



## Campus Ministry

David A Pearce: Campus Minister for PCUSA at Georgia Tech

"I came to Westminster Christian Fellowship shortly after the beginning of fall semester and have been here ever since. WCF is more than just a building for a group to meet and do stuff- it is a loving, warm, receptive ministry, and has become a home and refuge for many a Georgia Tech student- including me."

These words came from a letter written by a sophomore to incoming students. He was excited to invite them to one of the campus ministry programs sponsored by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. He goes on to say, "Not only is WCF a great place to grow in your faith, but also is a place to hang with friends, get help with homework, and just plain have fun."



*Campus Ministry students at a ski retreat this past year*

Georgia Tech is one of four campus ministries sponsored by Greater Atlanta Presbytery. David Pearce, the full time campus minister, has been at Tech for ten years, and leads a program that touches hundreds of students, staff, and internationals each year. The WCF building, located in the heart of Tech's east campus, is the scene of outreach events, worship, small group studies, and an exciting ministry to international students, led by PCUSA volunteer in mission Ellen Coble. Service projects, retreats, and mission projects round out the program.

Under the leadership of John Morgan,

our ministry at Emory University, has grown leaps and bounds this year. Nearby churches have nominated members for a new Ministry Board that is bringing increased support for John and the ministry. Committed student leaders have been a strong nucleus for a revitalized ministry to the campus.

Within the bounds of our Presbytery is the campus ministry at Atlanta University Center. Sponsored by Johnson C. Smith Seminary, two seminary interns,

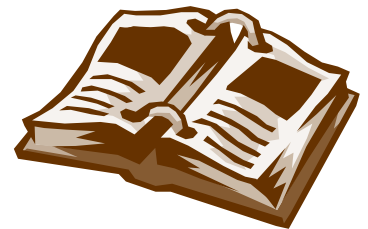
Brian Anderson and Chinetta Goodjohn reach out to the historic black colleges: Clark, Atlanta, Morris Brown, Morehouse, and Spellman. Back for their second year, they continue

to encourage students in their spiritual journey. We also have a presence at Georgia State, though this is just beginning. Several outreach events to the new dorms at the school are sponsored each year. Our goal is to have a strong student ministry established within the next year.

Contact David Pearce, who also serves as the Presbytery's campus ministry coordinator, for more information about these ministries and how you can become involved. His phone number is 404-892-9723 and his email is [wcf@gatech.edu](mailto:wcf@gatech.edu).

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 18**  
**Presbytery Middle School Retreat Registration DEADLINE.**  
 For more information, contact Violet Nyaga, conference registrar, at 404-898-0711.
- October 21-24**  
**Regional APCE Conference**  
 in Charleston, SC  
**November 2, 2002**
- Outreach Ministry Team's Health Ministry Committee presents "Models of Ministry" With Individuals and Families Affected by Serious Mental Illness**  
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
**November 2, 2002**
- Liturgical Dance Workshop & Concert**  
 Workshop: 3-5 p.m.  
 Concert: 7 p.m. Cost: \$10 per person or \$50 per church  
 Location: Conyers Presbyterian Church, 911 Main Street, Conyers, GA
- December 3**  
**Stated Meeting of Presbytery**  
 Radcliffe Presbyterian Church

# The Resource Connection

(The Resource Center of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta)

announces

Two new ways to better serve our churches!

1. The Resource Connection will remain open on Tuesday nights until 7:30 p.m.



These three hours each week are being added to allow folks who work during the day the opportunity to preview, pickup and drop off resources.

2. There will be workshops on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Topics for the fall include:

October 12 - How to Evaluate Resources  
November 9 - Navigating the Internet  
No workshop in December

Topics for winter include:

January 11 - Lent and Easter Resources  
February 8 - Recruitment Tools  
March 8 - V.B.S. Resources

These workshops are free, but reservations will be necessary. Please call Mardee Rightmyer at 404/898-0711 ext. 31.

## Youth News

The Presbytery Youth Council of Greater Atlanta is sponsoring a Middle School Retreat at the Calvin Center November 9-10, 2002. This year's theme is: Jesus: Food for Life. Our keynote speaker and music leader is Columbia Seminary graduate Bobby Williamson. This retreat will be a great chance for middle school youth to fellowship with the larger body of Christ; we encourage all churches to bring a group!

