

WESTMINSTER WORD



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PASTOR'S CORNER

This is a statement of faith shared recently with the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley as I transfer membership this month.

A Statement of Faith

Submitted by

Robert H. Edwards

I believe that God is the center or ground of being. I believe that time is within God. I believe that God is experienced immanently and transcendently and that this experience can be understood, described and represented in different ways. I believe God is neither male nor female but thought to possess and display characteristics that are so recognized. I believe God is *causal* and called creation into being, as we understand it. I believe God is *intentional* and called life into being, as we know it. I believe God is *relational* and through the covenants of Abraham and Moses called Israel into being, as we confess it. I believe that Israel was called to be "a light to the nations" and that Jesus Christ is the embodiment of this light to the world.

I believe God was revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, and that in his birth, life, death and resurrection the love of God is offered to the world. I believe the work of Jesus had particular emphasis on the rejected and marginalized of his community. I believe sin is the separation and alienation that creation experiences from God and from one another. I believe Jesus' death on the cross is God's act of redemption in reconciling the world to God's self. I believe the Holy Spirit brings the church into awareness, understanding, direction and community. I believe scripture as the revelation of God's work of salvation.

I believe worship provides a rehearsal of God's salvific history in the gathered community through the work of the people. I believe that in the proclaimed word we hear the invitation of God's grace. I believe that in baptism we initiate persons into the life of the church who we nurture and support. I believe that in communion we encounter an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and that in the gifts of bread and wine we become to the world the body of mercy, reconciliation, and peace redeemed by Christ's sacrifice.

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I believe the ministry of the church is derived from the church's mission, and that its realization is the fulfillment of God's love and claim upon creation.

I believe the journey of life is a spiritual endeavor and, because of my vocation, an expressly religious one. I believe that through the experience of the chaplaincy, the growth in my journey has been situated largely in an evolving spiritual openness and in a developing pastoral awareness. I believe in the enjoyment of worship that is celebrative and engaged, and in the more sublime spiritual discipline that is contemplative and silent. I believe the world is full of images and stories of suffering, loss, redemption, and love. I believe that we must bear witness to that world and know that there is God. I believe today will be a day like yesterday and hopefully a day like tomorrow: twenty-four hours in length. And I believe today is new, replete with discoverable possibilities of what you and I and God can do.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WESTMINSTER FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Our prayers are with those in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and home-bound:

Nancy Chambless— New address:

Angels for the Elderly
52 Angels Court
Montgomery, AL 36109

Our prayers are with those who have lost a loved one:

Don Page recently lost his twin brother.

Adonis Gonzalez lost his mother May 1.

Our prayers are with those who are ill:

Pastor Robert Edwards is recovering from an appendectomy performed May 2.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Circles will meet Tuesday, May 13, at 10 AM and 5:30 PM in the church parlor.

The Annual PW Birthday Celebration will be a luncheon on May 18. Please make plans now to attend this event. It is always good fun and fellowship and benefits a good cause.

MAY CELEBRATIONS!

BIRTHDAYS

3—Jackie Chambless

3—Robert Edwards

3—Jerry Monsour

5—Noah Foster

6—Vivian Martin

6—Bonnie Nicholson

13—Annesse Sankey

16—Emma Shirrock

17—Bill Hazen

22—Rick Pass

25—Marilyn Page



ANNIVERSARIES

5—Vivian & David Martin

23—Chris & Chip Beazley

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WESTMINSTER CALENDAR

Saturday, May 4

All Day—Montgomery Hispanic SDA Group

Sunday, May 5

9 AM—Sunday School

10:25 AM—WORSHIP SERVICE

11:45 AM—AFP Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

10:30 AM—PW Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 8

7 PM—Westminster Choir Rehearsal

MHSDA Mid-week meeting

Saturday, May 10

10 AM—WPC Session/Admin Commission

All Day—Montgomery Hispanic SDA Group

Sunday, May 11—MOTHER'S DAY

9 AM Sunday School

10:25 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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AMBASSADORS FOR MAY

May 4—Bob Akers

May 11—Chris Johnson

May 18—Aubrey Neeley

May 25—Jackie Ely

The Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry was a big success. The food was great and \$520 was raised for the Camp Scholarship Fund. Good job WPC.

Current Session Members

Rosemary Broadway

John Hughes

Bette Lewis

Joe Nicholson

Willie Peak

Jeff Samuel

Rachel Sims

Gerry Yeoman