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A new dean and new direction for Lifelong Learning programs

IN MID-DECEMBER, President Laura Mendenhall announced the appointment of Dent Davis as dean and vice president of Lifelong Learning. Davis's appointment marks the beginning of a new, unified program comprising Continuing Education, the Spirituality Program, the Center for New Church Development, and the Lay Institute of Faith and Life.

The direction Dent Davis has traveled in the last 30 years, and the way he's equipped himself for that ministry, suggest a providential match of skills, experience, intellect, and character for the road ahead as he leads the organization of four programs into one.

Called to the seminary in 2002 as director of Continuing Education, he came from Knoxville, TN, where he had been director of the Institute for Work and Learning and was the founding executive director of the Association of Community Partnerships. As soon as he arrived at

Columbia, he joined Associate Dean David Forney and Spirituality Program Director Julie Johnson to help bring the seminary a Lilly Endowment grant of \$1.3 million dollars, and with that funding led the establishment of the S³ program. For church pastors, its name represents a focus on aspects of Sabbath, study, and service. Participants work in self-directed peer learning groups in two-year projects.

Knowing how to develop, manage, and deliver programs to strengthen leadership for the church has come to Dent Davis through a combination of formal study and years of practical experience. He graduated from the University of Tennessee, then received an M.Div. degree from Vanderbilt University Divinity School and a D.Min. from Columbia. Over a 25-year period, he served as a pastor to Presbyterian (USA) churches in Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. He also received a Doctor of Education degree at the



(r to l) Dent Davis, dean and vice president of Lifelong Learning, with directors, Rick Dietrich (Lay Institute) and Stan Wood (New Church Development). Inset: Julie Johnson (Spirituality).

University of Tennessee. And, as a consultant to churches, academic institutions, and social service agencies, he gained recognition as an innovative leader in adult education, in research-based strategic planning, in designing and developing programs, and in facilitating organizational change.

Davis says that one of his favorite quotes about lifelong learning comes from the work of Eric Hoffer, the 20th

century social philosopher and author of *The True Believer*: "In times of change, learners inherit the earth; while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists."

"Change is the key word," Davis says. "The world is a lot different now than it was when I first became a pastor. Extraordinary demands and

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Columbia launches Dual Degree program

COLUMBIA HAS LAUNCHED a new dual degree program—the only one of its kind in the U.S.—in partnership with Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) and the Andrew Young School of Public Policy at Georgia State University (GSU). Students have the opportunity to attend joint courses offered by the three schools and earn the Master of Divinity degree (from Columbia or ITC), as well as the Master of Science in Urban Policy Studies from GSU.

The new dual degree program is a natural extension of Columbia's Faith and the City program, which seeks to foster the development of public religious leadership in clergy and clergy-in-formation. Faith and the City's director, Harvey Newman, coordinates the dual degree program

with Ginger Kaney, who is the associate director of the Faith and the City Program and executive director of Wesley Community Center, an Atlanta urban ministry program.

"In offering this unique program," Newman says, "Columbia is embracing a challenge from the Association of Theological Schools that theological education emphasize the role of pastors as public leaders." Noting the increase in issues involving separation of church and state, including government faith-based initiatives, he says, "Pastors need to be informed public leaders, and they must be more effective in that role. They are called to amplify the voice of faith in our communities and to lead informed dialogue on public issues." ■

Learning that joins mind and heart

AS I VISIT in presbyteries and congregations, I realize how many people know of Columbia Theological Seminary's work through the opportunities we offer for lifelong learning—the Lay Institute of Faith and Life, the Spirituality Program, the Center for New Church Development, and Continuing Education for pastors.

Gratitude for the Lay Institute abounds in churches in the Atlanta area, as people speak of their delight in studying with some of the same professors who teach in our Master of Divinity program. Many people take classes because they teach in church school or lead Bible studies in their congregation. Others participate for their own personal enjoyment and interest. And for some folks the experience has been so compelling that they have been called to enter the Master of Divinity program.

Pastors and laity alike tell me how they entered the Spirituality Program for their own spiritual enrichment, along the way becoming stronger spiritual leaders in their congregations, encouraging others to deepen their ministry to one another and to their communities beyond their congregations. They tell me how people all over the world are living more fully into their own spiritual gifts, having benefited from Columbia's Spirituality Program even though they have never set foot on our campus.



Laura S. Mendenhall

Throughout the denomination, most presbyteries are working hard to start new congregations, and most of them are receiving training or consultation through our Center for New Church Development, the only such center for the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are even offering some NCD courses in Spanish and Portuguese because presbyteries are discovering that some of the fastest growing, emerging congregations are serving immigrant populations.

Pastors, including many who completed their basic degree program at other seminaries, tell me how grateful they are for our continuing education events, where they receive new energy and insight for their ministries. Our S³ program (study, service, Sabbath), now in its second year, is drawing rave reviews from participants. Young pastors say, "I was well-prepared to begin ministry, but now Columbia is helping me sharpen skills for this particular

ministry." And, whether they're new or experienced, pastors confess, "Preparing sermons week after week by myself was wearing me out. Columbia's continuing education programs gave me the opportunity to study again and learn with someone else."

All these people who speak with such appreciation for learning opportunities given to them by Columbia have recognized, as we all do, that we can never finish knowing all there is to know about who God is, what God is doing, and how God calls us to participate. We must keep learning throughout our lifetime.

In this issue of *Vantage*, you will read about abundant opportunities for lifelong learning, including events and programs offered through the four programs I've mentioned above, and through Colloquium 2004 coming up in April. You will also see the announcement of the recent organization of our four programs of lifelong learning into one administrative unit. With this strategic change, we are strengthening our commitment to this facet of our institutional mission and we are ensuring our ability to sustain the quality of the programs we offer.

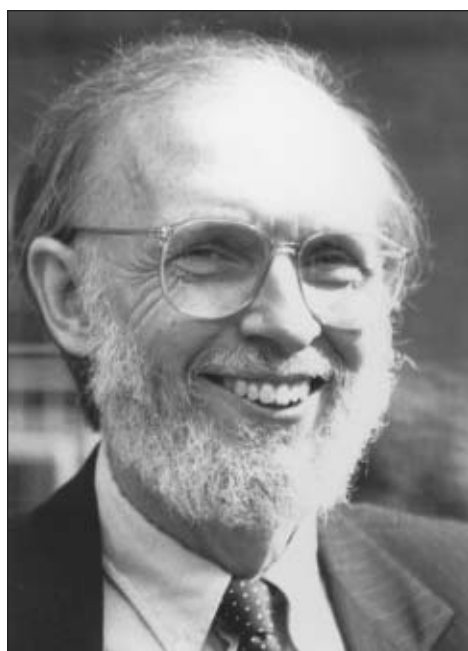
The Rev. Dr. Dent Davis, our director of continuing education for the past two years, has been asked to also serve as vice president and dean of Lifelong Learning, coordinating the

work of the other directors in that area and advocating for Lifelong Learning at the decision-making table. Dent's doctoral training in adult education, as well as his more than 25 years as a pastor to congregations and as the leader of community organizations, brings particular gifts and vision to enhance the unique gifts of each program as we strengthen our offering to the church, to pastors, and lay leaders.

Through Lifelong Learning, Columbia is fulfilling an important part of our mission, a commitment to be faithful to our call "to prepare persons to lead congregations in worship, witness, mission, and service; to pursue learning that joins mind and heart; to develop personal and professional skills for leadership in the church; to learn from the worldwide Church, from education, the arts, politics, economics, and science . . ."

