

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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Dear colleagues in ministry and fellow CTS alums.....

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Several years ago while still in a parish setting I attended a Lifelong Learning event here at Columbia entitled "Everyday Sacraments". Using modeling clay, watercolors, and printed prose or poetry, class members were invited to explore and express those easy-to-miss aspects of everyday life that on second glance appear to be so grace-filled, evidences of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

The theme of the winter edition of the seminary's publication, **Vantage**, will be "Incarnation". This seems especially timely given our Christmas celebration of Jesus' birth "the Word that becomes flesh and dwells among us, full of grace and truth" (Jn. 1:14). **You** are invited to contribute to its content by exploring and expressing in words (50-75) and/or photographs (digital) your own encounters with these everyday means of God's gracious presence. Many thanks for e-mailing your contributions to hambrickg@ctsnet.edu no later than October 6.

With you I am always glad to affirm with gratitude that "from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace" (Jn.1:16).



Randy Calvo, Jr. '81

Pentecostal Theologian Lecturing at Columbia Seminary October 14-16

Pentecostal theologian Cheryl Bridges Johns will present the 2008 Smyth Lectures October 14-16. Her lecture series "Pentecost and the Re-Enchantment of the World," includes "Sighs Too Deep for Words: Longing for the Beautiful Land" (October 14), "The Fire and the Rose: Nature, Word and Sacrament" (October 15), and "Tongues of Fire: Symbols of the Age to Come" (October 16). The lectures, at 10:00 a.m. each day in the Harrington Center Chapel on the seminary campus, are free and open to the public.

Bridges Johns is professor of Christian formation and discipleship at the Church of God Theological Seminary, Cleveland, TN. She is a leading Pentecostal ecumenist, who also

serves in the Commission on Faith and Order, the International Roman Catholic-Pentecostal Dialogue, Evangelicals and Catholics Together, Church of God-Mennonite Dialogue, and several World Council of Churches initiatives.

Her areas of interest include Pentecostal theology and the practices of ministry. Bridges Johns is the author of two books, *Pentecostal Formation: A Pedagogy Among the Oppressed* and *Finding Eternal Treasures (Christian Growth Series)*. She has also published numerous articles in scholarly and professional journals.

About Our Alums

Earl Vaughan '66 recently lost his wife, Peggy, following a long illness.

Victor Hanson '73 and his wife Joanne have formed a non-profit corporation and are distributing three publications: *To Grow in Jesus*, a Guide to Christian Growth, *A Journey Together In Christ*, a book for new Christians or new church members, and *The Story of Jesus*, which is a booklet published by the International Bible Society.

Julie Cline '85, Susan Bryan '85 and Larry Bates '86 have started a CTS group on Facebook. All are welcome. The only requirement for membership is to have some association with CTS. The purpose of the group is just to share and keep up with each other. Here's the link:

<http://www.facebook.com/p.php?i=633720266&k=Y6165XPRS44M5BGDSD55SU&r&v=2>

George Lashley '88 is now interim pastor at John Calvin Presbyterian, Orlando, Florida.

David Hale '89 (D.Min) recently retired from Rogersville Church, Rogersville, Tennessee.

Brad Walker '89 has accepted a call as pastor at First Presbyterian in Topeka, Kansas.

Mary Boyd Click '91 (D.Min) recently retired as interim pastor of John Calvin Church in Annandale, Virginia.

Kyle Fedler '92 recently moved to Montgomery, Alabama to take the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Huntingdon College. Last fall he competed in and won the U.S. double ironman championships in Virginia. He is also expecting his first child this fall.

Ken Letterman '92 recently received a Pioneer Award for his outstanding contributions to suicide prevention in Tennessee over the last ten years. He was nominated as a recipient in recognition of his work to establish the Network in the Memphis/Shelby County Region of Tennessee – efforts which laid the groundwork for years of statewide and local suicide prevention initiatives, helped establish the premier

model for state-supported suicide prevention agencies, and most importantly helped save untold hundreds of lives.

