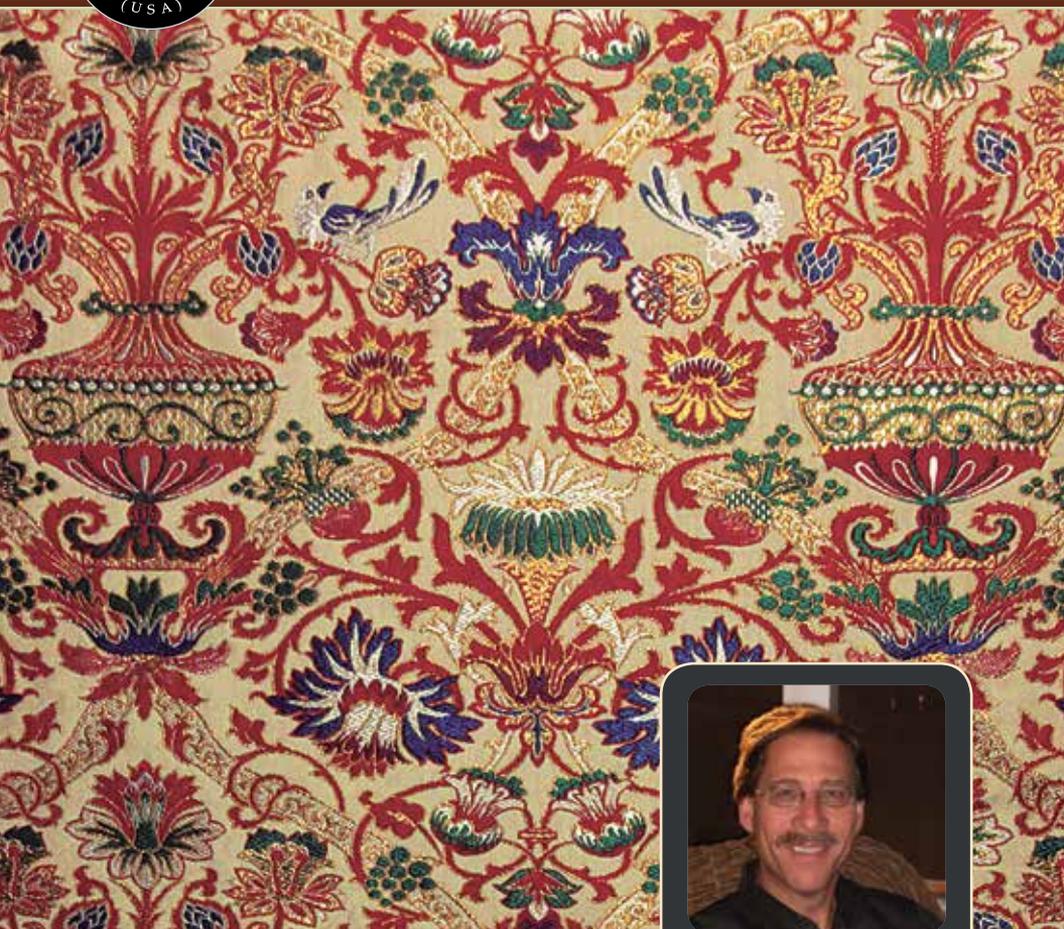


TAPESTRY

Friday & Saturday, January 25 & 26, 2019
Batesville Presbyterian Church, Batesville, Mississippi



A Leadership Training Event for the people of the
Presbytery of St. Andrew and the Presbytery of the Mid-South



Featuring a keynote address
by noted author
Dr. Lee Ramsey

FEATURING

Dr. Lee Ramsey Keynote Speaker

Dr. G. Lee Ramsey, Jr. is the Marlon and Sheila Foster Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics at Memphis Theological Seminary, where he has been teaching for 20 years. An ordained United Methodist Minister, he is the author of *Preachers and Misfits, Prophets and Thieves: The Minister in Southern Fiction*, and *Care-full Preaching: From Sermon to Caring Community*. His interests include how contemporary fiction and film can inform Christian faith and ministry, the use of narrative in preaching, and the ministry of pastoral care in times of grief and loss. He holds the Ph.D. in Religion from Vanderbilt University and the M.Div. from Candler School of Theology at Emory University.



