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Cindy Higgins  
goes on sabbatical

While Cindy Higgins is on sabbatical April 15 – July 15, the Rev. Butch Sherrill will be anchor pastor at the Lake Brandt campus. In the April issue, you'll learn more about the details of Cindy's sabbatical which has a focus on the mind, body, and spirit. You'll also learn more about Butch, who may be a familiar face to many at Westminster.



## Have You Heard?

### Renewal Weekend to be held March 16 - 18

This year's Renewal Weekend promises to leave you thinking differently about how you view Christianity in today's multi-cultural world. This year's event will



feature a dynamic speaker, wonderful music, small group discussions, and special programming for our

youth and children. We will also have the opportunity to worship together on Sunday morning at Grimsley Auditorium. Please see page 4 for all the details on this exciting weekend, including registration information. You will not want to miss this opportunity to perhaps change the way you see yourself in our world.

## Endowment Growth Continues

### 53% of Goal Attained

Many of you are aware of our recent focus on the endowment and have inquired about its growth and progress. We're pleased to say that we are slightly over halfway to our initial goal of \$1,000,000, and we look forward to attaining our goal in the year 2007. If you have not yet considered making a gift to the endowment, we encourage you to consider making it a part of your overall charitable planning. Our Finish Strong Youth Fund will send high school students out on a culminating mission

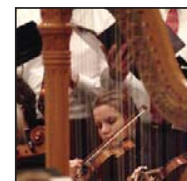


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## THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends:

For nearly a year I have been looking forward to this month and the privilege we have of hosting Ray Bakke as the featured speaker for our Renewal Weekend. Dr. Bakke brings a rare combination of intelligence, humor, and knowledge when speaking about the global mission of the Christian church. His message is substantiated with personal integrity, a strong coherence between his message and his life. Having a speaker of this quality and reputation is new ground for Westminster, and I strongly encourage you to put the weekend of March 16 - 18 on your calendar now.

Additionally, we will worship at one service in one location on Sunday, March 18. Many plans are already being made to converge on Grimsley High School's auditorium Sunday morning at 10 am on March 18, and we invite you to make a special effort to come. With more than 1500 seats, we'll have plenty of room for you, your friends, and family. It promises to be an inspiring day. Look elsewhere in the newsletter and other church communications for details about our Worship Band concert that weekend, children and youth activities, and a variety of other opportunities.

We are grateful for the fresh opportunities God continues to bring our way, and none is a greater blessing than our new Lake Brandt campus. The worship is great, the space very accommodating, and the youth and children's program excellent. After nearly three years of faithful work, planning and prayer, this ministry of Westminster is bearing tremendous fruit. We are deeply grateful.

We continue to solicit your prayers as we seek to be faithful and to share the abundant blessings that are ours. Consider your gifts and how you might best use them. We need your full participation as we seek to be God's light and love to the world.

Warmly,

Bob Henderson

### CHILDREN LOVE THE LAKE BRANDT CAMPUS

Thank you to the many volunteers who work to make our Lake Brandt campus a thriving community for our children. Make plans now to come explore the Lake Brandt campus. Children attend worship with their parent(s) and then attend age-appropriate classes for lessons following Children's Time in the service. The classrooms are on the same floor as the Sanctuary in case you'd like to check on them.



## Greene Resigns as Operating Officer

Robert Greene recently announced his resignation as Westminster's Church Operating Officer, effective March 30, to pursue his business interests on a full-time basis.

"The past year and a half has been a wonderful experience, but some of the things I started before joining the staff at Westminster now require more attention and support," said Greene.

During his tenure at Westminster, Robert has been a great gift to the staff because the input he has offered has always been in the best interest of the church and intended to enhance the long-term effectiveness of our mission. The Personnel Committee is working with Robert and the rest of the staff to ensure a smooth transition and to search for his replacement. Thank you Robert, for your service, friendship, and commitment to Westminster.

## Women of Westminster Honor someone with Lifetime Membership Award

Nominations are now being accepted for Lifetime Membership Awards. This award honors those women who have furthered the mission of Presbyterian Women of Westminster by participating in women's activities, exemplifying their faith, and serving others. If you know someone who you would like to nominate, please download a nomination form at [www.westpreschurch.org](http://www.westpreschurch.org) and return the form to the office by March 16. If you have any questions, contact Carole Albright at 854-8681.