Dean Brown '93 has a new call. He has accepted the position of senior pastor at Salem Covenant Church in Duluth, Minnesota. He is also pursuing ordination in the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Robert Morgan '93 (D.Min) recently retired as pastor of Parsells Avenue Community church in Rochester, New York.

Don Stribling '93 is now pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jerseyville, Illinois.

Marvin Lindsay '94 has moved to Richmond, Virginia to pursue a ThM Degree at Union-PSCE.

Dan Thornton '96 (D.Min) is now Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian in Marion, North Carolina.

Erica Durham '97 has just accepted the position as Public Services Librarian in the John Bulow Campbell Library at Columbia Theological Seminary. She will be responsible for managing the public services functions of the library, including reference, library instruction, circulation, reserves, serials, and interlibrary loans.

Mike Capron '98 and **Lynn Rubier-Capron '98** have moved to Hopewell, New Jersey where Mike accepted a call as pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian Church.

Ron Watson '99 (D.Min) is celebrating 10 years of service at Frederick Presbyterian in St. Simons, Georgia. He began the church as NCD minister October 1, 1998, and was called as first pastor in April 2000 when the church organized. The church has 125 members and has just completed a \$500,000 addition of new classrooms and social hall.

Chris Crotwell '01 recently answered a call to become the pastor at South Aiken Presbyterian in Aiken, South Carolina, after serving seven years as pastor of New Providence church in Raphine, Virginia.

Ruth Lovell '01 is a member at large in the Presbytery of the Mid-South and recently became a Family Care Coordinator for the Mid-South Transplant Foundation for organ and tissue donation in Memphis, Tennessee.

Paul Nam Min '01 has a new call as pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian in New Windsor, New York.

Dorie Griggs '02 led a session titled "Journalism, Trauma and Self-care" for the communications staff of the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Virginia. Dorie has been developing a ministry of presence

for journalists who cover traumatic events. This is the first time she has led a discussion for a faith based organization.

Betsy Steier Goehrig '03 (D.Min) has been selected to receive the Florida Achievement Award in a special ceremony in Lakeland, Florida. The Florida Commission on the Status of Women recognizes meritorious women and men who have improved the lives of Florida women and who have served as positive role models for women and girls in their communities with the FCSW Florida Achievement Award. She received the award for the west central part of the state, including the Tampa Bay area, Lakeland, Ft. Myers, and surrounding communities.

David Watson '03 (D.Min) is interim pastor at Trabuco Presbyterian in Trabuco Canyon, California.

Greg Moore '04 was married August 24, 2008 to Ilona Braxton at Trinity church in Canton, GA.

Susan Thomas '04 is now Director of Communication and Programs for Arlington Street Unitarian Universalist Church in Boston.

Andy '05 and **Elizabeth '05 Acton** have moved back to the Atlanta area where Andy is associate pastor of Pleasant Hill church in Duluth, Georgia. Elizabeth and Andy are proud parents of Katherine Richard Acton, who was born June 1, 2008.

Jessica Derise Zolondek '05 is now living in North Dakota. She married Frank Zolondek July 25th at First Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, North Dakota.

Stephanie Coble '06 and **Davis Hankins '05** were married this summer. Stephanie works with Emmaus House in Atlanta and Davis continues graduate work at Emory, while working part-time in the CTS Library.

Brandon Hood '06 was commissioned as a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Navy on June 16, 2008 and will be moving to Atsugi, Japan on December 2nd of this year to serve as a chaplain to Carrier Air Wing 5, the air wing of the USS George Washington.

Jerry Long '06 has a new call as pastor of First Presbyterian in Valdosta, Georgia.

Bethany McKinney '06 is beginning PhD studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, studying Christian Ethics.

Kyongkuk Han '07 is beginning work in September on his Th.D. degree at Knox College, University of Toronto.

Kim Losee Justice '07 has accepted a call as pastor at Sherwood Presbyterian in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Thomas Livengood '07 (D.Min) is stated supply of First Church, Bremen, Georgia.