At Columbia, we will continue to train pastors, supporting and encouraging them for the ministry to which Christ calls them. We will continue to nurture those lay leaders upon whose shoulders the ministry of Christ is carried, day after day, year after year. For all, we offer the opportunity to pursue learning that joins mind and heart. By so doing we are partners in ministry with the Body of Christ, proclaiming Christ's reign now and eternally in every corner of the universe. ■

Laura S. Mendenhall



David Bartlett

David Bartlett to join Columbia Theological Seminary faculty

DAVID BARTLETT, YALE Divinity School's Dean of Academic Affairs and Lantz Professor of Preaching and Communication, has been named Distinguished Professor of New Testament. During the 2004-2005 academic year, beginning fall 2004, he will be scholar-in-residence at Columbia while he engages in sabbatical study and completes his service to Yale Divinity School. He will join the Columbia faculty full time in fall 2005.

An ordained minister of the American Baptist Churches, USA, Bartlett served congregations in Minnesota, Illinois, and California and taught at Union Theological Seminary, in Richmond, VA, before joining the faculty at Yale in 1990. His latest book, *What's Good About This News?*

Preaching from the Gospels and Galatians, explores how to reconcile the biblical text's message to our contemporary context and a particular congregation's character and need. A collection of his sermons, *To the Beloved in New Haven: David Bartlett's Yale Sermons*, edited by Yale divinity student Ian Doescher, is forthcoming.

Speaking of his appointment at Columbia, President Laura S. Mendenhall says, "I am so pleased to imagine what may happen in our New Testament classes as David Bartlett brings his work in homiletics to the depth of study we are already offering. I believe students will be encouraged to read the New Testament with an ear for preaching Good News to those longing for such a Word in Scripture." ■



In October, Leigh Mullis joined the Office of Development and Seminary Relations as assistant director for development. She had been vice president of corporate trust at SunTrust Bank, Inc.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
TIMOTHY L. CARSON is director of the Center for Transforming Worship and pastor of Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in St. Louis, MO. Dr. Carson is the author of *So You're Thinking about Contemporary Worship and Liminal Reality and Transformational Power*. He has also produced the music CDs *Wind of the Spirit* and *Wind of the Spirit 2*.



LEADERSHIP TEAM
CHIP ANDRUS is the Program Associate for Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA). A leading proponent of the PC(USA) *Emerging Worship* initiative, he is also an accomplished singer and songwriter.



BRIAN A. WREN is the John and Miriam Conant Professor of Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary and an internationally published hymn writer.



CATHERINE TAYLOR is Pastor of the Church of the New Covenant, Doraville, Georgia, and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary.



ROGER NISHIMURA is Associate Professor of Christian Education at Columbia Theological Seminary, and a sought-after lecturer and workshop leader. He was the PC(USA)'s Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministries from 1986-1999.



CHUCK CAMPBELL is Associate Professor of Homiletics at Columbia. He is the author of *The Word Before the Powers: An Ethic of Preaching* and lectures and preaches throughout the church.



DENT DAVIS is Columbia's Vice President and Dean of Lifelong Learning. A consultant in adult learning and organizational change for numerous churches and non-profit agencies, he has served for more than 25 years in parish ministry.



THOMAS DANIEL is Associate Pastor for Neighborhood Outreach at North Avenue Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, where he has developed an innovative mid-week worship service for young adults in the city.

OTHER PROGRAM LEADERS
Martha Clay, Cameron Lawrence, and Teri Peterson.

April 12-14
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Worship + THE Contemporary Church

WHAT DOES CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP LOOK AND SOUND LIKE IN THE 21ST CENTURY? COME TO COLLOQUIUM 2004 AND EXPLORE NEW POSSIBILITIES. THIS EXCITING PROGRAM INCLUDES A SERIES OF THREE CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES (WITH READINGS FROM JOHN 20-21), A VARIETY OF SMALL-GROUP, INTERACTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES, AND WORSHIP EXHIBITIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, April 12
5:00 PM Registration
6:00 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Keynote presentation by Tim Carson "Can the Center Hold?: Emerging Worship and Multi-Everything"
A brief orientation will follow the presentation.

Tuesday, April 13
8:30 AM Registration
9:00 AM- Worship services
12:15 PM Three 45-minute services will be offered: one modeled from weeknight worship for college students at a Presbyterian church in downtown Atlanta; one offering opportunities for individual exploration, concluding with group prayer and song; one modeled from Sunday worship in a mid-size Presbyterian church. You will participate successively in all three worship services.

12:30 PM Lunch
2:00 PM Worship exhibitions and demonstrations
3:00 PM Examining the issues (concurrent workshops)
♦ Proclamation
♦ Music
♦ Planning and Media
♦ Connections—What's Going On in the Wider Church?
The day's activities conclude at 5:00 PM.

Wednesday, April 14
9:00 AM Comments on Colloquium (Tim Carson)
9:25 AM Reflective Learning: Participants, in small groups, will summarize gains, questions, and next steps, to share as a brief presentation during the closing session.
10:15 AM Service of Word and Table
11:00 AM Closing Session. Colloquium adjourns at 11:30 AM.

LOCATION

Colloquium 2004 activities will take place at Columbia Theological Seminary, in Decatur, Georgia, and at the Columbia Presbyterian Church, which is adjacent to the seminary campus. Both facilities offer wheelchair access.

COST

Conference: \$75 (all inclusive: registration, materials, Monday dinner, and Tuesday lunch)
Meals only: \$15 (per person per meal for Monday dinner and Tuesday lunch)

ALUMNI/AE REUNIONS 2004

Each year during Colloquium, Columbia hosts alumni/ae reunions for selected classes. This is a great time to get together with old friends from your days in seminary. You do not need to register for Colloquium to attend the traditional Tuesday lunch!

2004 Reunion Classes
1925-1953, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2003

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this registration form, along with a check made payable to Columbia Seminary, by March 29. Your spouse or guest is welcome to attend.

Name _____ Columbia Class of _____ (IF APPLICABLE)

Please check here if you are attending as a member of a reunion class.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (work) _____ (home) _____

Email _____

Spouse or guest name _____

I plan to use the child care services on Monday night for _____ child(ren).

Please return this form and payment by March 29.

Columbia Theological Seminary
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Decatur, GA 30031

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Amount	Number
Conference: \$75 per person Includes registration, materials, Monday dinner, Tuesday lunch	attending _____ due _____
Dinner only: \$15 per person Monday, April 12	_____
Lunch only: \$15 per person Tuesday, April 13	_____
	TOTAL DUE _____

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Classroom to congregation

Reflections of two prize-winning preachers

TWO RECENT COLUMBIA graduates, Andrew Foster Connors '01 and MaryAnn McKibben Dana '03, reflect the commitment to preaching that distinguishes the seminary and its graduates. While at Columbia, each received recognition from the David H. C. Read Preaching Prize, a preacher-scholar prize awarded in a national, multi-denominational competition. Dana received recognition as one of five finalists for the award in 2003, while Foster Connors earned top honors, receiving the 2001 Read Prize. Now serving in their first churches, Foster Connors and Dana reflect on the preaching life and the ways Columbia has prepared them for the proclamation of the gospel in the local congregation.

For Foster Connors, associate pastor for congregational life at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN, the most unexpected aspect of preaching in the congregation has been the change in his approach to the biblical text. "I have been really amazed by the depth of love I have for the people I serve and how much that affects my preaching. When I step into the pulpit, I am very conscious of the lives of the people in the congregation—what they are facing and what they are celebrating—and those people are in my heart and mind while I am engaging the text and composing the sermon."

