



Westminster Presbyterian CHURCH

—worship well—

Join us for the Westminster Coffee Café

Saturday, February 21st
7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Please come to Westminster's first-ever "coffee café." Hear Westminster musicians, view works from Westminster artists, and enjoy

conversation with Westminster friends. The evening will showcase our talented members and offer adults the opportunity to relax and enjoy a fun evening of music and art.

Coffee, Tea, Cider and Sweets will also be featured!

RSVP by Feb. 19 for planning purposes to Oraly Spatz (ospatz@wpc-alex.org).

Admission free
(free will donation basket available)

Questions, contact Patty Chamberlain (703-370-3750 or chamberlain_patty@hotmail.com).

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From the Pastor's Study A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward **Our Common Life**

As a nation, we are focused on our common life: a heightened election, a financial crisis unexpected by all but the most prescient observers, the inauguration of a new President, have us focused on our life in our nation and in our world to a higher degree than normal.

Likewise, we are focused on our church. What impact will the economy have on our ministries and programs? How well will we respond to the increased need in our city and region for food, shelter, medical care? Can we relearn the Christian virtues of thrift and Sabbath as the economy slows, or will thriftiness contribute to, rather than help lift us out of, recession?

These times do lead us to what is most important in life: the people God wants us to be, the people and relationships that are primary to us, what we really believe as Christians and as citizens, what we hold in common with others.

Even as we focus on what is primary, we can also be called to become more involved in our community, our nation, and our church.

There are many opportunities for service through Westminster. Our Local Missions Committee and our National/International Mission Committees have ways of helping others. If you are at a loss as to how, just call or email me and I will put you in touch with the right people. There are ways you can serve our church through education, teaching, taking meals to members, tutoring, making sandwiches, assisting people searching for employment, singing in choir.

And participate in our "governance." Yes, governance. We have an Envisioning Task Force that will be reporting to the Session at the In-treat February 7. We will be working our way through our budget process to be completed, hopefully, about the time you get this newsletter. We have an Annual Meeting after the 11:00 a.m. service February 8. We have new committee chairs and memberships available starting in February.

Take care of your spiritual life. Take care of your primary relationships. Serve in our nation. And serve in our church. The right mix and balance of all these will make us good citizens and good Christians, in good times and times not so good as well.

—Larry

Calling all Westminster Artists and Musicians

Your talent is needed! Congregational Life is sponsoring a music and art showcase at our Coffee Café on Saturday, February 21 in the evening. We are looking for musicians who would like to perform and artists who would like to display your artwork that evening. Please contact Patty Chamberlain (703-370-3750 or chamberlain_patty@hotmail.com) if you would like to participate.

Open Dates for Sanctuary Flower Donations

We still have several open dates for flower donation during the first part of the year: March 29; May 17, 24, 31 and June 26. Two arrangements are planned for each Sunday, and you may purchase one or both for specific dates. You may call the church office at 703-549-4766 to sign up. This is an excellent way to honor or memorialize loved ones as well as helping to beautify our sanctuary.



2008 Alternative Christmas Giving Sets All Time Record

The 2008 Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar raised a record \$48,147, including \$32,705 in cash and pledges for the United Orphanage & Academy in Moi's Bridge, Kenya. These amounts substantially exceed last year's record contributions of \$42,580, including \$28,152 in cash and pledges for the UO&A. Every category showed an increase except the Peruvian Craft Products, Guest House, AACH and the National Medical Benevolence Foundation. The detailed breakdown of contributions by charity is as follows:

AACH	\$100
Alexandria's Child	\$275
ALIVE	\$2,098
Alex. Neighborhood Health	\$1,605
Carpenter's Shelter	\$1,205
Guest House	\$420
Habitat for Humanity	\$539
Heifer International	\$3,345
Medical Benevolence	\$805
Rebuilding Alexandria	\$507
Reynosa, Mexico	\$100
Spirit Lake Reservation	\$885
United Orphanage & Academy	\$32,705

In addition \$2,103.50 in Peruvian Artisan Products and \$1795.70 in Fair Trade Products (Coffee, Tea and Chocolate) were sold. The Mission Committees thank the members of the congregation who participated in the Bazaar for their great generosity.