Ashley-Anne Masters '07 and **Reggie Weaver '07** were married August 3rd in Montreat, North Carolina. Reggie continues his Lake Fellow Residency at Second Presbyterian in Indianapolis and Ashley-Anne is their new Interim Associate for Children and Families.

Collin Adams '08 is pastor Westminster Presbyterian in Columbus, Ohio.

Amy Baer '08 is doing CPE at Vistas Hospice in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Dick Baxter '08 is Chaplain at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

Wendy Dewberry '08 is Youth Director at Columbia Presbyterian in Decatur, Georgia.

Larry Gamble '08 is pastor of Fayetteville Presbyterian in Fayetteville, West Virginia.

Kate Giguere '08 is in a CPE Residency at University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

Marci Glass '08 is pastor at Southminster Presbyterian in Boise, Idaho.

Jim Goff '08 is in CPE Residency at the VA Hospital in Atlanta.

Kevin Hay '08 is campus minister at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington.

Sara Hayden '08 is in CPE Residency at Emory Medical Center in Atlanta.

Steven Hernandez '08 is pursuing the Th.M degree at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

David Holmes '08 is now at McDougall United Church of Canada on a 10-month supply contract, working as part of a ministry team with his spouse, Karen Holmes.

Chris Hobson '08 is an English instructor in Seoul, South Korea.

Karen Jackson '08 is associate pastor at Covenant Presbyterian in Columbus, Ohio.

Sue Jacobson '08 is director of Christian Education at Oconee Presbyterian in Watkinsville, Georgia.

Sharon Junn '08 is in CPE Residency at Emory Medical Center in Atlanta.

Erin Keys '08 is in CPE Residency at Northside Hospital in Atlanta.

Jaehong Kim '08 is pursuing a ThM degree at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Andy Kim '08 is pastoral intern at Government Street Presbyterian in Mobile, Alabama.

John Lattimore '08 is in CPE Residency at Anderson Medical Center in Anderson, South Carolina.

Johanna Lee '08 is in CPE Residency at Emory Medical Center in Atlanta.

Martin Mwangi '08 (Th.M) has been assigned to serve in a new Parish called KIAMBU. The Parish has eight congregations and are far apart, involving a lot of travel.

Mike McLaughlin '08 is pastor at First Presbyterian in Manchester, Tennessee.

Catherine Neelly '08 is doing a two-year residency at Central Presbyterian in Atlanta.

Chip Pope '08 is associate pastor at West End Presbyterian in West End, North Carolina.

Charles Reed '08 is pastor at Warm Springs Presbyterian in Warm Springs, Virginia.

Andrea Roche '08 is youth director at Fairview Presbyterian in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Katy Schneider '08 is youth ministry intern at Shandon Presbyterian in Columbia, South Carolina.

Kathryn Threadgill '08 is associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Daniel Webb '08 is pursuing graduate studies at Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Buz Wilcoxon '08 is associate pastor at Fourth Presbyterian in Greenville, South Carolina.

Whitney Wilkinson '08 is a mission worker in Northern Ireland.

Heather Wood '08 is associate pastor at First Presbyterian in Hickory, North Carolina.

Emily Zeig '08 is pastor at First Presbyterian in Waterford, Pennsylvania.

In Memoriam

Donald B. Smith '60

October 9, 2007

REMINDER:

Send in your nominations for Distinguished Service Award by October 1. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Poe at 404/687-4566 or Randy Calvo at 404/687-4593.

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Nomination Form

Nominations must be received no later than October 1, 2008

Date:

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone numbers

Office:

Home:

Email Address:

Current Position:

Reason/s for nomination: Be as specific as possible. If necessary, add a second page for additional information.

Your Name:
Address:

Phone numbers
Office:
Home:

Email address:
Current Position:

Return to: Respond by email to poeb@ctsnet.edu or print and mail to: Barbara Poe, Columbia Theological Seminary, P. O. Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031

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If you have recently moved to a new presbytery and would like to know of other CTS alums in that presbytery or your geographical area, let us know and we'll e-mail a list to you.

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