

Workshop Descriptions

Workshops are 1 1/4 hours in length with four available sessions:

- Session 1—Saturday morning 9:30am—10:45am
- Session 2—Saturday morning 11:00am—12:15pm
- Session 3—Saturday afternoon 1:00pm—2:15pm
- Session 4—Saturday afternoon 2:30pm—3:45pm

All workshops have limited enrollment space. To ensure your choices and avoid delay at check-in, you must pre-register.

The "Book of Order" states that newly elected elders shall have a period of study after which they will be examined "as to their personal faith; knowledge of the doctrine, government, and discipline contained in Constitution of the church; and the duties of the office." G-14.0205. Therefore the Education & Training Ministry Team suggests the courses marked by an asterisk () for newly elected Elders, to fulfill these requirements.

*"Basic Polity"

Ken McKenzie, General Presbyter, Savannah Presbytery

Ever wonder why Presbyterians do things the way they do? Well, you can just forget about the "why" because nobody really knows or cares. You can, however, learn about the "how" in this exciting class on Basic Polity. Thrill to the excitement of the Form of Government! Be inspired to new spiritual heights by the Directory for Worship! Cringe at the implications for sinners found in the Rules of Discipline! Yes, friends, it's all here for your edification and enjoyment. Whether you are a new church officer or a seasoned hand, this class is for you!"

*"Being a Jesus Follower in a Leadership World"

Mary Beene, Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church

Do you trust in Jesus Christ, your Savior? Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ? These aren't just toss-off ordination questions. They lie at the heart of how we serve God and serve the church. Even as we are called to be leaders in our churches, we are always called to be followers too – followers of Christ by the power of Holy Spirit. This workshop will blend discussion, prayer and practice to help you invite the Spirit into all your ministry, maybe even into all your life.

"Clerks of Session: Duties & Relationships"

Russell Gladding, Stated Clerk/Treasurer, Savannah Presbytery

This class will deal with the duties of the Clerk of Session as provided for in the Book Of Order and in other information from the Office of the General Assembly and Savannah Presbytery. A summary of the proposed New Form of Government (NFOG), nine proposed amendments to our constitution and a new confession, The Belhar Confession, to be ratified by the presbyteries, will also be discussed. We will discuss the clerk's role working with the pastor to help the session and the congregation discuss these important proposals.

"Doing a New Thing"

Eric Beene, Pastor, White Bluff Presbyterian Church

Our God is always about to do a new thing (see Isaiah 43:19), but sometimes it feels like the church only wants to do the things we have always done. So how do we lead the people of God to embrace new ministries, new missions, and new ideas? In this workshop, we will think together about change in congregations, look at some ways to introduce and foster new ministries, and share ideas about how congregations can be encouraged to experiment, learn, and grow in responding to God's call to do something new.

"Isn't That What We Pay the Pastor For?"

Rick Douylliez, Pastor, Savannah Presbytery

Where are the boundaries of responsibility in regards to leadership in the church? It is true. Even the most dynamic and gifted pastor will be hamstrung if the congregation's lay leaders are lethargic, conflicted, or spiritually anemic. We will explore a variety of leadership styles in order to obtain a fuller understanding of how elders can be more effective leaders alongside their pastors. We will also identify resources dealing with interpersonal relationships in the church that promotes a healthy atmosphere in which to carry out your congregation's ministry.

*"Reformed Faith 101"

Andy Meeker, Pastor, Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

One of the ordination questions for all officers in the Presbyterian Church asks: "Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church...and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?" In this class, we will explore the doctrines, beliefs and theology that we as Presbyterians hold in common with other Christians and those that make us unique. Underlying this class is the understanding that what we believe informs who we are, what we do, and how we approach the life of faith.

*"Session & Deacon Duties"

Paul & Grace Walter, Elders, Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church

Often, we Presbyterians look upon the call to the Session or the Diaconate as an unwanted burden. Rather, these are calls from God just as serious and just as binding as the call of a minister to ordination. The call can be a burden but it is also a plea from the Lord for you and us to make His will be done. You have an opportunity to do great things for the church if you take the call seriously. We will use the Book of Order to see what your duties are officially, and then we will move beyond that to see what your real duties are. Your job can be very frustrating, but it must also be very satisfying. Without you there is no church.