news from
**United Orphanage & Academy
in Moi's Bridge, Kenya**

A Good Start For 2009

As indicated elsewhere, The United Orphanage & Academy received \$32,705 in cash and pledges at the Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar. Of this amount, \$17,407 was cash. Also, Old Presbyterian Meeting House contributed \$2,813 from their Christmas Giving. This permitted us to send a bank wire of \$19,220 to the UO&A on December 23 to enable them to commence 2009 Operations. The funds sent were to be divided as follows: orphanage operations \$13,070; teacher support \$2,850; scholarships to the Academy \$1,500; and \$1,800 to pay secondary school tuition for nine children at the orphanage.

Since then, an additional \$7,400 in cash and pledges for orphan support have been received. These bring us almost halfway to the \$42,500 budgeted for running the orphanage in 2009. Thus, as you can see, we are off to a good start for 2009, but we still have a long way to go. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider continuing to support an orphan or doing so for the first time at \$850 for the year or \$71 a month. Of course any amount contributed to orphan support will be very much appreciated. We intend to send another bank wire in February. For further information about the United Orphanage & Academy contact Henri Rush at rhcavusa@aol.com or 703-836-1945.



Focus on Missions

Looking for a new volunteer opportunity for 2009? **Carpenter's Shelter** is seeking volunteers for a variety of assignments including Front Desk, Children's Hour, Hypothermia Shelters, etc. Volunteer Orientations are conducted monthly. For more information go to www.carpentersshelter.org or contact Allison Clausen, Volunteer Coordinator at allisonclausen@carpentersshelter.org.

Do you like birthday parties? Help **ALIVE!** celebrate its 40th birthday on March 8 at 2 p.m. **ALIVE!** supporters from around the city will gather to celebrate in our Fellowship Hall. If you can help with the party, please contact Priscilla Goodwin, 703-549-6139 and mpgbc@comcast.net.

Education Programs in Local Missions

In January and February the Local Missions Committee is highlighting Westminster's programs in the education area. Our Westminster mission monies fulfill both immediate needs of hunger and shelter and also long term needs— such as education – to help people break the cycle of poverty. The education programs we support are vital to help needy kids and adults do better for themselves at school and in the working world. If you can volunteer, please contact the liaison from the Westminster Local Missions committee listed below. We would love to have you work with us!

- Westminster Tutoring at George Mason: we tutor elementary school students next door to Westminster Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Elizabeth O'Brien, elizabethobrien@aol.com, 703-684-3980.
- ALIVE's Child Development Center: a daycare center providing a developmentally appropriate curriculum to prepare preschoolers for kindergarten. Margie Carpenter, mmcrpntr@aol.com, 703-892-8164.
- Tutoring at Carpenter's: we tutor students of all ages staying in the Shelter. Rita Grazda, rgrazda@aol.com, 703-837-1735.
- Carpenter's Adult Ed Scholarships: financial assistance for college for students who have stayed at the Carpenter's Shelter and are involved in the after-care program. Rita Grazda, rgazda@aol.com, 703-837-1735.
- Guest House adult education: job and life skill training such as budgeting and paying taxes for female ex-offenders. Debra Livingston, debrapple@comcast.net, 703-931-3530.
- Child and Family Network Center in Arlandria: provides educational services to preschoolers and their families, such as learning English and getting ready for kindergarten. Diane French, d.french@verizon.net, 703-683-4870

Westminster-John Knox Editor to Preach and Teach on February 8



We are excited to welcome The Rev. Dr. Donald K. McKim to our pulpit at both services on Sunday, February 8. Dr. McKim is Executive Editor for Theology and Reference, Westminster-John Knox Press. He will also be teaching an adult education class at 9:45 a.m. between services on "Major Themes for Presbyterians" in the Haverkamp Room.

Dr. McKim will be in town from Tennessee because he is the teacher for a lay theological colloquy for the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington. Westminster is one of the area Presbyterian Churches that sponsors the Institute's Education Programs. We have members of the Board and members participating in the colloquy.

