



Leadership Letter

December 2011

Joining Christ in the world, the Presbytery of South Louisiana strengthens congregations, empowers leaders, and impacts communities

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PSL is Going Green and Hi-Tech!

This year instead of a large envelope full of papers, each church in the Presbytery will receive just one simple little tool...a flash drive for your computer. In an effort to reduce paper consumption, printing, and mailing costs, and to take advantage of current technology; The flash drive will be loaded with files for all the information you will need for your statistical reporting and financial giving for the presbytery.

The Presbytery office will also be offering three regional workshops to help Clerks of Session prepare their statistical information and enter it online. More information regarding dates and locations will be sent to each church.

Once your church receives it's flash drive, if you have any questions or issues with the files, please contact the office and we'll be happy to assist. 225-275-1242



The Presbytery (and the Nominating Committee) Need You!

You stepped forward in faith at the October Presbytery meeting and adopted the new structure. Now we need to step forward and commit to those areas in which we feel called, pastors and laity alike.

Are you knowledgeable about electronic **communications**, web-sites, media campaigns? Five people are needed.

Is **mission** your passion? Two members at large are needed.

How about **Christian education**? Confirmation of our youth, summer children and youth programs, campus ministry? Is the nurture and spiritual development of our young folks what makes your heart sing? Four needed, one from each regional area.

Or do you have a vision for **church development**? Four people are needed, one from each regional area. The two subcommittees, Church Transformation and New Church Development, have chair persons already volunteered!! Rev. John Blewitt for Church Transformation and Rev. Jim Rollins for New Church Development.

Call or email Donna Stogner, donna@lakemortgageinvestors.com ; office – 504-362-4108, home – 504-392-2399. Or anyone on the Nomination Committee – Brad Thompson, Raches Koger, John Jaschke, Jolie Berry, Claire Brooks, Lois Ferguson, Judy Roeling, Patti Snyder, Gene Tims, Chan Willis, Richard Magg

mission statement

*In the service of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit
We will promote the spiritual, mental & physical health of our congregations,
Minister-Members, Christian Educators and other Church Professionals;
We will help our congregations to carry out their missions and connect them to
each other as well as to the larger Church, and
We will coordinate and execute those ministries specific to the Presbytery.
All that we do is dedicated to the Glory of God.*

THE GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH:

The great ends of the Church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world. (Book of Order G-1.0200)

Meet the YAVs



Hi, my name is Ashley Bair. I grew up in Midland, Michigan and recently graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Social Work. I am currently enrolled at the University of Michigan for graduate studies in the same field. God's people and mission has been the passion of my heart. I've been blessed with the opportunity to travel to Mexico and Uganda, which have only expanded that passion. After a period of prayer I decided to pursue the continuation of mission work and take a leave from my studies.

This year I am serving as a Young Adult Volunteer through the Presbytery of South Louisiana with Project Homecoming. I work as a Village Manager, hosting volunteers and getting to know people from all over the country, and in the office with communications and planning. This summer I will also direct Project Homecoming's Summer Youth Mission Program.

It's been an exciting, challenging year so far. I am falling in love with the city of New Orleans and the wonderful people I have been blessed to meet and work with. I look forward to the rest of my time here and God's plan for the future.

Thank you for your support!

Blog: ashbair-livingoutloud.blogspot.com

*We wish you a
Merry Christmas
&*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*May your holiday season
be filled
with love and blessings*

*From,
Ron, Tom,
Julia and Karen*



**CONFIRMATION RETREAT
 Presbytery of South Louisiana
 January 27th-29th, 2012
 Feliciana Retreat Center**

For Whom: 6th - 8th Graders in the Presbytery. (Registration limited to 40 youth and adults total)

Purpose: To provide youth from member churches/youth groups an opportunity to explore the meaning of Confirmation, i.e. affirming one's baptismal vows. Focus: Faith Journey, Church History, Confessions and Polity.

When: Friday evening, January 27th by 8:30 p.m. – through Sunday, January 29th, Noon.

Where: Feliciana Retreat Center in Norwood, Louisiana (registrants will be sent a map) Accommodations will be in the Glencoe Cabins. **Cost:** \$100 (per person) adults must register separately. The fee includes lodging, Friday and Saturday snacks, Saturday 3 meals and Sunday Breakfast.

