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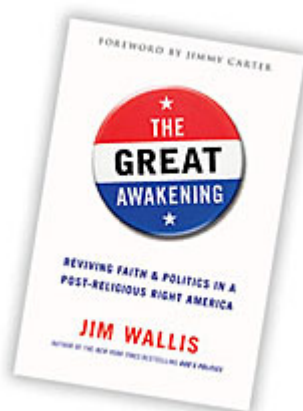
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The Great Awakening



The Blend and the Book Club are co-sponsoring a new discussion topic centered around Jim Wallis' new book The Great Awakening.

Jim Wallis, the internationally renowned preacher and bestselling author of God's Politics, believes that our country hungers for politics that include hope and faith as an integral part of solving important national issues. In his latest book, Wallis shows that a revival is happening, as people of faith and moral conviction seek common ground for change. He

also reminds readers that religion was a driving force behind our greatest national reforms, such as the abolition of slavery and the civil rights movement, and that "great awakenings" happen periodically at crucial times in our nation's history to propel us toward a common good.

All are welcome to join the conversation **every other Friday night at Chocolaté at 7pm**, starting February 8th. This week we will discuss the Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2. We hope that y'all are excited about getting together to explore this book and we greatly encourage everyone to invite a friend!

Please contact Ashley DeVore, Scott Pieper or Curt Schroeder for more details.

Healing Services

Beginning February 13th, George Tatro will be leading a service of healing every Wednesday at 5:30 pm. The service will be in the sanctuary before the bell choir rehearsal.

Change in Office Hours

CNC's new office hours are 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

2008 Hunger Walk/Run

A Project of the Atlanta Community Food Bank

Presbyterians have walked for PATH since 1984, the first year of the annual Hunger Walk/Run. Your support of PATH helps continue to resource churches and hunger ministries in the presbytery as they address the root causes of hunger and poverty both locally and globally.



Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 2 and join us in the fight against hunger. If you can't walk, support a walker/runner or donate online.

www.presbyteriananswertohunger.org

Lenten Devotionals

As we prayerfully go through this Lenten season together, daily devotionals can be meaningful and strengthening.

A devotional booklet has been provided for you by the Spiritual Growth Committee and can be picked up from one of the tables near the two sanctuary doors. Please help yourself and make use of this private worship aid.

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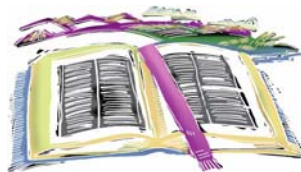
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February Lectionary Readings

February 3 Exod. 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 17:1-9
February 10 Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11
February 17 Gen. 12:1-4a; Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
February 24 Exod. 17:1-7; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

The Clifton Night Hospitality volunteers are:

February 9 Ted and Suzanne Mikalsen
February 13 Frank Wright (night host)
February 16 Bob and Pauline Weaver, Sandy Bond, and Jan Kepic



Welcome to Paula Couch

Welcome to Paula Couch, our new seminary intern, who will be working with our youth and participating in Worship services. We are glad to have you!

Paula is a dual (Christian Education and Divinity) Masters degree candidate, studying at Johnson C. Smith, the Presbyterian branch of Interdenominational Theological Center. She has been in school there for 4 years part time and has 2 more years to finish. She is also a full time Special Education Science teacher in Cobb County at McEachern High School, Powder Springs. So she is a very busy young woman. Her home church is Oakhurst Presbyterian.

Paula was born, raised, and presently lives in Marietta. She has a "little" sister with 2 nephews in Cobb also, but her parents now reside mostly in Panama City. She graduated from South Cobb High and from Truett-McConnell and North Georgia College/University. Interestingly she was raised in the Southern Baptist church, was a youth leader, always active, and loved church from early on. The Presbyterian Church won her allegiance several years after college graduation, however, when she realized that leadership was limited for women in the Baptist tradition.

Education has been Paula's life since the teen years. She has been a teacher in all types of Special Education classes from Severe/Profound Mentally Handicapped to a "collaborative" teaching position that she enjoys now. She has taught every subject, but mostly Science and Math. She was in Middle school for 2 years and High school now for over 14 years. She has also taught P.E. and coached and played softball and basketball for years.