LOCATION

Batesville Presbyterian Church
121 Eureka St
Batesville, MS 38606 (662) 563-3001

From I-55 North, take exit 246 to MS 35N towards Batesville. In three miles turn left onto Eureka Street. Church will be on your left. Parking is behind church. A parking lot attendant will direct you.

We hope you will join us for the entire event; however, you may register for only a portion of Tapestry if necessary. Hotel information is provided for your convenience, so that you may make your own arrangements.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Registration & Fellowship 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Keynote Address 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Registration & Fellowship..... 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Worship 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
(Break)..... 15 minutes
Session A..... 10:15 –11:30 a.m.
(Break)..... 15 minutes
Session B..... 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Session C 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.
Evaluation 3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

AREA LODGING

The Tapestry planning committee has reserved a block of rooms at the Fairfield Inn and Suites (Batesville, MS) at a price of \$95 plus tax with parking for either a double queen or a king room.

To book one of these rooms, call the hotel directly at: (662) 367-0360 and ask for the St. Andrew Presbytery Tapestry block rate.

You must make your reservations no later than Jan. 7, 2019 to receive the special rate.

A1. Children's Faith Formation in Today's Church

Ruth O'Dell

We will explore how faith develops in children and the role of the family and the church in sowing the seeds of faith. We will focus on the power of intergenerational experiences and the impact they can have on children and faith.

A2. Using Church Property to the Glory of God

*Lucy Wachter Webb, K.C. Warren,
Tammy Buchanan-Anderson*

How can a congregation's property resources be used to fulfill its mission? Panelists from three congregations will describe the ways their churches have creatively used their property to answer God's call.

A3. History of the Presbyterian Church in Mississippi

Milton Winter

A sketch of the history of the Presbyterian church in Mississippi from earliest times, telling how congregations were organized and built up. Special attention will be given to work among Native Americans, African Americans, and women.

A4. How Your Church Can Be Involved with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

David Gill

In this session you will hear about various ways your church can be involved with disaster response through the ministry of PDA. Learn how PDA shared the love of Christ on behalf of the PC(USA) to help communities recover from disaster, how you can send a mission team to assist after a disaster, how you can make and send disaster kits, how you can better prepare your church and Presbytery to be prepared for a local disaster. We will also share how your church and local nonprofits can secure low cost products through a new program called Sharing the Goods.

A5. Protecting Your House of Worship

Jeff Kellum

This workshop will outline the federally recognized principles for responding to a violent intruder. The version you will experience is tailored to a community response to an active shooter event and will address the specific concerns of houses of worship.

A6. Mixed Media Spiritual Expression

Allison Wehrung

Join this workshop to explore visual art as a means to personal spiritual growth. Through brief discussion and plenty of hands-on practice, we will consider what it's like to make art with things we already have, how that affects our day-to-day interactions with the world, and what God has to do with it. No artistic skill required! (Seriously!)

A7. Training for New Officers

John White

Whether you are a newly-elected Deacon or Elder or one who has served for years there is always more to learn about your role as a church officer. This introductory workshop for church officers is the place to get started. Participants are encouraged to bring a current Book of Order with them.

A8. Introducing the 2018 Book of Common Worship

David Gambrell

This workshop will provide an overview of the latest edition of the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* (WJK, 2018), focusing on its history and development, organization and contents, new and notable features, and creative and effective use for faithful and vibrant worship

A9. Adult Education Galore

Malinda Spencer

Learn how adult faith formation is a gateway to congregational health. See resources and consider possible structures for your adult education program.

