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Presbytery of Middle Tennessee E-Newsletter

October 2017



**NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2017**  
at NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center.

### Get more than just a meeting!

The October Presbytery meeting is just around the corner. The meeting will be held at the beautiful NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Why not come down on Wednesday, October 18th and spend some extra time hiking in the woods, praying by the creek, or simply relaxing in a rocking chair on the front porch! For only \$40,00, you will be provided with lodging, dinner that night and breakfast on Thursday morning.

To make your overnight reservation online, [click here](#) or you can contact the

### PRESBYTERY HAS MOVED TO ITS NEW LOCATION



The Presbytery office is now located within Westminster Presbyterian Church at 3900 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205 and our phone number remains the same, 615-332-3330. All correspondence needs to be addressed as follows:

Presbytery of Middle Tennessee  
3900 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37205

We are still unpacking boxes and getting our computers up and running, so please be patient with us as we settle into our new location.

### SANDWICHED IN SORROW by Warner Durnell, Executive Presbyter

For many here in Middle Tennessee, the week of September 24thru October 1, 2017 ended up being eight days sandwiched in sorrow! On Sunday afternoon, September 24th, we learned of the gun violence that occurred at a local church in Nashville. A lone gunman shot and killed a young woman in the parking lot of the Burnette Chapel Church of Christ in Antioch before going inside to shoot the pastor and six other worshipers. Then on Sunday night, October 1st, news flashed across our television screens telling of a mass shooting in Las Vegas at an outdoor country music concert, resulting in multiple deaths and many more wounded. Sadness swept over us.



Once more we have been tragically reminded that

NaCoMe staff at 931-729-9723 or email [retreats@nacome.org](mailto:retreats@nacome.org).



**Robinson Chapel  
Presbyterian Church  
Homecoming  
October 15, 2017  
11:45am  
9995 McMinnville  
Hwy  
Sparta, TN 38583  
Larry Wilmoth, CRE**

Worship will begin at 11:45 am with dinner and singing to follow.

**Presbyterian  
Women of Middle  
Tennessee's Fall  
Gathering  
Highlights**



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

The PW Fall Gathering was held on September 30th at Glencliff Presbyterian Church and hosted by the Ladies of the Church with lunch provided by the Ladies of Hispanic

estranged, hurt, angry and demented people are capable of calculating and committing despicable and utterly diabolical acts. Filling a backpack stuffed with explosives for detonation in the midst of race spectators; getting behind the steering wheel of a truck or car to torpedo unsuspecting tourist and peaceful protestors; loading a handgun, or worse, an automatic rifle, then firing indiscriminately for the sole purpose of killing others in cold blood; these are some of the sadistic ways in which disturbed people do violent acts of great harm to people. The randomness and frequency of these violent acts that end in murder and mayhem means that there are no completely terror free zones anymore. Thankfully the due diligence of law enforcement agencies and officers, combined with the vigilance of watchful citizens, have thwarted many a dark plot. I am equally convinced that the fervent prayers of God's people have also helped to stay the hand and foil the plans of would-be evil doers.

In the aftermath of this past week sandwiched in sorrow I wanted to do something, to do more that might lessen the likelihood of a repeat of what took place at the Burnette Chapel Sunday before last, and on the Las Vegas strip last Sunday... [read more](#)

**REGISTER NOW!  
COLLEGE OF PREACHERS  
"MARY TEACHES US HOW TO PREACH"  
By William J. Carl III**

On October 30, 2017, PMT's Committee on Leadership Excellence, College of Preachers, will sponsor a seminar entitled "Mary Teaches Us How To Preach" with guest speaker Dr. William J. Carl III. See information below:



**College of Preachers  
"Mary Teaches Us How To  
Preach"  
by William J. Carl III  
Westminster Presbyterian  
Church, Nashville  
October 30, 2017 (9:30am-  
2:00pm)  
Lunch will be \$10.00  
(please make checks  
payable to Presbytery of  
Middle Tennessee)**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

(Deadline to register is Tuesday, October 24, 2017)

**In this seminar**, Dr. Carl will show us how Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the model for preaching in the 21st century in three specific areas: Creativity, Structure

New Church Development at Glenclyff. About 58 ladies (from 12 different churches) attended the Fall Gathering.