"Treasurers: Duties & Relationships"

Russell Gladding, Stated Clerk/Treasurer, Savannah Presbytery

This class will focus not only on the traditional role of the church treasurer, but the opportunity of the treasurer to assist the pastor, session and stewardship team in looking at how we, as The Church, look at finances in a tough economic climate. What is the role of faith in these difficult times? What are our priorities when the going is more financially difficult? Can this be an area where God is speaking to us and how shall we respond?

"W! What the Book of Order Says About Worship"

Greg Gillispie, Pastor, Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church

We miss great blessings. Too often, when we dig into the Book of Order, we stop half way through. We ignore a rich, life-giving portion of our PC(USA) constitution. Come spend some time getting to know the "W" section. This Directory of Worship provides much that can add to the devotional life of individual church officers, encourage the members and groups in your congregation, and help you to focus more congregational energy on worshipping God – inside and outside of the sanctuary, when we gather and as we go out. Bring your Book of Order, and please read chapter W-1 before we meet on December 4th.

Registration

(Please print clearly, one name per form. Duplicate as necessary.)

Name _____
 Preferred name on nametag _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (day) _____ (night) _____
 Cell _____ Email _____
 Church Name _____
 New Elder New Deacon Elder Deacon Clerk Pastor

Pre-registration is required for all workshops!

Please mark first and second choices in EACH SESSION with a 1 or 2.
Saturday Morning—Workshop 1 9:30am—10:45am

- _____ 1) *Basic Polity—Ken McKenzie
 _____ 2) Clerks of Session: Duties & Responsibilities—Russell Gladding
 _____ 3) *Reformed Faith 101—Andy Meeker
 _____ 4) W! What the Book of Order...Worship—Greg Gillispie

Saturday Morning—Workshop 2 11:00am—12:15pm

- _____ 1) *Session & Deacon Duties—Grace & Paul Walter
 _____ 2) Doing a New Thing—Eric Beene
 _____ 3) Isn't that What We Pay the Pastor For?—Rick Douylliez
 _____ 4) *Being a Jesus Follower in a Leadership World—Mary Beene

Lunch - Please Indicate Your Plans 12:15pm—1:00pm

I will eat lunch at COLT _____ I will NOT eat lunch at COLT _____

Saturday Afternoon—Workshop 3 1:00pm—2:15pm

- _____ 1) *Basic Polity—Ken McKenzie
 _____ 2) Treasurers: Duties & Relationships—Russell Gladding
 _____ 3) *Reformed Faith 101—Andy Meeker
 _____ 4) W! What the Book of Order...Worship—Greg Gillispie

Saturday Afternoon—Workshop 4 2:30pm—3:45pm

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Adults: \$20 each. Children 6 months-5th grade: Free to registered adults.

Number of children attending with you _____

Name _____ Age _____
 Name _____ Age _____

ALL Registration Forms and Fees are due in Presbytery Office by Tuesday, November 23, 2010

Mail Form & Payment to: Savannah Presbytery, 3590 Darien Highway, Suite 8, Brunswick, GA 31525. For registration questions call: (912) 264-1997.

Please do not mail cash. Make checks or money orders payable to "Savannah Presbytery" with "COLT" in the memo line.

Detach and return registration form only

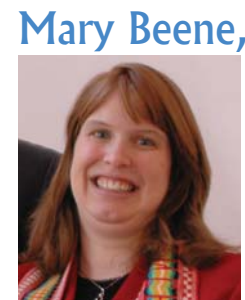
Faculty



Ed Ayers, Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church in Pooler, will be leading the morning prayers.



Eric Beene, Pastor, White Bluff Presbyterian Church in Savannah, will be leading a workshop titled "Doing a New Thing."



Mary Beene, Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church in Rincon, will be leading a core workshop titled "Being a Jesus Follower in a Leadership World."



Rick Douylliez, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of St. Marys, will be leading the workshop, "Isn't That What We Pay the Pastor For?"



