

SECOND EDITION

September 2017



HERSTORY

On Second Thought...

Have you ever heard someone say, *Let's not reinvent the wheel*? Full disclosure – I've said it myself. The idea behind this phrase, of course, is that the wheel is a basic machine and reinventing it, or anything else that is equally basic, is unnecessary. We could just as easily say, *Let's not reinvent the lever* or *Let's not reinvent the inclined plane*. For whatever reason, however, the wheel is what stuck!

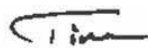
Our ancestors didn't reinvent the wheel, but they did improve it a good bit. The earliest wheel was probably a log. When two or more logs were put together they could be used as a rolling platform. Then, at some point, someone came up with the axle and improved the log-platform, saving the people who had to carry the last log from the back of the rolling platform to the front. Over the centuries improvements to the wheel improved our quality of life. Water wheels were used to power the mills, the potter's wheel was used to create storage vessels for food, spinning wheels were used to make better clothing, pulley wheels were used to hoist larger sails for faster and further travel, spoked wheels enabled wheels to be larger without losing strength, steel wheels and paddle wheels helped us connect with one another for commerce and trade on the railroads and rivers.

The point is, humans haven't reinvented the wheel but we have found ways to improve it and new ways to use it. The same is true for the church. Many times in the church when something changes or a new endeavor is begun, people can be heard saying, *We've never done it that way before*. This is especially true about organizational changes designed to better fulfill our mission and calling and to live out our service to Christ in ministry to the world. People can sometimes feel that these kinds of changes are unnecessary and that we are just *spinning our*

wheels. (Interesting side note: Microsoft Word's grammar check keeps underlining the phrase *reinvent the wheel* in my software. A click on the phrase indicates that I should replace this phrase with, *waste a lot of time for no reason*.)

There is always room for improvement, however, no matter how good things are or have been. Faithful leaders should always be looking for ways to improve how we go about being the church God calls us to be. In the coming months, you are going to hear about some ways the Session of Second Presbyterian Church intends to do this. They haven't been wasting a lot of time for no reason, *reinventing the wheel*; they have faithfully and prayerfully been discerning how we can improve what we are already doing so that God may be glorified and God's call to ministry may be answered in new and more efficient ways, ways that are grounded in Scripture, the Presbyterian tradition, and research about how systems work. Hopefully, these changes will make our quality of life better, as well as equip and empower us for the future to which God is calling us.

Grace and peace...



Pastor Tim





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worship

This isn't history, it's herstory.



HERSTORY

Coming September 10th

Second Presbyterian Church Sermon Series

New Sermon Series in September: Her-Story

Beginning September 10th and continuing through mid-October we will be examining women of the Hebrew Scriptures whose stories are not so well known and whose voices are not often heard. Some will be heroines and some will be villains and some will be a little of both, but all have a part to play in the drama of Redemption that is told in the pages of Scripture. The sermon series is entitled Her-Story.

Her-Story: Hagar	Genesis 16 & 21	Sept. 10
Her-Story: Tamar	Genesis 38	Sept. 17
Her-Story: Potiphar's Wife	Genesis 39	Sept. 24
Her-Story: The Mothers of Moses	Exodus 1	Oct. 1
Her-Story: Rahab	Joshua 2 & 6	Oct. 8
Her-Story: Hannah	1 Samuel 1	Oct. 15

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 6TH

Our Wednesday night activities will resume after Labor Day on September 6th. We will be observing a slightly different schedule this program year to better accommodate folks' schedules. The schedule will be:

Dinner	5:30-6:30
Handbells	6:15-6:45
Bible Study	6:30-7:30
Youth Activities	6:30-7:30
Chancel Choir	7:00-8:30

Dinner: Dinner will once again be \$10 per adult, \$5 for students, with a family maximum of \$25. The cost of dinner for *college students* is \$2. **Please note:** We ask that everyone respect the start time of 5:30 p.m., even if the food is out and ready prior to this time. We also ask that people refrain from getting "seconds" until everyone has a reasonable chance to arrive and go through the line. Many people have a difficult time getting here prior to 6:00 and a number of times last year folks arrived at that time only to find there was no food left. Please be considerate of others as we gather for our weekly fellowship.

Adult Study: Adult Bible study will be from 6:30-7:30. There will be two Adult Studies to choose from this fall.

Counterfeit Christianity (Fellowship Hall): This program year Pastor Tim will lead us on a study of the major world religions. We will start with an in-depth look at our own religion...with a twist. This fall, we will be looking at Christianity through the lens of persistent heresies throughout Christian history that seriously conflict with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will be using as our guide the book *Counterfeit Christianity: The*

Persistence of Errors in the Church by Dr. Roger E. Olson, Professor of Christian Theology and Ethics at George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University in Waco, TX. (You may purchase the book but it is not required.) We will come to understand "orthodox" Christian theology by engaging some of the "unorthodox" teachings of the last two millennia, such as: Gnosticism, Marcionism, Arianism, Modalism, Pelagianism, Determinism, Moralistic Therapeutic Deism, the Prosperity Gospel, and others. In the spring, we will be examining the basic beliefs of non-Christian religions.

