



Broadcaster

GLENVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

MAY 25, 2011

Pilgrim's Progress

In September of 2002, during the early months of my work as your Senior Minister, we revamped the Broadcaster. Several concerns were raised about the change in layout, the change in paper size, concern about articles and information being briefer, and the change in color of the paper made it difficult for members to identify the Broadcaster immediately in their mail or to distinguish it from junk mail. Later, I discovered that the layout, paper size and color were nearly identical to the format of the Broadcaster used in the 1980s.

With the new Broadcaster format in the fall of 2002, I gave a title to my weekly column. I chose, "A Pilgrim's Progress," for the title and expressed my indebtedness to John Bunyan and Tom Austin for the title.

John Bunyan (1628-1688) was a nonconformist preacher and writer in Bedford, England. In 1660 the government sought to force religious conformity to gain unity in the land and arrest the growth of independent churches. John Bunyan refused to conform and was imprisoned where he remained for twelve years. In 1672, Charles II signed a Declaration of Religious Indulgence and Bunyan was freed. He immediately became the pastor of the Independent Congregation in Bedford. A year later the King withdrew his Declaration and Bunyan went back to prison for another four years. After his release, on February 18, 1677 he published *The Pilgrim's Progress*, an allegory about Christian's journey through life from damnation to salvation.

Tom Austin was my friend, colleague, supervisor, and mentor. He also was a preacher and a nonconformist. He was a gifted preacher, caring pastor, committed churchman, and stimulating thinker with a contagious sense of humor. He did not take himself or the church too seriously. He was serving as Senior Min-

ister of the Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC when he died of cancer nearly twenty years ago. The column he wrote in that church's newsletter was entitled "A Pilgrim's Progress."

Communication skills are essential for a minister and writing is one of those essential communication skills. Like George Buttrick, one of my preaching professors, I've been writing a sermon a week whether I needed it or not. Of course, I've needed a sermon each week for many years. I also expanded my writing to include the publication of twelve books. Each week I used "A Pilgrim's Progress" to communicate with every member of Glenview Community Church. I have been pleasantly surprised by the number of people who faithfully read these articles each week. You may have noticed in some of my articles attributes of a nonconformist preacher or a writer. I make no apologies for that. I gladly continued in the tradition of John Bunyan and Tom Austin.

What you read in this column from week to week were reflections, observations, and insights. Some were personal. Others were about what was happening in Glenview Community Church. Still others were comments on events and situations in the culture and the world. I wish that all of the columns I wrote would have given clear evidence that I was making progress as a pilgrim, but I know they didn't. Sometimes it looked like I was making great progress and other times it looked like I was taking one step forward and two steps backward. It was my desire that you, the reader, might join me on the journey and that you might see places where your journey intersected with mine and that by stopping and looking around at those intersections you might progress as a pilgrim.

Only in hindsight as we look in the rear-

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WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 29, 2011

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:
Genesis 12:1-9, Matthew 4:12-22

Sermon:
"Minor Influences, Major Choices"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts

JUNE 5, 2011

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:
Psalms 8, Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon:
"Getting the Final Exam Question Early"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts


We will recognize all of our graduating high school seniors

JUNE 12, 2011

9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

Scripture:
Mark 14:3-9

Sermon:
"Shutting Down the Club, Opening Up the Church"
Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts



view mirror are we able to determine if we have made any progress as a pilgrims. For nine and a half years we have been on a journey of faith together. We did not know where the journey would lead us. We did not know what valleys we would descend or what mountains we would climb. Some days the view was like a clear day and it was as if we could see forever. Other days our view was foggy at best. While we did not know exactly where we were going, we did know the One with whom we were going. Now that our journey together is coming to an end and we will soon be on separate paths, I hope it can be said of us, "Those pilgrims made progress together."

Howard

Position Available

Applications are being received for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Senior Minister. This is a crucial position for the ongoing ministry of the church. The person in this position assists the Senior Minister with the ongoing daily operation of the church office. This person will work closely with the Senior Minister and the Church Clerk in maintaining membership records, will schedule baptisms, weddings, funerals, and memorial services and will prepare bulletins for worship services and memorial services. This person also works with the Moderator in preparing packets for the monthly Executive Board Meetings and packets for Congregational Meetings.

Specific qualifications include: ability to work well as a member of a team, excellent writing and communication skills including editorial and proofreading skills, skilled in using Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel and others as needed, strong interpersonal, organization and communication skills, attention to detail and ability to produce quality deliverables within a fixed schedule, and demonstrate ability to manage multiple tasks and needs.