Dana, associate pastor at Burke Presbyterian Church in Burke, VA, also reflects on the personal nature of preaching in her congregation. "In seminary, when you're preaching for

your colleagues, the emphasis is much more on experimenting with format and technique—focusing on the craft of it so that you can get the art of it. In the congregation, all of the work on technique I did in seminary has allowed me the freedom to invest more personally in my preaching. Especially in the first year of a new call, the congregation wants to know who I am and how God has affected my life; I find myself preaching often about my own spiritual journey and relating that to the spiritual life of my congregation."

Both Foster Connors and Dana remark on the close relationship between homiletics and biblical studies at Columbia and how that has prepared them for their current calls. "At Columbia," says Foster Connors, "the homiletics program insists that good preaching begins with the Bible and takes the text seriously. Not all ministers are trained that way, and the Bible can sometimes get lost among all the sermon illustrations. Columbia gave me a real trust that if I let the text lead me, God will give me the words to speak."

For Dana, her Columbia education has instilled in her a deep appreciation of the gospel and its witness to God's transformative power. "At the core of what I'm hoping to communicate," she says, "is an absolute love for this text that is so rich that no sermon illustration can capture it. What I want to communicate to the congregation is a love for the God that we encounter in scripture."

Abraham and Moses followed God's lead, learning along the way—a key to Columbia's emerging emphasis in Lifelong Learning. "Most learning is unconscious," Davis says, but Columbia's new Lifelong Learning program will be, as he puts it, "about helping pastors and church leaders be more intentional and reflective in their learning."

"We have a practical focus," he says. "People enroll in specific programs and courses based on their individual needs. We want to offer them learning opportunities based on their individual needs, and not what others think they need. We want to help pastors learn consciously, by reflecting on their experiences . . . their struggles and challenges, successes and failures . . . and by collaborating with others."

Up to now, Columbia's Continuing Education, Lay Institute, Spirituality, and New Church Development programs have developed independently.

But there has been a growing awareness among faculty and staff,



Andrew Foster Connors '01



MaryAnn McKibben Dana '03

In learning to communicate the gospel to her congregation, Dana has drawn deeply on the pastoral experience of Columbia's homiletics faculty and the understanding of congregational life that her professors brought to the classroom. "Chuck [Campbell] and Anna [Carter Florence] both have such a sensitivity to the issues that you encounter in the parish pulpit. Because they both have done it week in and week out, they balance very well the field of homiletics as an academic pursuit and the question of what you are going to need to do on a Sunday morning. While I was learning the techniques of good preaching, I was also being challenged to think about how my classroom experience would transfer into the local church, because the classroom and the church are not the same thing. My Columbia experience has helped make that transition less difficult for me."

Still, both Dana and Foster

Connors acknowledge that preaching in the congregational setting has presented its share of challenges. In particular, the two reflect on the difficulties of remaining creative and being challenged to grow as a preacher amid the many other responsibilities of pastoral ministry. "Continuing to improve as a preacher is a constant challenge," says Foster Connors. "It's much easier to stick with a formula that has worked in the past than to let the biblical text form me and speak through me in new ways. Great sermons are the result of a great deal of struggle and the willingness to take risks in proclaiming the gospel in fresh ways. If congregations can give their pastors the freedom to take those risks, even if it means listening to bad sermons once in a while, the rewards will be great for both pastor and congregation. The gospel can really transform you if you give it a chance." ■

Robert Williamson, Jr. '01

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challenges face today's pastors and the church's lay leaders, and their needs are changing rapidly . . . There are less rigid distinctions between ordained clergy and lay people, between church and non-church. And we're seeing major changes in how people formulate belief and practice. In the midst of all of this, we're trying to help those who are leading and who will be leading the church."

Davis is quick to acknowledge Columbia's long-time commitment to offering learning opportunities for pastors, including himself, and lay people. He also delights in pointing out biblical examples. "Lifelong learning has been around since 'Year One,'" he says. "Look at Abraham . . . Genesis 12 . . . where God tells him to 'go from your country' . . . Abraham had to learn as he went along . . . Then in Exodus we see how Moses had to learn to be a leader."

alumni/ae, program participants themselves—and accrediting agencies—that the seminary needed a more interdisciplinary, collaborative approach to curriculum development and program planning in these areas. It became increasingly apparent, too, that more efficient use of resources could be achieved by centralizing administrative processes for the four separate entities.

Understanding the rationale behind a unified Lifelong Learning program still leaves the question of how Davis and his colleagues will make it happen. Davis says that Columbia will continue to offer courses in the four areas of emphasis, but with a more strategic view of program development. He also acknowledges that the transition from four separate areas to one comprehensive program is a learning process in itself. "We're pioneering something new," he says. "Lifelong learning is not being done the way we're going to try to do it."

Davis plans to employ the method of reflective learning to help develop

new Lifelong Learning opportunities. He says, "We want to bring people to campus for conversations about lifelong learning, and we will be inviting our constituents to participate in planning. We'll probably do some survey research, and we may try to do a working conference on lifelong learning."

One particular challenge, and Davis seems to be keenly aware of this, may be in selecting the right offerings for a comprehensive program. "We have just touched the tip of the iceberg," he says. "Columbia is a center for learning about faith, and it's a place of hospitality . . . for reflection and companionship. And there are so many possibilities ahead . . . distance learning, Web-based learning, off-site programs . . . With a unified program we're going to address the changing needs of those involved in church leadership." ■

Preaching with hope

Charles Campbell is associate professor of homiletics. In his 2002 book, *The Word Before the Powers: An Ethic of Preaching*, in the section titled "Hope," he writes that "the primary practice that nurtures the virtue of hope is Lord's Day worship." He also explains how preachers may preach on Sunday mornings with hope and with the "joy that comes from the assurance of God's redemption." Here's more in a short excerpt from Campbell's book.

The apostle Paul makes explicit the intimate relationship between hope and patience:

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (Rom. 8:22-25).

Hope, according to Paul, provides the grounds for patience. Our hope in God's purposes for the world enables us patiently to resist the powers of death without becoming demoralized or having to control the future through acts of violence . . .

The primary practice that nurtures the virtue of hope is Lord's Day worship, which equips Christians to face the fundamental threat of the powers: death. Worship sets Christians free from the fear of death, which is the ultimate strategy the powers use to keep people in conformity to their ways. The practice of Lord's Day worship thus represents the fundamental Christian

challenge to the powers of death in the world and provides the space in which believers develop the virtue of hope. Worshiping every Sunday in the reality of Jesus' resurrection, and being redeemed from the fear of death through which the powers hold us captive, Christians are nurtured in the hope that enables and sustains resistance to the powers and principalities. When the Lord's Day emphasis on resurrection is combined with the tradition of Sabbath rest, Christian worship nurtures the community in two of the fundamental virtues of nonviolence: patience and hope . . .

[If preachers are to cultivate the virtue of hope, they must not only participate actively in Lord's Day worship, but also enter into places of suffering.] In these places of suffering, the principalities and powers are unmasked for what they are—the powers of death, not life; the powers of despair, not hope. All the little false hopes and false promises are stripped away. When this happens, radical hope in God may be born among those who have been nurtured in the memories of the community of faith and

cling to God's promises: a new heaven and a new earth; the new Jerusalem descending from heaven; a great messianic banquet where all God's children will sit together at table in Shalom. In the places of death, hope becomes radical hope in God, for no shallow, domesticated hope will do . . .