A10. Water All Around the World: A VBS for the Whole Congregation

Kendall Cox

In this workshop, we'll explore ways to use Living Waters for the World's newest Vacation Bible School curriculum to help children (of all ages!) learn and share about clean water and their faith.

Session B - Courses

B1. Introduction to the Vital Congregation Initiative

Tom Bryson

The Vital Congregation Initiative seeks to work alongside congregations and leaders to assess, discern, and live into faithful actions that increase vitality. The Initiative itself will be a two year covenant relationship between Presbyteries and the PC(USA) to walk prayerfully with pastors and existing congregations in intentional efforts of revitalization. The course will give an overview of what the Initiative hopes to provide for the Church.

B2. Care in Times of Grief and Loss

Lee Ramsey

This workshop will examine how individuals and communities experience grief and loss across the human life cycle. It will provide practical guidance for caring for one another, our churches, and our communities as we undergo and grieve human losses, large and small.

B3. Technology and the Church: Enemies or Best Friends?

Rob White

Come learn how Facebook Live can be the best outreach tool for your church, how using a cell phone in worship is not as bad as you think, how the new digital copy of the Presbyterian hymnal can make your congregation sing and see better, and how one website has helped transform the way this preacher teaches Bible studies. Join Rob White as he tells the stories of four different churches and the evolution of technology in each, why he thinks emails are outdated, and why he deleted his personal social media three years ago.

B4. Why Should Women Gather?

Carol Winkler

Women need community at all ages and stages of life! Were you "loved" into Presbyterian Women? How do you "love" new women into PW? Come join the discussion for how to evaluate your program, seize opportunities for new community, and make a difference in the lives of women around you.

B5. Presbyterianism 101

Frank Beck

At our best, we Presbyterians understand that the church is not (and never should be) a retreat from the world around us and our society. In fact, just the opposite! In this workshop we will attempt to look at some of the marks of our Reformed and Presbyterian beliefs and government that inform our understanding of what it means to be faithful to Jesus Christ as his church in the world.

B6. Interested In Missions? Meet Me At The Corner!

Jody Hill and Jimmy Avery

Often times we think "mission" means going somewhere to do something with others that don't look like us, don't speak our language, and are less fortunate. The opportunity to serve is really closer than you might think. Join us for a panel discussion in recognizing how and where God calls us to serve.

B7. Calling All Clerks

Audrey Toombs, Greg Goodwiller

The task of keeping good, accurate records is one of the most important jobs in the local church. Attend this workshop to learn from the Stated Clerks of Mid-South and St. Andrew Presbyteries what the Book of Order requires and how to organize and accomplish the Clerk of Session's work. The workshop will also include training for utilization of the denomination's online statistical reporting process.

B8. Belhar, Barmen, and Birmingham Jail: Confessions for Today

Ann Laird Jones

This workshop will explore the history and reasoning for the inclusion of these three confessions in the constitution of the Presbyterian Church. We will also look at creative and practical ways to use these three confessions in worship. For instance, weaving the Apostle's Creed and a section of the Letter from the Birmingham Jail together as an Affirmation of Faith really works!

B9. The Nearly Childless Church

Malinda Spencer

Over half of the congregations in the PCUSA might fit the description of a nearly childless church. Hear new ideas on reaching children in your area, and see resources that help make this work meaningful for all.

B10. Journaling as Spiritual Practice

Ann Kelly

Whether you are a longtime journal keeper or have never picked up a pen to enter your thoughts into a journal, this course invites you to discover the ways journaling can help you discover the beauty of your life. Through conversation and the experience of writing, participants will explore the ways that journaling as a spiritual practice can increase awareness and help one listen and respond to the movement of God in their lives.