David Goslee's Class (Barbour Room): Our Wednesday night Old Testament class will take up the story of Saul and David. As always we'll be playing lots of videos, first David and Bathsheba with Gregory Peck and Susan Hayward, and then a less flashy movie but better acted and closer to the account in Samuel. We'll also sample some documentaries that are either kinder to David or harder on him than Tim's more balanced portrait. We'll follow with shorter videos on Solomon, Elijah, Jeremiah, Job, Esther, and Daniel. Before the end of the semester we'll jump to the New Testament, beginning with the risen Jesus and exploring the earliest days of the infant Church. This period will be brought to life by two fine TV series, each of them entitled A.D.

Youth Study and Activities: Our young people will meet weekly following dinner from 6:30-7:30. Two weeks each month they will engage in Bible Study in two separate groups: Younger Students and Older Students. The other two weeks each month our students will all be together for a common activity. Once per month this will be a service/mission activity, and once per month it will be a fun/fellowship activity. If you are interested in volunteering to help lead our young people in these activities, please contact Pastor Tim.

SECOND NOW SERVING UKIRK'S UPERK CUSTOM ORGANIC VIENNA COFFEE BLEND



UKirk at UTK has just opened a new ministry to UT Students – the UPerk Coffee House. UPerk is a place on campus for students to fellowship with one another and build community around sharing a cup of coffee and conversation. The main floor of the UKirk house has been significantly remodeled this summer to make it a welcoming place for all, whether coming from on-campus or off-campus. The Grand Opening will be on September 5th at 6:30 p.m. with musician Bear Stevens entertaining. UPerk will be built on the student-friendly model of “pay-what-you-can” and will be subsidized by the ministry’s budget, if necessary.

UPerk has partnered with local coffee maker Vienna Coffee Company to provide fresh, specialty coffees roasted from beans grown by farmers around the world with whom they have a personal relationship. Staff and members of the Board of UKirk designed their own organic blend over several meetings and tastings with Vienna’s master roasters. The blend is called UPerk Blend and is described as “full-bodied and smoky sweet, with a black currant finish and a mild acidity.” It consists of a mix of beans acquired

from a Fair Trade Cooperative in Papua, New Guinea and from Asnaketch Thomas, one of the only women coffee exporters in Ethiopia.

As a show of support for our Presbyterian Student Ministry, Second will be serving the UPerk organic blend on Sunday mornings in the Atrium during the fellowship hour. If you like the blend and would also like to support our ministry to college students, you can order the coffee for your home. Bags of coffee will be delivered to the church on Thursdays (sorry, no home delivery available) and you can pick it up on Sundays when you come to worship. The best part is, \$3.00 from every bag purchased goes directly to the UKirk ministry! So if you are a coffee drinker, you can support our college ministry and farmers in New Guinea and Ethiopia, just by purchasing something you are going to buy anyway!

To purchase UPerk coffee, go to www.viennacoffeecompany.com/fundraisers and choose “UKirk” or go directly to the UPerk page at www.viennacoffeecompany.com/coffeegroup/ethiopian-yirgacheffe-organic-konga-7j2r4.



UKIRK AT UTK GIVING OPPORTUNITY



This past May, Rev. Andy Morgan, Campus Minister of UKirk at UTK, received a letter from one of the graduating seniors thanking him for the ministry's role in developing and nurturing the community of faith at UKirk. The student wrote, "I know that UKirk will continue to flourish over the years to come. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help!" Included in the letter was a financial gift to the ministry of \$2,017 – a dollar amount equal to the year this student graduated.

The Board of Directors of UKirk (of which Pastor Tim is a member) felt that this story of discipleship needed to be told and celebrated. We are so grateful for the opportunity to be baptism promise keepers for the young people that are part of this ministry and want

to continue to serve them in transforming ways, the way in which we did for this particular student. So the Board of UKirk is issuing a challenge to people who want to help nurture and develop the faith of our college students at UTK – let's match this gift! Our goal is to raise \$2,017 to match the gift of faith from this graduating student. If you can make a one-time donation, or if you are able to make an ongoing donation to support the work of UKirk at UTK, go to the website www.ukirkutk.org

and click on "Support." You can also read the Blog while you are there and see the reasons that others in the Presbytery support the ministry. And if you have more questions or want to support the ministry in other ways, or if you don't have a computer and would like to make a gift in another way, contact Pastor Tim or Andy Morgan.