The goal is to select the person for this position in time for the new assistant to work closely with Jane Payne prior to Jane's retirement on August 31, 2011. Applicants should send a resume' and cover letter to the attention of Lloyd Bettis, Moderator, Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street, Glenview, IL.

WANTED

Audio Ministry has openings for volunteers to record Sunday Worship Services. No experience needed. Please contact Tom Lutz, (630)319-8179.



God Bless America

To honor the men and women of the military who have served our country both here and abroad, *the 4th annual Memorial Day concert "God Bless America—For Those Who Gave Their All"* will be presented on Sunday, May 29 at 3:00 p.m. at the Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street, Glenview.

The Navy Band Great Lakes Brass Ambassadors will bring special honor to the program. The concert is **FREE** and open to the public and we invite all people of the community to honor the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to this country. It's an appropriate and wonderful way to begin the holiday weekend, so, turn off the grill and come over to remember those who've served. For information call (847)724-2210.

Your Church Needs You!

Consider joining a board for next year. The new year for our church boards starts soon, and there are a few openings to fill. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved in the activities of GCC. Yes, we are entering a year of transition, but it is also a period of tremendous opportunity and growth. We have the ability and opportunity to make our own history. Many in the congregation are working to improve and grow the church next year. Please consider joining them on one of the twelve boards. If you are interested, please contact Vice Moderator Bill Dailey (847)840-2683 or Church Clerk Bob McGee (847)729-0057.



The GCC Beginning Bell Choir will start Thursday, June 2, 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. and will continue to rehearse through the end of June. All are welcome!

This is an opportunity for you to explore the wonderful world of bell ringing. We will begin with basic ringing techniques, note reading and counting. Just give Gary Wendt a ring for more information: (847)724-2210 x51 or gary.wendt@gcucc.org

Illinois Conference

The Annual Illinois Conference meeting will be held on June 3-4 at the Double Tree Hotel in Oak Brook. More information to follow.



Join us for a Simple Gifts Concert "*Sing To Live*" on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 at the door.

The *Sing to Live Community Chorus* provides complimentary concert tickets to breast cancer survivors as part of its mission to provide the gift of music to the breast cancer community.

Sing with Us, Volunteer or Donate

For more information please visit their website at www.singtolive.org or email them at info@singtolive.org or call (773)250-sing.

Sing to Live is an Illinois Not-for Profit Organization.



SPRING SALE

The Resale Shop Spring 50% off sale will start on Wednesday, May 25. Good merchandise and great bargains are available. Don't miss this opportunity and visit our website at www.theresale-shopglenview.com. If you are interested in volunteering at the shop, contact Addy Ford at addyford@comcast.net or (847)998-0906. You need not be a member of the Women's Association to volunteer.

WELCOME SUMMER!

Join Us for Summer Brunch

Sunday, June 5th

Serving 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Mayflower Room

As a departure from our traditional Pancake Breakfasts, this will be 'Pancakes PLUS' Serving Pancakes, 'Egg Skilletts', Raffle Prizes & Entertainment!

This is a fundraiser for GCC...we hope you will join the fun & fellowship. Tickets are on sale through May during Sunday coffee hours.

Adults: \$6.50 Pancakes
\$7.50 'Egg Skilletts'

Children 4 and above: \$5.00

Raffle Tickets: \$1.00 Each

Please contact Sally Thuresson at (847) 724-2366 for details or if you have any questions.

GCC MEN'S MINISTRY BARBEQUE

**Thursday June 2nd
6:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars now and join us for our 3rd Annual Men's Ministry Barbeque to be held at the home of John Demler, 83 Coventry Road, Northfield, IL. Even if you've never attended a Men's Ministry event before you are welcome to join us for this evening of fellowship and good food.

Please RSVP to John Demler at johndemler@comcast.net or David Aki at dave254@comcast.net.

Sunday School

Sunday school classes will not be in session on May 29. Childcare will be available. Summer Sunday sessions begin on June 5 for four year olds through fourth graders.



I grew up in a church in Louisville, Kentucky. It was a wonderful church, filled with loving caring people. My mom made sure the entire family went to church every Sunday without fail. It's just what you do down there. I became very involved in the youth activities of the church. The youth programs were outstanding, including allowing kids to serve communion monthly, sing in the choir and read the weekly scripture.