Dr. McKim, a PC(USA) minister, has a Doctorate in Religion from the University of Pittsburgh. He is the author or editor of numerous books and articles on the Reformed Tradition of Christianity, including his recent book from Cambridge University Press, *The Cambridge Companion to John Calvin*.

Be sure to come on Sunday, Feb. 8, and hear Dr. McKim preach and teach!

Laptops for Kenya

A donor from First Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia has provided seed money for a computer lab at United Orphanage and Academy in Moi's Bridge, Kenya. We are seeking laptop donations for the lab.



We need systems which, at a minimum, run Windows XP (Home, Professional, or Media Center Edition, Service Pack 3), have a 14-inch monitor, 1 GHz processor (Pentium/Celeron family or AMD K6/Athlon/Duron family, or compatible processor), 2 GB of RAM, 80 GB hard drive, cleaned up and defragmented, Super VGA (800 x 600) or higher-resolution video adapter and monitor, CD-ROM or DVD drive, mouse and touchpad, speaker, sound card, 8 MB of video RAM, 2 or more USB ports, battery, and charger. If you or your employer have one or more laptops to donate to this cause, or if you have questions about the specifications, contact Tim Elmore (202-212-6307 or twelmore@alumni.gwu.edu) or Gary Eiserman (geiserman1@verizon.net or 703-358-9065). For info about the orphanage or the computer lab project, contact Judith Dahmann (jdahmann@mitre.org or 703-765-3584).

New Members (Joined 11/16/2008)

Lindsay Alison Gilbert Ahart: Lindsay is from Burbank, CA, graduated from San Diego State with a BS in Film, and then received her MA in Education from the University of Phoenix. She is a teacher at the Westminster Weekday Preschool. She and her husband, Mark, live in Alexandria.

Mark Thomas Ahart: Mark is from Easton, PA, graduated from Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ, with a BS in Business Administration. He is in the insurance business, and is married to Lindsay, and they live in Alexandria.

Marceline Sullivan Baetcke: Marceline goes by the name of "Marcie", and is from Cape May, NJ. She graduated from Shippensburg University with BSBA and MPA degrees in Marketing. Marcie works in marketing with the Gannett Digital Corporation. She is married to Philip, and they live in Falls Church.

Philip Alexander Baetcke: Philip is from Starkville, MS, and graduated from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, with a BS in Psychology. He is currently undertaking graduate work, and lives with his wife, Marcie, in Falls Church.

Kristen Krapf Campbell: Kristen was born in Trenton, NJ, grew up in Chesterfield, VA, and graduated from the University of Virginia with a BS & MS in Environmental Science. She is Program Director, Africa Center for Health & Human Security, at The George Washington University. She is married to James, has a two year old son, James IV, and they live in Alexandria.

James Duncan Campbell III: James goes by the name of "Duncan". He is from Harrisburg, PA, and graduated from Cornell University with a BA in History and Government. Duncan is a Consultant/business owner with Pennant Group. He is married to Kristen, and they have a son, James IV. They live in Alexandria.

Jeannine Seeds Tate, Ph.D.: Jeannine is from Shattuck, OK, she received a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Oklahoma State University, her Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of Oklahoma, and her Doctorate in Education Leadership from George Mason University. She has two children, and is a Director at George Mason University. She lives in Alexandria.

Dr. Jean Marie Massie, M.D.: Jean was born in Washington, DC, grew up in Virginia, graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Biochemistry, received her Doctor of Medicine from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, University of Texas Health Center at Dallas and Southwestern Medical School, Children's Medical Center and Parkland Memorial Hospital for her Residency in Pediatrics. Jean is a Pediatrician, and is married to Thomas Caine III. They have two children and live in Alexandria.

Thomas Philip Caine III: Thomas goes by the name of "Phil". He was born in Newport News, VA, graduated from Davidson College, Davidson, NC, with a BA, and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. He and his wife, Jean, have two children, and they live in Alexandria.





Young Adults First Sunday (Potluck) Brunch

In February we will meet in the Haverkamp Room after worship for another wonderful potluck brunch. Please bring something yummy to share! RSVP to Casey FitzGerald.