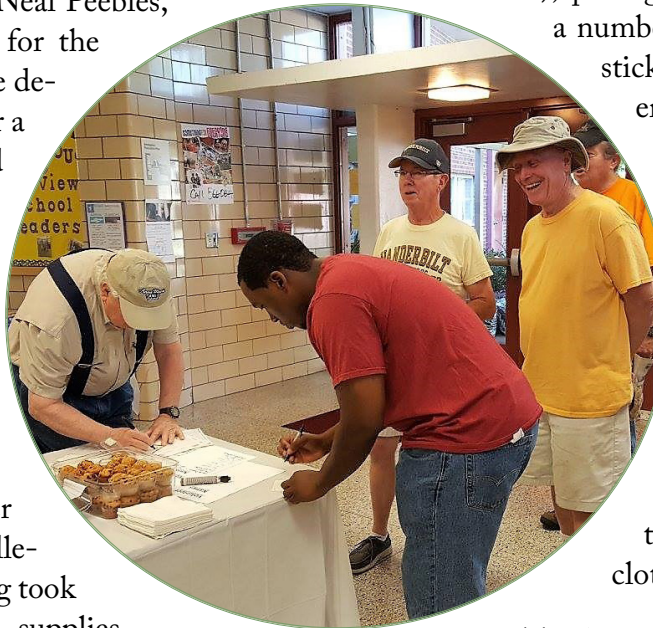
UTKNOXVILLE
UKIRK
Welcome home.

AUGUST 2017 WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY WORK DAY & SUPPLIES

More than 50 volunteers showed up to work from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5th. Some outside workers got an early start but for most part, the day started at 8:30 with prayer at each of the school entrances. Outside workers successfully completed the work in several major areas. Led by Terry Chumley, the “playground” crew replaced five large mats (\$300) under the “Playground Mulch” and spread \$550 of new mulch. The “gardeners,” led by John Butler, tended the garden areas and planted beautiful new plants at the main entrance to the school. The “grounds cleanup” crew, led by Neal Peebles, did clean-up and fix-up work for the rest of the school grounds. These deserve a big round of applause for a big job done well and completed on schedule.

Indoor workers were busy in a number of varying assignments. Liz Peebles led several volunteers who were cleaning and organizing the Library. A couple of teachers asked for assistance and there were a number of volunteers assisting with bulletin boards. Sorting and arranging took place in several areas—school supplies, electronics supplies and clothing that had been donated to the school for kids needing various clothing items. There were picture takers and “Prayer Warriors” for the teachers, staff and classes. Many different talents were used that morning.

Supplies—some were donated by **YOU** and some were bought with West View Designated Account Funds. Thank You to all who gave school supplies or made monetary donations.



Several “trunk loads” of supplies were taken to West View. No one knows who most of the supply donors were but all donations were useful and greatly appreciated by the staff. Principal Beth Blevins provided a “Most Wanted School Supply List” after a number of donations had been received. Shoppers purchased these supplies with approved West View Designated Account funds.

Purchases included 15 boxes of 24 packages of Kleenex; 20 large 67 oz bottles of hand sanitizer (one for each room); packages of 10-packs of Baby Wipes; a number of dry erase markers and glue sticks; 60 one inch three-ring binders and lots and lots of wide-ruled paper. A more fun item was about 135 items for classroom “Treasure Boxes” — rewards for children, such as stickers, small toys, coloring books, etc.

Eight clear plastic storage boxes were requested by the school and purchased for use in the storage room where donated clothes were organized.

Teachers needed headphones with mics that could be used with iPhones and iPads. Principal Blevins said; “If we had a few per class, it would be great as the teachers are using the voice recorded assessments now with their iPads.” The Mission Ministry Team approved that a check for \$150 be given to the school from the West View Designated Account to be used for purchasing these.

Donors to the West View Designated account need to know that their money go to various uses and all are of great benefit to the school.

B is for Bird

Presbyterian Women presents....

Everyone is invited to see and learn at the Presbyterian Women Luncheon on Tuesday, September 12 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$10. **Warren Bielenberg**, Cades Cove GSMNP Volunteer & retired National Park Service Ranger (other parks) will be presenting on:

"Birding 101: Birds in Your Backyard, East Tennessee, and Beyond."

If you are not in a PW Circle, make a reservation by calling Mariann Thuesen at (865)253-7653 by Thursday, September 7th.

All ladies are invited to join Presbyterian Women. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. for circle study, followed by lunch and a program. Call Aggie Bell (865) 363-3666.



Warren helping students spot a bird



Award-winning photo by Warren Bielenberg



MUSIC PROGRAM

The Music Study Club of Knoxville invites guests to their Wednesday, September 6, 10:30 a.m. program in the Sanctuary. Virginia Rowlett, piano, and Brenda Goslee, organ, will play works by Felix Mendelssohn. Byron Moffett, classical guitar, and Jane Stokes, flute, will present duet music by Maurice Ravel and Astor Piazzolla. You are cordially invited to attend and stay for the reception in the parlor following the program.

FAMILY PICNIC AT JOHN KNOX CENTER

The 16th Annual Family Picnic will be held at John Knox Center on Sunday afternoon, September 17th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Enjoy fellowship and fun at your Presbytery's camp! You may explore the lake by canoe, kayak, or paddle board; cool off with a refreshing swim; test your moxie with the high ropes course; learn about the region's wildlife in the nature center; or engage in friendly competition by playing volleyball, horseshoes, or cornhole. The cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch. Children 10 & under are free with an adult. For more information visit www.johnknoxcenter.org

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

The Peace & Global Witness Offering for Peacemaking and Reconciliation will be received on Sunday, October 1st. The Presbyterian Church will use the offering to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice around the world. Our congregation's share will be donated to the Family Justice Center in Knoxville. The center helps victims of domestic violence use many cooperating agencies that provide safety and prevention.