Greg Gillispie, Pastor, Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church will lead the workshop, "W! What the Book of Order Says About Worship."



Russell Gladding, Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Savannah Presbytery, will be leading two workshops: "Clerks of Session: Duties & Relationships" and "Treasurers: Duties & Relationships."



Andy Meeker, Pastor, Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church in Savannah, will be leading a core workshop on "Reformed Faith 101"



Ken McKenzie, General Presbyter of Savannah Presbytery, will be leading a core workshop on "Basic Polity"



Grace & Paul Walter, Elders, Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church in Savannah, will lead a workshop on "Session & Deacon Duties"

**Strong Leaders
Strong Church**



Information

Event Schedule for Saturday, December 4

- 8:00am Registration Begins
- 9:00am Opening Gathering—Welcome—Gathering Room
- 9:30am Workshop #1
- 10:45am Break
- 11:00am Workshop #2
- 12:15pm Lunch—Fellowship Hall
- 1:00pm Workshop #3
- 2:15pm Break
- 2:30pm Workshop #4
- 3:45pm Closing Gathering—Sending—Gathering Room
- 4:00pm Dismiss

** All workshops and gatherings take place in the White Bluff Presbyterian Church Educational Building.

Registration

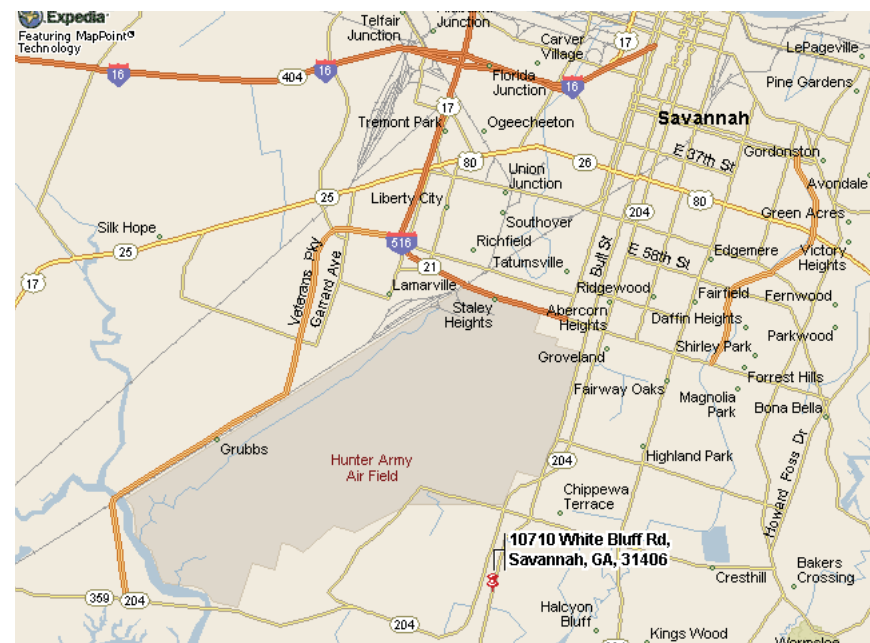
Your registration fee of \$20 includes all workshops and event activities, snacks, and lunch. Children (age six months through 5th grade) of a registered participant are free. **Registration fees and forms are due in the Presbytery office by the close of business on Tuesday, November 23, 2010.**

