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Vince's View



Dear Friends and Church Family,

"But God shows His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, died for us."-Romans v. 8.
The love of God is most clearly and emphatically revealed to us in the death of Jesus Christ. This is the greatest and most momentous of all Valentines. To whom is this Valentine given? To you. To me. To all beings of our lost race.

How does God show this love? By giving His Son to die for us. By giving one who was a Son and a Son well-beloved. It is written that Jesus "gave Himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:6) and "that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." (Hebrews 2:9)

It is a great mistake to suppose that Christ died for the race in general, and not for each person in particular. This Valentine is for you. God invites us every morning to personally own this truth for ourselves, as Paul did, who said:

I am crucified with Christ: It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.
And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me, and gave Himself for me. (Gal.2:20)

When we make this personal application of Christ's death, we become truly alive. We begin to grow up into the greatness of who God created each of us to be. No doubt this was the great secret of Paul's holy life, and of his great power in living and preaching the Gospel. Do you regard Jesus as having loved you personally and individually? God has taken the greatest of pains to reveal to you that He cares for you just for who you are.

Why does He reveal His love to us? God must from His very nature act honestly. He has become flesh and dwelt among us because He seeks to prove the reality of His love. God is love (1 John 4:8). Being the most perfect love towards our lost race, God willed to reveal this love and make it manifest, both to us and to all His creatures. The gift of His Son gloriously reveals God's love for us in this great sacrifice. What else could He have done that would prove His love more perfectly?

Meditate on this amazing grace: Jesus did not die for us as friends, but as enemies. It was while we were yet sinners that He died for us. Our self-centered race was and is as far as possible from being good. On our own, we have no hope of a right relationship with the Holy God.(Rom. 3:23) If you doubt the wickedness of humankind, please read this morning's paper.

This love of God offered freely to us is the love of perfectly unselfish benevolence and goodness. God desired to reveal the moral character of His love for us, and especially its justice. He could not show favors to the guilty until His government was made secure and His law was duly honored. Jesus stood as our representative in sin before the perfect holiness and purity of God. While Jesus hung on the cross in this position, God could not spare Him. Jesus carried the full weight of God's judgement upon our sins. There will never be a more powerful rebuke of sin than that. In Christ's death we see how completely God abhors sin, yet loves us sinners.

The question is often asked -- How shall I love? The cross of Jesus shows us what true love is. The answer is given in His example. Here is love! Look at Jesus and learn how true love acts and what real love does.

This Valentine reveals that God desires for us to serve Him in love. He wants to free us from bondage to self into the liberty of the children of God. He rejoices to see our obedience lived out from the heart. His Holy Spirit is able to pour enough love out of our hearts (Romans 5:5) to make all our service free and cheerful and full of joy. God reveals His love towards us in order to win our hearts to Himself. His ultimate aim is to rescue us from our sins that He may fill us forever with His own joy and peace.

Let God love you with each new morning.

Resting with you in His love,

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More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance,
and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,
and hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

From Your Session

by Rosemary Bailes

At their Stated Meeting on January 18, 2010, the Session:

Heard a devotion by Rosemary Bailes on the theme of seeking God's will in making decisions.

Heard a presentation about new construction planning at West Union Chapel.

Prayed for ill and bereaved members, family and friends. Added to prayer list names of Carol Silsby, Lillian Rochester, Elinor Workman, Jean Schallenburg, Germaine Shick, Tim Reese, Harry Layne, and Rev. Chuck Wilson.

Approved motions for:

- hosting guest preacher the Rev. Cody Watson of Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship on January 24, at combined Sunday School class and also morning worship service.
- re-electing Deb Wickliffe as Church Treasurer, and Rosemary Bailes as Clerk of Session, for 2010.

Approved by consensus:

- limiting Elder Training to one session on January 30, from 9 a.m. until noon.
- holding ordination/installation service for new Elders on Sunday, January 31.
- holding regular stated Session meetings at 6:30 p.m. on 4th Wednesday of each month, beginning in February 2010.
- selection of Gene Nix and Rosemary Bailes as Elder member nominees for 2010 Congregational Nominating Committee, with remaining nominees to be selected by representative church groups (election to be held at a congregational meeting to be scheduled at a later date).

Heard announcements that:

- the Christian Education Team will install whiteboards in Sunday School classrooms.
- the next stated Session meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2010.
- the next meeting of Foothills Presbytery will be held on February 16, 2010, at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Simpsonville.
- Lamar Bailes will be the designated Elder Commissioner.



West Union Presbyterian Chapel

The Chapel had another great month of wonderful services and Bible study lessons. We thank the Lord for being there to guide us through each lesson as His covenant has promised. We thank Him for this and for the wonderful teacher that we have.