LUNCH BUNCH

September Lunch Bunch will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. A representative from RAM (Remote Area Medical) will present the program. Remote Area Medical was the idea of Stan Brock after he was injured in Guyana, South America where medical assistance was a 26-day journey away. National and international in scope, their mission is "to prevent pain and alleviate suffering by providing free quality healthcare to those in need." Reservations (\$10.00) may be made for lunch by calling Robbie Blakemore (865-233-7783) by August 31, 2017.

FLOWERS

We need flowers September 24th and the rest of October! If you would like to donate flowers to the church, please let Sarah know.

2ND READERS

When? Wednesday, September 20
Where? Church
Time? 3:45 p.m.
Title: *Gilead*
Author: Marilynne Robinson
Leader: Liz

When? Wednesday, October 18
Where? Church
Time? 3:45 p.m.
Title: *The Crossing*
Author: Michael Connelly
Leader: Donna



JULY VISITORS

Jane Creed	Maggie Foster
Maggie Bendy	Nancy Rust
Jason Frederick	Allison & Rusty Rochelle
Kim & Findlay Hudgens	Jerry & Janet Sanders
Leslie Grossman	Ben, Val, Kat, Will and
Mike Marchant	Andrew Sharp
Barb Tenney	Leslie Lang
Drew & Haley Wall	Jay Russell
Lindsey Kreichelt	Julianna Fargalli
Alex Cooper	Charlotte Croft
Ruthann Fioberg	Melissa Gilbert
Derryl Kaslta	Shannon Brooks
Henry Naff	Mary Lynn Marks
Tracy Horton	Trell Stroud
Steve Long	Scott Farris
Matthew & Stephanie	Frank McClelland
Cummings	Cheryl Ragsdale
Chris Poole	Frances McWhirter Andrews
Joanne Mounger	Rion Steele
Halle, Todd, Mary Day	Mary Ann Brown
Reed and Bennett Reynolds	Sally Leshner
Christina & Jerry Young	Fred & Susan Brackney

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Frank Myers 9/02	Robbie Blakemore 9/21
Nan Sweitzer 9/03	Harriet Campbell 9/23
Henry Casey 9/04	Donna Matlock 9/23
Clara Hardin 9/06	Elsie Dodson 9/24
Jimmy Cheek 9/07	Lisa Henley 9/24
Donna Downen 9/07	Brent Beals 9/26
Edith Vance 9/08	Brenda Goslee 9/26
Nancy Smythe 9/12	Pam Turner 9/26
Josh Turner 9/12	Terry Chumley 9/27
Gil Turner 9/17	Brayden Beets 9/29
Jim Ford 9/18	



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL RETREAT

Send the Light - Saturday, September 16

Presbyterian Women are hosting an event for the entire presbytery on Saturday, September 16. The retreat will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir City (634 Martel Rd., Lenoir City, TN 37772). Registration and coffee begin at 9:30 a.m. Presentations are as follows:

* Keynote speaker Reverend Doctor Laurie Kraus will speak about **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) - Out of Chaos, Hope**. Laurie is the Coordinator for PDA.

* **"Peacemaking in a World of Darkness"** will be presented by the Reverend Ann Owens Brunger, retired minister and longtime member of the Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of East Tennessee.



You are also invited to put together a PDA "Gift of the Heart" kit, bring it to the event and PW will deliver them to the distribution warehouse. A Sunday School class, PW circle, youth group or men's group may like to put together one or more kits for you to bring.

For information on the kits, go to <http://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/>. The kits require a \$2 processing fee per kit; please consider a donation toward this. The day will conclude with worship, the offering will also go to the processing fees.

One example of a kit needed is a Hygiene Kit. A Hygiene Kit includes: 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 wide-tooth comb, 1 nail clipper, 1 bar of soap, 1 toothbrush and 6 Band-Aids or other adhesive bandage strips.

For more information please contact Charlotte Klieman at (865) 922-8453.

Please note that the deadline for registration is September 6th. Lunch is \$8/person. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian (notation: FSR). Checks are to be mailed to:

Gail Hardy
First Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 52
Lenoir City, TN 37771

THE HIGH 5 AWARD

The High Five Award for August goes to **Morton Rose**. If you ever need to find Morton, chances are you can find him somewhere on the church grounds, making sure that the brush around the property is sufficiently trimmed.

Over the years Morton has served in many capacities at Second Presby-

terian Church, most notably helping take care of the building and facilities. Unbeknownst to many, however, Morton has been out all summer in the heat and humidity trimming the bamboo and bushes and hauling it into a big pile at the corner of our lot. Not many people have seen Morton doing this, but we have! So here's a big High Five, Morton! Thanks for keeping things looking so good.



