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Duerr Lecture Series 2009

**"Confessions of a Presbyterian Fundamentalist"
Reflections on 50 years of wrestling with God's call to faith and action,
guided by a Presbyterian understanding of the Church.**

Vernon S. Broyles, III, speaker for the twelfth annual Duerr Lecture Series, February 22, 23 and 24, is Representative for Public Witness, Office of the Stated Clerk, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Rev. Broyles says that the lectures will focus on the foundational convictions that make us Presbyterian, as they are set forth in the first four chapters of our Book of Order. The first assumption is that none of us are required to live out our Christian faith in a specifically Presbyterian context, but for those of us who do, it is important to understand what is special about claiming that heritage. The second assumption is that much we claim as Presbyterians is not unique to us. The third assumption, or perhaps a hope, is that some of these principles and reflections will prove helpful even to those who are not Presbyterian, but who are curious enough to come, listen and respond. The lectures will also contain personal recollections and insights gained over a life of ministry under the Presbyterian banner, including the struggle to hear God's voice and to try to give it visibility in the troubled world in which we live.

The lectures include The Foundation - What is this thing we call "the Church" and what is its significance in an increasingly secular society plagued by individual isolation, instant gratification, and suspicion of institutions in general? The Promises We Make - What do our "vows" mean, as individuals, as church members, as officers, as ministers in a society where dishonesty, default and selfish choices so often seem the order of the day? And The Call to Action - How are we, as Presbyterians, to understand "the Mission of the Church" as it relates to our presence in communities-local, regional, national, global-that are desperately in need of both healing and prophetic challenge.

Vernon Broyles was born in Canton, Mississippi, to a Presbyterian pastor and a public school teacher. He received the A.B. degree from Davidson College and the B.D. *cum laude* from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. Broyles was ordained in 1962 by Fayetteville Presbytery, in South Carolina. From 1962 to 1982 Broyles served as pastor of churches in North Carolina and Alabama. He was called by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., in April 1982 to serve as staff in the area of Social Justice Ministry, and continued in that role with the General Assembly Council until 2006. Since 2006, Broyles has worked directly with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly on the church's public witness. He serves as a liaison with others within the Presbyterian Church structure as well as our ecumenical and interfaith partners, interpreting the policies of the General Assembly and articulating the Reformed theological basis for the church's engagement with the world where issues of justice and peace are concerned. His work supports Presbyterians who are advocating for policies by our own United States government that contribute to justice, peace and freedom at home and around the world. He has traveled extensively within the United States and in over 50 countries in his service to the PCUSA. Broyles is also the author of the column, *The Church in Society*, a regular feature of Presbyterians Today.

Rev. Broyles will be preaching at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on Sunday morning. All lectures begin at 7:00 p.m., and the Sunday evening lecture, in the Fellowship Hall, will be preceded by dinner at 6:15, \$7.00, no reservations necessary. Lectures on Monday and Tuesday evenings will take place in Room 209, the choir rehearsal room. The sermon and all lectures will be taped and available in sets of four CDs. Child care for all ages is available for each lecture by calling the church office, 713 622-4807. In addition Broyles will meet informally with the Men's Fellowship at noon on Monday in the Dining Room and with the Presbyterian

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Congregational Concerns:

Hospitalized/Healthcare: **Wayne Glenn** in hospice care at Hallmark Healthcare.

At home: **Bill Boren, Karl Dick, Leah McRoberts, Penny Vieau**

In Iraq: **Ken Evans**, Tamara Arlinghaus' father.

Check These Announcements

The Men's Fellowship offers to all men of the church a more intimate, informal opportunity for study, fellowship and service. We meet in the office Conference Room each Friday at noon for a BYO lunch followed with a presentation and discussion. Currently, we are reading *The Apostles Creed for Today*, by Justo L. Gonzales. Get your copy from Dan Flowers. Grab a sandwich and join us! **Please note:** There will be no meeting on February 27; rather we will meet on Monday, February 23 with Duerr lecturer, Vernon Broyles for a brown bag lunch and discussion.

Attention all who signed up for Mo-Ranch: Bills are past due and you must pay if you registered. Contact Jeanie Flowers with questions.

February 15th is Scout Sunday at St. Philip: All children, youth and adults participating in the scouting program are encouraged to wear your uniform and be recognized during the 11:00 worship service.

All Presbyterian Women are invited to meet for a brown bag lunch and conversation with Duerr lecturer, Vernon Broyles on Tuesday, February 24 at Noon in the Dining Room.