Faith on Tap!

Calling all young adults yearning for exciting faith-based discourse and perhaps a malty beverage or a fountain soda! If you're interested, we meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Our next event will be held on **February 17** at 7:30 p.m. at the Capitol City Brewing

Company in Shirlington. We'll provide the appetizers; you provide the scintillating conversation (and a few dollars for your beverage of choice). If you are interested in joining us in February, please contact Casey FitzGerald at cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org.

Young Adults Dinner Groups are happening right now.

If you are still interested in joining a group, please contact Cyndi Zieman at czieman@wmata.com.

2nd Annual Young Adults Bowling Tournament

Friday, March 6, 8 p.m. (Still solidifying location details!) Put down your Wii remotes, it's time to do some real bowling! Bring \$10 and your best game face for a fantastic night of food, bowling and fellowship. Please RSVP to Casey FitzGerald by February 25th if you are planning on attending!

Save the Date! Young Adults Retreat Friday-Sunday, April 24-26

Young Adult Retreat, co-sponsored by National Capital Presbytery and Reformed Institute at Meadowkirk. Please consider participating—it should be fun and interesting! Please let Casey know if you might be interested in attending.



Mornings for Moms

Come to this great fellowship group **every Friday** between 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. We meet upstairs in room 305 for conversation and snacks while the kids play. Hope to see you and your little one(s) there!

Teachers and Shepherds Still Needed!

We still need a number of teachers and shepherds from March through May. If you are able to help, please email Casey a.s.a.p.!!!

Lenten Bible Study for Moms

Wednesdays, 9:15 - 10 a.m., February 25-April 1, Westminster Room

Come and join other moms as we discuss the Bible, faith, motherhood (and all of its gifts and difficulties), and grow together as disciples of Christ. We will be using a study created by a friend of mine in ministry specifically for mothers and using the book *Encounters with Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of John* by Frances Taylor Gench. The cost of the book is \$15.00. Childcare will be provided for those in need—please let Casey know a.s.a.p. at cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org if you are interested in coming and if you need childcare.

ALIVE! Child Development Center Has A Playground Again!!

The preschoolers at ALIVE! Child Development Center have a new playground thanks to a combination of local donors – including many Westminster members – a foundation grant, and insurance proceeds. A fierce windstorm destroyed most of the aging playground last June. ALIVE! raised about 75% of the funds needed to construct a functional playground, and equipment was installed in November and December.

There is still need to complete some drainage improvements, a safe walkway between the school and playground, and fence replacement. We are seeking a volunteer to help the ALIVE! CDC Committee review and monitor this remaining work. If you are interested, email Margie Carpenter at mmcrpnr@aol.com for more information. There is information on other volunteer opportunities with ALIVE! at www.alive-inc.org.



Westminster
Travelers

Friday, February 6. Eurodam cruise passengers depart for FL. Return February 14.

Thursday, February 19. *Leading Ladies* at Little Theatre of Alexandria. 7 p.m. \$1.

Thursday, March 5. Lunch at Macaroni Grill, Kingstowne. 11:30 a.m. \$1.

May 3 - 9, 2009. Motorcoach trip to Lexington & Louisville, KY. \$1125 per person/double room plus \$290 for single supplement. Descriptive flyers available in church office. Reserve your space by sending a check for \$100 to WPC c/o Sandy Calhoun 703-549-4766.

Westminster Travelers trips are planned for senior adults but are open to friends and family when space is available.

Women's Retreat News

The retreat will be held March 27-29, 2009, starting with supper on Friday and concluding before lunch on Sunday, at the Hallowood Retreat Center in Comus, MD, an hour from here. The theme is "A Bouquet of Blessings", and the leader is Clara Beth Van de Water, Director of Adult Education and Women's Ministries. All women members and friends are invited. Registration forms may be downloaded online at <http://www.wpc-alex.org/presby-women>, or picked up from Clara Beth's box in the church office, or you may register in person at both coffee hours on Feb. 1.