Leadership: Suzie Craig, Christian Educator, Parkway Presbyterian Church, Metairie; Alicia Weber, Christian Educator, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, New Orleans; Emma Woods, YAV Chinese Presbyterian Church; Kathy and Steve Wilson, Volunteers, Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge. The Reverend Randy Nichols will be our preacher for Sunday morning worship.

Expectations:

- Churches will agree to support the youth and assist in preparation and follow-up.
- An significant adult, who could be pastor, elder or other person with whom the youth of your church can relate, will accompany your youth participants. (1 chaperone gender specific for the majority of the youth attending from your group, for every 7 youth) Individual must adhere to the PSL Sexual misconduct policy.
- Each youth and adult will participate in the retreat, and share in the tasks such as clean up, and worship.
- The guidelines set forth on Friday night will be observed by all participants.

NOTE: E-mail will be used for communication.

**Registration
 Confirmation Retreat
 Presbytery of South Louisiana
 January 27th-29th, 2012
 Feliciana Retreat Center**

Registration deadline is January 15, 2012 (with fee of \$100 for each participant)

Checks made out to PSL returned with Registration forms must be sent to:

**Parkway Presbyterian Church
 Attention: Suzie Craig,
 at 6200 Camphor Street, Metairie, LA 70003**

Youth/Adult _____ Birth date _____
 Address _____ E-mail _____
 Home Church _____ Chaperone _____

Adult's relationship with youth (if any prior relationship) _____
 Address _____ E-mail _____
 Allergies: _____

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH LOUISIANA
Youth/Adult Covenant
- 2012 -

As a child of God and in an effort to be with others in a safe way and have fun as a Christian community, I will covenant to:

1. Attend all scheduled activities, and be an active, helpful participant in our community.
2. Treat all people (camp leaders, counselors, new and old friends) with dignity, respect, and sensitivity.
3. Refrain from possession and use of tobacco products, alcohol and non-prescription drugs.
4. Respect God's beautiful creation and the property of others.
5. Leave at home walkmans, radios, C.D. players, television sets, and all other electronic games or devices.
6. Abide by all guidelines established for our community.

I agree to uphold this covenant. I will take responsibility for my actions, show Christ's love and respect to others and myself, and be open in heart and mind.

I understand that failure to keep this covenant may result in being sent home at my family's expense and/or not being allowed to participate in future Presbytery events, as well as notification of my church session.

Print Participant's Name _____
Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Print Parent's or Guardian's Name _____
Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Adult Leaders and Chaperones Disclosure

Please sign the following certifications: (mandatory)

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Signed _____ Date _____

Birthdays

8	The Rev. Harriett H. Cale
14	The Rev. J. Ewing Brown
15	Ms. Suzie Craig
17	The Rev. Kristina Joy 'Kris' Peterson
22	Mrs. Joanne Bradford
30	Mrs. Leslie E. Mansell

Calendar

1	FMT Meeting@ PSL Office
3	Western Cluster Training
13	CPM Meeting@ PSL Office
23	PSL Office Closed
24	Christmas Eve
25	Merry Christmas!
26	PSL Office Closed
30	PSL Office Closed
31	New Year's Eve

December

Mark Your Calendar

Participate in Elder Training: Jan. 14

Some of our most experienced teaching and ruling elders will present on theology, polity, stewardship and other pertinent topics. This training is for all elders who will serve on session in 2012. Learn from these experienced leaders, talk with other elders who face common joys and challenges and brainstorm ways to approach it all together. RSVP to Claire at claire.brooks@yahoo.com or 504-461-0702.

Carolyn Park Presbyterian (Arabi, LA) | 9:00 a.m. | January 14

Announcements:

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Presbyterian Foundation of Louisiana has opened its application process for a limited number of scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to select students working toward a degree in medicine or engineering. In the case of medicine, the applicant must be studying to be a medical doctor and must be accepted into a medical school for the approaching term. The candidate pursuing a career in engineering must be a student at the third or fourth year undergraduate level.