As preachers enter the reality of Jesus' resurrection, immerse themselves in the memories of the community of faith, and cultivate hope in the places of suffering, they are prepared to preach with hope on Sunday mornings. They are empowered to enter the pulpit and nonviolently resist the powers with the redemptive Word of the gospel. They are prepared to speak the Word that helps set the church free to live faithfully in the face of the powers of death. And grounded in such hope, preachers may even find themselves preaching with joy—the joy that comes with the assurance of God's redemption and the confidence that we are at least in the right struggle.

From The Word Before the Powers: An Ethic of Preaching, by Charles Campbell (Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.) ■



Shannon O'Leary '04 and John Weicher '04 are Columbia's student nominees for the 2004 David H. C. Read Preaching Award.

Toward the preaching life On the journey with two Columbia seniors

ACCORDING TO A 2001 Presbyterian Panel survey, good preaching ranks as the most important factor in church members' experience of congregational life. Yet for many seminarians, preaching is one of the most challenging—and often most rewarding—skills to master. Two Columbia seniors, Shannon O'Leary and John Weicher, each nominated for the 2004 David H. C. Read Preaching Award, recently reflected on the road toward the preaching life.

For Weicher, the love of preaching grew out of a passion for the biblical text. "I never imagined I would feel called to preach," he says. "I was always afraid of public speaking." It was in his first-year biblical studies classes that Weicher first began to realize his own unexpected love of preaching. "I started to learn to preach in exegesis [class]," he says. "I discovered that if you really dig into a text with discipline and imagination, the sermon will follow naturally. The

preaching faculty took that discovery and taught me the art of crafting sermons, of helping others hear the text in new and creative ways."

For O'Leary, preaching has become a deeply personal experience. With a lifelong passion for crafting words and reading texts, she expected preaching to come easily. But in her first year of seminary, O'Leary was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, an experience which profoundly affected her approach both to living and to preaching. "Preaching is not only about illuminating a text, it's also about self-revelation, and it is a vulnerable experience to share yourself with a congregation. After recovering from my illness, I found it difficult to open myself up and to let my sermons touch on my own emotions. For me, learning to preach has been about learning to take risks with myself and with the text. I've learned to be emotionally present in my preaching in the way that I want to be."

According to Weicher and O'Leary, supervised ministry internships played an important role in their development as preachers. Weicher, who served at University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill, NC, found that preaching helped him connect with his congregation. "In a larger church, it can be difficult to feel like your ministry is having an effect, so preaching helped me feel like part of the community. It led to a stronger relationship with the congregation, especially with our elderly members."

During O'Leary's internship at Old South Congregational in Windsor, VT, she discovered that developing relationships with church members helped make her a better preacher. She

says that her supervisor in Windsor, Amanda Lape-Freeberg '90, imparted to her that "if you're visiting the people like you should, you'll always know what to preach." O'Leary says, "Preaching is about how you live and the relationships you develop. I preach my best sermons when I take the time to observe my own life, to be deliberately contemplative about how life and text relate."

While Weicher and O'Leary found their internships to be important in their development as preachers, both point to the collegial learning environment at Columbia as a foundational element in their growth. Weicher says, "Our preaching group would get together outside of class to help each other work on our sermons. One of the most important things the group did for me was to help me become comfortable in the pulpit. They helped me learn to take myself seriously as someone called to proclaim the gospel, but they taught me to laugh at myself. We had one person in our group who would play the theme song from [the movie] *Jaws* on the piano every time I tried to make a dramatic point. If you can learn to preach through that, you can preach through anything."

O'Leary says her preaching group also played an important role for her. "We got to know each other so well that the group could tell if I was holding back or saying something that I wasn't passionate about, and they would call me on it. Preaching is about getting up and speaking what's in your bones, what the Spirit has stirred up in you through the text. If you're not doing that, people can tell. You can't fake speaking the truth." ■

Robert Williamson, Jr. '01

Lifelong Learning Events

Continuing Education

For more information, call 404 687-4562 or e-mail coned@ctsnet.edu.

Using Technology: Practical Tools for Ministry. March 2-3. Columbia campus. Leaders: John Jewell and Nicky Story, director and program assistant for Instructional Technology and Distance Learning, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Cost: \$150 (includes lunch).

Contemplative Retreat for Women. March 7-11. Sacred Heart Monastery, Cullman, AL. Open to clergy and laywomen. Leader: Rev. Carol Byrd. Cost: \$250 (includes room and board).

Where Angels Fear to Tread: Providing Pastoral Care While the Family Dynamics Swirl. March 8-10. Columbia campus. Leader: Sharon Mook, assistant professor of Pastoral Theology and Care, a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, and a member of the Society for Pastoral Theology. Cost: \$150 (includes lunch).

Bodybuilding for Ministry (Special Opportunity for CTS Class of 2002). March 15-19. Columbia campus. Leaders: Columbia faculty and experienced pastors. Participant costs, including program, room, and board are underwritten through the generous support of the Blanche Lipscomb Foundation.

Writing Workshop: Getting the Word Out. April 19-20. Columbia campus. Creative writing for preaching, teaching, and pastoral work. Leader: Dana Hughes, interim pastor, Morningside Presbyterian Church. Cost: \$150 (includes lunch).

S³ Project. Proposals for 2004 projects due April 23. Successful applicants notified by May 14. Orientation/Retreat August 23-27.

Contemplative Retreat for Men. April 25-30. Monastery of the Holy Spirit near Conyers, GA. Leader: David Guthrie, director of the Southern Province's Board of Evangelism and Home Mission, Winston-Salem, NC. Cost: \$260 (includes room and board).

Evangelism in Ministry. May 10-14. Columbia campus. Leader: Steve Hayner, Peachtree Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth. Cost: \$120 (includes lunch).

Lay Institute of Faith and Life

For more information, call 404 687-4577, fax 404 687-4591, or email layinstitute@ctsnet.edu.

Until That Day: Lively Conversations about Deathly Themes (Spring Evening Lay School). Mondays: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 7:30-9:30 P.M. All Saints Episcopal Church, Atlanta. Teachers: Susan Hysten, Dan Mathewson, Brian Wren, Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Mark Douglas. Cost: \$50.

Pausing on "The Way": Theme in the Acts of the Apostles (Spring Morning Lay School). Thursdays: April 1, 15, 22, 29; 10:30-12:30 A.M. Columbia campus. Teacher: Bill Campbell. Cost: \$45 in advance; \$50 at the door. (No class April 8—Easter week).

Midlife for Women of Faith: The Realities, the Challenges, the Opportunities. March 5-6. Mount Bethel United Methodist Church, Marietta, GA. Cost: \$55 in advance; \$60 at the door (includes Friday supper, Saturday lunch). Call or e-mail for details.

What She Said! Say What? Say More! — Quotable Women in Scripture (2004-05 Horizons Bible study). Two sessions: June 21-25, taught by Rebecca Parker; June 25 (Fri. evening) and June 26 (Sat. morning), taught by Linda Morningstar. Call or e-mail for details. (Session to be repeated in August; Dale Lindsay Morgan will lead the week-long session.)

Theology & Literature. First Tuesdays. 7:30-9:00 P.M. Columbia campus. Discussions of contemporary novels from a theological perspective. Leader: Rick Dietrich. FREE.

Faith & Film. Third Tuesdays. 7:30-9:00 P.M. Discussions of contemporary films from a theological perspective. Leader: Fritz Bogar. FREE.

Certificate In Spiritual Formation

For more information, call 404 687-4559 or e-mail sptyprog@ctsnet.edu.

Literature and Practice of Spiritual Direction. March 7-12. Columbia campus. An advanced course in the art of spiritual direction. Prerequisites: Beginning course, participation in spiritual direction for one year, or service as spiritual director for one year. Leader: John Kloepfer. Cost: \$300.

