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## Vince's View



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

Eugene Peterson translates Jesus' words from John 15 in this way, "I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken." (John 15 *The Message*)

The image of God that emerges from the Bible is that of a Divine Farmer who has taken upon Himself the project of developing a farm from which good fruits will grow in abundance.

Like God, we too are farmers. Consider the hopes, the dreams, and the passions that most parents have for their children. A parent invests a lot of energy, love, labor, money, and prayers in raising a child. You hope to give a child roots in Jesus Christ, and to nurture her life so that she may grow, prosper, and bear fruit in her own life.

Life is always a risk. There are no guarantees of a smooth sail. The vines you have planted and labored over may break your heart. This may keep you from even trying. I know people who are so afraid of either failing or succeeding that they refuse to do anything in order to avoid the risk of pain. It's risky to be a farmer, a lover, a parent, or a disciple of Jesus Christ and member of His Body. The Church is God's most risky project. Listen to Paul's words to Corinth,

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together...."

Growing & building the Walhalla Presbyterian church & West Union Chapel is a work into which we have all poured ourselves. And we long to see the fruits of our labors. Sometimes we do, and other times we don't.

In Paul's letter to the Galatian Church in which he listed the fruit of the Spirit, he had first to warn the Galatians about the works of the flesh that were threatening to destroy their fellowship. Nevertheless, Paul went on as any good builder would and listed the fruit of the Spirit he hoped to see blossom in their life together. The fruit of the Spirit is: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5)

We are called to devote our lives to nurturing this tree called the Church. We nurture the mission even when the tree seems dead; and even when we have no guarantees that we will see in our lifetime a bountiful harvest of the Spirit's fruit. We may or may not see the church bear abundant fruit in our generation. We may or may not see the reign of God manifested more fully in our day. But we must not give up hope that God will do what God has promised to do.

One might wonder if God's farming project has been successful. To be sure, there have been setbacks. There has been much pruning. But think for a moment about the growth of the church in human history. What began in the back waters of the Greco-Roman world with no more than a few hundred followers of Jesus, soon began to grow. Those few disciples in Jerusalem turned the empire upside down. In the 4th century A.D. Christianity was proclaimed by Constantine to be the official religion of the Roman Empire. Who could have thought it possible?

At the beginning of the Third Millennium there are now over 2 billion human persons who name themselves as followers of Christ. They live in nations around the globe. They speak many different languages, have different colored skin, have developed different political and economic systems, and worship God with different styles of music. What we have in common is that we have come to believe and to confess that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.

We are part of the one apostolic church, the Body of Christ. Literally, we are the new humanity, reconciled in Christ, and sharing in God's farming mission. Think for a moment what the past two thousand years would have been like without the fruit of the Spirit at work in human society through the faithful labor of His gardeners who are the Church.

I believe that the Word and Spirit of Christ have created at the heart of our congregation the awareness that we are God's vineyard. We are being pruned so that we may bear more fruit. And having been planted in Walhalla and West Union, we are one of God's great gifts to this neighborhood.

With trust in God to grow us, Rev. Vincent S. Alig

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*Jesus began to show his disciples that He must go to Jerusalem  
and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes,  
and be killed,  
and on the third day be raised.*

*Then Jesus told his disciples,  
If anyone would come after Me,  
let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

**Matthew 16:21 & 24**

# From Your Session

by Rosemary

There are no Session Highlights this month because your Session has adopted a new meeting schedule. Beginning in February, regular meetings will be on the fourth Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Because the deadline for *Messenger* articles is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month, we will report Session Highlights on a one-month delay. Highlights of the February 24 meeting will be reported in the March *Messenger*.

Current WPC elders are:

Class of 2010: Rosemary Bailes, John Lay, Bob Tinsley, and Deb Wickliffe

Class of 2011: John Hostetler, Annette Morrah, Gene Nix, and Sam Rochester

Class of 2011: Lynda Alexander, Lamar Bailes, John Palmer, and Harry Silsby

This is the group whom you elected and who have been ordained to lead and govern Walhalla Presbyterian Church and West Union Chapel. While our first duty is to discern and follow the leading of God and make decisions in accordance with His Will, we are here to serve you and we want to hear from you. You are encouraged to share your questions, concerns, and suggestions about the church with any elder or with Pastor Vince.