Several friends and I joined the Cub Scouts and then the Boy Scouts. The troop was sponsored by our church and was a very dynamic, active group. One of the most inspirational people I have ever known was my scoutmaster. He was a man in his forties who had polio and was confined to a wheel chair. But he was not confined in how he lived his life. His car was outfitted with hand controls and he drove himself everywhere. He never missed a scout meeting. He went on twenty mile hikes with us. With ropes tied to each side, we would pull him up the hills and he would coast down. On flat ground, he wanted no help; he did all the work himself. You couldn't help but work hard around him and learn to help people in the right way. He developed many Eagle Scouts, including myself.

I have to admit that during my college years and early married life, regular church attendance was not a high priority. When Cindy and I were in the process of adopting our son, Brian, one of the topics our case worker wanted to discuss was our feeling on religion. We assured her that both of us had been brought up in Christian homes and believed that it was very important for children to have a strong faith experience and that we would certainly be involved in a church community. At that point our case-worker said "That big red brick church on Glenview Road might be a good one for you. It seems like there is always something going on there and I hear they have a good children's program." We filed that information away and pulled it out a few years later. By that time we were more established in the community and knew lots of people who attended

Glenview Community Church. GCC was the first and only church we visited. It felt comfortable, like coming home, immediately. Only later did we find out its close affiliation with Disciples of Christ, the denomination in which I grew up.

Both of our children appreciated the thought provoking challenges of Confirmation classes and were very involved in PYF. They loved the annual "work camps" and I think Katie would say her involvement in the Christmas Pageant was one of the high lights of her high school years. Incidentally, she is now teaching the Junior High kids at her church in Minneapolis. Thanks Pam and Kerry.

While I was traveling for work and unable to do much more than attend services occasionally, Cindy was able to take advantage of some of the educational things that were offered. She would come home from a Kerygma class eager to discuss what the group had talked about that week.

One of the most rewarding weeks of my life occurred several years ago. Cindy and I, following our children's footsteps, went with 18 other GCC members to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi for adult work camp. Both of our children had been there before Hurricane Katrina devastated the whole Gulf area including Biloxi. The trip had a profound affect on them and we wondered how the work camp experience would affect us. We were privileged to work with other church members; building relationships with each other and helping to rebuild two homes destroyed by the hurricane. I will never forget the devastation we saw and the horrible living conditions these people dealt with on a daily basis. The gratitude of the two homeowners and the act of helping those in desperate need showed me why we are put here in the first place.

I have felt the presence of God on this earth from a raft in the Grand Canyon to the top of a mountain on skis. I have felt his presence holding a paint brush in Biloxi. But most of all I am moved by his presence every time I enter the Sanctuary here at Glenview Community Church. I am looking forward to the coming years. I know there will be many things that test my faith but I know there will be many more opportunities for my faith and spirituality to grow.

Bill Dailey

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Rev. Dr. Howard Roberts, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*

DIRECTORS:

Marilyn Belleau, *RN, Health Ministry*

Kathy Lifton, *Children's Ministry*

Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Youth Ministry*

Debby Shellard, *Children's Choirs*

Gary Wendt, *Organist, Instrumental Music*

Andrew Lewis, *Music*

AFFILIATES:

Marcia Kiraly, *Director, GCC Nursery School*

Barbara Thewis, *Manager, Resale Shop*

Return Service Requested

At A Glance

THRS	5/26	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 5:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
FRI	5/27	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
		11:30 am	Daisy Girl Scouts, Founders & Rm 8
		8:00 pm	AA Mtg., Parlor
		8:00 pm	AI-Anon Mtg., Rm 201
SAT	5/28	9:00 am	Resale Shop open until 1:00 pm, Plymouth Rm
		9:00 am	Men's Open Gym, Gym
SUN	5/29	9:30 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
		10:30 am	Fellowship Hour, Mayflower Rm
		3:00 pm	"God Bless America" Concert, Sanctuary
MON	5/30		Building Closed
TUE	5/31	6:30 pm	Sponsor/Youth Leadership Mtg., Youth Rm
WED	6/1	7:00 pm	BSA 156 Court of Honor, Mayflower Rm
		7:30 pm	Confirmation/Youth Board, Youth Rm

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Directory Update Emergency Numbers

The Directory Change Slip is double sided this year. Do not pass go, pick up \$200 or buy a hotel! Instead, fill out your information AND your emergency info (for internal use only). Forms are in the pews, office and narthex. Please call or email Jane Payne (847)724-2210 or jane.payne@gccucc.org or drop off a form in the office. Deadline is June 1st. Thanks.

Membership Board

Broadcaster Deadlines:

Submit articles by 9:00 a.m. , Wednesday to Tania McCarthy via e-mail at tania.mccarthy@gccucc.org.