Retreat Leadership. March 25-28. Calvin Center, Hampton, GA. Explore the creation of liminal space and the art of creating opportunities for group and individual transformation. Leader: Julie Johnson. Cost: \$225.

Celtic Spirituality — Listening for the Heartbeat of God. April 25-30. Calvin Center, Hampton, GA. Leader: Philip Newell. Cost: \$300.

Immersion Experience: An Invitation to a Deeper Spiritual Life. May 2-7. Columbia campus. Beginning course for the Certificate in Spiritual Formation. Leaders: Julie Johnson and Liz Forney. Cost: \$400.

Powered by the Spirit of the Risen Christ: Life in the Pauline Churches and the Church Today. June 6-11. Calvin Center, Hampton, GA. Foundational course in New Testament spirituality. Leader: Julia Fogg. Cost: \$300.

Reconciling Peoples and Communities: Mission Impossible? July 11-16. Calvin Center, Hampton, GA. Understanding the gospel imperative of reconciliation through the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa and the Civil Rights movement. Leader: Emmanuel Lartey. Cost: \$300.

New Church Development (NCD)

For more information, call 404 687-4585 or e-mail ncd@ctsnet.edu.

West Coast Potential NCD Pastor Conference. March 10-15. Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Jointly sponsored by NCD, the Synod of Southern California, and the EDC of the National Ministries Division of the PC(USA). All potential new church development pastors are encouraged to apply.

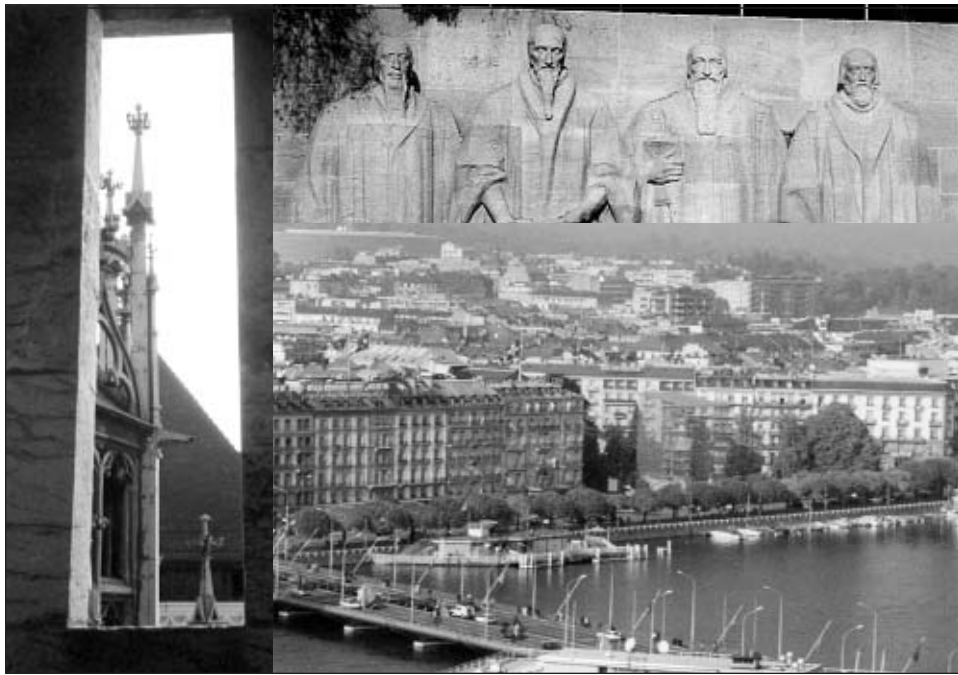
Introductory NCD Seminar. April 13-23. D.Min. course open to NCD specialization students and M.Div. students with approval. Leader: Stan Wood.

Pastor/Spouse Association Board Meeting. April 23-26. Columbia campus. NCD Seminar, Peace River Presbytery. May 8-10. North Point, FL. Leader: Stan Wood.

Lay Leader Training Program (Portuguese and Hispanic track). Ongoing. 10-course program. Call or e-mail for more information.



The impoverished widow in 1 Kings 4—whose neighbors gave her vessels, “and not just a few,” to receive God’s miraculous provision of oil—is one of the unnamed women in Scripture studied in the Lay Institute’s women’s Bible study leader training last summer. To find out about summer 2004 courses for Bible study leaders and other upcoming biblical and theological courses offered by the Lay Institute, see www.ctsnet.edu (click on Outreach Programs, then Lay Institute). Or call 404 687-4577.



Students in the Certificate in Spiritual Formation program will travel to Geneva, Switzerland, to study the life, ministry, and spiritual practices of John Calvin.

Spirituality program participants to meet Calvin in Geneva

"THERE IS AN extraordinary quality about studying a person, not only in his or her historical context, but also in geographical context," says Julie Johnson (D.Min. '98), director of the Spirituality Program at Columbia seminary. Since 2000, students in the Certificate in Spiritual Formation program have been traveling right to the source to study important people and places in the history of Christian spirituality. This year participants will travel to Geneva, Switzerland, to study the life, ministry, and spiritual practices of John Calvin. At the time of the Reformation, Geneva was a newly independent republic. The revolution of 1535-1536 was the culmination of a decades-long quest for autonomy by some of its leading citizens. When Geneva's citizenry voted in May 1536 to adopt the Reformation ("to live henceforth according to the gospel"),

they were breaking new ground. Calvin as a leader of the Reformation was passionate about the Sacraments and about leading believers to a complete reorientation of religious and civic life in accordance with what God discloses as God's will in the Scriptures. Dr. Tom Schwanda, director of the Reformed Spirituality Network, will lead the trip October 14-21, 2004. Lodging is at the Senecal retreat house in the center of Geneva. Participants will also study at the World Council of Churches headquarters in Geneva. Dr. Odair Pedroso Meteus, secretary of the World Association of Reformed Churches, will lecture on the Council's renewed emphasis on spiritual formation. For more information about Columbia's Spirituality Program, please contact the Spirituality Program office at 404 687-4587, or visit our Web site www.spiritualityprogram.com. ■

Bodybuilding for Ministry For 2002 graduates in their first call

"BODYBUILDING FOR MINISTRY," March 12-14, is designed to help strengthen new pastors in the practice of ministry. The title of the event comes from the Greek *oikodomeo*, a word used for the process of building and a favorite word of the apostle Paul who used it to underscore the fact that discipleship is a continuous learning process. It includes the idea of wellness, as well as planning and reflection for the future.

According to Dent Davis, dean and vice president of Lifelong Learning, "Ministry today is practiced in a complex web of relationships and an ever-expanding set of demanding responsibilities—when time and energy are not expanding commodities. Bodybuilding

for Ministry addresses the needs of pastors at a time when opportunities are not always apparent and challenges cannot be planned for." Along with Davis, other event leaders include Bill Harkins, Julie Johnson, and Laura Mendenhall.

Participants' program costs, as well as on-campus room and board, are underwritten through the generous support of the Blanche Lipscomb Foundation and the Alumni/ae Affairs Office of Columbia Theological Seminary.

For more information, contact Sarah Erickson, associate director of Continuing Education, at 404 687-4526 or ericksons@ctsnet.edu. ■

Women's weekend seminar is a time to think *and* do

MIDLIFE FOR WOMEN of Faith: The Realities, the Challenges, the Opportunities The event will be held Friday evening, March 5, and Saturday, March 6, at Mount Bethel United Methodist Church in north metro Atlanta.