Your Session cares about you. We are here to love and serve you in the name of our Lord. **YOUR SESSION PRAYS FOR YOU REGULARLY; PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR SESSION REGULARLY.**

Serving You in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Rosemary Bailes, Clerk of Session

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SESSION**



## West Union Presbyterian Chapel

By Ed Bryant

We are beginning to see some new faces around the Chapel on Sunday. We pray and hope that they are looking for a place of worship. We would gladly welcome them in here at the Chapel and we have given them a warm welcome and it seems several might decide to attend services here.

Our Bible Study group has enlarged and we continue to have a very informative study. We continue to meet at 4:30pm each Sunday afternoon. We have a great group and the study is filled with discussions of the lesson. Come and join us, we have a great time of study.

Our Sunday School lesson is taught by several people under the close observation and guidance of Alan. We need more to attend and we do have more chairs tables when they are needed. We begin at 9:45am and finish at 10:45am. This gives time to travel back to one's Church if they would wish to do so. Everyone would be welcomed to stay for Sunday Worship should they choose.

We continue with the "Old Joe Breakfast" at the Kountry Kupboard at 7:50am on Friday mornings. Come join in this, the food is great and the conversation and fellowship is great.

### SOW LIKE THE WIND

When the wind blows it sows seeds far and wide,  
Over woodland, field, and over the land of ocean tide.  
The wind cannot know just where the seeds fall,  
But new life springs forth, at spring time's call.  
The earth springs alive, from wind sown seed,  
For many find a place to grow and feed.  
When we spread the word of our God to all,  
We know not where this word will fall.  
Let us be like the wind, sow seed to many,  
And fill our churches and welcome any.  
Let's sow the word of Christ to cover all,  
And welcome them in who answer the call.

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# More History....

By Annie Brown

The presidential election of 1824 was one of the ugliest and most vicious political battles in our nation's history. Historians have wondered why the young, though ambitious, John C. Calhoun let himself become involved in such a vitriolic campaign. Wiltse contends that Calhoun's main reason for running in 1824 was to keep his nemesis William H. Crawford from getting enough electoral votes to win the election.<sup>[1]</sup> Calhoun, in correspondence with Andrew Jackson, admits this was his intention. Calhoun also assumes that Jackson has the same goal he has to keep the Radical William Crawford from being elected.<sup>[2]</sup>

Because of his years of service, Calhoun's political views were well known, and he had supporters from all parts of the country. Wiltse writes that from the beginning, Calhoun knew he did not have the votes to win the election out right, but he thought the election might go to the House of Representatives. If that happened, Calhoun would be the logical "compromise choice."<sup>[3]</sup> Thus, Calhoun was being careful to position himself in case the election had to be decided in the House. As for the other candidates, John Q. Adams had a strong following in the North where many voters felt it was time for a president from their part of the country. Henry Clay and Andrew Jackson were the favorite candidates in the West, and William Crawford had many followers in the South. Although Calhoun's appeal was to middle class voters, it was not to the "politicians of the villages and the rabble of the cities where Jackson's strength lay."<sup>[4]</sup> Nor did Calhoun attract the New England voters who liked him personally, but rejected his candidacy because he was born in the South. By 1823, it was clear to John C. Calhoun that he had to "choose between withdrawal" {from the election} or risk splitting "the anti-Crawford forces and thus giving the election to the Radicals. He did not hesitate over the choice, but withdrew from the contest."<sup>[5]</sup>

For a time following his withdrawal from the presidential race, John C. Calhoun pondered his own position. He considered Adams "temperamentally unfit for party leadership, and Jackson too precipitate and headstrong to be entrusted with executive power; yet it was clear that if Crawford was to be defeated it must be at the hands of one of these two. He ... was reluctant to ally himself with either."<sup>[6]</sup> Calhoun did not want to support a losing candidate or to serve in an unsuccessful administration. Calhoun's decision was to run as the vice president on both tickets without actually endorsing either candidate.