MAST PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our Middle and High School Students are part of a program started last year to connect smaller youth groups in the Knoxville and Maryville area with one another. Our students have joined with youth from Graystone, Lake Hills, Highland, West Emory, and Concord Presbyterian Churches in service and fellowship activities during the past year. In July we enjoyed a lovely hike to Spruce Flats falls in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (see picture below)

Our first activity of the new school year will take place at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 4th** at Maryville

College. The goal of the event will be to build a sense of camaraderie and fellowship among the youth groups. There will be an in-depth scavenger hunt around Maryville's campus, followed by a meal and worship. Planned events for the coming year are an Advent activity in early December and a mission trip to Asheville Youth Mission in March. The group is also planning to attend the Montreat Youth Conference next June as one group. For more information for your student, or if you are interested in being a chaperone, please contact Pastor Tim.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT @ JOHN KNOX

The Presbytery Middle School Retreat at John Knox Center will be Friday, September 29th – Sunday, October 1st. The cost is \$100 per participant and the registration deadline is September 15th. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Tricia Dillon Thomas from Hope House-UKirk at UT Chattanooga. Flyers and registration forms are available from Pastor Tim.



General Burnside leading Union soldiers into Knoxville

THE YANKEES COME TO KNOXVILLE

Co-Chairs, Arvilee and Helen Grant

In January 1863, Union General Ambrose Burnside arrived in Kentucky as the New Federal commander of the Army of the Ohio with Lincoln's order to invade East Tennessee at the earliest practical moment. In June 1863, Burnside sent a cavalry unit led by Colonel William Sanders into East Tennessee to destroy bridges and communications. The group of approximately 1,500 troops arrived in Knoxville, fired some artillery into the town, disrupted communications and mainly frightened local Confederate sympathizers into thinking that a Union invasion was at hand. Sanders, however, followed orders and quickly withdrew back to Kentucky.

In early August 1863, General Burnside began his move toward East Tennessee with about 15,000 troops composed of cavalry, artillery, and infantry across the desolate Kentucky mountains with few trails to follow. We include here a brief description of some of that trek from Seymour's book, *Divided Loyalties*.

The soldiers carried from sixty to eighty pounds on their backs, and by the time they emerged from the mountains into the valleys of East Tennessee they had thrown away most of their equipment that was not edible. . . . An eye-witness to the journey noted that, "in many cases the horses utterly failed to drag the guns up the precipitous sides of the ascents, and then the worn and struggling animals gave place to men, who with hands and shoulders to the wheels and lumber, hoisted guns and caissons from height to height. The fearful wayside was strewn with broken wheels and vehicles, and with horses and mules, dying exhausted on the march. Baggage-animals, mules, and drivers, in several instances, made missteps and rolled down precipices.

Meanwhile, after twenty-seven months of Confederate occupation of Knoxville, the Confederate high command decided to withdraw troops from East Tennessee and move them closer to the Chattanooga area in late August 1863.

In *Divided Loyalties*, Seymour states:

The moment General Buckner pulled his Confederate troops out of Knoxville, one of the roving, lawless bands which the war had spawned made a raid into town, and steps were taken to organize temporary citizen defenses. Before adequate measures could be agreed upon, an Indiana cavalry detachment, Burnside's advance guard, under Colonel John W. Foster, suddenly dashed into the streets of Knoxville on September 1, 1863. . . . A woman Confederate sympathizer stated in her diary, "Long shall it be remembered among us. It was the day when we beheld for the first time our most dreaded foe, the Yankees, so long expected throughout East Tennessee."

When General Burnside with the main body of his army on September 3, marched into town, there was an outpouring of joy from the local Union supporters as well as a huge number of people from surrounding counties who had come to town to see and to participate in the welcoming of Federal troops.

The Union soldiers, though tired and hurting from their difficult journey, were duly impressed with the joyous welcome and the many heart felt expressions of Union loyalty. Many Yankee soldiers commented that they had never experienced such dedication to the Union cause even as they felt the anger of the Confederate sympathizers who remained in town after many of the Confederate civilian leadership left with or soon after the Confederate troops abandoned the town.

One must keep in mind that little Knoxville (about 5,000 residents in 1860—the current size of Jonesborough) was a relatively young country town in the heart of the isolated Appalachian Mountains—very different from the older, more settled northeastern towns and cities. Knoxville had just endured twenty-seven months of Confederate occupation which had deepened the sharp division of attitude of residents toward the issues of slavery and secession. Confederate occupation had been a drain on Knoxville's economy, its food and fuel supplies and the very fabric of its institutions and society.

In spite of the area's natural beauty, to many of the Union soldiers the town was a "sorry lot." The soldiers observed a few "fine looking houses but most have a dilapidated, tumble-down appearance." The town's principal streets were "rather deserted" and few stores were doing business. . . . "The streets are dirty and rough, the sidewalks broken and everything looks forsaken and neglected." One Yankee declared the town, "wretched, unhealthy, unhandsome, uninteresting." "The only institutions that seem to prosper are houses of ill fame and there are 39 of those doing a large business." One Union officer sniffed that the "costume of the women is ludicrous in many cases." Another concluded that "there is not a handsome woman in Knoxville!"