All are invited to dinner in Fellowship Hall prior to the Sunday lecture by Vernon Broyles, 2009 Duerr lecturer. Please note that there will be a charge of \$7.00 for dinner which will be served in Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:15. No reservation is needed.

Many, many thanks to Betty and Charlie Moreton for doing the Presbyterian weekend meals delivery on Saturday, January 31. One of the many outreach programs of St. Philip, we are responsible for delivering meals to shut-ins in central Houston on the fifth Saturday of every month that has one. If you would like to make a short term commitment, please call Janet Davis at 713 464-2385 to become involved. May 30 is our next delivery date.

The Philip-Eye will be published on February 23, March 9 and 23. Please submit information and articles in a timely manner. 10:00 am on the day of publication is the deadline. E-mail to philip-eye@saintphilip.net or leave in the mail room.

Upcoming Events at Mo-Ranch!

Successful Aging - April 24-26

Leader: Dee Wadsworth ~ Cost \$225.00

Mapping Our Journeys is an offering in life issues at Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly where individuals work with professionals in a nurturing, spiritual setting. People familiar with the ranch's programming have suggested Successful Aging as a topic in this series. They are concerned with how to plan the next period in their lives with such questions as "What if I have no family living nearby?" "What are the legal issues I need to address?" "How do I plan for long-term care?" The retreat will address these concerns with attention to the positive aspects of the road ahead and a focus on broadening the view of late life possibilities and directions.

Men's Conference - May 1-3

"Integrity - Living the Consistent Life"

Keynoter: Dr. Robert Crilley

Available Housing:

Loma Linda \$209.00; River Dorm \$209.00; Campground Cabins \$180.00; Tents \$171.00

Women's Conference I - June 2-4

Women's Conference II - June 5-7

"Peace For The Whole"

Keynoter: Rev. Eugenia Gamble

Housing: Women's Conference I - Hotel/Motel \$270.00 and Group \$260.00

Women's Conference II - Hotel/Motel \$270.00; Group \$260.00, and Dorm \$234.00

For more information on these and other Mo-Ranch events, please contact us at 1-800-460-4401 ext. 239, or visit us on the web at www.moranch.com, or email us at program@moranch.com.

Easter Boxes for the Women's Home

It's time once again to begin filling Easter boxes. The recipient of these boxes, The Women's Home is a unique long-term residence program providing women the opportunity to rebuild their lives through spiritual counseling, individual therapy and work training.

The Easter boxes, a long-time project of Presbyterian Women is open for participation by all. The goal is to fill 55 shoe boxes, wrap them in pretty spring paper and present them to the Women's Home for Easter distribution. Here are some suggestions of needed items: cosmetics (purchased or department store samples), hotel or airline samples, tooth brushes and tooth paste, mouthwash, razors, combs, hair brushes, hair spray, postage stamps, envelopes, note paper, note cards, jewelry. You may do a complete box, a partial box, or just donate loose items. If you prefer, we take cash donations to purchase items. Bring to a PW Circle meeting or leave in marked container in the church office or the gathering area near the Sanctuary.

Questions? Call Janet Davis at 713 464-2385.

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Women at noon on Tuesday. Both of these meetings are brown bag events and are open to all.

The lecture series was established in 1998 in memory of Chris Duerr, with the purpose of bringing the best Reformed scholars and preachers to St. Philip and the wider community each year. Duerr was born and raised in Germany, growing up during the years of World War II. He came to the U.S. in 1950 in the first class of Fulbright Scholars from Germany, studying at Michigan State University. He also studied at the University of Hamburg, Germany, where he received the equivalent of a Master's Degree in political economics. He moved permanently to the States in 1968, becoming a naturalized citizen in 1973. He joined St. Philip in 1979 and later served as an elder.

The Lecture Series was established through generous contributions made in Duerr's memory. While the lectures are free and open to everyone, your gift to ensure the continuation of the series on an annual basis is greatly appreciated. Gifts may be made to the series in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one. Checks should be made payable to St. Philip, marked "Duerr Lecture Series" and sent to the church office.

Come and take part in the lectures for a time of challenging study and spiritual renewal.