Scholarship applicants are considered without regard to their creed, sex, national origin or state in which they reside or study. Those persons wishing to apply for consideration may request an application form from:

The Presbyterian Foundation of Louisiana
Scholarship Committee
Mrs. Nell Johnston, Chair
O.K. Avenue
Harahan, LA 70123-4743
(Phone: 504-737-1691) (e-mail: mnjohn@bellsouth.net)

Requests for application **MUST** be received by March 1, 2012, and returned by
March, 15, 2012.

The Presbyterian Foundation of Louisiana encourages anyone wishing to make a gift, which increases the endowed scholarship fund and thereby the amount of aid available, to please contact Nell Johnston at the above address.

***Sunset Sundays
on Canal Blvd continue!***

Mark these dates:

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 pm:
Street performers Tanya & Dorise

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7pm
Christmas with Benny Grunch and the Bunch!

[Lakeview PC, 5914 Canal Blvd \(New Orleans\).](#) Contact 504-482-7892 or afwelman@lpcno.org



**Martin Luther King Mission Retreat | Wetlands Restoration Mission Project
Presbytery of South Louisiana | January 15th -16th, 2012**

For Whom: 6th Graders through College Age in the Presbytery.

Purpose: To provide youth and young adults from member churches an opportunity to explore our call as Christians to Seek Justice, Love Kindness, and Walk Humbly with our God.

When: Sunday evening, January 15th by 9:00 p.m. – through Monday, January 16th, at around 2 p.m.

Where: Chinese Presbyterian Church, 2901 West Esplanade Avenue, Kenner, LA 70065-3348

What to bring: a sleeping bag, air mattress if desired, weather and task appropriate clothing, and a pair of water resistant work gloves.

Sponsored by: The Christian Educators of the Presbytery of South Louisiana.

Leadership: Suzie Craig, Christian Educator, Parkway Presbyterian Church, Metairie, LA.; Kathy and Steve Wilson, Volunteers, Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge, Young Adult Volunteers: Lauren Wright, who is serving Bayou Blue Presbyterian Church and CHART, and Emma Wood (Chinese).

Expectations:

- Churches will agree to support the youth/ young adults in prayer.
- (1) chaperone, gender specific for the majority of the youth for every 7 participants who has completed a successful background check, and will abide by PSL Sexual Misconduct Policies.

NOTE: E-mail will be used for communication and registration

Martin Luther King Retreat Registration

Presbytery of South Louisiana

January 15th -16th, 2012

Due no later than January 11, 2012

Youth and Adults must complete a registration form

Forms must be emailed or sent to: wood.emma252@gmail.com

Emma Wood

Chinese Presbyterian Church

2901 West Esplanade Avenue

Kenner, LA 70065-3348

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Youth _____ Birth date _____
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Revised 11/18/2011

WANTED:

WESTERN CLUSTER CHURCH OFFICERS



Officer Training in the Wild West
December 3, at FPC in Crowley
9:15A.M - Noon

Who? **ALL Officers** in your church

What? Emphasis on the new Book of Order **plus** basic officer training

Leader? The Rev. Tom Paine, Pastor of Parkway Presbyterian
in Metairie

What else? We will have an election of the new cluster leader
for 2012-2013.

E mail **sue.candler@lusfiber.net** by November 28 to say how many will
be coming from your church.

If you want to stay for lunch there will be a \$5.00 charge for sandwiches.

Please Keep In Your Prayers:

Richard Brownlee, former General Presbyter of PSL, had to have emergency Gall Bladder removal surgery when he was visiting family in Louisiana for Thanksgiving.

The Rev. Harry Brown, Pastor at John Calvin Presbyterian Church and former moderator of Presbytery and Council, and next chair of COM and Family, Harry's mother passed away on Nov. 13th.

The Rev. Ron Sutto, Interim General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, and Stated Supply Pastor at Faith Church in Harvey, for abundant strength to continue to serve the Presbytery so faithfully and generously

The 2012 Council of PSL may the Lord hold and guide them through their service to PSL

For all members of PSL for a safe and happy Holiday Season

For all of those without loved ones during the holidays, may they feel the presence of the Lord



I will praise You,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.