The Women of Westminster is a group of women who come together to grow in faith through service and fellowship. Any woman can be a part of the Women of Westminster. They offer circles or women's Bible studies, plan and host the annual Women's Retreat, and do many service activities. Several of these activities, such as Christmas families, have grown into broader outreach programs.

## Endowment: Make a Lasting Difference - continued from p. 1

trip to Africa or the Holy Lands; our Excellence in Music Fund will continue to strengthen our music program.

These funds are designed to allow members and friends of Westminster to ensure the health of the church and its programs, with an emphasis on the long term. You may specify your gift or allow those closest to the funds to determine the area of greatest need. Whether your heart is passionate about maintaining the quality of our music program, providing our youth an international experience of



mission, or some other important dimension of our life as a congregation, there is a place for you to contribute to your passion.

No matter what, your gifts make a lasting difference. In the true spirit of giving at Westminster, your gift is assured to be anonymous and private, and you will have the deep satisfaction that you have helped ensure the future of Westminster

as a warm and welcoming church home. Endowment giving is not for everybody. It is not appropriate for those who want to see the totality of their gift at work in the short term. Endowment gifts are invested in a conservative blend of financial instruments, and about 5% of the appreciated gift is given to these ministries annually. If history is a guide, your gift will earn more than 5% and your generosity to Westminster would grow over the years.

We invite you to consider the Westminster Endowment Fund as a gift in your lifetime or as part of your will and estate.

## Renewal Weekend Children's Choir

On Sunday morning, March 18, Westminster's Children's Choir will participate in the culminating event of our Renewal Weekend. The children have already started working on music for this occasion, but there's still time to join in! The Children's Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in rooms 106 (K-2) and 103 (3-5) at the Friendly Avenue campus. Come join us for this special singing opportunity!

## Westminster Motorcycle Group

Get ready to roll! Motorcyclists and their riding partners will enjoy getting to know other cycle enthusiasts as we explore the countryside on day trips, overnight trips, and the occasional "pick up" rides after worship or other church events. All brands of motorcycles are welcome, and you don't have to be a member to go on the rides. Those interested in joining the Motorcycle Ministry should contact Suzanne Andia, Director of Fellowship at [Suzanne.andia@westpreschurch.org](mailto:Suzanne.andia@westpreschurch.org).

## Auction: Support Our Missions - continued from p. 3

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*You are not only supporting the missions auction, but you are honoring the people who have donated the items.*  
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and techniques, as well as how to be frugal with the materials without cutting quality corners. “There may be less hammering the first hour or two, but at the end of the day, all the nails will be straight and people will have learned skills,” said Ruth.

The Auction will include bid items that feature many other talents and gifts like the Martins. When you bid, you're not only bidding on an item, but you're paying tribute to the donor's contribution to a worthy cause.

“One of the neat things about preparing for the auction is that I get to hear these wonderful stories about people who have offered their talents to help raise money to support our missions,” said Anne Hendrix, Westminster's Director of National/International Outreach. “People spend

their own money on materials and sometimes take weeks to build, paint, or make something for the church to sell in hopes that it goes for a high bid at the auction.”

New this year will be a sealed-bid auction where bidders simultaneously submit bids to the auctioneer without knowledge of the amount bid by other participants. In the end, the highest bidder wins. The Worship Band Concert will be ticket-based, so if you would like to attend with 50 of your friends, encourage them all to buy tickets. Continue to look for updates on all auction items on the church web site.

This year, the Buy-Now event will be on **Saturday, April 21, at 7 am** in the Fellowship Hall at the Friendly Campus. This will allow the auction items to be spread out over more rooms and improve traffic flow – especially during those crucial final bidding minutes when you scramble to ensure you are the highest bidder. “Come and enjoy a wonderful evening and bid generously,” Hendrix said. “You are not only supporting the missions, but you are honoring the people who have donated the auction items.”

## MARCH CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us for great food and men's fellowship **Saturday, March 3** at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker this month will be Bob Henderson. Bob will share his vision for the future of Westminster and the character of our life as a congregation. Topics will include our mission emphases, endowment and multi-campus approach to growth. Please sign up via the worship response card or web site.