**The deadline for registration is October 18th.** If you have not yet received your information packet or if you have any questions, contact the conference registrar Violet Nyaga at the Presbytery office, 404-898-0711 x28. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Handbooks

Handbooks are available online two weeks prior to the meeting at <http://www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org>. Many churches are downloading their copy and making additional photocopies for their commissioners. This represents a considerable savings in postage. Please contact Pat Jebbia, Office Coordinator, at the presbytery office, 404-898-0711 x24 or [pjebbia@presbyteryofgreateratl.org](mailto:pjebbia@presbyteryofgreateratl.org), if you would consider this as an option for you or your church.

Beginning with the December 2002 presbytery meeting, each church that is not downloading the Commissioners' Handbook will receive two copies of the handbook. These copies are to be used to reproduce the appropriate number of handbooks necessary for your ministers, educators, and commissioner elders.

## Help! My E-mail Distribution Lists Are Eroding!

- Cristie Reed, Webmaster/IT Manager



Undeliverable emails and email "bounce backs," are becoming more prevalent these days. Why be concerned? Because gathering current information on the people in your organization can be expensive and time consuming!

### Quick Definitions:

- A **"Bounce"** happens when a recipient's mail server rejects your email message.
- A **"Soft Bounce"** is a temporary problem. It happens when the mail server confirms the recipient's email address, but, cannot deliver the message. The recipient's mailbox may be full or the recipient's mail server may be temporarily down.
- A **"Hard Bounce"** is a message that's permanently undeliverable because the address is non-existent or because the recipient's

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mail server is blocking your mail server.

### Why the bouncing?

- **Email addresses are not static.** People change ISPs, jobs and email addresses at random.

### What can you do?

Follow up by phone or by snail mail to recapture e-mails. In addition to your unsubscribe or edit interests link in your email, consider adding something like, "If you plan to change email addresses, or if you prefer to receive this newsletter at another address, please email us" to the bottom of every communication you send.

- **The use of free email accounts.** Free email accounts hold a limited amount of email,

so newsletters and announcements can bounce back as undeliverable email.

### What can you do?

You can try the same techniques mentioned above. Try sending a postcard asking them to visit your site to update their profile. The postcard should include a URL leading to the information update area on your website.

### • Spam filters and blocking

Anti-spam filters scan email from and subject lines as well as email body copy for certain language. Your legitimate, permission-based email could be bounced back to you by a spam filter, or your mail server might be flagged as a source of spam from ISPs and corporations.

### What can you do?

Ask your readers to help. If your email is being blocked at a particular company or ISP, ask your readers to contact their postmaster and request to have your email "unblocked."

And if that doesn't work, try using an email marketing service with a strong permission policy and an active anti-blocking team. Solid email marketing companies develop relationships with ISPs to be sure their customers' permission-based email gets through.

With these few tips you should be able to keep your e-mail addresses current.

**If you haven't updated your information recently with the Presbytery please go to <http://www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org> and submit your updates on-line today!**

## Senior Adults Gather For The "Fall Outing"

About 200 senior adults and some of their pastors gathered together on the first Wednesday in October for the annual "Fall Outing" at Calvin Center. Amidst Calvin Center's fall decorations, the Presbytery SAM (Senior Adult Ministries) Committee, under the leadership of Barry Davies (Parish Associate, Memorial Drive) had planned for a variety of activities:

- a sing along
- a story teller, on the theme of "Tell Me the Old, Old Story"
- an open mike for sharing jokes and funny stories
- a wonderful lunch, including door prizes
- a variety of afternoon activities, including bingo, horse back riding, fishing, nature tours, a Bible study, a workshop on life in a nursing home, bridge, dominoes and a workshop on storytelling

The next Presbytery wide event will be the Spring Fling on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

The SAM Committee, besides planning for the Spring Fling and Fall Outing, will help your congregation focus on how to organize older adult ministries within your congregation, as well as focus on issues of aging and matters related to older adults. Contact Forrest Palmer (404-898-0711) or Barry Davies (404-292-8212) for more information.

## SAFETY ALERT! 15-PASSENGER VANS

On Saturday, August 24 articles appeared in both the New York Times and the Atlanta Journal Constitution regarding the danger of 15-passenger vans. If your church uses such a van or is thinking of using one, we strongly urge you to get more information.

