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About Our Alums

Joe Conyers '57 was honored as Pastor Emeritus by the Austell, GA Presbyterian Church March 12, 2006. He served that congregation for 25 years.

Art Jones '68 retired after 22 years at New Hope church in Chattanooga, TN. After clinical training, he is now a full time hospice chaplain.

Roger C. MacKay '68 has retired as Pastor of Unity Presbyterian Church in Woodleaf, NC.

John Stodghill '70 has retired after 36 years in pastoral ministry. He now serves as Chaplain for Wayne General Hospital and Hospice in Waynesboro, MS, and does supply preaching.

David McDonald '71 is now pastor of First church, Gainesville, GA, after serving in Bakerstown, PA.

Ed Cooley '88 is now Interim Pastor of First church in Canadian, TX, having just completed 12 years as pastor of First church in Pampa, TX.

Kay Davis '92 is now Kay Davis-Dudding, having married Fred Dudding. Kay is now Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at Westminster church in Dayton, OH.

Lou Ann Sellers '94 and husband, Thomas Herwig, are proud parents of Madelyn Clara Herwig, who was born January 20, 2006.

Billy '97 and Mary Katherine '97 Robinson have relocated to West Jefferson, North Carolina, where Billy is now pastor of Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church.

Walk Jones '98 (D. Min.) completed two years as Chair of the Presbytery of Florida's Hurricane Ivan Response Commission in October. He serves as Pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Pensacola, FL.

Ralph Hawkins '99 is beginning work on his Doctor of Ministry degree this summer at Austin Presbyterian Seminary.

Shannon Johnson Kershner '99 was just on campus this March. She was here to record sermons for the Day1 Broadcasting Network. The sermons will be aired this June on Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday. Shannon is the pastor of Woodhaven Presbyterian Church in Irving, TX. She and **Greg '99** have two children, Hannah, 4 ½ and Ryan, 21 months.

Victor Feliberty-Ruberte '99 is Dean of Administrative Affairs and Instructor of Religion in the Humanities Department at the Inter American University of Puerto Rico – Poce Campus.

Erin Sharp '99 is now pastor of Calvary church in Alexandria, VA. On September 3, 2005, she married David Bailey in the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria.

Juliann Pugh Whipple '99 and her husband, Bill, are proud parents of William Henry, born January 19, 2006.

Beth Yarborough '99 is serving as Moderator of Holston Presbytery. She is pastor of Jonesborough Presbyterian Church in Jonesborough, TN.

Rachel Anderson '01 is now serving with Habitat for Humanity, Middle East, in Amman Jordan.

David Kwon '01 has accepted a call to the Korean Presbyterian Church of Miami. He will be the pastor in English Ministry. He and his wife Hyo Jin are expecting their first baby in September.

Nelson DeBrosse '04 is Associate Pastor at First church, Covington, GA.

Bart Edwards '05 was ordained and installed March 19th as Associate Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, NC.

Julie Jensen '05 has accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church in Bordentown, NJ. She will be ordained May 14.

Kimberly Warwick '05 was ordained April 2nd at her home church, First Presbyterian Church in Sussex, NJ. She has accepted a call to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, OH.

In Memoriam

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| F. Sidney Anderson '44 | 2//15/06 |
| Robert L. Gunner '63 | 1/06/06 |
| Renford Maddix '95 | 1/01/06 |
| John A. Rogers '82 | 3/07/06 |
| Stephen J. Sloop '68 | 2/14/06 |
| Harold Wright | 4/16/06 |

Distinguished Service Awards

Congratulations to **Charlie Cousar '58** and **Jim Lowry '66** who received the Alumni/ae Distinguished Service Awards at the annual Alumni/ae Association Luncheon April 18th. In his retirement Charlie continues to work and teach at Columbia, and Jim has retired and is currently serving a 4-month interim at Oakland Avenue church in Rock Hill, SC, while **William Pender '80** is on sabbatical.

Alumni/ae Council Meeting

The Alumni/ae Council met on campus April 17th. Officers elected for next year are **Doug Slagle '68** President, **Laura Cunningham '98**, Vice-President, **Stephen Nickle '87**, Secretary. We now have representatives from almost all presbyteries in our supporting synods of Living Waters and South Atlantic. You can look on the CTS website to find the representative from your presbytery.

Class of 1966 Reunion

What a special treat it was for Kaye and me to have dinner at Sage Restaurant in downtown Decatur with the Class of '66 during Colloquium. Among those gathered for

good food and sharing memories were **Bill Arnold and Margaret Ann, Joe Pack Arnold and Joy, Jim Lowry and Martha, Dan Youngblood and Eunice, Ken Borden and Sylvia** all the way from Calgary, **Joe Harvard and Carlisle, Erskine Clarke and Nan, and John Bryan '67** who traveled from Toronto for the event. Following dinner we all gathered at the Clarke's for dessert, and much catching up after 40 years. It was an extraordinary evening, to say the least.

General Assembly Meeting in Birmingham

Columbia Seminary will host a luncheon for alumni/ae and friends June 21st at General Assembly. Assembly Registration closes May 4, while ticket sales for the luncheon will continue until May 22. You can order tickets for the luncheon even if you're not registering for the assembly. Just call the GA Meeting Service at 888-728-7228 x2417 to order with a credit card, or download the ticket form from the web and fax or mail it in. The link to download the form is in .pdf format in www.pcusa.org/ga217/register/howtoregister.htm. We look forward to seeing you in Birmingham.