### DAY TRIP TO MADISON, NC

On **Thursday March 8**, we're headed to Madison, NC, to Mount Tabor United Methodist Church to see the *Talking Murals* exhibit featuring our very own artist/member Peg DuFresne. We'll meet at the church at 9:30 am, visit the exhibit, have lunch at the Cuzon's Family Steakhouse, and stop to shop in the Dry Goods Store in downtown Madison. We'll return by 1:30 pm. The cost of the trip is \$10 and includes lunch. Call Suzanne Andia at 299-3785 to sign up.

### MOMS GROUP

The MOMS Group meets from 9:30-11:30 on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday mornings of the month at the Friendly Avenue campus. Our meeting dates and discussion topics for this month are **March 1** (personal testimonies), **March 15** (exploring gratitude), and **March 29** (Suzanne Henderson, speaker). Childcare is always provided, and the children enjoy preschool story time. Feel free to join us anytime for our discussions. Please call Kelly McKee for more information at 644-0616.

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

**Tuesday, March 13**  
7:30 pm at Rita Roser's house  
1812 Dunleith Way, 545-0563

9:30 am at Janice DePasquale's house  
8 Greenmont Court, 282-2940

### Wednesday, March 14

10:00 am at the Youth House  
Hostesses: Ann Jones, Rita Wade,  
Trick Beamer

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Easter Week Services and Events**  
Palm Sunday: March 31 and April 1  
Maundy Thursday: April 5  
Good Friday: April 6  
Family Event: Saturday, April 7  
Easter services: April 7 and 8

**One Great Day of Service**  
Sunday, April 29

**Children's Musical**  
Sunday, May 6

**Music Camp**  
June 18 - 22

### YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

Our Middle Schoolers have 2 options for work mission trips: Atlanta, June 24-29 or West Virginia, July 9 - 14. These trips are open to all rising 7 - 9th graders. Our high schoolers are going to Reynosa, Mexico, with Son Servants, July 31 - August 5. Our high school trip is open to all rising 10th graders through high school seniors. **Applications and information have been mailed and are due by March 15 to Emily Black in the church office.** For more information, check out the web site, or contact Lucy Jefferies or Leigh Vail.

### NEW TO WESTMINSTER?

We'd enjoy the chance to help you find a sense of connection and belonging with this church. You're invited to attend the "Discovering the Faith" classes that will be from 6:30 - 7:30 pm for two Wednesdays beginning **March 21**. Look on the room schedule located just inside the parking lot door for the meeting location. We'll talk about developing friendships, discovering a place to serve, and the foundation of Westminster's life and mission. All are welcome. No charge.

### OUTRAGEOUS OUTREACH TALENT SHOW

Outrageous Outreach will hold their annual talent show at Heritage Green on **March 17**. The 4th and 5th graders will meet at the church at 8:30. Please contact Bev Hill or look for e-mail updates.

### NO CHURCH SCHOOL - MARCH 17/18

There will be no church school at either campus due to RENEWAL WEEKEND. Please check the web site for information. There will be childcare through 4 years old at the Grimsley campus on Sunday.

### BETH MOORE STUDY GROUP FORMING

A new group is forming to study Beth Moore's book, "Jesus: The One and Only." The book is designed for participants to get to know Jesus as though we had walked with him during his days of earthly ministry. The group will meet for 10 weeks in March, April and May. If you are interested in participating, please contact Scottie King at 908-2199.

### YOUTH SERVICE - NEW TIME, NEW PLACE

Our led-by-youth-for-youth service will be in a new place and time! Join us on **March 25, at 5 pm**, at the Lake Brandt sanctuary for a new youth service, formerly known as the Black Box service. We'll have more great music, more great messages, and there's more space to bring your friends. Mark your calendars now.

### TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER

This year's dinner will be held **March 24 at 7:00 pm** following the 6:00 worship service. An evening of fun and fellowship with childcare available. Outrageous Outreach will be serving the meal. All teachers mark your calendars! For details contact Ann Wren at 299-3785 x22.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 16-20** - Grade School Vacation Bible School and 4th/5th grade Outrageous Outreach, 9am-Noon. Preschool Vacation Bible School will be the week of **August 6-10** from 9 am - Noon. (3- year-olds through 5-year-olds). Look for details in April. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Kim Priddy at ext 35 or email kim.priddy@westpreschurch.org.