The New York Times article is available at <http://www.nytimes.com>. The insurance carrier that many churches use, GuideOne, also offers many resources regarding 15-passenger vans. You can download these free of charge at <http://www.guideone.com> or order them by calling (515) 267-5000. If GuideOne insures your church and you use a 15-passenger van, your church should have recently received a kit called *Road to Safety*. If you have not received one, please call your insurance agent.

Some of the most important recommendations we have seen regarding these vans are:

1. Allow only commercially licensed people to drive the van.
2. Allow no more than ten riders on the van.
3. Make sure everyone wears a seatbelt.

If you have any questions regarding these recommendations or resources, please Carol Johnson at extension 29.



## Project Faith

Project Faith, Inc. is a New Church/Specialized Christian Ministry that provides support services to severely physically disabled children and adults in the Metro Atlanta area. Incorporated in 1995 these services include an assisted stretching group held at the Church of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Sandy Springs for those with C.P., M.S., A.L.S., Parkinson's, Stroke victims, quadriplegics, the head injured, etc.

There is also an Arts & Crafts Group for severely disabled women led by Tina Wells, held in the Lilburn area. Ms. Wells is the Administrator for Project Faith and is also quadriplegic.

This specialized ministry brings support, comfort, and hope in our Lord Jesus as our Savior and is supported by the following Presbyterian USA Churches, Mt. Vernon, Roswell, Church of the Redeemer, Church of St. Andrew, and Trinity.

If your church is interested in sponsoring Project Faith, or if you desire further information, please contact Peter Marshall, Director, Project Faith, at 770-663-7274.

## New Subcommittee Forms Under Health Ministry

"That All May Enter" began 25 years ago, adopted by the 189th General Assembly addressing the holistic needs of individuals with disabilities.

In July of this year, a subcommittee of Health Ministry was formed to specifically address the ongoing needs of individuals with disabilities, their families, and churches in the Metro Atlanta region.

The Health Ministry's Disability Committee hopes to provide resources, education, advocacy, and leadership both to the community and to churches as they seek together to make God's love accessible to all.

If you are interested in utilizing this new resource or providing input on areas of need your congregation has in regards to disability issues, please contact Tamara Puffer, member of Oakhurst Presbyterian at (404) 288-6722.

**At the Presbytery meeting last week we received an offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Those worshipping with us generously gave \$1,557. This offering will be used where it is most needed for disaster assistance. Thanks to all those who gave!**

## WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MINISTERS TO THE PRESBYTERY



The Rev. Dr. Chien-Di Hung is the new pastor of the Atlanta Taiwanese Presbyterian Church. He comes to Atlanta from the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan.



Eastminster church is celebrating their new pastor, Arch Baker, who comes from the Presbytery of Indian Nations.



Joshua Cole, who is a candidate for ministry from Monmouth Presbytery, is the associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Douglasville. This is a new associate position for the church.



Korean Community Presbyterian Church is reaping the benefits of Seong Chan Kim as associate pastor.



Karla Pratt Keyes comes to Atlanta from the Presbytery of South Louisiana. Recently, she's become the interim associate pastor at First Presbyterian, Covington. Karla's husband, Brindt, is the associate pastor at Clairmont.



The Stockbridge church has welcomed Tracey Davenport from Tres Rios Presbytery as their new pastor.



Connie Lee is joining the staff of First Presbyterian, Atlanta and Hillside Presbyterian to develop a new model of ministry for outreach.



Jan Warren-Taylor is the new Associate pastor at the Smyrna church, which is a new associate position.

### Items to Spare

Clairmont Presbyterian Church has two infant cribs, in good condition to give to a church that could use them.  
404.634.3355



### Items Wanted

The Horeb congregation is seeking a church with an extra baptismal font. The need is for Rev. Benjamin Reyes of Iglesia Presbiteria Horeb. Please contact Virginia Hawkins at 770-929-8802 or vabonner@att.net if you can help.



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## THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND (1% PLAN) UPDATE

**In 2001, 41 Churches in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta participated in the 1% Plan and gave a total of \$58,818.78. Thanks are expressed to all the congregations who gave to this outreach!**



**Through June, 2002, 25 Churches in our Presbytery have already given a total of \$13,901.13 to the TEF. These gifts help support the ten seminaries of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.**

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