The election proved that Calhoun was truly the most nationally respected candidate. In his run for vice president, he received 182 electoral votes, only one less than the combined presidential votes that Adams and Jackson received. (Jackson- 99, Adams- 84, Crawford- 41, and Clay- 37) As no presidential candidate received a majority, the final choice went to the House of Representatives.<sup>[7]</sup> On February 9, 1825, the names of Jackson, Adams, and Crawford were presented to the House for a vote. Although much maneuvering and deal-making preceded the vote, John C. Calhoun tried to remain neutral. Henry Clay used his influence to convince the representatives of twelve states to vote for Adams. When the representatives of New York also voted for Adams, the election was over, and Adams was declared President. Both Adams and Calhoun were sworn in on March 4, 1825. As one might imagine, anger and the talk of corruption swept across the nation. Jackson insisted that Clay had delivered the election for Adams in return for a prominent position in the administration and support in the next election.<sup>[8]</sup> Jackson's accusations appeared to be true when Clay was named Secretary of State by President Adams. According to Wiltse, the appointment of Clay "was to most minds the barefaced sealing of an unholy bargain, which could only mean one thing: a union of Northern and Western interests for a higher tariff, with the inevitable consequence of ruin for the agricultural South."<sup>[9]</sup>

Across the country, many voters considered the election of 1824 to be corrupt. Adams had received less than one third of the popular vote, but many important decisions had to be made. The country was changing rapidly, and the direction it would move had important consequences for the future. In March of 1825, John C. Calhoun wrote to General Swift that "the voices and the power of the people have been set at naught, and the result has been a President elected not by them, but by a few ambitious men with a view to their own interest."<sup>[10]</sup> Calhoun went on to tell Swift that the election and the deal between Adams and Clay was "the most dangerous stab, which the liberty of this country has ever received. I will not be on that side. I am with the people and shall remain so."<sup>[11]</sup> For better or worse, this meant that John C. Calhoun had to join forces with Andrew Jackson. Within days of the end of the 1824 presidential campaign, contenders were already jockeying for position in the 1828 election. Would Calhoun stand a chance of winning in 1828? President Adams was determined Calhoun would not succeed. From the beginning of his term as Vice President, Calhoun could do nothing that pleased President Adams. Yet, Calhoun did not express any public or private criticism of Adams. He was willing to give the president a chance to prove himself. It was the political process that had upset Calhoun. He felt that unless an amendment was made to the Constitution, elections would regularly end up in the House of Representatives where they would essentially be sold to the highest bidder. Calhoun thought this an unacceptable result that must not be allowed to happen. Before beginning the hard work of correcting election abuses and starting another presidential campaign, Calhoun returned to South Carolina where he was praised and feted by his friends and family.

# Hymn of the Month

Submitted by: Doug Keel

## *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* TWELFTH CENTURY

*These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.*

*In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.* John 16:33

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hen Bernard (c. 1090-1153), a sickly youth in Dijon, France, was unable to fulfill military service, he became a monk. So successful was he that he eventually founded the famous monastery in nearby Clairvaux. In time almost 170 other monasteries sprang from Bernard's leadership. He became the most powerful preacher of his era, and is remembered as a pious man, a deeply contemplative mystic, the "honey-tongued doctor." Martin Luther called Bernard "The best monk that ever lived, whom I admire beyond all the rest put together."

He wasn't a perfect man, as seen in his support for the Second Crusade to liberate the Holy Land from Muslim control. But for 800 years, his words have been read and sung, and his good work has continued.

If you've never read Bernard, here are some excerpts from his writings and sermons:

- How do we know that Christ has really overcome death? Precisely in that he, who did not deserve it, underwent it... But what kind of justice is this, you may say, that the innocent should die for the guilty? It is not justice, but mercy.
- I was made a sinner by deriving my being from Adam; I am made righteous by being washed in the blood of Christ.
- You will never have real mercy for the failings of another until you know and realize that you have the same failings in your soul.
- Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your kindness in uniting us to the church you so dearly love, not merely that we may be endowed with the gift of faith, but that, like brides, we may be one with you..., beholding with unveiled faces that glory which is yours in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.
- You wish me to tell you why and how God should be loved. My answer is that God Himself is the reason He is to be loved.