Second Presbyterian Church Matters

When Union officer Daniel Larned attended church service at the Second Presbyterian Church, he stated that the minister "jerked and twisted till I thought he would fly to pieces." [Ed. note: This comment was made in a letter to his sister, written soon after Union occupation began, when, as far as we know, Pastor Joseph Martin, a Confederate supporter, was still serving as pastor at Second Church. Perhaps he was nervous and concerned about his future in a Union-held town.]

Interestingly, Second Presbyterian Church Session records make no mention of Dr. Martin from June 28, 1863 to July 20, 1864. On a record dated July 20,

1864, there is a statement, "the Rev. Martin who has not been with the church in the Session for several months, a meeting of the Session was convened by . . ." There is no mention of the fact that Rev. Martin had been escorted out of town by Federal troops, having been judged disloyal to the Union.

Second Church's congregation received their share of criticism from the Yankees: They "made me think of a factory village meeting, only I never saw such odd wearing jeans as they had on—nor such ill-behaved people." [Ed. note: In other letters "jean" suits are mentioned. In the 1860s jean cloth was usually a mixture of coarse cotton and wool, a common material used for work clothing.]

General Burnside soon determined that the Union army was in need of more housing for hospitals, jails, and stables and closed most of the larger churches and discontinued church services until near the end of the war. Second Church was used as a hospital and First Presbyterian Church stabled horses.

Federal Occupation Begins

Over 12,000 troops poured into and surrounding Knoxville from September through October with shortages of adequate fuel, food, housing, and space for animals and equipment but without major incidents. In November, however, the Confederate leadership assigned General Longstreet to retake Knoxville with a force of about 24,000 soldiers. In anticipation of this move, Burnside dispatched Union troops to Lenoir City and Loudon to intercept Longstreet and delay his advancement to Knoxville where Union engineers were hurrying to strengthen Knoxville's fortifications.

The two armies fought delaying actions as both raced toward the west end of Knoxville, through Campbell Station with the Union barely reaching Knoxville's west outer defenses first, after two days and nights of dragging artillery and supply wagons through heavy mud. General Sanders (a newly promoted former

cavalry colonel) led a delaying action of a dismounted cavalry defense unit positioned across Kingston Pike and up a hill, now the site of Second Presbyterian Church. Herein begins a series of coincidences related in disconnected ways to Second Church.

1. General Sanders ordered an artillery unit located where Laurel Avenue and 17th Street intersect today to try to silence sharpshooters firing from the tower of Bleak House located just west of Sanders' outer defenses. (Bleak House was built for Robert Houston Armstrong and his wife in 1858. The Armstrongs were members of Second Presbyterian Church and were 19th century descendants of the Scots-Irish 18th century emigrant Robert Armstrong of Forks of the River. In the 20th century Bob Armstrong (now deceased) was a long-time member at Second Church and was a descendant from another branch of this same Armstrong family tree. Anne, his widow, is a member of the present congregation.) The Union artillery, using a large, 20-pound field rifle, fired and placed one perfect shot in the Bleak House tower, about 2,500 yards away and killed three rebel sharpshooters in the tower and disrupted the firing.

2. Sanders and his 700 defenders held off for 36 hours a main body of attacking Confederates while Union troops continued to build up inner defense lines. Sanders was shot by rebel gunfire at the top of the hill where Second Church now sits. According to Lowell Giffen's history, "A marker where Sanders fell was staked in the ground on Second Church property. On the day ground was broken for the present building Russell Briscoe dug the marker from the underbrush, took cross bearings to record the marker's location, mounted it on a marble base, and placed it on the approximate original location." The marker lies along the edge of the sidewalk beside the Child Care Center playground. It states incorrectly that General Sanders was killed Nov. 18, 1863 by sharpshooters in the tower of the Armstrong mansion. At the time he was shot his defensive line was under heavy attack by rebels and the origin of the bullet is unknown. He was wounded

and lived until the next day. A Tennessee Historical Commission marker stands at the foot of the hill near Kingston Pike and it correctly states a brief but accurate account of his death.



**Bleak House with the tower
used by rebel sharpshooters**

3. General Sanders died of his wound on November 19, 1863. In Hess' *The Knoxville Campaign* he states that it was impossible to gather fellow officers together for a funeral until nighttime and General Sanders was buried in the dark in the cemetery of Second Presbyterian Church located on Prince Street (now Market Street).

Battle of Fort Sanders

Confederate General Longstreet's plan was to encircle Knoxville and starve the citizens and Union soldiers into surrender. Because Longstreet insisted on relying on faulty maps, he did not send troops to cover all accesses to Knoxville from the French Broad River, thus allowing barges of food floated down the river at night from surrounding farms to get through to the town. Longstreet's siege failed.

Longstreet delayed his attack against Knoxville's defenses as he sought weak places in the lines but chose to attack Knoxville on November 29 at one of its major defenses—Fort Loudon (renamed Fort Sanders to honor the fallen general). The Battle for Fort Sanders lasted only about 20 minutes with the Confederates being defeated, but the siege continued to some degree, until December 6 when General Sherman and 25,000 Union troops moved into Maryville with orders to fortify Knoxville. By then Longstreet was in retreat eastward and the Knoxville siege was fully lifted.