Location

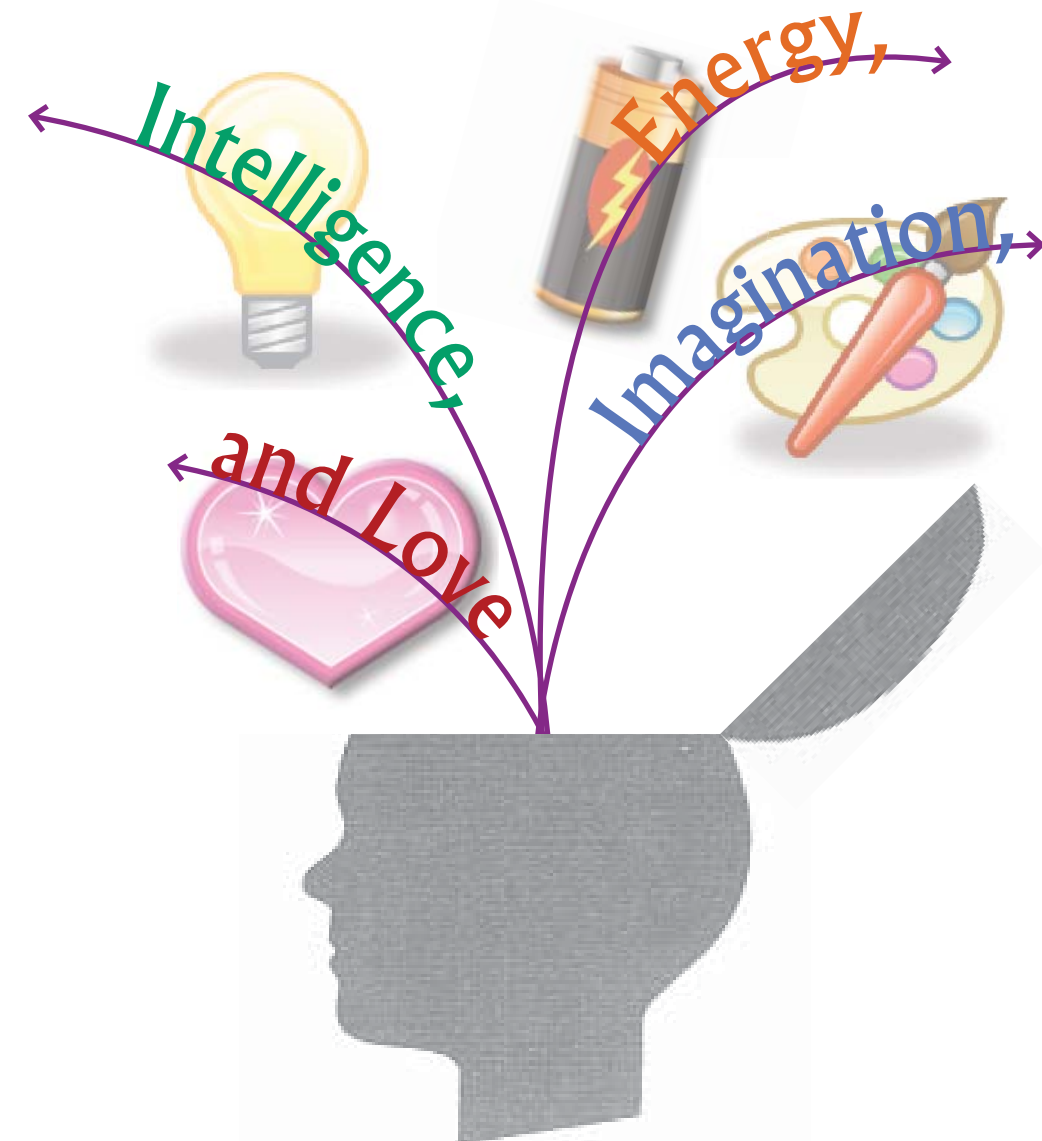
White Bluff Presbyterian Church is located at 10710 White Bluff Road in Savannah, GA. The church phone number is (912) 927-1731.

Directions from South: From I-95, exit #94, which is GA-204. Take GA-204 East/Abercorn approximately 10 miles to the stoplight at Tibet Avenue. Turn right at Tibet Avenue, and proceed one block to White Bluff Road. Turn right onto White Bluff Road. The church is about 300 yards on the left, at the caution light, across from the Fire Station.

Directions from East or North: From I-16, exit on to I-516S (GA-21) which will change names to Derenne Avenue. Turn right on to GA-204/Abercorn. Turn left onto Tibet Avenue and follow directions above.



Seeking to Serve with...



Church Officer Leadership Training

December 4, 2010
White Bluff Presbyterian Church
Savannah, GA

Sponsored by the Education & Training Ministry Team of Savannah Presbytery

This Training Event is made possible through the generosity of the members of Savannah Presbytery to the unified budget and by the support of the Education & Training Ministry Team.