We continue with the third Sunday luncheons and all are welcome to attend. Our Sunday school group meets from 9:45am until 10:45 each Sunday and we welcome everyone to come and study with us.

Our Sunday worship service begins at 11:00am for one hour, all are welcome to join us. We are beginning to see a few new faces and on occasions we see a few of the group that helped to start the Chapel as members. We are thankful for this also.

Our Bible study is almost to the point of a new table. We filled each chair a couple of weeks ago of this we are extremely proud. We can always find room for more. I believe this to be one of the most enlightening groups I have ever attended.

We continue to have plenty of chairs at the Kountry Kupperboard each Friday at 7:50 for the Old Joe's Men's Breakfast.

I do have wonderful news on one of the people that needed prayer so badly. He had taken lime disease from a tick bite and a few weeks ago the doctors told him that he had no sign of the disease now. We thank the Lord for an answer to our prayers.

We at the Chapel thank all who helped with the luncheon at the Walhalla church on the 17th. It was a great luncheon and we enjoyed the fellowship and the luncheon.

CHRISTMAS

**Christmas is such a pretty time,
As we drive around at night.**

**Almost everyone it seems,
Has strings of pretty lights.**

**The scenes of Santa and his deer,
A lovely sight to see.**

**The strings of lights wrapped around,
A pretty Christmas tree.**

**The manger scenes to me are special,
Of peace on earth to all good will,
Christ is why we have Christmas,**

That's surely how I feel.

Submitted by Ed Bryant

Lunch for Life Food for the Soul

Lunch for Life will be hosted by the Walhalla Presbyterian Church on February 6th, 12noon, at the former Turning Point Church location. The address is 311 South John Street, Walhalla.

For more information on how you can help,
Call Doris Cash 638-6074.

More History....

By Annie Brown

From an early age John C. Calhoun was interested in politics, and he carefully prepared himself for a political career. When he was in college, many of his classmates and professors assumed he would one day be President of the United States. Although he never really wanted to practice law, he studied law to prepare himself for public office. John C. Calhoun accepted President Monroe's offer to be Secretary of War because he knew the office would provide him with the national exposure and experience he would need in the future. That he was an excellent Secretary of War is fully documented. His planning and organization of the war department are unsurpassed. After serving two terms with the Monroe administration (from 1817-1825), Calhoun felt he was ready for the challenge of the presidency.

Although the format for electing a president has changed a great deal since the days of Calhoun, the essence of the process has remained very similar. Before running for office in the 1800's, politicians spent years building coalitions of support. Even after being elected to an office, a candidate was always aware of those who might pose a threat to his future success. Thus, a president carefully chose who would be in his cabinet—especially if the president intended to run for a second term. Although on a different ticket, the person elected as the vice president was also important to future elections.

In Calhoun's time, the president and vice president were not on the same ticket. This was a common situation in the individual states, too, as most candidates for governor ran separately from the candidates for lieutenant governor. (Note from Annie: As you may know, this is still the case in South Carolina. Recently, in fact, the lieutenant governor's office has been a topic of much discussion in our state legislature. In the January 13, 2010 *Greenville News*, state senator Larry Martin wrote that South Carolina is one of eighteen states that elect their governor and lieutenant governor on separate tickets. He further wrote that seven states do not have a lieutenant governor at all!^[1] Look for more information on this topic in the coming weeks.) Thus it was that John C. Calhoun ran for Vice President with John Quincy Adams **and** with Andrew Jackson in the election of 1824. The vice presidency was not, however, the job John C. Calhoun wanted.

To understand the election of 1824, a little more information is necessary. In December of 1821, while he was Secretary of War, Calhoun announced he would run for president in 1824. There were already four contenders: William Crawford of Georgia, John Q. Adams of Massachusetts (who was Secretary of State at the time), Henry Clay of Kentucky (who was the Speaker of the House), and Andrew Jackson of Tennessee (who was a U.S. senator and the hero of the Battle of New Orleans). The election, according to Walter Edgar, was vicious,^[2] and the issues were inflammatory. Tariffs were the major point of contention, with the nation deeply divided along geographical lines. The South hated tariffs and blamed all of their economic woes on the injustice of a tariff that hurt the agricultural states while helping the more industrial states. There were, however, other serious issues. The economy was in turmoil. The price of cotton had dropped dramatically, and shipping was way down. The debate surrounding the admission of Missouri to the union stirred up anxiety in all the southern states. There were rumors of slave revolts. This frightened whites living in South Carolina, especially after the census of 1820 showed the white population to be a minority for the first time since the Revolution. In 1822, when the Denmark Vesey Plot for a slave uprising was discovered, South Carolinians were terrified. Vesey was hanged on July 2, 1822, and several weeks later, twenty-two other accused conspirators were also executed. These executions did little to calm the hysteria in the South. In fact, incidents across the country seemed to increase; also on the increase was Northern opposition to slavery. In Ohio in 1824, the legislature condemned slavery as a national evil and proposed gradual emancipation; their action was endorsed by eight other states.^[3] More and more often, the people of South Carolina began to question the value of being a part of a union that was such an antithesis to their lifestyle.