The event has been designed to offer women ways to discover their identities in the midst of a culture whose values may be quite different from their own. In keynote sessions, small workshops, and worship, participants will "think" and "do," pursuing ways to live creatively in the face of midlife's expected and unanticipated changes.

Keynote speaker is Irene Henderson, director of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education for Palmetto Health Alliance, Columbia, SC. Henderson's presentations will cover matters of inner, cultural, and faith identity.

Bible study, led by Lynn Gifford '94, will help participants reflect on narratives about women—their identi-

ties, their purposes in the journeys they undertake, and their willingness to take risks for friendship and faith—particularly the ways their stories continue to inform the stories of women today.

Other leaders include Jean Temple, a therapist in private practice in Atlanta; Lea Robinson, a psychiatric/mental health clinical nurse specialist; and clinical psychologist Mary MacQueen, who practices at the Florence McDonnell Counseling Center at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. Linda Morningstar (MATS '99), associate director of the Lay Institute, will lead worship.

Morningstar, who is also coordinating the event, says, "Who we are—individually and in community—as we experience the relational, emotional, spiritual, and physical changes of midlife, is an important issue. This seminar is for women who are nearing and those already experiencing the challenges and opportunities of midlife." ■



Anna Pelkey's installation, *Sacred Laundry*, was the first-prize award winner from this past fall's juried exhibition, "On the Edge." Pelkey is from Ventura, CA. Other winners were Mark Pomillio of Waco, TX, and Tracey Clarke of Atlanta. The Lay Institute of Faith and Life sponsors several exhibitions each year. These bring the visual arts, and visual artists, into conversation with theologians teaching and studying at Columbia.

S³ Project enters its second year

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW being accepted for Columbia's S³ Project. Sponsored by the Lilly Endowment, and now in its second year, S³ (Sabbath, study and service) is a collaborative, small-group learning experience designed to help clergy sustain excellence in ministry. Fifty participants, in eight groups, formed the 2003 S³ cohort and have received funding for the first year of their two-year projects.

The application process for the 2004 cohort requires submission of a proposal by April 23. Successful applicants will be notified by May 14

and will join the 2003 cohort for the S³ Project Orientation/Retreat to be held August 23-27 at Columbia.

The S³ Project covers the program costs of the retreat, room and board on campus, and up to \$300 in transportation, based on need.

Information and the application are available on the Web site ([www.ctsnet.edu/OutreachPrograms/Continuing Education](http://www.ctsnet.edu/OutreachPrograms/ContinuingEducation)). You might also be contacting Sarah Erickson (404 687-4526 or ericksons@ctsnet.edu) or Dent Davis (404 687-4558 or davidd@ctsnet.edu). ■



NCD specialization D.Min. students came to Columbia's campus in January for the class Gospel and Culture. (l to r) Stephen Ahn, Mel Navarro, Jacqui Rose-Tucker, Lucas Pina, Gemechis Buba, and Valdir Franca.

D.Min. equips pastors to make new places for Good News

FOR PASTORS WHO help new church communities take shape, Columbia Seminary's Center for New Church Development (NCD) means a number of things.

For the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking lay church leaders who completed their training with the Center in June, the NCD program has been a source of preparation for serving their faith communities. For some of Columbia's Master of Divinity students, NCD internships provide opportunities to learn about ministry in a forming church. And for pastors enrolled in Columbia's Doctor of Ministry program specializing in New Church Development, the center offers an academic as well as practical approach for pastors to explore ways

to guide emerging congregations.

Twenty-eight students are currently enrolled in Columbia's NCD D.Min. program, whose first class of seven graduated last May. Like Columbia's other D.Min. tracks, the NCD curriculum requires coursework as well as a doctoral practicum and research project. The practicum is supervised in the pastor's place of ministry, and the research project draws from the pastor's ministry and coursework experience. Unique to the NCD specialization, however, is how it approaches new church development from the perspective of God calling the church into mission.

As important to students as what their curriculum prepares them to do, however, is why they have enrolled.

"NCD pastors tend to focus on how they will go about their ministry," says Debbie Church, pastor of Cornerstone United Methodist Church in Smyrna, TN. "What this program does is call ministers back to why they are doing [ministry]."

Scott Kinder-Pyle, who, with his wife, Sheryl, is co-pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Royersford, PA, says "it's about connecting with people who are alienated from organized religion and institutional Christianity." Some students, meanwhile, have a vision for a multicultural church, and come to the program to hear about the context in which NCD pastors from overseas practice ministry. Others take principles used to develop models for fostering new congregations and apply them in the revitalization of older, traditional churches.

For each NCD pastor, that model looks a little different. "I don't think there's one methodology or one technique for doing new church development," adds Kinder-Pyle. "I think it's a lot messier than that."

Rejecting cookie-cutter church development certainly seems necessary, given the diversity among D.Min. students working toward their NCD specialization. Stan Wood, now in his seventh year of directing the Center, points out the multicultural nature of the student population, which includes pastors from India, Korea, Brazil, and the Philippines, many of whom minister to people of religious traditions other than Christianity.

The D.Min. program addresses those pastors' needs in the NCD specialization elective course, *Christian Witness to People of Other Faiths*. Team taught by Wood and Columbia's Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, the class includes a case study that illustrates, Wood says, "how people of other

faiths hear good news, and how we place barriers in their way."

Indeed, multicultural sensitivity is a must for the program. In Wood's course, *Bridging Gospel and Culture*, students explore how the Gospel, which was originally spread through the Palestinian context among people of diverse cultural backgrounds, can be shared in the 21st century through the contexts of technology and ethnic pluralism. "I'm interested in how people practice the mission of the church," Wood says.

Gemechis Buba, pastor of African/Oromo Lutheran Church in Atlanta and a student in Wood's class, explains that his role is to translate the gospel into the culture in which he's placed. "I try to scoop the gospel out of Palestinian water and pour it into a new [culture's] cup," he says.

"Scooping" is a part of each student's ministry. Buba ministers to a congregation embracing both Euro-American and African traditions. Jose Carlos Pezini, a native Brazilian who spent 11 years in the pastorate in Brazil and started seven churches there before coming to the U.S. to learn English, has started five Presbyterian Church (USA) churches in the Atlanta area, and now ministers to a church comprising primarily immigrants. Kurt Appel, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Gulfport, MS, is interested in how new churches perceive their relationship with God while managing financial stress. His D.Min. studies, he says, have helped him balance his own focus on aspects of attendance, improvements to the church building, and financial resources to aspects of relationship building, prayer, and a plan for promoting discipleship. "Columbia," he says, "fosters a community in which every person has the DNA to share the story of Jesus." ■

Worship and Presbyterians

What the Presbyterian Panel has to say

- MOST PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP services take place on Sunday morning. Sixty-two percent of pastors report a service at around 11:00 A.M. Three-quarters of members report that the service lasts an hour or less.
- A majority of pastors report multiple worship services in a typical week. The most common reason for multiple services is "to accommodate people who want to come at different times." Forty-six percent report that it is also "to meet the needs of both traditional and contemporary worshippers;" 40 percent say it is to offer services with different musical styles."
- Fifty-one percent of members and elders describe the most recent worship service they attended as

traditional. Most of the rest describe the service as a *blend or mix of traditional and contemporary*.

