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## Vince's View



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

In light of the recent "Tea Party" movement across America, I commend the following *Manhattan Declaration* call of Christian conscience to your attention. To learn more, see the website at <http://manhattandeclaration.org/home.aspx>

**MANHATTAN DECLARATION: A CALL OF CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE** - Released November 20, 2009

**About the Movement:** In 2009 a number of Christian leaders known for their public witness on behalf of justice, human rights, and the common good came together in shaping the historic *Manhattan Declaration*. It was born out of an urgent concern about growing efforts to marginalize the Christian voice in the public square, to redefine marriage, and to move away from the biblical view of the sanctity of life. It was originally signed by about 150 prominent Christian clergy, ministry leaders and scholars and was released at a press conference in Washington, DC on November 20, 2009.

It is important to understand that *The Manhattan Declaration* is a call of Christian Conscience. It speaks to the church just as much as it speaks to the larger culture. In fact it is a clarion call to the church to take a stand on three vital issues: The sanctity of life, the dignity of marriage as the union of one man and one woman, and religious liberty. Every day new threats emerge to these three core principles of a good and just society. And every day more and more people respond by adding their names to the Declaration. Each of these signers has committed to speak and act in defense of biblical truths with respect to the three issues it addresses. Each agrees that these truths are not open to compromise.

Space permits sharing only one part of the *Manhattan Declaration* at a time. So I submit the following section on "Life:"

**LIFE:** Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." John 10:10 Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Although public sentiment has moved in a pro-life direction, we note with sadness that pro-abortion ideology prevails today in our government. Many in the present administration want to make abortions legal at any stage of fetal development, and want to provide abortions at taxpayer expense. Majorities in both houses of Congress hold pro-abortion views. The Supreme Court, whose infamous 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade* stripped the unborn of legal protection, continues to treat elective abortion as a fundamental constitutional right, though it has upheld as constitutionally permissible some limited restrictions on abortion. The President says that he wants to reduce the "need" for abortion—a commendable goal. But he has also pledged to make abortion more easily and widely available by eliminating laws prohibiting government funding, requiring waiting periods for women seeking abortions, and parental notification for abortions performed on minors. The elimination of these important and effective pro-life laws cannot reasonably be expected to do other than significantly increase the number of elective abortions by which the lives of countless children are snuffed out prior to birth. Our commitment to the sanctity of life is not a matter of partisan loyalty, for we recognize that in the thirty-six years since *Roe v. Wade*, elected officials and appointees of both major political parties have been complicit in giving legal sanction to what Pope John Paul II described as "the culture of death." We call on all officials in our country, elected and appointed, to protect and serve every member of our society, including the most marginalized, voiceless, and vulnerable among us.

A culture of death inevitably cheapens life in all its stages and conditions by promoting the belief that lives that are imperfect, immature or inconvenient are discardable. As predicted by many prescient persons, the cheapening of life that began with abortion has now metastasized. For example, human embryo-destructive research and its public funding are promoted in the name of science and in the cause of developing treatments and cures for diseases and injuries. The President and many in Congress favor the expansion of embryo-research to include the taxpayer funding of so-called "therapeutic cloning." This would result in the industrial mass production of human embryos to be killed for the purpose of producing genetically customized stem cell lines and tissues.

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**Your testimonies are my heritage forever,  
for they are the joy of my heart.**

**Psalm 119:111**

Vince's View continued...

At the other end of life, an increasingly powerful movement to promote assisted suicide and "voluntary" euthanasia threatens the lives of vulnerable elderly and disabled persons. Eugenic notions such as the doctrine of *Lebensunwertes Leben* ("life unworthy of life") were first advanced in the 1920s by intellectuals in the elite salons of America and Europe. Long buried in ignominy after the horrors of the mid-20th century, they have returned from the grave. The only difference is that now the doctrines of the eugenicists are dressed up in the language of "liberty," "autonomy," and "choice."

We will be united and untiring in our efforts to roll back the license to kill that began with the 1973 abandonment of the unborn to abortion. We will work, as we have always worked, to bring assistance, comfort, and care to pregnant women in need and to those who have been victimized by abortion, even as we stand resolutely against the corrupt and degrading notion that it can somehow be in the best interests of women to submit to the deliberate killing of their unborn children. Our message is, and ever shall be, that the just, humane, and truly Christian answer to problem pregnancies is for all of us to love and care for mother and child alike.