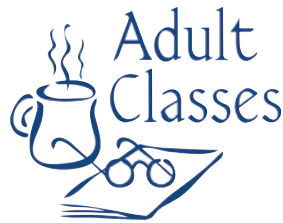


"Christ and Culture" Discussions

Discussions of faith and contemporary issues with Dr. Larry Hayward will be held on Sundays, Feb. 1-Mar. 29 (except Feb. 15) from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in rooms 103/105. All adults are invited.

Jewish-Christian Dialogue

Dialogue between Rabbi Jack Moline and Dr. Hayward will be held on the four Tuesday evenings in February at 7:30 p.m. at Agudas Achim Congregation. One session will be between Rev. Casey FitzGerald and Scott Littky, Youth/Education Director at Agudas Achim. They will focus on how each tradition seeks to reach children and youth. All adults are invited.



Adult Classes

Adult Education Programs
All adults are invited to choose from the following programs. No registration necessary. Call Clara Beth Van de Water at 703-549-4766 ext. 120 with questions:

"Christianity and Everyday Life", Feb. 8, 15, & 22, Westminster Room.

In the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel, the apostles were commissioned to "make disciples of all nations". Jesus clearly came to make us disciples more than he came to make us worshipers. Hence, Christianity is about our whole life, not just our Sunday morning life. So how do we exercise our discipleship in daily life, especially when we are not in protected worship space, but subject to the random forces of nature, the eccentricities of other people, and the whims of our own emotions and thoughts. These sessions offer us an opportunity to look at practices which may help us stay mindful of God and God's life-giving and joy-enhancing ways. The teacher is Rev. Jacques Hadler, Director of Field Education for students and Professor of Pastoral Care, Virginia Theological Seminary.

"Immigration Issues", Feb. 1, Haverkamp Room.

This will be an overview of immigration issues as dealt with by the federal regulatory system. In other words, how does the U.S. government regulate immigration? The speaker will be Elder Frank Fraser, Senior Legislative Council for the Department of Justice.

"Major Themes for Presbyterians, Feb. 8, Haverkamp Room.

In this class we will discuss some of the major theological themes that are important for our lives as Presbyterian Christians. In addition to understanding what these themes mean, we will explore ways in which they help to shape our Christian lives today. Our special guest speaker is Dr. Donald McKim, Executive Editor for Theology and Reference, Westminster John Knox Press. Dr. McKim has written or edited several books on various aspects of the Reformed Tradition of Christianity, especially Presbyterians. He is teaching for the Reformed Institute and is visiting from Tennessee.

"The Gospel of John: Encountering Jesus in John's Gospel", Feb. 15 & 22, Mar. 1, 8, & 15, Westminster Room.

This course will focus on the Fourth Gospel and especially on the encounter stories found there. Reflecting on the experiences of John the Baptist's disciples, the Wedding Guests at Cana, Nicodemus, the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, Martha and Mary of Bethany, Peter and the Beloved Disciple, Mary Magdalene, Thomas, and others will deepen our own faith in the risen Lord who meets us and calls us to be his disciples. Come join us for extended Bible study and lively conversation about the Gospel of John's portrait of Jesus. The teacher is Dr. Katherine Grieb, Professor of New Testament and Theology, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria.

"God and the New Atheism", Mar. 1, Haverkamp Room.

This will be a critique of and response to the extremist claims of scientific fundamentalism made in recent bestselling books against religion by authors such as Dawkins, Harris, and Hitchens. Our guest will be Dr. John Haught, Senior Fellow, Science and Religion, Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University. He is the author of his own book that shows the treatment of religion by those prominent thinkers and writers is riddled with inconsistencies, misconceptions, and generalizations.

“Talking with Your Child about Sex”, Mar. 8 & 15, Haverkamp Room.

Explore ways to communicate healthy ideas about sex and sexuality with your children, focusing on faith-based foundations from which to approach this delicate and important subject. This class is open to grandparents and teachers and anyone interested in helping children, as well as parents. The teacher will be Rev. Casey FitzGerald, our Associate Pastor of Children & Families.

“Global Climate Change”, Mar. 22

Details later.

“Health Care Reform”, Mar. 29

Details later.