- Seventy-three percent of elders report that their services include a children's sermon.
- Pastors are split in describing the mood during the most recent Lord's Supper: 49 percent describe it as a *joyful feast*, while 46 percent as a *solemn remembrance*.
- The ideal worship service, according to elders, would be a *blend of styles* (75 percent) rather than *one style* (12 percent).
- When asked to choose the one feature that is "normally most important to you" in a worship

service, members' selections were as follows:

- ◇ Clear and relevant preaching of God's Word (58%)
- ◇ Feeling moved by the power of God's Spirit (26%)
- ◇ Being moved to care and action for others (11%)
- ◇ Mystery and awe in the presence of God (4%)
- Ninety percent of members report that at least to *some extent* the most recent worship service they attended gave them a sense of being in the presence of God and renewed their spirits; 87 percent reported that the service helped them know they are forgiven by God, and 85 percent felt encouraged to lead a more faithful life.

The Presbyterian Panel is administered by Research Services of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The panel consists of three nationally representative samples of groups affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA): members, elders (lay leaders), and ordained ministers. For analysis, ministers are split into two groups based on current call: pastors, serving in a congregation, and specialized clergy, serving elsewhere. New samples are drawn every three years. The information reported here is from the Presbyterian Panel's Summary of the May 2000 Survey.

For more information on worship in the Presbyterian Church (USA), contact Joe Small, Office of Theology and Worship, at 888 728-7228, extension 5333. ■

For the Record

If you have recent news to contribute to this section, please mail it to the editor, or you may e-mail it to poeb@ctsnet.edu.

1930s

Bonneau Dickson '33, field representative in the seminary's Development Office, traveled to McClellanville, SC, last November for the anniversary celebration of a couple he had married 70 years earlier in his first wedding after ordination. The couple reaffirmed their marriage vows, and Dickson used the same service book he had used for their wedding. Recently Rehoboth church, Decatur, GA, honored Dickson with the establishment of the Bonneau H. Dickson *Dum Vivimus Servimus* (While We Live, We Serve) Scholarship Program. Members of the Rehoboth congregation who are full-time students at Presbyterian College are eligible for the program.

1950s

Tom Are '59 is pastor of Village church, Prairie Village, KS.

1960s

Coy Franklin '64 is retired from First church, Tupelo, MS....**Joe Berry '66** is retired from First church, Athens, GA.

....**Thomas Tidwell '60** is stated supply of Red Bay church, Walton County, FL....**William McElveen '63** is honorably retired from the Presbytery of the James....**Robert "Gene" Thorne '65** is retired from Leon Springs church, San Antonio, TX....**Carol J. Morrison**, wife of **Ed Morrison's '68**, received the 2002 Jim Angell Award for best first book by a Presbyterian. The book is *CATCHING ON, Love with an Avid Fly Fisherman*. (Ed is the fly fisherman).

1970s

Sheppard Lawrence '74 is interim pastor of John Knox church, Orlando, FL....**Sid Leak '75** graduated from U.S. Army War College with a master's degree in strategic studies and is pastor of First church, Manchester, TN, and state chaplain, Alabama Army National Guard....**Thomas Atkins '77** is retired from the U.S. Navy Chaplaincy....**Charles Evans '78** is pastor of the Geneva, Hebron, and Oak Hill churches near Oxford, NC.

BIRTHS

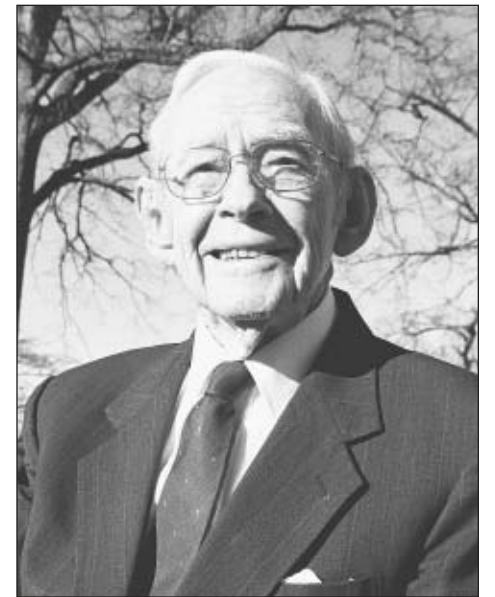
To Stephanie Davis '96 and Christopher Hankey '96, a son, Eli James, Dec. 12, 2003.
To Marianne McMasters '97 and Kyle Romanat, a daughter, Marisa Frye, Sept. 25, 2003.
To Laura Cunningham '98 and Scott Ramsey '98, a son, Charles Wilson, Aug. 9, 2003.
To Pam '98 and Jeff Leach, a daughter, Juliana Danielle, Sept. 11, 2003.
To Joe Hinds '99 and Kazy Blocher '00, a son, Paul Joseph, Dec. 4, 2003.
To Michael '00 and Laura Bailey, a son, Hudson Reaves, May 14, 2003.
To Kathryn '01 and Chris Summers-Bean, a son, Benjamin Allen, Sept. 30, 2003.
To Laurie Fields '01 and Wade Halva '01, a daughter, Madeline Grace, Oct. 30, 2003.
To Blaine '01 and Laura Hill, twin sons, Joseph Gardner and Isaac Carter, Nov. 5, 2003.
To Amy Lehr '01 and Hunter Camp '01, a son, William Hunter, Nov. 10, 2003.

DEATHS

George L. Riddle '34, Aug. 3, 2003.
Claude G. Pepper '36, Nov. 8, 2003.
C. Monroe King '45, Oct. 7, 2003.
Frank C. Wilkinson '51, Jan. 9, 2004.
Henry Mooney '58, Aug. 13, 2003.
J. Fred Moore '62, Jan. 18, 2004.
Ray Stover '62, Dec. 30, 2003.
Johnny C. Reynolds (DMin '95), Oct. 5, 2003.



Twins James and Caroline Bender were baptized in January at Bethesda church, York, SC, by their father, the church's pastor, **David Bender '01** (right). Grandmother **Carol (Pinky) Bender (D.Min.'93)** officiated, and uncle **Bobby Williamson '01** (left) preached the sermon. The twins' mother, **Edye Williamson Bender** (next to Bobby), is director of children's and youth ministries.



Bonneau Dickson '33, honored by Rehoboth Presbyterian Church with a scholarship in his name for church members studying at Presbyterian College, will celebrate his 96th birthday in March.

Northminster church, Pensacola, FL....**Sally Lorey '92** is parish associate of St. Simons, GA, church....**Andy Walton '92** is pastor of Capitol Hill church, Washington, DC....**Melanie Mitchell '99** is pastor of Iglesia de Cristo, Madrid, Spain.

2000s

Paul Nam Min '01 is pastor of First church, California, PA....
Lucy Youngblood '01 is pastor of Oak Grove church, Hillsboro, WV....
Brian Jensen (DMin '02) is pastor of First church, Meadville, PA....
Tony McDade (DMin '01) is network director for the Greenville, SC, Area Interfaith Hospitality Network.
....**David Hyers '01** is associate pastor of First church, Waco, TX....
Bryan Stamper '03 is organizing pastor of a new church development in Clermont, FL....
Bobby Williamson '01 graduated from Oxford University with a degree in Jewish Studies and is currently in the PhD program in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament at Emory University.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Biblical Area

Elizabeth Johnson, professor of New Testament, spoke at the Centennial Festival of the All Saints Episcopal Church, Atlanta; led the congregational retreat at Covenant church, Atlanta; and lectured at Shades Valley church, Birmingham, AL. She also preached, taught an adult education series, and led the congregational retreat at Ormewood Park church, Atlanta.
....**Christine Yoder**, assistant professor of Old Testament, served as liturgist at Central church, Atlanta, and with **Charles Cousar '58**, professor emeritus, presented the Minter lectures at First church, Milledgeville, GA.
....**Kathleen O'Connor**, professor of Old Testament, presented the annual biblical lectures at Grace Covenant church, Asheville, NC, and the Laurinburg Memorial Bible Lectures,

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Charles Logan Landrum, Sr., died December 28, 2003, at the age of 103. He completed degree programs at Columbia, as well as at Union Theological Seminary, in Richmond, making him the oldest alumnus of both institutions. Ordained in 1928, he served as pastor to congregations in Kenly, NC; Macon and Brunswick, GA; and Gulfport and Lake Hamilton, FL. During World War II, he was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy. During Landrum's seven-decade ministry, he was a community leader and served on numerous committees at the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly levels, including the committee that organized Eckerd College. In 1998, he received Columbia's Distinguished Service Award. His son, **Charles Logan Landrum, Jr.**, a retired Presbyterian minister, lives in Peachtree City, GA, and his daughter, **Gayle Booth**, in Houston, TX.