Because he had national aspirations, John C. Calhoun tried to stay out of the sectional conflicts of the early 1820's. Since there was no national (party) convention to nominate a presidential candidate, candidates were nominated either by a state legislature or by a congressional caucus. Calhoun was hurt when the South Carolina legislature nominated William Lowndes for president instead of Calhoun. He was even more devastated when his supporters in Pennsylvania changed their minds and nominated Andrew Jackson for president. Instead of president, they nominated Calhoun for **vice** president. His quest for the presidency in 1824 was over, and he settled for the second place on the ticket. After all, he was only forty years old with plenty of time to run for president. It was not the first or the last time that Calhoun, as well as many others, would underestimate Andrew Jackson.^[4]

^[1] *The Greenville News*; Larry Martin; January 13, 2010; p.11A.

^[2] Edgar, Walter; *South Carolina A History*; p.326.

^[3] Edgar; pp.326-328.

^[4] Edgar; p.326.

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

Next month... more on the 1824 and 1828 elections in which John C. Calhoun was elected as vice president in two different administrations.

Kami People

Grant led the team of African medical workers through the Kami village in Tanzania where they were doing a health survey to see who needed medical care. People came out of their huts to take a look at the visitors. Grant knew he needed to win the trust of the mostly Muslim Kamis before he could tell them about Jesus Christ. Grant is a missionary working in a cross-denominational partnership with others among the Kami people.

Like many people groups in Tanzania, the Kamis suffer from a host of diseases ranging from malaria to AIDS. Doctors and hospitals are few and far between. In this part of the world, people often rely on unreliable traditional doctors. Help from qualified medical workers is welcome in Tanzania, one of the poorest countries in the world. More than 36 percent of the 37.5 million inhabitants live below the poverty line. AIDS is also having a tragic impact on the nation.

But God's Word is spreading quickly among the Kami people, with about 30 churches now planted among them. As churches are planted in villages, lives are being transformed by the power of Christ, and people are delivered from spiritual darkness. With providing medical care and new, fresh water wells, community transformation is occurring.

Pray that many of the Kamis will open their hearts to Jesus, the Great Physician who promises never to leave nor forsake them once they open their hearts to Him. He will not only keep them in this life, but throughout all eternity.—MH

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Day 14 Proverbs 22:9

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

One of the key ways that believers glorify God is by showing genuine compassion for the poor and the suffering. When disaster strikes, it's the Christians who are most likely to respond. We don't do it to be "blessed," but to bring glory to Christ's Name. His Name is being blessed among the Kami people because of the work of medical missionaries. That is a good reason for giving thanks!

Thank the Lord for the work of these medical missionaries. Pray that such work will continue until faithful Kami believers join in the work of spreading His Name to surrounding nations.

February Baby Shower

During the Month of February, the Norton Dendy Circle will be collecting diapers for the Foothills Pregnancy Care Center. A place of hope, help and healing. Their mission is to uphold the sanctity of Life by promoting sexual purity and sharing the love of Christ to those facing crisis related to pregnancy through proclaiming the gospel and meeting spiritual, physical & emotional needs. Diapers may be put in the hallway under the bulletin board. Thank you.

Walhalla Presbyterian Church Rosters February 2010

- 7th** Flowers in the Church—
Communion Sunday Prep—Meta Neville & Lou Abercrombie
Lay Reader— John Palmer
Head Usher— Harry Silsby
Counters—Harry Silsby and John Palmer
- 14th** Flowers in the Church—
Lay Reader— Bob Ashcraft
Head Usher— Harry Silsby
Counters— Harry Silsby and John Palmer
- 21th** Flowers in the Church—
Lay Reader— John Palmer
Head Usher— Sam Rochester
Counters – Harry Silsby and John Palmer
- 28th** Flowers in the Church—
Lay Reader— Don Rumer
Head Usher— John Hostetler
Counters— Harry Silsby and John Palmer

...ANNIVERSARIES...

2/8 Bill & Mary Weeks

...BIRTHDAYS...

