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### Meet Alan Bancroft

By Alan Bancroft, PCM Board Chair

**M**y Blessing... Three years ago, Jennifer Fouse called me and asked if I would be willing to serve on the board for Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Vanderbilt. She told me that I would be answering a call to serve students at Vanderbilt and Belmont. Little did I know how much my life would be changed as a result of the "Yes" I gave her to serve in that capacity.

As a young member of the clergy, I knew that I would be unable to make large financial commitments to the ministry, but I did figure I could give some of my time. I decided that I would attend weekly Presbyterian Student Fellowship worship when possible, aid Jennifer in building relationships with students, and do my best to invite students to worship, fellowship and service opportunities at Harpeth Presbyterian Church where I serve as an associate pastor.

It has truly been a privilege to join the PSF crowd for worship each week. Jennifer Fouse brings her creativity and passion to worship in ways that are faithful and engaging. Students are integral to leading worship as well, with one serving as liturgist each week, and many offering their musical talents throughout the year. Worshipping with PSF is clearly enriching for everyone who gathers together each week.

It has been a joy to watch students involved in Presbyterian Campus Ministry hone their leadership skills under the guidance of Jennifer as well. Students who are involved with PSF are encouraged to find that proverbial "church home" while in Nashville, and many do so, becoming involved in local congregations through music, youth ministry, or service and mission. For the past three years, the youth of Harpeth Presbyterian Church have benefitted from the guidance of college students who learned how to be servant leaders within the context of PSF.

Last spring, I had the opportunity to join Jennifer Fouse, Bob Crownover, and a group of PSF students on a spring break mission trip to Guatemala. While there, I witnessed college students working long hours digging trenches, hauling sand, and busting rocks...ON THEIR SPRING BREAK. PSF is a place where students are challenged to look outside of themselves and try to discern where their great joy meets the world's great need. Many students offer their time and talent to community outreach centers like Martha O'Bryan or Preston Taylor Ministries, and PSF also offers many service projects throughout the semester. Watching the students work with other campus groups and local mission agencies to put on an alternative gift fair for Christmas this year was inspiring.

During my time on the board for Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Vanderbilt, I have witnessed amazing worship, leadership development, service, fellowship, and spiritual nurture of students. I hope that you will continue to pray for this inspiring ministry, and that you will consider supporting it with time, talents, and treasures. *—The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*



Melanie Harrell Delaney, Gracyn Sansbury '09, and Alan Bancroft

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## CONFERENCE

# The 2009 Montreat College Conference: *Outrageous Generosity*

By Gracyn Sansbury '09 and Alex Sweet '11

The 2009 College Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, took place from January 2nd to 5th, just before the start of the spring semester. For some, it was a return visit to Montreat or to the College Conference. For others, it was a new experience. The conference and its theme, "Outrageous Generosity," were conceived, developed, and implemented through the work of a planning team and conference co-directors Rev. Jennifer Fouse and Stuart Hill.

Black Mountain, North Carolina, is a cozy town with local shops, art galleries, books stores, and cafes. It's quieter here, away from the city. The air is crisp, clean and fresh. Montreat is reached by meandering a few miles away from Black Mountain, through a cobblestone archway entrance, past clapboard houses in many different hues. The main campus consists of Assembly Inn, a barn, a small college and the auditorium where the conference met. The buildings surround a beautiful little pond called Lake Susan. The place exudes a certain magic that is impossible to describe without having actually experienced it.

The worship leader for the Conference, Rev. Linda Morgan-Clement, gave masterful sermons that clearly delineated and helped to explain what it meant to be a modern-day Presbyterian and how we might carry out lessons of outrageous generosity in the modern world. She explored different aspects of generosity in each sermon, delving into the generosity of God, being generous in our lives, and receiving the generosity of others. The worship band, dubbed Black Mountain BlueGrace (comprised of John McClure, a Vanderbilt Divinity Professor, Leslie McClure and Mike Lehman, Vanderbilt graduate students, and Jeffrey Harper), lead worship through an especially wide array of traditional, contemporary, and spiritual music.