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Request for Research Assistance

Request from John Baker Brown, Communications Director, Faith and the City

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am writing on behalf of another friend and colleague, Doris R.

Konneh, PhD, a writer and educator. Doris is currently doing research for a book on "preachers' kids." She is now identifying the adult children of preachers and conducting interviews to gather information for her book. I have offered to help her spread the word.

Our request is simple. If you are a preacher's kid and you are interested in learning more about Doris' project, please contact her at the email address below. Similarly, if you know children of preachers, please let them know about the project and put them in touch with Doris.

Doris' email address: dkonneh@bellsouth.net

We appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

Justice, Peace, Blessings,

John Baker Brown Jr.

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Alumni/ae Bulletin Board

If you have newspaper articles about you or your ministry that you could share, please send them to us to be posted on our alumni/ae bulletin board in Campbell Hall.

Bert's Travels Around The Church

The seminary display and I have traveled many miles in recent months. I attended the Synod of Living Waters meeting at Grace church in Trussville, AL, and Flint River Presbytery at Covenant church in Albany, GA where **William (Biff) Coker '82** is the pastor. **Steve Montgomery '92** and I hosted a luncheon of Mid-South Presbytery alums in Memphis. Also attending were **Ken Letterman '92, Casey Thompson '05, Jim Quillin '73, Greg Darden '84 and Ernest Mellor '55.**

I traveled to Jackson, MS, for a meeting of Mississippi Presbytery at the Covenant church, to Nashville, TN, for the meeting of Middle-Tennessee Presbytery at the Bellevue church, where I visited **Dan McRight '72** and shared lunch with **Tom Walker '65** and **Phil Leftwich '68**, Executive Presbyter. Then I was back to Georgia for Cherokee Presbytery's meeting in Cartersville.

On March 4th I enjoyed a birthday lunch hosted by the CTS Development Office and friends to celebrate the 98th birthday of **Bonneau Dickson '33**, our oldest living alum.

I visited and had lunch with **Jan Blissit '86** in Augusta, GA, where she is Interim Pastor of Reid Memorial church. Then I traveled to Hodges, SC for dinner with **Bobby Piephoff '67**, longtime pastor of Hodges church in Hodges, SC. I also visited **Mark Verdery '71**, who is Presbytery Exec of Providence Presbytery in Rock Hill, SC.

Erskine '66 and Nan Clarke, Bert '67 and Kaye Carmichael, and Neely Young from the Development Office hosted the 6 day Heritage Tour sponsored by CTS Lifelong Learning, on which we visited many historical churches in South Georgia, and the low country and up country areas of South Carolina. Among CTS alums enjoying Erskine's excellent lectures on the trip were **Jack '62** and **Gena Taylor, Joe '57** and **Jane Conyers, Doris Mattison '99 (D.Min.)**, and **Cader Howard '05**. Other special friends on the trip were Belle McMaster, Vivian Guthrie, and Betty Cousar. The last day of the tour found us in Clinton, SC visiting Presbyterian College and Thornwell Home and School for Children. Then on to Due West where we enjoyed lunch, a tour and lecture on the ARP church at Erskine Seminary. There were 40 travelers on the coach. We hope you can join us next year. Look for more information and details in the upcoming Vantage.

We were recently honored on campus to be visited by **Robert Hay '84**, Associate Executive Presbyter, and **Tom Evans**, Executive Presbyter, of Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery. We were hosted for dinner by **Morgan Hay** (current student), Robert's daughter-in-law. Also attending were Kevin, Robert's son, and 8 other CTS students from Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery.

Kaye and I worshipped on Easter Sunday morning at the Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville, TN, where **Stacy Rector '96** is the Associate Pastor. You may know that its sanctuary was destroyed by fire a couple of years ago, and a new one is under construction. The people were warm and welcoming to a couple of strangers and excited about their future. We attended the early service and were somewhat miffed by Stacy's absence on such a special day. However, we later learned that she was involved in worshipping with and feeding breakfast to the homeless. Good work, Stacy, and we'll continue to pray for your church and its many ministries.

East Tennessee Presbytery met at Northside Church in Chattanooga, where I heard **Cindy Benz '03** preach an outstanding ordination sermon. **Liz Peterson '04** was the worship leader.

I share these travels with you to make you aware of where some of our fellow alumni/ae are and what they're doing these days. Also, we'd be interested in knowing if any of you would like to host, with our help, a gathering of Columbia folks in your area. Please call 404-687-4668, 404-687-4566 or e-mail me at Carmichaelb@ctsnet.edu.

Staying Connected

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.

If you are interested in having your e-mail address listed in our e-mail directory on our web page and haven't notified us, please email Barbara Poe at poeb@ctsnet.edu. We will not list your e-mail address without your permission.

Stay in Touch

Please help Barbara and Bert stay in touch with you by emailing them any news of interest or changes in your address, life or work that you would like to share with the seminary community and other alums. If we can be of help to you in any way, please let us know.