A truly prophetic Christian witness will insistently call on those who have been entrusted with temporal power to fulfill the first responsibility of government: to protect the weak and vulnerable against violent attack, and to do so with no favoritism, partiality, or discrimination. The Bible enjoins us to defend those who cannot defend themselves, to speak for those who cannot themselves speak. And so we defend and speak for the unborn, the disabled, and the dependent. What the Bible and the light of reason make clear, we must make clear. We must be willing to defend, even at risk and cost to ourselves and our institutions, the lives of our brothers and sisters at every stage of development and in every condition.

Our concern is not confined to our own nation. Around the globe, we are witnessing cases of genocide and "ethnic cleansing," the failure to assist those who are suffering as innocent victims of war, the neglect and abuse of children, the exploitation of vulnerable laborers, the sexual trafficking of girls and young women, the abandonment of the aged, racial oppression and discrimination, the persecution of believers of all faiths, and the failure to take steps necessary to halt the spread of preventable diseases such as AIDS. We see these travesties as flowing from the same loss of the sense of the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of human life that drives the abortion industry and the movements for assisted suicide, euthanasia, and human cloning for biomedical research. And so ours is, as it must be, a truly consistent ethic of love and life for all humans in all circumstances.

With trust in God's truth to prevail,

Rev. Vincent S. Alig

## From Your Session

by Rosemary Bailes

At their Stated Meeting on April 28, 2010, the Session:

**Heard a devotion** by Gene Nix, on the theme of a work ethic that glorifies God.

**Prayed for ill and bereaved members, family and friends.** Added to prayer list the names of Jim and Carolyn Suggs and the family of Eunice Middleton.

**Approved motions for:**

- approval of membership transfer for Carolyn E. Edwards to the United Methodist Church of Inman, SC.
- funding for two children mentored by Sylvia Rumer to attend Camp Buc.
- pastor's study leave on June 20 -26 and vacation leave on August 1-7 and November 21-27.

**Approved by consensus:**

- rescheduling of May 9 Congregational Meeting to May 23.
- addition of election of an Elder for Class of 2011, to fill vacancy created by resignation of John Hostetler, to agenda for May 23 Congregational Meeting.
- rescheduling of June Session meeting to June 16, and November meeting to November 17 (both on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month).

**Received training updates** from Worship Team Chair John Palmer for procedures in serving of the Lord's Supper and ushering, both as a means of enhancing the sacredness and dignity of worship services.

**Heard a report** from Elder Commissioner Lamar Bailes on the April 25 session of Foothills Presbytery. He reported that a delegation from our Ghana orphanage and hospital made a presentation, and that Camp Buc has been renamed Buc Outdoor Center. He noted that no member of WPC serves currently on any Presbytery committee and encouraged Elders to consider offering to serve in this capacity.

**Heard announcements that:**

- the next Stated Session Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2010.
- the next meeting of Foothills Presbytery will be held in September, at a date and place to be announced.
- the committee responsible for review of WPC financial books will give a report at the May Session meeting.

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

## ...BIRTHDAY...

6/2 Kitty Coffey  
6/2 Mimi Taylor  
6/7 Ed Bryant  
6/10 Meta Neville  
6/15 Brenda DeHay  
6/16 Bill Weeks  
6/17 Annie Brown  
6/21 Tim Wooten  
6/22 John Hostetler  
6/22 Marie Roser  
6/26 Mary Lee Landry



## ...ANNIVERSARY...

6/6 Jack & Elinor Workman  
6/8 Bob & Vivian Owens  
6/14 Elbert & Nancy Horton  
6/15 Alton & Elaine Barnett  
6/18 William & Deborah Darby  
6/24 Alan & Debbie Houtzer  
6/27 Robert & Carolyn Owens  
6/28 William & Vida Thrasher



## Vacation Bible School News

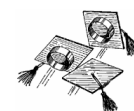
Vacation Bible School is coming... If you are making plans for Vacation Bible School, you may pick up your registration form in the vestibule. The theme this year is "ReNew: The Green VBS". VBS starts Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. More information to come in upcoming bulletins. For additional information, see Becky Drew.

## Congratulations

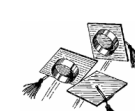


God has blessed Annie & Bill Brown in the birth of their grand baby to parents Anna Kate & Will Brown. Mary Dorothy "Dot" Lang Brown came into this world on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and weighed 8lbs. 13oz.