The first keynote speaker, Dr. Tony Campolo,

(Author of *Red Letter Christians*) took an extraordinary step by daring each and every single attendee to spend time in the poorest and bleakest cities of the country doing something truly outrageously generous. He challenged us to live as Jesus did with the poor and to help by tutoring the children, assisting the elderly, and being a center of support and community for all – a challenge that really woke us up to the need for such things in our inner cities.



Gathering for worship at Montreat.

The second keynote, delegates from Invisible Children, consisted of Jenny Mavity and Lisa Dougan, who showed a video and then spoke about their personal faith experiences, the origin of the project and its many events worldwide. Their message of needing to reach out to disadvantaged communities strongly

echoed Dr. Campolo's call.

The final keynote speaker, Congressman John Lewis, spoke on Sunday. The Congressman received over 300 invitations to speak in the month of January alone and he only accepted the invitation to Montreat. The implications of his decision were not lost on the students who heard him, for Lewis began working with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he was in college. He told the story of his days as a leader of the civil rights movement and of working for change through non-violent protest. His message, that getting in 'good' trouble and questioning authority, is necessary in order to combat injustice and is part of one's duty as a human being. Congressman Lewis' reaffirmed that the civil rights movement is still a work in progress, and we must continue to work for justice and equality.

The PC (USA) Moderator, Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, offered several seminars and question-and-answer sessions during workshop time that also included discussions on "Life After College," "Presidential Politics," "Christianity

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## MUSIC

# A Joyful Noise

By Stuart Hill, PSF Worship Intern

**M**artin Luther is one of my heroes. I know, I know – should have said John Calvin. But the problem is that Martin Luther did so many wonderful and astounding things for the church that even a dyed-in-the-wool Presbyterian like me ends up being a huge fan.

You see, Martin Luther had a lot of problems with the church – ninety-five of them, by one count – and one of the things that really got under his skin was music. Why was the singing restricted to the specialist musicians? And why weren't the tunes familiar and singable? Faced with these problems, Martin Luther took one of my favorite steps any church leader has ever taken: he took pre-existing, familiar songs – drinking songs among them! – and changed the texts, producing singable, easy religious songs conducive to congregational participation. (I'm sure that turning drinking songs into hymns ruffled some feathers, and I must confess to liking this part of Martin Luther, too.)

Today, we also live in a world where tension exists over singing and music in the church and in worship. What sorts of songs are appropriate?

Can we go contemporary, or does a guitar automatically reduce the holiness of any given situation?

At Presbyterian Student Fellowship, our answers to these questions tend to be of a "both/and" nature. One of the wonderful things about a university environment – and, by extension, one of the great things about PSF – is the diversity of our backgrounds, and each of us brings to the table a different experience of music and singing in worship. Some of us have sung majestically with huge, regal pipe organs; others of us have worshiped with electric guitars and trap sets. And I think we take it pretty seriously that encountering other backgrounds is not only part of the education we expect from



*Stuart Hill leading worship at PSF.*

being at this university, but also part of the walk of faith we are making as Christians.

At PSF, then, we sing it all: hymns, contemporary songs, old gospel tunes, spirituals, Taize chants, and more. And our hope is that the diversity of our singing will reflect the diversity of our being – the diversity that we celebrate as part of God's creative talent. It is also our hope that maybe you'll come to lend your voice to the singing some Tuesday night. You're likely to hear a song you know by heart, and you're likely to hear a song that you've not heard before. And you're likely to make a joyful noise in the meantime.

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**MISSION WORK**

# Spring Break 2009: New Orleans

By Julie Hughes '12 and Kayla Staggs '12

For our spring break two weeks ago, we traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana with eighteen other students and staff of Vanderbilt Presbyterian Student Fellowship. On Sunday, March 1st, we packed up the vans and started our road trip. We stopped in Birmingham, Alabama for lunch and a great visit to the Civil Rights Institute. Later that evening we arrived at the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Olive Tree Village, our home base for the week. Altogether, about sixty volunteers from Vanderbilt and other churches in Michigan and Maryland stayed together at Olive Tree.



*Out of chaos, hope...with stucco!*

During the week, our Vanderbilt group split into three groups to work on three different houses, each led by a Project Homecoming volunteer. Project Homecoming is a non-profit organization working to restore homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Throughout the week, students completed interior and exterior painting, spent hours laying tile, learned how to work a circular saw, installed ceilings, painted a house exterior with lovely lavender stucco, and more. We decided that with all of the experiences we had, as a group we could build a house almost by ourselves! We worked to rebuild the houses Monday through Thursday, spent Friday

touring the city and exploring the French Quarter, and headed home on Saturday. It was a great week!