1865 —The Last Year of the Civil War

One must be thankful that there was only one civilian death during the siege, but the town itself showed all the signs of war. All the trees had been cut down, all the many wooden fences has been burned as fuel during the unusually cold winter. The stench of the hospitals and the hundreds of dead horses and mules (either starved or killed), was overwhelming. The lack of adequate sanitation increased the level of disease.

Homes of several Confederate sympathizers were destroyed or heavily damaged. Many people were homeless and were crowded into remaining structures or in temporary tents or open to the elements on the streets. Refugees from neighboring counties and western North Carolina crowded into Knoxville, seeking safety from marauding bands who roamed unbound by local law enforcement. Trenches and fortifications were everywhere around the town. Lack of food was the major problem with the town trying to provide for a large body of Union troops, wounded and prisoners, refugees, and locals while Confederates still lingered in East Tennessee, not attacking Union soldiers, but seeking food because the supply lines for both the Northern and the Southern armies had broken down.

Several Confederate sympathizers were deported during the war, including several women who either had family ties in the Confederate army or who

refused to take the oath of loyalty to the Union. Ellen House was one of those women who, not only would not take the oath, but also harassed marching troops in the streets and carried tales about the latest action between Yanks and Rebels outside the town. She caused much dissension, remaining defiant and full of resentment toward Lincoln and all related to the Union. Her diary provides one of the best personal accounts of Federal occupation of Knoxville.



Marker identifying the approximate place where General Sanders was shot

As the Civil War moved toward closure, two major issues had to be resolved by Knoxville's divided citizens:

1. Reconciliation with secessionists, both those who stayed and those who had returned after leaving during the Union occupation.
2. Dealing with the emancipation of its slaves.

The Beginning of Reconciliation

Although many agreed with Governor Brownlow about the need for severe punishment for secessionists, time seemed to soften this attitude in East Tennessee. Once local, discharged Union and Confederate soldiers began to filter back into the community, clashes between the two groups became common for a while but, for most, several factors worked to bring a form

of reconciliation. Some of the most hard-core Confederate supporters had the good sense not to return to Knoxville for years or not at all. Others of those with opposing views were often related by blood, marriage, friendship, or business. Second, many secessionists were monied and its influence brought them back to the fold. Thirdly, after Lincoln's death, President Andrew Johnson's positive approach nurtured reconciliation rather than harsh judgment and punishment for the secessionists.

Emancipation of Slaves

"Nothing more vividly testified to the death of slavery than the sight of former slaves in blue uniforms!" The end of war brought a different type of violence, not peace. The clashes between Union and Confederate soldiers (both active and discharged) happened also between both white and Negro troops, but one incident in February 1866, turned in a new direction with the death of a white man (a former Union soldier) in the process of buying Federal surplus stores, was killed by a Negro Union sentry. The details of the event were never confirmed, but the Negro sentry was hunted down by about one hundred Union veterans and hung for murder. McKensie writes in his *Lincolmites and Rebels*:

... the mob had declared loyalty to their Union but also to their race. If they disagreed with their Confederate neighbors on the former point, they spoke with them on the latter. By both promoting and symbolizing white solidarity, the hanging of this black Union soldier now foreshadowed the basis for their genuine reconciliation.

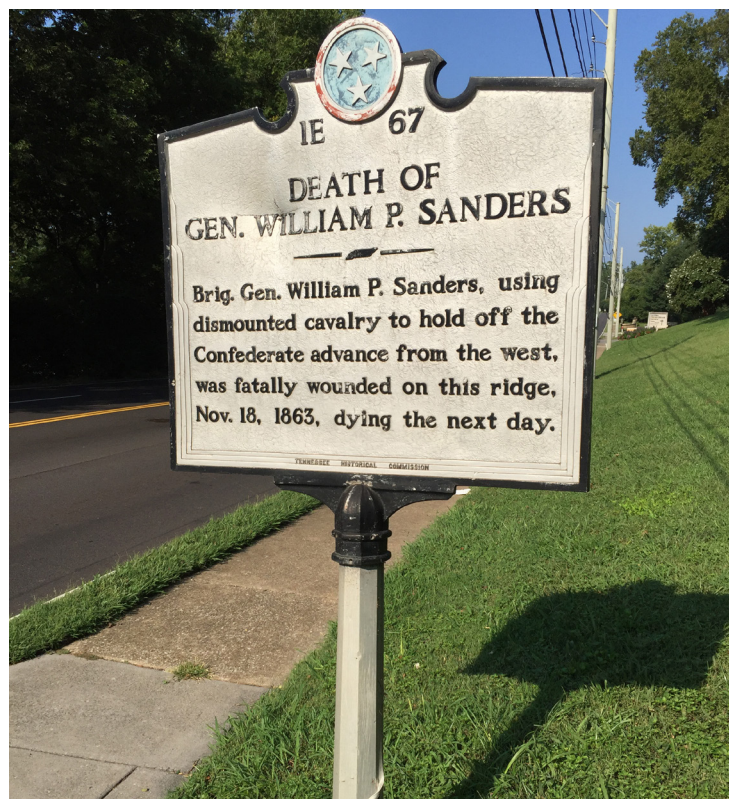
Second Presbyterians Come Home

At a Session meeting on July 20, 1864, Horace Maynard opened with prayer. The elders requested that the War Department release the church building back to its congregation, but the request was denied. Instead, the building was returned in March, 1865, when the Union military left the city. Maynard also served as temporary clerk for the Session on August 6, 1864.