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Laurinburg, NC. She presented a paper on Jeremiah at the Society of Biblical Literature, was appointed to SBL's Governing Council, and led a Bible study at the Open Door, an Atlanta ministry for the homeless.

Historical Doctrinal Area

Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, associate professor of world Christianity, was the keynote speaker for the Global Mission Conference of the Greater Atlanta, Cherokee, and Northeast Georgia presbyteries. He facilitated a seminar for the Association of Theological Schools newly appointed faculty in theological education; taught a course for the Lay Pastors Portuguese Speaking program; and was elected vice-chair of the Hispanic Summer Program Governing Board.....**Marcia Riggs**, associate professor of Christian ethics, gave the plenary address, "Making the Connections: Gender and Race in Theological Education," for the Women in Leadership Seminar of the Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA, and participated in a panel presentation for the American Academy of Religion Forum on Challenges and Opportunities of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession, Atlanta.

Practical Theology Area

Chuck Campbell, associate professor of homiletics, preached at the 90th anniversary celebration of Pulaski Heights church, Little Rock, AR, and served on a panel at the Society of Biblical Literature on "Dislocating/Relocating Biblical Studies".....**Anna Carter Florence**, assistant professor of preaching and worship, led the congregational retreat for Central church at Montreat, NC; lectured at Emory University's Candler School of Theology during its Celebration of Preaching week; and preached for the ordination of **Jennifer Fouse '02**.....**Sharon Mook**, assistant professor of pastoral theology and care, participated in the Women in Leadership seminar, "Understanding Our Institutional Contexts: Challenges and Strategies," for the Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA, and was co-leader of two workshops for the fall conference of the Southeast Region of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Hendersonville, NC.**Brian Wren**, professor of worship, lectured at First Presbyterian church, Tulsa, OK, and Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, GA; he led a workshop and preached at Armour Heights church, Toronto, Canada. Wren preached, lectured, and premiered a hymn, "The Name We Have Begun to Know," at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC; he preached and premiered a hymn "Declare the Good News!" and gospel chorus "Bring

Down the Walls!" at Oakhurst church, Decatur, GA.....**Emmanuel Lartey**, professor of pastoral theology and care, was plenary speaker at the American Association of Pastoral Counselors Southeast Region Annual Conference in Hendersonville, NC, on the topic "The Quest for the Authentic Self in a Postmodern Age: Theological and Psychoanalytic Perspectives."

Faculty Emeriti

Walter Brueggemann completed his sabbatical in Cambridge, UK, and has published *Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination*.....**Charles Cousar '58** presented the Minter lectures at First church, Milledgeville, GA, with Christine Yoder, assistant professor of Old Testament.

Administration and Staff

Laura Mendenhall, president, hosted and coordinated the Association of Theological Schools' Women Seminary Presidents meeting at Columbia. She preached and taught at Westminster church, Charleston, SC; Briarwood church, Jackson, MS; the Worship Conference at Louisville seminary; Falls Church, VA, church; Fort Hill church, Clemson, SC; First church, Knoxville, TN; and Government Street church, Mobile, AL. She led the congregation's charge to the new senior pastor at Trinity church, Atlanta. She attended the Committee on Theological Education meeting in Clairmont, CA; the Association of Theological Schools Intensive Seminar for Seminary Presidents in Santa Fe, NM; and the board meeting of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. She gave the charge to the Council of Churches in Atlanta and spoke at the Midtown (Atlanta) Rotary Club; First church, Newnan, GA; Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC; and the Atlanta Presbytery Educators meeting.....**Harvey Newman**, director of Faith and the City Project, taught an interschool course, "Power, Faith & Civic Leadership," at Georgia State and made numerous presentations on Columbia and Georgia State's partnership in a dual degree program.....**Sarah Erickson '03**, associate director of continuing education, led a women's retreat at Pilgrimage church, Lilburn, GA; directed the children's Christmas pageant at North Decatur, GA, church; and was elected to serve on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for South Alabama presbytery.....**Cam Murchison**, dean of faculty and executive vice president, taught an inquirer class on reformed theology, preached, and led an elder training workshop at Central church, Atlanta; and he led a forum on Christian faith and economics at Trinity church, Atlanta.....**John Knapp** (MATS '95), president of the Southern Institute for Business and Ethics, conducted programs on ethics for Atlanta Board of Education; presented at the National Association of Credit Managers and Atlanta Kiwanis Club;

and taught at Peachtree church, Atlanta, GA.....**Ann Clay Adams**, director of admissions, taught an adult education class, "Reel Faith," at Trinity church, Atlanta.....**Dent Davis** (DMin '89), dean and vice president for Lifelong Learning, preached at First church, St. Petersburg, FL; lectured at the University of Tennessee; and led a retreat for the Commissioned Lay Pastors of East Tennessee presbytery. He presented at the International Transformative Learning conference at Teachers College Columbia University, New York, NY, and the annual conference of the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education.....**Michael Morgan**, seminary musician and organist, played at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, London, UK, and presented a display of rare English Bibles entitled "The King James Bible: Its Forerunners and

Its Heirs" for the Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Atlanta.....**Stan Wood**, director of the Center for New Church Development (NCD), taught courses for the NCD Lay Leadership Training Program for Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking participants in Santa Barbara and Glendale, CA; presided at the graduation ceremonies of the Center for NCD's Lay Leader Program for Latinos in Santa Barbara presbytery and in Atlanta for the Tri-Presbytery program (Northeast Georgia, Greater Atlanta, Cherokee presbyteries); led an elders' retreat and preached at First church, Moultrie, GA; taught an NCD seminar for Tropical Florida presbytery; preached at First church, Pompano Beach, FL; and taught and preached at Government Street church, Mobile, AL. ■



Insick Jang (left), David Hoonjin, and Jae Chung (holding hymnal) of Columbia's Korean-American Alumni/ae Council took part in a chapel service in October that dedicated Korean-English hymnals donated by the council.



Miriam Dunson (DMin '85), author of Facing Forward in Older Adult Ministry, led a seminar in November discussing what the church can do in the midst of budget limitations to meet older adults' practical and spiritual needs—and how the church might use older adults' skills.

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In October, the Columbia Friendship Circle (CFC) Executive Council hosted a campus gathering of Presbyterian Women's presbytery moderators from the Synods of Living Waters and South Atlantic. During their visit, CFC members met with the six Columbia students who are receiving scholarships provided by CFC contributions. Students who have dependent children are eligible for CFC scholarships. For more information about how your church can become involved in CFC, please contact Barbara Poe at 404 687-4566, or poeb@ctsnet.edu.

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_____ <i>Beyond the Burning Bus</i> by Phil Noble	\$25.00	\$21.25
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