## Congratulations Graduates



Michael & Allison Hunter, twin grandchildren of Becky & Leroy Drew will be graduating in June from Leavitt Avea High School, Turner Maine, in June.



Brynn DeHay, daughter of Fynn & Brenda DeHay, graduated from William and Mary Law School in Williamsburg, VA on May 16th.

Alisa Alig graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, MD on May 17, 2010. Anna Alig will be graduating from Walhalla High School on June 5th, 2010 and will be attending Wheaton College in Chicago, Fall 2010. Alisa and Anna are the daughters of Vince and Ruthie Alig.

James Houtzer, son of Alan & Debbie Houtzer, will be graduating from Walhalla High School on June 5th. He will be attending Western Carolina University in the fall.

Julia Carpenter will be graduating from Walhalla High School on June 5th, 2010; she will be attending Wofford College in Spartanburg.

Dohnia Owens Galloway was awarded her Masters of Media and Information Services at the University of South Carolina's December 2009 commencement. This degree certifies Dohnia to work as a media specialist in South Carolina's public schools. Dohnia is currently completing her sixth year teaching first grade in Darlington, SC, where she lives with her husband Ryan. Dohnia is the daughter of Robert and Carolyn Owens and the granddaughter of Bob and Vivian Owens of our congregation.

Danielle Bickford, daughter of John Bickford, will be graduating from Hunter College in N.Y. with a major in Political Science. John is very proud as Danielle also made the Deans list.

# Hymn of the Month

Submitted by: Doug Keel

## *I Am Thine, O Lord* 1875

*Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Hebrews 10:22*

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he's called the "Queen of American Hymn Writers," and the "Mother of Congregational Singing in America." During her ninety-five years, Fanny Crosby wrote over eight thousand hymns. In addition, she was one of the three most prominent evangelical leaders in America during the last part of the 1800's, the others being D. L. Moody and Ira Sankey. She was one of America's most popular preachers and lecturers; in many cases lines of people would circle the block where she was scheduled to speak, hoping to get a seat.

When she traveled, it was usually by train; and she was fiercely independent, insisting on traveling alone, despite her blindness, until she was up in her eighties. Fanny lived in the rundown tenements of lower Manhattan so she'd be nearer her beloved Rescue Missions where she worked with the homeless and addicted.

But to me, the most remarkable thing about Fanny Crosby was her phenomenal memory. After her eyes were blinded in infancy, her grandmother Eunice took a special interest in teaching her Bible verses. Later a woman named Mrs. Hawley, the Crosbys' landlady, took over the job, committed to helping Fanny memorize the entire Bible! Ever week, the child was given a certain number of chapters to learn, and Mrs. Hawley drilled them into her during their review sessions together. Fanny learned by heart all of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, plus the four Gospels, most of the Psalms, all of Proverbs, and many portions of the rest of the Bible.

From the fountainhead of these Scriptures flowed her hymns.

Ira Sankey, in his autobiography, gives us the story behind this particular hymn: "Fanny Crosby was visiting Mr. W. H. Doane, in his home in Cincinnati, Ohio. They were talking together about the nearness of God, as the sun was setting and evening shadows were gathering around them. The subject so impressed the well-known hymn-writer, that before retiring she had written the words to this hymn, which has become one of the most useful she has ever written. The music by Mr. Doane so well fitted the words that the hymn has become a special favorite wherever the gospel hymns are known."

It was first published in 1875 in the little hidden treasure of hymns called *Brightest and Best*. Underneath the hymn was this Scripture quotation:

*"Let us draw near with a true heart"*  
(Hebrews 10:22)

## Walhalla Presbyterian Church Rosters June 2010

- 6th** Flowers in the Church—  
**Communion Sunday Prep –**  
**John Palmer & Mary Lee Landry**  
Lay Reader—Linda Hostetler  
Head Usher— Don Morocco  
Counters— Bob Tinsley & Deb Wickliffe
- 13th** Flowers in the Church— Dr. & Mrs. Alton Barnett  
Lay Reader— Deb Wickliffe  
Head Usher—Alton Barnett  
Counters— Bob Tinsley & Deb Wickliffe
- 20th** Flowers in the Church—Alex & Maria Macaulay  
Lay Reader— Harry Silsby  
Head Usher— Bob Bartell  
Counters – Bob Tinsley & Deb Wickliffe
- 27th** Flowers in the Church—  
Lay Reader— Cheryl Morocco  
Head Usher— Don Morocco  
Counters— Bob Tinsley & Deb Wickliffe



Condolences are extended to Meta Neville and family in the death of her sister in-law, Rieppe Mays, on April 18th.