The value of our trip was more than



*The tile cutting/laying pros!*

just the construction work we completed, however. Two of the groups met the owners of the homes they were working on and really enjoyed hearing their stories of struggle and hope. Though we were working on three different houses, we shared our days with one another by coming together each night to talk about our experiences and places where we saw God at work. One of the best parts of the trip was the growing sense of community that we felt over the week, both by building new relationships and by strengthening old ones.

After witnessing the remarkable determination of the homeowners and the incredible commitment of the full-time volunteers working to rebuild New Orleans, we were reminded that it's necessary to balance our academic work by regularly getting outside of ourselves and serving others. We are thankful to serve a God who is able to take the little bit of time many people give throughout the year and use it to rebuild and bring hope to so many people and families affected by the flooding in New Orleans.



*Stopping work to pose.*

**SERIES**

# Relationships 101: What's God got to do with it?

By Melanie Harrell Delaney, PSF Intern

What do God and sexuality have in common? Where is God in our relationships? This semester we put together a three week series entitled, "Relationships 101: What's God got to do with it?" We brought together students and ministers to talk with one another about how God and sexuality relate, beginning with a quote by pastor Rob Bell: "For many, sexuality is simply what happens between two people involving physical pleasure. But that's only a small percentage of what sexuality is. Our sexuality is all of the ways we strive to connect with our world, with each other, and with God."

We began and ended our time together in prayer and explored what it means to be created in God's image as embodied with sexuality, to be created by God for relationships, the importance of mutuality in relationships, what barriers exist between us and a full expression of love, and what it means to be in covenant with God and with others. Each week our conversations continued beyond the allotted hour, and we realized how needed and important these conversations are for all of us! Overall, our time together was short but rich in concerns, ideas, and wisdom.

A big thanks to Rev. Meg Flanagan from First Presbyterian Church in Clarksville, Divinity Student Tyler Delaney, and Rev. Tim Reynolds from First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville for bringing keynote topics and to Rev. Alan Bancroft from Harpeth Presbyterian Church, and Ben and Lydia Kane from Westminster Presbyterian Church for leading small groups!

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**NEWS**

**COYAM Created**

By Jennifer Fouse

Several years ago, my colleagues and I began brainstorming where campus ministry should be "housed" within the structure of Middle Tennessee presbytery. When I arrived at Vanderbilt six years ago, campus ministry was under the care of the Outreach Ministry Unit (OMU) and at the time, there were three campus ministries (MTSU, Vanderbilt and TN Tech). While OMU is a great unit that does wonderful ministry, the campus ministers in the presbytery felt that campus ministry was hidden within this unit. It wasn't the best fit for many reasons.

Currently, we now have five campus ministries that are alive and well in this presbytery: MTSU, Austin Peay, TN Tech,

Sewanee and Vanderbilt/Belmont. Because Presbyterian Campus Ministry continues to grow on each campus, we needed to no longer be with OMU but if not there, where would we go? If not in Missions, where? Evangelism? New Church Development? After a few years of gathering together to pray, share ideas and dream big, we came up with the idea of becoming our own unit, College and Young Adult Ministries (COYAM). This dream has now become a reality and as of 6/1/09, COYAM will come to fruition. It is our hope that COYAM not only will meet the needs of campus ministry but that it will also be a resource for churches ministering to young adults.

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and Climate Change," pottery lessons, or informational sessions on serving abroad with Young Adult Volunteers. On Saturday and Sunday nights, people performed their talents at the Coffee House, the much loved Barn Dance allowed everyone to kick up their heels, Jonathan Kingham performed in concert, and every board game imaginable could be played in Assembly Inn.

When not attending scheduled events within Montreat, we hiked the surrounding trails and played endless games of Apples to Apples, Spoons, and other games. Some of the games turned pretty competitive at times! But, after the conference ended on Monday morning, we began the journey back. We must say we were already nostalgic during the car ride back from the conference. Yet, the beauty of Montreat and the Smokies will be waiting for us when we go again next year.

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