                                                                                                                                  | Sat                                                                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| *Every Sunday 4:30pm<br>Bible Study at West Union Chapel Fellowship Hall | *Mon-Fri 6am-7am - Guidance & Prayer time at West Union Chapel<br> |                                             | *Choir Practice Wednesday nights 7:00pm at WPC & WUC<br> |                                      | *Every Friday 8:00am Old Joe Men's Breakfast—Kountry Kupboard<br> |                                                                                   |
|                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |                                                                                                                                           |                                      | 1                                                                                                                                                    | 2                                                                                 |
| 3<br>Communion at WPC                                                    | 4                                                                                                                                                   | 5                                           | 6                                                                                                                                         | 7                                    | 8                                                                                                                                                    | 9                                                                                 |
| 10<br>8:30am Board Meeting at WUC<br><br>Communion at WUC                | 11<br>7pm—Norton Dendy Circle Mtg/WPC<br>9:30am—Carolyn Rogers Meyers Circle/WUC                                                                    | 12<br>7pm OPSF @ Seneca Presbyterian Church | 13<br>6pm—Family Night Supper                                                                                                             | 14<br>3pm—Nettie Long Circle Mtg/WPC | 15                                                                                                                                                   | 16                                                                                |
| 17<br>12:15PM—Annual Congregational Meeting Luncheon at WPC              | 18<br>6:30PM Stated Session Mtg/WPC                                                                                                                 | 19                                          | 20<br>Messenger Deadline                                                                                                                  | 21                                   | 22                                                                                                                                                   | 23                                                                                |
| 24                                                                       | 25<br>7pm Evangelism Team Meeting                                                                                                                   | 26                                          | 27                                                                                                                                        | 28                                   | 23                                                                                                                                                   | 30<br>8am Elder Breakfast at Kountry Kupboard<br>9am-12noon Elder Training at WPC |
| 31<br>Sanctity of Human Life Sunday                                      |                                                                                                                                                     |                                             |                                                                                                                                           |                                      |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                   |

# Hymn of the Month

Submitted by: Doug Keel

## *We Three Kings of Orient Are* 1857

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, Behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem... Matthew 2:1 (NKJV)*

**S**trange but true: A visit from St. Nicholas paved the way for “We Three Kings.” It happened like this. After the War of 1812, Anglicans in America decided to establish their own seminary for training Episcopalian ministers. The proposal was first made in 1814; and in 1817, the Episcopalian General Convention voted to locate the school in New York City. But where in New York?

Clement Clarke Moore, son of New York’s Episcopalian Bishop, was an up-and-coming land developer. He had recently become well-known because of a poem he had written, which began:

*‘Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse...*

The popularity of his poem (reportedly written following a sleigh-ride home from Greenwich Village) made his name a household word. The fame and increased income made him a more generous and sought-after layman.

Moore owned a large estate in the undeveloped northern regions of Manhattan. He referred to it as “a quiet, rural retreat on the picturesque banks of the Hudson.” Hearing that the Episcopalians needed land for their seminary, he offered a portion of his estate, and thus was born General Theological Seminary. Moore, also a linguist and Hebrew scholar, became one of General’s first professors, teaching biblical languages.

Some years later, a reporter named John H. Hopkins, Jr., enrolled in this seminary. Born in Pittsburgh, Hopkins had matriculated at the University of Vermont before moving to New York to pursue legal studies. But he fell in love with the Lord’s work, enrolled in General, and graduated from the seminary in 1850. In 1855, he was hired as the school’s first instructor of church music.

Hopkins wrote “We Three Kings” as part of a Christmas pageant produced by General Theological Seminary in 1857. In 1863 it was published in his *Carols, Hymns, and Songs*. This hymnal went through three editions by 1882, establishing Hopkins as a leader in Episcopalian hymnody. He wrote other hymns, but most have fallen into obscurity. “We Three Kings” was his crowning achievement, made possible, in a way, through the generosity of another poet who most famous work ends:

*But I hear him exclaim, ‘ere he drove out of sight,  
Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!*

We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.  
Star of Wonder, star of night,  
Star of royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.