- 2/1 Andy Satterfield
- 2/3 Mry Belle Nix
- 2/10 Kerry Hollifield
- 2/12 Vincent Clark Alig
- 2/13 Taylor Combs
- 2/15 Dr. William Darby Jr.
- 2/17 Sandra Mattox
- 2/19 Ennis McCall
- 2/22 Jack Taylor
- 2/26 Carolyn Edwards
- 2/18 Vonnie Geiger

Presbyterians in the Kitchen

POPPY SEED CAKE

Submitted by: Karel Keel

*c = cup
t = teaspoon
T = tablespoon*

- 3 c flour (plain)
- 1 ½ t butter flavoring
- 2 1/3 c sugar
- 1 ½ t almond extract
- 1 ½ t salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 ½ t baking powder
- 1 ½ c milk
- 1 ½ t vanilla
- 1 1/8 c vegetable oil
- 2 T poppy seed

Beat all ingredients together and put into 2 greased and floured small (5 x 8) loaf pans. Bake at 325° for one hour or more. Cool 10 minutes in pan. Prick with toothpick and pour the following glaze over cake:

- ¼ c orange juice
- ½ t almond extract
- ½ c sugar
- ½ t butter flavoring
- ½ t vanilla

Doug Keel brought wife Karel's poppy seed cake to the congregational meeting luncheon in January. Those who sampled it were intrigued by the subtle blending of flavors and the moist, light texture. Friends who know Karel know that she is a highly respected teacher of Latin, an avid runner, and an outstanding cook.






Family Night Supper-

Please make plans to attend our Wednesday Night Supper on February 10th. The Fellowship Team will be your host of the evening. The meal will be a Spaghetti Dinner at the cost of \$5.00 per person. The guest speaker of the evening will be Dr. Charles Dougherty. Please look for your sign up sheet in upcoming bulletins.

Walhalla Church Services
 9:45AM Sunday School
 11:00AM Sunday Worship

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Every Sunday 4:30pm Bible Study at West Union Chapel Fellowship Hall	*Mon-Fri 6am-7am - Guidance & Prayer time at West Union Chapel 		*Choir Practice Wednesday nights 7:00pm at WPC & WUC 		*Every Friday 8:00am Old Joe Men's Breakfast—Kountry Kupboard 	
	1 7pm OPSF @ Seneca Presbyterian Church	2	3 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting at 4pm/WPC	4	5	6 WPC serves Lunch for Life 12noon-311 South John Street, Walhalla
7 11:00am Communion Service at WPC	8 9:30am—Carolyn Rogers Meyers Cir/WUC 5pm—Missions Team Mtg/WPC 7pm—Norton Dendy Circle Meeting/WPC	9	10 6:00pm Family Night Supper	11 3pm—Nettie Long Circle	12	13 5pm—doors open, Youth Winter Jam at Bi-Lo Center
14 8:30am WUC Board Mtg. Guest Preacher at WPC Dr. Charles Dougherty Happy Valentines Day !	15	16 9am Foothills Presbytery Meeting at Eastminster PC in Simpsonville	17	18	19	20 The Messenger Deadline !
21 12:15pm—Third Sunday Luncheon at WUC 9:30am Grow Your Faith Class @ WPC	22	23	24 6:30PM Session Meeting/WPC	25	26	27
28 9:30am Grow Your Faith Class @ WPC						

Hymn of the Month

Submitted by: Doug Keel

All Glory, Laud, and Honor A.D. 820

Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

The mighty Charlemagne (743-814), King of the Franks, united most of western Europe under his crown. He was a visionary who advanced education and reformed the laws, economy, and culture of Europe. When Charlemagne died, his son, Louis I. assumed the throne. At first, all went well. But in 817, he began dividing the empire among his nephew and his four sons, causing no end of problems. Twice he was deposed by his sons, and, though he regained his throne both times, he was never again able to rest securely.

Caught in the middle of this epic family conflict was Theodulph, Bishop in Spain about 750, had gone to France as a church leader at Charlemagne's request. He was a brilliant man who worked hard to reform the clergy. He established schools and advanced education. He advocated high morals, built churches, and composed hymns of praise to God.

But during the political intrigues of Louis' reign, Theodulph was accused (falsely, it seems) of conspiring with King Bernard of Italy; and on Easter Sunday, 818, he was imprisoned in the monastery of Angers, a city southwest of Paris.

There, as he meditated on our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem prior to His Crucifixion and Resurrection, Theodulph wrote the great Palm Sunday Hymn, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."

According to a tradition that can be neither confirmed nor denied, when King Louis Later visited Angers, he momentarily halted by the monastery where Theodulph was held, and the bishop appeared at the window, singing "All Glory, Laud and Honor." The king was reportedly so moved that he ordered the bishop's release.

For whatever reason, we know Theodulph was released in 821, but he died on his way back to Orleans, or shortly after his return there.

Originally there were 78 verses (39 couplets) to this hymn! Theodulph had lots of time in his prison-monastery. The first several are the ones we commonly sing today. One stanza that has fallen by the wayside is this quaint verse:

*Be Thou, O Lord, the Rider;
 And we the little ass,
 That to God's holy city
 Together we may pass.*