Condolences are extended to Ginny (Middleton) Dearhart and family in the death of her mother, Eunice Middleton, on Friday, May 14th.

## Mission Team News

by Gene Nix

The Buc Outdoor Center operated by the Outdoor Ministry of Foothills Presbytery is calling individual church members with a timely message..... An **S.O.S. to Stock Our Seats.**"

One hundred and fifty chairs with padded seats and backs are needed to complement new tables already obtained. A number of our members have led the way funding 27 chairs at \$16.00 each. More are needed. If you would like to help, make checks payable to: "Foothills Presbytery", for: "Buc Chairs". Please give the checks to Gene Nix or Elinor Workman.

The Reverend Frank Strickland of Bethel Church works each Monday to improve the facility. Contact Frank to join him for a work day. Seven beautiful housekeeping cabins are being constructed to supplement camp quarters.

Mary Belle and I, along with Carol and Harry Silsby, toured the campus on Saturday, May 15. We met the Reverend Kevin Cartee, the energetic Director of Outdoor Ministries for Buc and Camp Fellowship on the shores of Lake Greenwood (Trinity Presbytery).

### More Camp Buc News...

Camp Buc is gearing up for a great summer for kids of all ages! The time is now to make reservations for your children, grandchildren and friends at Camp Buc for 2010. A list of this year's camps is posted on the bulletin board in the office foyer, or online at: <http://www.bucandfellowship.org>

## Presbyterians in the Kitchen



## Summer Delight

submitted by Betty Palmer

- 1 Angel Food cake
- 1 16oz Blueberries
- 1 16oz Strawberries
- 1 16 oz Blackberries or Raspberries  
(use whatever you prefer)




Cool Whip - use as much as you desire.  
Place all berries into large bowl.  
Take strawberry glaze and mix into the berries.  
Cut the cake into thirds.  
Take 1 section and place into the bottom of a very deep dish.  
Place mixture of berries and cover first layer with cool whip.  
Take 2nd section of cake and repeat the above until all of the ingredients have been used.  
Place into refrig until serving.

This a great summer dessert and especially a great treat for your 4th of July celebration

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

# June 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<br>4:30pm Bible Study<br>at West Union Chapel<br>Fellowship Hall<br><br> |                                               |                                              | *Choir Practice<br>Wednesday<br>nights 7:00pm at<br>WPC & WUC<br><br> |           | *Every Friday<br>8:00am Old Joe<br>Men's Break-<br>fast—Kountry<br>Kupboard<br><br> |                                                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                         |                                               | <b>1</b>                                     | <b>2</b> Last Day of<br>SCOC Schools                                                                                                                   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>5</b> WHS Gradua-<br>tion 4:30pm at<br>Little John in<br>Clemson |
| <b>6</b> Communion @ WPC                                                                                                                                                | <b>7</b>                                      | <b>8</b>                                     | <b>9</b> 5pm C.E. Team<br>at WPC                                                                                                                       | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>12</b>                                                           |
| <b>13</b> WUC Board<br>Meeting 8:30am                                                                                                                                   | <b>14</b> Flag Day                            | <b>15</b> 7pm Evan-<br>gelism Team at<br>WPC | <b>16</b> Session<br>Meeting 6:30pm                                                                                                                    | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>19</b>                                                           |
| <b>20</b> The Messenger<br>Deadline<br><br>Father's Day<br><br>Dr. C. Dougherty<br>preaching at WPC                                                                     | <b>21</b> 1st Day of<br>Summer                | <b>22</b>                                    | <b>23</b>                                                                                                                                              | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                                              | <b>26</b>                                                           |
| <b>27</b>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>28</b> 5:15 pm<br>Missions Team<br>Meeting | <b>29</b>                                    | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                                              |           |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |
| Lunch for Life on<br>July 17th...                                                                                                                                       | VBS is com-<br>ing soon....<br>July 19th      | WPC / WUC<br>Picnic August<br>21st           |                                                                                                                                                        |           |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                     |