Join the PrimeTimers March 5th Activity

Visit the Museum of Natural Science with the PrimeTimers to see the special exhibit, The Birth of Christianity: A Jewish Story. This presentation explores the nature of messianic expectations among the Jewish people. View the earliest known manuscript containing the story of Christ's birth in the oldest known copy of the New Testament Book of Luke and one of the original Dead Sea Scrolls containing the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. The exhibit includes more than 200 artifacts such as the Jeselsohn Stone and rare manuscripts which highlight the cultural, political and personal events that shaped Jerusalem and the surrounding region more than 2000 years ago. After visiting the exhibit the group will enjoy lunch together.

Call or stop by the church office to sign up for this trip.

Lectionary Readings

February 15, 2009
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

February 22, 2009
Transfiguration of the Lord
2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Hallelujah!

CORNER

The Hunger Offering received February 1 benefiting the meals programs at Interfaith Ministries totaled \$1052.00.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Contributions to the Souper Bowl of Caring, received on February 1 totaled \$996.62 to benefit the Kid's Meals Program at IM. Thanks to our youth who collected the offering and to all who participated.

Congratulations to **Tamara** and **Paul Arlinghaus** on the birth of a daughter, **Ava Taleen**, born February 7. **Nicholas** and **Sasha** are proud siblings and **Cathy** and **Ralph Arlinghaus** are proud grandparents.

Welcome New Member...

Shirley Coffman joined St. Philip on January 25, 2009, having transferred her membership from Webster Presbyterian Church in Webster, TX.

Shirley was born and raised in Beaumont. Her husband, Stew, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and moved to Port Arthur, TX when he was eight years old. Their life together began when Shirley's Lamar University Presbyterian Youth Group met one weekend with Stew's Texas A&M Presbyterian Youth Group. After both graduated from college, they married and headed to Chicago, IL. Stew began studies at McCormick Seminary, and Shirley started work at the Chicago Welfare Department. After Stew graduated from seminary, they spent their years serving churches in El Paso, Albuquerque, San Antonio, Madison, WI, Dallas and finally Houston. Since retirement, Shirley and Stew have become involved in community activities in Pearland and Brazoria County.

Through the years while Stew was engaged in church activities, Shirley worked in the community as a social worker. Her favorite positions were as a Lifelong Learning Advocate for Dane County, WI and as a parent advocate for parents whose children had special needs in the Fort Worth Independent School District, Fort Worth, TX. Retirement has allowed the couple time to do more things they enjoy like reading books, gardening, traveling, working out regularly and spending time with their grandchildren.

Shirley and Stew say they are delighted to be at St. Philip. They appreciate the thoughtful church services and the beautiful music. Not to be overlooked is the joy of worshiping with their family—daughter and son-in-law Ann and Kip Frautschi and grandgirls Amy, Paloma, Lily and Shirley.

What a lovely family! If you haven't met them, please introduce yourselves and get to know them. We are so happy to welcome the Coffmans into our congregation.

Wednesday Night Live

Join us from 6:00-6:45 each Wednesday for dinner (\$7.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child), followed by a brief worship service, and a workshop beginning at 7:00.

February's schedule is as follows:

February 11

"Overseas mission, How Today's Trends are Reshaping It"

led by the Rev. Dr. George Pope

February 18

"Project Cure and How You Can Volunteer"

led by Lane Gibbons

February 25

Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday School Classes

The SPa (St. Philip Adults)

Meets in Room 200

Church & Society

Meets in Room 201

"Living the Questions 2.0" curriculum

led by Bill Poe

February 15

"Debunking the Rapture"

February 22

"Reclaiming the World"

Bible Study

Meets in Room 204

A study of Genesis

led by Dr. Nancy Cook and Al Waldrop.

Youth Sunday School

All Junior High (6th-8th grades) and Senior High youth (9th-12th grades) are invited to join us Sunday mornings in the youth rooms for a study called "Claim the Life".

Don't miss the next *exciting* evening offered by:

Grace Song, Inc.

Keith Weber, *Artistic Director*

"The Triumph of Life..."

Music of Redemption

Including

- Benjamin Britten's Canticale III, 'Still Falls the Rain'
- A set of songs about Life and Death sung by **Jamie Barton**
- A new, fully-staged production of Gustav Holsts' one-act opera:

'SAVITRI'

Directed by Tara Faircloth

Costumes by Rooth Varland

Conducted by Keith Weber

with

The trebles of the **St. Philip Choir**

Natalie Arduino as **Savitri**

Dann Coakwell as her husband, **Satyavan**

and

Gabriel Preisser as **DEATH...**

Saturday, March 14th at 7:30 pm

in the St. Philip Sanctuary

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