Her real loves, however, are Abigail, her 2-year-old shepherd/collie mix (the amazing WONDER dog!!), and Ash, her gray cat. They are best friends and wonderful companions. In her spare time, which almost doesn't exist, Paula loves to read, hike, camp in the mountains and watch CSI. She also strongly supports and raises funds for breast cancer, as several family members have died from this disease.

Paula is a delightful, fun-loving, and bright young woman and we are so fortunate that she has chosen to spend her intern time with us. Welcome, Paula.

Newsletter Submissions

New Covenant News is a monthly publication printed by Church of the New Covenant, PC U.S.A., Doraville, Georgia. If you have news you would like to share of upcoming events, please email or call the church office: newcovenantpcusa@bellsouth.net, 770-455-8117. The deadline for monthly submissions is the **third Wednesday of the month.**



February 1	Scott Johnson
February 6	Bud Commins
February 10	Weldon Palmour
February 11	Jeff Davis
February 12	Samuel Stryker, III
February 13	Ted Mikalsen
February 14	Gary Ashley
February 14	Ashley DeVore
February 18	Todd Jones
February 19	Mancy Meinersmann
February 23	Madeline Griffin
February 24	Marilyn Stryker

Justice for Tomato Pickers

Do you remember when Presbyterians were urged to boycott Taco Bell, because of the low wages they paid their tomato pickers? What's that you say, you didn't even know about it? Well, that was part of the problem - it wasn't well publicized. The good news is that last year both Taco Bell's parent company, Yum! Brands, and McDonald's agreed to do better and negotiated with their tomato suppliers to give the pickers a small raise. But, during this past Christmas season, Burger King decided to play the part of Scrooge and started working to undermine this deal for everybody.

You can take action in two ways. First, tell Burger King to stop being a Scrooge. Just go to this link: (http://go.sojo.net/campaign/burgerking_scrooge/); the Sojourners web site makes it really easy for you. Second, consider boycotting Burger King until they amend their ways and help enforce a code of conduct for human rights in the fields. The Witness Committee will monitor the situation and let you know when the King (aka Scrooge) has a change of heart.

Submitted by Curt Schroeder
Witness Committee Co-chair

Thank you

The family of Gladly Warner is deeply thankful to the congregation for the loving care of our Mother and grandmother during her treatment of cancer and then the recurrence in the fall. Your prayers, cards, notes, visits, love gifts, and caring concern for her lifted her up in mental health and in spiritual health continually.

Thank you all for your prayers, calls, cards, and the food you sent to sustain me during my recovery from surgery. Your prayers sustained me spiritually and your food sustained me physically. I'm healing well and hope to see you all soon. Peace, Susan Goslin

Lent Worship Schedule

The Worship Committee is in the process of planning a variety of worship services to observe the Lenten season. We look forward to entering this time of Lent with you as we all prepare for the death and resurrection of our Lord. Please join us for each of the services and invite a friend to join you.

Ash Wednesday Service – February 6th at 7 pm
 Vespers Service – February 17th at 7 pm
 Palm Sunday Service – March 16th
 Maundy Thursday Service – Agape Meal and Tenebrae Service – March 20th time TBD.
 Good Friday Service – March 21st – TBA
 Easter Sunday Service – March 23rd

Honors for Major Dan Zappa



Major Dan Zappa is awarded the

On February 5, 2008, Marine Maj. Dan Zappa was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat during his last deployment in Iraq (Sept 2006 - May 2007). The award was presented at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA, by Brig. General Brolin, where Dan is pursuing advanced studies. Dan is the husband of Rick Neale's daughter, Aimée. All of us are very proud of him!

Aging Gracefully

A Conference for the Caring Community
 Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
 Peachtree Presbyterian Church, 3434 Roswell Road

Sponsored by The Presbyterian Women of The Greater Atlanta Presbytery

Luncheon Speaker: The Longer We Live, The More Significant We Can Become
 Dan Hayes, Executive Director
 Atlanta Community Ministries



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Ash Wed. Svc. 7pm	7	8 The Blend 7 pm	9
10 Session Mtg. 7pm Lunch 'N Learn	11	12 PW Cir- cles (10 am & 6:30pm)	13 Healing Service 5:30 pm	14	15	16
17 Vespers Svc. 7pm Lunch 'N Learn	18	19	20 Healing Service 5:30 pm	21	22 The Blend 7 pm	23
24 Worship Cmte. Mtg. 12pm Lunch 'N Learn	25	26	27 Healing Service 5:30 pm	28	29	