Several well-known hymns are attributed to St. Bernard: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee," "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," and a lesser-known hymn entitled "Open Wide are Thine Hands," the second verse of which says:

*Lord, I am sad and poor, but boundless is Thy Grace;  
Give me the soul transforming joy for which I seek Thy Face*



## Condolences

Condolences to Gene & Mary Belle Nix in the death of Mary Belle's sister, Sarah Saleeby on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Prayers are extended to the Staton and Saleeby family.

## Walhalla Presbyterian Church Rosters February 2010

**7th** Flowers in the Church— Available  
**Communion Sunday** Prep—Ruthie Alig & Sharon Welfare  
Lay Reader— Lamar Bailes  
Head Usher— Alton Barnett  
Counters—Lamar & Rosemary Bailes

**14th** Flowers in the Church— Available  
Lay Reader— Rosemary Bailes  
Head Usher— Frank Forbes  
Counters— Lamar & Rosemary Bailes

**21th** Flowers in the Church— Available  
Lay Reader— Jack Workman  
Head Usher— John Harper  
Counters – Lamar & Rosemary Bailes

**28th** Flowers in the Church— Available  
Lay Reader— Stephanie Wright  
Head Usher— Lynda Alexander  
Counters— Lamar & Rosemary Bailes

## ...BIRTHDAYS...

3/01 Annette Neville-Saxer  
3/07 Michael Houtzer  
3/14 Eunice Middleton  
3/16 Jack Workman  
3/17 Phyliss Elder  
3/18 Alton Barnett  
3/23 Reba Cobb  
3/27 Alan Houtzer  
3/28 Marian Lebeis  
3/30 Gayle Griffin  
3/30 Trudi Lampe  
3/31 Mary Christian  
3/31 Susan Hollifield



## MANY THANKS

The Norton Dendy Circle has been hosting a "Diaper Shower" for the Foothills Crisis Pregnancy Center during the entire month of February. Diapers have been collected at the church and will soon be delivered. Thank you to all who have participated in this drive.

Thanks, Annie.

## Presbyterians in the Kitchen



### SHRIMP PIE

Pastry:

1—Philsbury Pie Crust  
or substitute with your own favorite pie crust

Filling:

12 ounces uncooked large shrimp, peeled, deveined, and chopped  
1/4 cup (2 ounces) fat free or reg cream cheese, softened  
1/2 cup eggs or egg substitute, divided  
2 teaspoons all-purpose flour  
1 cup evaporated fat-free or regular evaporated milk  
1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Havarti or fontina cheese  
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill  
1/8 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 375°.

To prepare filling, heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Coat pan with cooking spray. Add the shrimp; cook 1 minute or until shrimp turn pink. Remove from heat.

Combine cream cheese and 1/4 cup egg in a medium bowl; beat with a mixer at medium speed until well blended. Add 2 teaspoons flour; beat 1 more minute. Beat in remaining egg and milk. Add shrimp, Havarti cheese, dill, and 1/8 teaspoon salt, stirring well. Pour shrimp mixture into prepared crust. Bake at 375° for 40 minutes or until set. Remove from oven; let stand 10 minutes before serving.


## Family Night Supper

Our Wednesday Night Dinner on March 10th will feature a special treat: Chef Bill Brown will prepare "Edistew" (also known as Beaufort Stew or Low Country Boil). Rounding out the menu will be salad, bread, dessert, and beverages. Cost will be \$5.00 per quest. Guest speaker will be John Powell, with a one-year update on Our Daily Rest, Oconee County's homeless shelter. Plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm, wearing comfortable clothing and prepared to peel your own shrimp!