**Flying Solo
(Singles) Ministry**

If you have questions about any of these events or would like to know more about Singles Ministry at Westminster, please contact Nancy Hall Berens at 703-549-4766, ext. 121, or nhallberens@wpc-alex.org.

Tuesday, January 27: You are invited to join the Flying Solo Singles for our monthly Potluck on January 27 at 7:00 pm in the Johnson Parlor. We will begin by making sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program then enjoy a potluck dinner together. Please bring a dish to share and a can of food for the ALIVE! basket in the Education entrance.

Sunday, February 1: We'll be having our annual Super Bowl Party at Nancy Harper's home located at 8903 Camden Street in Alexandria starting at 5:30 pm. Nancy will make chili – please bring salads, breads, appetizers, or desserts and a beverage as well if you'd like. Look for directions by our group email, or contact me at nhallberens@wpc-alex.org if you aren't on our email list and would like to be, or just need directions to the party. Come cheer on your favorite team!

Monday, February 9: Our monthly Dine-Out in February will take us to Lebanese Taverna located at 1101 S. Joyce Street in Pentagon Row. We are trying to find restaurants which have some items at reasonable prices since we are all affected in one way or another by the economic situation. Lebanese Taverna has a large and varied menu. Meet in the church parking lot at 7:00 p.m. if you'd like to carpool. Otherwise, we'll see you at the restaurant about 7:15 or so. Please join us for an evening of good food and good fellowship!

Saturday, February 21: Come on out to Westminster's first ever “Coffee Café” at 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a music & arts showcase featuring artists and musicians from the congregation. Look for details elsewhere in the Chronicle!

Tuesday, February 24: Our monthly Potluck in February will find us back in the Johnson Parlor at 7:00 p.m. making sandwiches for Bag Lunch followed by our potluck dinner. The Bag Lunch program has been serving more sandwiches than usual this winter, so we could use your help in making sandwiches to replenish their supply. We bring the sandwich-making supplies; you bring something to share for the potluck! Please consider dropping a couple of cans of food in the ALIVE! basket on your way in as well.

**Women's
Book Group**

The women's book group will discuss *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins on Monday, January 26 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor. We will choose the book for February 23 at that time and announce it in the Chronicle Update in the worship bulletin.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our next Singles Roundtable will be after church on **Sunday, March 1**. Join friends for lunch and lively discussion!

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions for singles ministry at Westminster!

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Volunteer Corner

It may seem early but, I'm going to devote this message to the subject of vacations. That may seem a strange topic for a Volunteer Coordinator to write about, however, I'm going to talk about a special

kind of vacation – a volunteer vacation. Most of us think about vacations as a time to play and escape from our everyday world. That's the way I see mission trips, except, that on a mission trip you also get to make a difference in someone else's life.

A mission trip is an opportunity to go places, meet people, and see and do things that you may never have seen or done before. In addition, you will almost certainly feel better about yourself than if you took a standard vacation. Best of all, you will not only have fun and help yourself; you will be helping others too.

I've been on numerous mission trips. On these trips I've done a lot of painting and construction work. I've also spent time working with children. On these trips I've learned a lot about the problems of poverty (economic and spiritual) in a very personal way. Most importantly, I've touched the lives of many people and they have touched mine. Some of the

people were the ones we went to serve and others were my companions on the trip. As a result of these trips I've become a lot closer to many people at Westminster. If you really want to get to know someone, try spending a week eating, sleeping, working, and playing with them.

Westminster offers a variety of mission vacation opportunities for all ages. Unfortunately, our Adult/Intergenerational trips have not been well attended in the past few years. This year the National/International Missions Committee is planning a return to the Indian reservation at Devils Lake, ND. The Committee has made a decision to provide as much support for this trip as its budget allows so that there will be little to no out-of-pocket expenses for participants. The trip will be an intergenerational trip. There will be a mixture of traditional mission trip work (painting, simple home repairs, etc.) and working with young children.

Shortly, there will be an informational meeting about this trip for anyone who might have an interest. Stay tuned for more details.

Yours in Christ,
Art Sauer

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