There are no reports in the records from August 9, 1864 to May 7, 1865. No doubt, the building needed much cleaning and repairing and one account says that upon the building's release, members of the congregation immediately began work on it.

Beyond preparation of the building, the remaining members had to find a pastor, make decisions about their Negro members, decide on a denominational affiliation and, of course, seek a reconciliation of its members—down now to about seventy-five.

SOURCES: *Divided Loyalties; Fort Sanders and the Civil War in East Tennessee*, by Digby Gordon Seymour. *East Tennessee and the Civil War*, by Oliver P. Temple. *Knoxville Campaign; Burnside and Longstreet in East Tennessee*, by Earl J. Hess. *Lincolmites and Rebels; A Divided Town in the American Civil War*, by Robert Tracy McKenzie. *A Very Violent Rebel; The Civil War Diary of Ellen Renshaw House*.



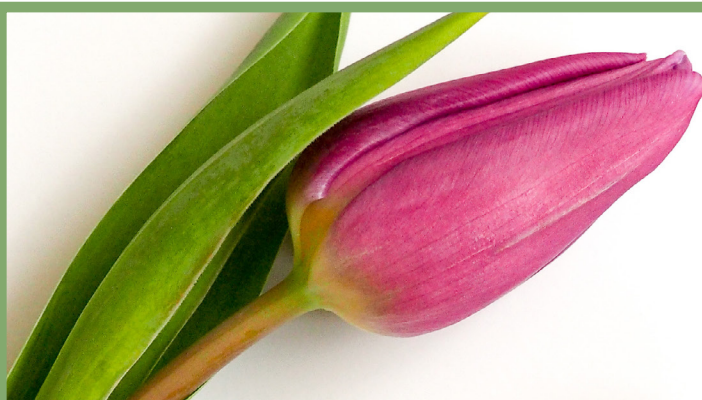
State historical marker identifying the area where General Sanders was shot at the Battle of Fort Sanders

Highlights from the June Session Meeting

- Approved the Minutes of the Called Session Meeting on June 20, 2017.
- Received reports from the Deacons and church committees as information.
- Received the financial report from the Treasurer.
- Approved the transfer of Jonathan and Rebecca Givens to Grace Church, Knoxville
- Approved the transfer of Anthony B. Hardin to All Saints' Church, Atlanta GA.
- Approved the hiring of an Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Youth in a Temporary Pastoral Relationship and the formation of a search team composed of Sandra Butler, Matt Casey (co-chair), Jim Ford (co-chair), Lisa Henley and Tuesday Reynold.

Church Financial Report

	Jan-July 2017 Actual	Jan-July 2017 Budget	2017 Budget
Pledged Offerings	\$347,073	\$318,985	\$546,832
Non-pledged Offerings	\$48,158	\$17,500	\$30,000
Preschool	\$17,667	\$18,667	\$32,000
Other	\$59,125	\$62,372	\$106,924
TOTAL GIVING	\$472,023	\$417,524	\$715,756
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$393,851	\$432,576	\$715,756
NET	\$78,172	\$15,052	\$0



COUPON BOOKS

During September, School Coupon Books will be on sale in the Atrium (during Coffee Break before church and immediately afterwards...or reserve one thru Sandra Butler...584-4397 or sandyb446@comcast.net). \$8.00 of the \$10.00 cost goes directly to West View School.



2017

SEPTEMBER

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Sunday School 9:30 Fellowship Time 10:30 Worship 11:00 Communion	Church office closed Labor Day	Joy Singers 10:00 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Facilities team 5:00 Line Dancing 5:00 Ministry Team meetings 6:00 Boy Scouts 7:00	Line Dancing 9:00 Music Study Club 10:30 PET brown bag lunch 12:00 Wed. Night Dinner 5:30 David Goslee's class 6:00 Chancel Ringers 6:00 Chancel Choir 6:45 Email Blast Submissions Due	PreSchool training 12:00	Church office closed PreSchool training 9:00 Symphony practice - Fellowship Hall 11:00	1
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2020 CLASS

Jimmy Cheek
Clara Hardin
Doug Matthews

Rev. Tim Reynolds,
Moderator
Nancy Montgomery, Clerk

"Ruling elders, together with teaching elders (pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships."
PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0301

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2018 CLASS

Sandra Butler
Charlotte Klieman
Marty McLean

2019 CLASS

Jim Ford
Angela Jones
Lily Wu

2020 CLASS

John Matlock
Kathy Thomas
Margaret Walther

Cleston Jones, Moderator
Sandra Butler, Clerk

"The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress."
PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.0201

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