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

# March 2010

**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 	
	<b>1</b> 7:00pm Evangelism Team Mtg/WPC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:00pm Christian Education Meeting/WPC	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Special Offering for Haiti  11:00am Communion Service at WPC 9:30am Grow Your Faith Class/WPC	<b>8</b> 9:30am—Carolyn Rogers Meyers Cir/WUC 5pm—Missions Team Mtg/WPC 7pm—Norton Dendy Circle Meeting/WPC	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Young Life Banquet @ T. Ed Garrison Arena in Clemson	<b>10</b> 6:00pm Family Night Supper "Edistew"	<b>11</b> 3pm—Nettie Long Circle	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>DON'T FORGET...</i> Spring ahead one hour at midnight for daylight savings time!
<b>14</b> 8:30am WUC Board Mtg. 9:30am Grow Your Faith Class/WPC  Daylight Savings begins today	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> The Messenger Deadline !
<b>21</b> 12:15pm—Third Sunday Luncheon at WUC	<b>22</b> 5:15pm Missions Team Meeting	<b>23</b> 11am Presbyterian Communities Luncheon/Easley	<b>24</b> 6:30PM Session Meeting/WPC	<b>25</b> 6:00PM Worship Committee Mtg/WPC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Palm Sunday</b> Xpujil Team Commissioned @ WPC/WUC  7pm Holy Week Svc. Bethel Presb.	<b>29</b> 7pm Holy Week Svc.—Westminster Presb.	<b>30</b> 7pm Holy Week Svc.—Walhalla Presb.	<b>31</b> 7pm Holy Week Svc.—Richland Presb.	(See following page for continuation of Holy Week Services in April 2010)	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:  <b>TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!</b>            REMINDER:  <b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS</b>  <b>March 20th</b></p> </div>	

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Approx. 12noon** Lunch in the Ben Clark Fellowship Hall at St. John's Evangelic Lutheran Church, 301 West Main Street, Walhalla—folks normally start arriving at around 11:30am

## *Day Service 12:30-1:00pm—St. John's sanctuary*

DATE	MEAL	PREACHING	LEADING WORSHIP	SPECIAL MUSIC
Mon, 3/29	College Street Baptist Church	Rev. Ken Reid, College Street Baptist	Rev. Vince Alig	CSBC
Tue, 3/30	St. Luke's Methodist Ch.	Rev. Scott Cloninger, St. Luke's Methodist Ch.	Rev. Ken Reid	Rev. Buddy Byars
Wed, 3/31	St. Francis & St. Paul Catholic Ch.	Vicar David Fox (St. John's) St. Francis & St. Paul Catholic Church	Rev. David Coffman	Rev. Buddy Byars
Thu, 4/1	Walhalla Presbyterian Ch.	Walhalla Presbyterian Ch. Rev. Vince Alig	Vicar David Fox	Walhalla Presbyterian
Fri, 4/2	Golden Corner Baptist Church	Rev. Mark Bagwell	Rev. Michael Welch	Golden Corner

## *5:00pm—Stations of the Cross*

Fri, 4/2 Starting at St. Paul—Stations of the Cross Sister Joan Kobe  
 Again this year we are including the Hispanic Community in our worship services, and they are inviting us to participate with them on Good Friday for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross remember Christ's last hours on earth up to the crucifixion. This service will be provided in Spanish and we are encouraged to bring our Bibles to read the story in English.

You may also hear the noon service on WGOG 96.3 FM and replay during the 5:30pm hour

## *Evening Service 7:00pm*

DATE	HOST CHURCH	PREACHING
Sunday, March 28	Bethel Presbyterian Church 580 Bethel Church Road, Walhalla	Richard Caldwell
Monday, March 29	Westminster Presbyterian Church 204 North Isundega Street, Westminster	Alan Houtzer
Tuesday, March 30	Walhalla Presbyterian Church 600 East Main Street, Walhalla	George Harper
Wednesday, March 31	Richland Presbyterian Church 821 Poplar Springs Road, Westminster	Frank Strickland
Thursday, April 1 <b>Communion Service</b>	West Union Presbyterian Chapel 299 Main Street, West Union	Vince Alig
Friday, April 2	Seneca Presbyterian Church 115 West South First Street, Seneca (Corner of Oak and South First Street)	Ernie Gray