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:  
**TURN IN  
 YOUR ARTICLES  
 EARLY!**  
 REMINDER:  
**DEADLINE FOR  
 NEWSLETTER  
 ARTICLES IS**  
**June 20th**

## The Lost Children

by Donna Riggs

Their "day of rest" begins with sleeping in until nine or ten, enjoying a family sit-down breakfast, reading the Sunday newspaper, the children playing video games. They load the van for an afternoon/evening at a nearby lake, hauling their boat behind. One would believe that they had a satisfying life, complete with luxuries, obedient children, and time to enjoy each other. Occasionally, they even tolerated the neighbors. Yet, behind closed doors, the children were afraid of their father's temper. His wife kept silent about his tirades and her own bruises. Where was any loving God people talked about? The pressures of keeping up their lifestyle and a roof over their heads was slowly eroding the love that had been present fifteen years ago. It had been replaced by the father's pride and his desire to do well in all things that mattered to him, which included making more money than his brothers, having wonderful vacations to brag about and a wife and children who did as they were told. The perfect family. He worked hard to maintain it all and he drummed it into his children to grow up and be like him so they, too, could make him proud. "Do unto others before they do unto you" was his motto.

Then his world crumbled. His job was done away with. How could they make the house payments? The boat had to be sold, etc. And everyone paid for his falling into misfortune! Where was this God who took care of his children? If, in fact, He had anything at all to do with the world's population. In the good old U.S.A., men were heads of their households. Women were allowed to contribute. This man's misery and fear had nowhere to go. For faith is the solid rock on which we Christian's stand. And stand we do!

The firm foundation we have come to know as "our happiness" is either life-long knowledge or a new path for many. Yet it is the saving grace for all. Available to all.

So, should we worry? Do we care about the families who have lived and flourished without God, but are now destitute? Can we give up our luxuries or our financial stability we worked so hard for?

The children who are surrounded from birth by greed, depravity, resentments and distrust, even hate, are our lost children. They perpetuate the model they know. Granted, we Christians are not perfect role models, but we have that "something" that gets us through the tough times. It is a righteousness and peace from God. He, Jesus, is our righteousness. Our relationship with Him is our saving grace. The closer we become to Him, the more clearly we resemble Him in our ways and the stronger we become—period!

Watch out for those lost children. All of them are not on posters as missing. Many are our neighbors. Fill up that VBS attendance! Offer to pick up children for church. Those children may someday influence their parent or parents. The children need to see the difference somehow, somewhere, and at some point. The point is? Let us not be lazy.

Could you walk that hard, hot dusty road beside Jesus, in faraway Galilee? Could you get into your vehicle now and visit the lost children? They are wondering who and where are the Jesus people.

## West Union Chapel

By Ed Bryant

We are certainly blessed with an abundance of rain this year and we thank God for this. The world seems to have a grand and greater abundance of greenery than in the past many years. The large and small farmers are happy for this needed rain. My garden and lawn are growing so fast that they require work every two to three days. The flowers are blooming in abundance; this is surely a year of plenty.

We have had another wonderful month of services at the Chapel; our Bible study continues at 4:30 each Sunday afternoon. We have a good crowd, but we can always find a place for others who wish to attend. We welcome each and everyone for this study. We are presently studying in Numbers.

The men continue to have a great breakfast at the Kountry Kupboard each Friday morning beginning at 8am. We have a great time with the coffee and with our devotional.

At the Chapel we had a wonderful luncheon this past third Sunday. I believe this to be the last one until September. The upcoming picnic will be August 21st.

We are reviewing plans for our new fellowship hall and are eager to get his project started.

### THANK GOD

With the world so green and beautiful,  
 A world where God surely has control.  
 This has been since the beginning,  
 And is true since the days of old.

He sends each thing that we need,  
 To get us through each worldly day.  
 If we just lend a hand to others,  
 And bend a knee to thankfully pray.

He'll thank us when we reach Heaven,  
 To a place He has prepared us to live.  
 Then we'll sing praises long and sweet,  
 About the love He will always give.

YoungLife

is NOW at

Walhalla High School

PLEASE PRAY for our WHS YoungLife Leaders:

CRAIG HUMBERD, Tri-County YL Area Director  
 SAMANTHA MONSON YL Staff

Volunteers (sophomores at Clemson): Miles Bryan, Shane  
 Glarrow, Mary Courtney Jones, Aubrey Neely, Meghan  
 Smith, Kimberly Wilson

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