### LUNCH, ETC.

A small group of women meet each month for lunch and fellowship on the third Wednesday of each month. If you are interested, contact Alice Theall at 545-9363 for the location and time.

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP FORMING

A Young Adults Group for single or married people to connect through learning, serving, and fellowship is forming. If you would like more information, please send an email to youngadults@westpreschurch.org.

## Missions Auction Showcases Many Talents

Ruth and Aaron Martin know a thing or two about building. They've built more than 150 Habitat Houses and their own house. They've been on building mission trips to Mexico, the Gulf Coast, and worked on the Eastside Park Community Center. So

two-fold purpose. One is to raise money to support the church's mission efforts in Appalachia, the Gulf Coast, Mexico, Haiti, Kenya and Jordan. The other purpose is to encourage people to learn building skills - particularly those who are interested in the Appalachia and Gulf Coast mission trips, or those working on Habitat for Humanity houses.

"A nail will go in the way you drive it," Aaron said. "If it goes in crooked, you have to change the way you hammer."

The building materials alone will be about \$1,000, so that is where the bidding will start. The building will include a standard door and window so the volunteers who help in its construction will learn how to install windows and doors properly. The winner may choose to upgrade the initial building to a tool shed, playhouse, greenhouse or studio. It all depends on how much the buyer wants to spend after the initial building is constructed.

The building will have shingles for the roof and T-111 plywood siding. If the winner would like to purchase siding for the building to match their



Ruth Martin helped re-roof this house on a recent Katrina mission trip.

house, the Martins are willing to teach the volunteers how to put up siding. The more opportunities to learn on the construction site, the better.

Ruth takes particular interest in getting volunteers to be productive and occupied with the building process. "On the Habitat houses, I would take the volunteers on a walkthrough of a nearly completed house and explain the vocabulary," Ruth said. "I'd give them the big picture, and then teach them how to drive a nail and line up boards." She and Aaron will teach the "whys"

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**MISSIONS AUCTION**  
**Friday, April 13**

**Silent Auction**  
4:00 - 7:45 p.m.

**Heavy appetizers from Ham's Restaurant**  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Silent Auction Checkout**  
7:45 p.m.

**Dessert and Live Auction**  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Buy-Now Event**  
**Saturday, April 21 at 7:00 am**

when you are offered the opportunity to bid on a Martin-constructed 8x10 building at the Missions Auction, you're not only bidding on lumber and nails, you're also bidding on their time and knowledge.

The building that will be auctioned at Westminster's annual Missions Auction on Friday, April 13, has a

## Cochrans Express Gratitude

Dear Westminster Family,

Thank you for all the letters and emails during this time of transition for our family. Your words of support and encouragement are deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless this special church community.

Sincerely,  
The Cochrans

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

In addition to our lenten sermon series and Palm Sunday and Easter services, we will have other special events during Holy Week.

**Maundy Thursday Choral Concert - April 5, 7 pm, Friendly Avenue Campus**  
A rich, musical performance by the Westminster Chancel Choir

**Pilate on the Beach - April 5, 7 pm, Lake Brandt Campus and April 6, Noon, Friendly Avenue Campus**  
This play explores Pontius Pilate's life after Jesus' death. Haunted by voices from the past, Pilate struggles with guilt and with who Jesus was and is.



# RENEWAL WEEKEND 2007 - THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

## WHAT IS RENEWAL WEEKEND?

Renewal Weekend is a time when we can worship together as one body. Our Sunday worship at Grimsley High School will gather us together in such a celebration. During this three-day experience, we will be both renewed and challenged in our commitment to the church's missions in the world. It will be a time to get to know people through small group encounters and to have fun and fellowship during Saturday night's Worship Band Concert.



## WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS?

### Friday, March 16 – Friendly Avenue Campus

5:15 - 5:45 pm Registration & Child drop-off  
 5:30 - 6:30 pm Dinner with small groups  
 6:45 - 8:00 pm Musical entertainment by Logie Meachum & Ray Bakke's first talk

### Saturday, March 17 – Friendly Avenue Campus

8:30 - 8:45 am Late registration & child drop-off  
 8:45 - 9:45 am Gathering music & Ray Bakke's second talk  
 10:00 - 11:15 am Small group discussion  
 11:30 - 12:15 pm Ray Bakke's third talk

7:00 - 8:00 pm **Grimsley High School Auditorium**  
 Worship Band Concert & Fellowship  
*Children welcome - childcare not provided*

### Sunday, March 18 – Grimsley High School Auditorium

9:30 - 10:00 am Child drop-off  
*Childcare available for birth - 4-years-old*  
 10:00 - 11:00 am Worship Service  
 11:00 am Child pick-up & Reception



## DO I NEED TO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE WEEKEND?

If you and/or your children plan to participate in the Friday night and/or Saturday morning portion of the weekend, pre-registration & pre-payment is highly encouraged and appreciated. It could even eliminate long lines on Friday evening. **It is not necessary to register for the Saturday night Worship Band Concert or Sunday morning worship service at Grimsley.**

Registration is available on-line at: [www.westpreschurch.org](http://www.westpreschurch.org). You may also register during fellowship at both campuses the weekends of March 3 & 4, and March 10 & 11.



## TOP 10 REASONS TO PARTICIPATE IN RENEWAL WEEKEND 2007

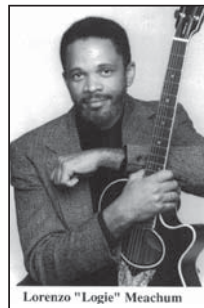
- 10 To **live up the weekend** of March 16 – 18 for your whole family.
- 9 To **make new friends** and **reconnect** with long-time friends at Westminster.
- 8 To be charmed by Logie Meachum's **musical entertainment** and the dramatic talents of our **Westminster Players** on Friday evening.
- 7 To hear **inspirational chamber music** and the dynamic & uplifting sounds of our **Chancel Choir** on Saturday morning.
- 6 To rock Grimsley Auditorium at a **Worship Band Concert** on Saturday evening at 7 pm.
- 5 To let our **children & youth** take part in the awesome programs being planned especially for them.
- 4 To learn and be challenged by our speaker, **Ray Bakke**.
- 3 To **connect with a Small Group** to grow in faith and discuss the lessons our speaker will present.
- 2 To be **led in worship by the combined voices** of our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Worship Band and orchestra on Sunday morning.
- 1 To celebrate worship as **ONE BODY in ONE LOCATION** on Sunday at 10 am in Grimsley High School Auditorium.

## RENEWAL WEEKEND FEATURES MYRIAD OF MUSICAL TALENTS WORSHIP BAND CONCERT, CHANCEL CHOIR, CHILDREN'S CHOIR, VINE VOICES, LOCAL MUSICIAN



### LOGIE MEACHUM TO PERFORM

Westminster is pleased to feature the musical talents of local musician Lorenzo "Logie" Meachum at this year's Renewal Weekend.



Lorenzo "Logie" Meachum

Logie has been performing children's literature, stories, and music nationally for more than 30 years.

Born and raised in the Guilford College area of Greensboro, Logie contin-

ues the oral tradition that was so much a part of his youth and development. Educated in North Carolina and Virginia, Logie holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Technical Theater from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and a Masters Degree in Educational Theater from Virginia Polytechnic and State University. Presently, he serves as a Lecturer at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the African American Studies Program.

Education and entertainment have been life-long passions. He has presented lectures and workshops in various settings from Harvard University to church fellowship halls. Logie is a licensed Exhorter in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and on Sunday morning can be found in church fellowship halls and pulpits around the country. He

uses his gifts and talents to inspire any audience in any setting.

In addition to his commitment to the educational arena, Logie is also a talented writer, blues musician and ethnomusicologist. As a lover of the Blues he is one of the original founders of the Piedmont Blues Preservation Society and in 1995 received the Keeping The Blues Alive Award. He currently resides in Greensboro with his wife Tomi and his two sons Ishmael and Isa.



### WORSHIP BAND CONCERT

Don't miss this year's Worship Band Concert that will be held Saturday night at Grimsley High School Auditorium. The concert will feature band members from both



Members of Westminster's Worship Band at last year's summer concert.

campuses playing popular songs that we have come to know and love. You'll hear "Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Man of Constant Sorrow," and many more. There will be plenty of seats - we promise! - so bring a friend.