Amy Harkness, CRE at Glenclyff PC, presented The Homily: Women as Evangelists, which was translated into Spanish by Rev. Dr. Teddy Chuquimia. The Minute for Mission was provided by Rev. Dr. Teddy Chuquimia and Mrs. Azucena Chuquimia. They spoke of some of the programs and issues of the Hispanic Ministries in their church and showed pictures of some of the group activities. An offering in the amount of \$691.00 was collected for the Hispanic Ministries...[read more](#)

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### UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Committee on Church Transformation**  
October 9 @ 5:00 pm  
FPC Nashville

**Pastors-to Pastors**  
October 10 @ 12:00  
Presbytery Office

**Committee on Ministry**  
October 10 @ 4:00 pm  
FPC Nashville

**Committee on**

and Delivery, and how each of these areas is reflected in churches worldwide that are alive, active and growing in our time. The morning session will explore the creative process, the planning process, how best to organize sermons for the 21st century mind, and how to get in touch with our models in preaching. In the afternoon, we will look at preaching both Evangelism and Social Justice ministry as two sides of the same coin in our outreach to the world, as well as a brain technique for preaching that Dr. Carl has developed from his research in neuroscience, which creates a virtual teleprompter in the pulpit so you can leave your sermon in the office and preach entirely without notes!

#### **Bio:**

William J. Carl III has been Senior Pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL since the summer of 2015. Before that he was President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for 10 years, Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas for 22 years, and Professor of Homiletics, Worship and New Testament Greek at Union Seminary in Virginia for 7 years.

[Click here](#) for flyer.

### GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP 2018

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The Presbytery of Middle Tennessee has a special opportunity coming later this month. We will have a visit from Philip



*Rev. Phillip Beisswenger*

Beisswenger, mission worker in Guatemala and member of the PMT. It is also possible that he will be accompanied by one of our Guatemalan partner pastors, Ricardo Chun (we will find out soon if his visa has been granted). Philip will be visiting in our Presbytery for a week and will give us an update on the 16 year old partnership between PMT and PQP Guatemala at the October 19 Presbytery meeting.

This is an exciting prelude to the 2018 Mission trip, scheduled for March 2-9, 2018. This trip is open to anyone in the presbytery - no experience necessary!

This experience focuses on our relationship with the people of Peten, Guatemala - its children, women, men, pastors, and elders. Their lives are rich with their

**Preparation for  
Ministry**  
October 17 @ 4:00pm  
Presbytery Office

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**Links of Interest**

**Belmont University  
Executive Certificate  
Program**

Registration is now  
open!

[www.belmont.edu/ibl](http://www.belmont.edu/ibl)

**TIPL-Nashville  
Conference: "A  
Sacred Calling:  
Faith Communities  
Caring for Our  
Earth," Saturday,  
Oct. 14, 9:00-3:30**  
West End United  
Methodist Church  
2200 West End Ave  
Nashville, TN

Please [register](#) for  
what is going to be an  
excellent TIPL-  
Nashville Conference:  
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See a detailed  
description of  
conference and  
registration info, [click  
here](#).

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faith in God; with their fascinating Q'eqchi traditions of  
close family ties, indigenous dress, etc; with the  
natural resources of their beautiful county; and with the  
emerging politics of the country.

**Please come to an Informational Meeting  
regarding the 2018 Guatemalan Mission Trip, to  
be held Sunday, October 22, from 5pm to 6pm at  
East Brentwood Presbyterian Church, 9000  
Concord Rd, Brentwood. Philip will be in  
attendance to answer all your questions!**



**Rev. Dr. John A. Hinkle, Jr.,  
Pastor of First Presbyterian  
Church Murfreesboro,  
chosen to receive national  
grant from Lilly Endowment  
Inc.**

Rev. Dr. Hinkle was one of 146  
national recipients and one of  
only two Tennessee recipients of  
this competitive grant funded by  
the Lilly Endowment Inc. and  
administered by Christian  
Theological Seminary in  
Indianapolis.



*Rev. Dr. John A.  
Hinkle, Jr.*

Funds from the grant allow  
Christian congregations of  
diverse denominational  
traditions to support their pastors  
with the gift of extended time away from their  
ministerial duties and responsibilities. A "Sabbath  
time" concept of reflection, renewal, prayer and  
deliberate respite from the stress of pastoral  
leadership offers an opportunity for renewal for both  
the ministers with their families and the congregations  
they serve. Rev. Dr. Hinkle's sabbatical term will be  
May-August 2018.

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