- C1. It's a Family Thing: Israel's Story of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz** *David Randolph*
Join this group bible study as we look to God's word through the story of Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz. The bible study focuses on the book of Ruth and seeks to model how congregations can study together to discern God's will with their community. Experience thoughtful discussion about the trials this family endures and the journey they take as their new community welcomes them into the fold. All you need for this workshop is a Bible of your choice.
- C2. Civil Conversations in a Polarized World** *Rebekah Abel Lamar*
How can churches discuss subjects that matter in our polarized culture? This workshop is based on the conviction that churches can and should be a model for civil and grace-filled conversations even in times of extreme disagreement. Together we will explore several models for discussion as well as resources for your congregation.
- C3. Evaluating Our Churches Through a Unique Lens** *Allyson & Darren Ashmore*
How often do we step back and evaluate our church from the perspective of different individuals? Join us as we look at our host church through different lenses, asking these questions and addressing these important issues in our ministry, and take away tools to use back home. This session will include some walking around.
- C4. Prayer To Go** *Allison Wehrung & Ann Kelly*
"Prayer to Go" boxes are practical tools to help people of all ages explore creative prayer practices outside of Sunday mornings. Presenters Ann and Allison will share boxes they've used with young families and college students, respectively. After experiencing the boxes for themselves, workshop participants will brainstorm together the ways that Prayer to Go might be adapted for their own contexts.
- C5. Frisbee? Check. Snacks? Check. Bible? Check.** *Whitney Strong-Getman, Martin Carver*
As people who work with youth, we often remember the fun and the lesson, but all too often we forget a few things, such as child protection and emergency plans. I hope you will join us for a conversation to share best practices for administrative tips and tools, as well as ways to help keep your youth safe. Your input is welcomed and encouraged.
- C6. The Yin and Yang of Yoga** *Michael Morton*
Most people live fast paced, hectic lifestyles and practice yoga at the same pace (Yang Yoga). Within your body, Yang tissues are the muscles and the Yin tissues are the ligaments, tendons, bones, and joints. Through this non-competitive practice and discussion workshop you will learn the history and theories of Yin Yoga, and the way to use Yin Yoga to develop balanced, healthier and healing yoga practice.
- C7. Body of Christ in a Changing Culture** *Will Jones*
"As the leaders of the church go, so goes the whole church." Healthy church leadership is essential to a stable and growing church. In this workshop we will focus on best practices and policies within our polity that encourage church leaders to be wise and bold in leading their church.
- C8. Music Ministry in a Small Church** *Susanne Van Dyke*
There are many aspects to providing music for worship. This workshop will explore a variety of ideas that will help enhance the vital role that music plays, not only in worship, but in the life of a small church. Time will also be given to a roundtable discussion of challenges small music ministries face and solutions that those participating have found helpful.
- C9. Arts and Worship Ideas for Lent Year C** *Ann Laird Jones*
This workshop will focus on planning worship for Lent 2019, which begins on March 10, with an eye on worship and the arts. This workshop will feature hands-on introduction of new materials (silk, clay, metal) encompassed in textual, exegetical ideas for each Sunday. Please bring a photograph of your worship space, as we discuss new ways to embrace physical, sacramental, and worship space during this upcoming Lenten season.
- C10. Just in Time for Confirmation** *Malinda Spencer*
The experiential workshop will explore possible strategies for using Big God Big Questions, the new PCUSA confirmation curriculum.

FACULTY

Allyson & Darren Ashmore — Allyson and Darren Ashmore serve as directors for Camp Hopewell, the camp and retreat center for St. Andrew Presbytery. Along with their work at camp, both are active elders at FPC Oxford, with Darren currently co-chairing the Property Committee, and Allyson serving on the Membership and Hospitality team.

Jimmy Avery — Jimmy Avery is an Ordained Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, MS and he serves as the Moderator of the Missions Committee.

Frank Beck — As the son of a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Frank Beck has lived throughout the South. He graduated from Rhodes College and received the MDiv and ThM from Union Theological Seminary. Since 2006, Frank has been the pastor of the Senatobia First Presbyterian Church.

Tom Bryson — Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson is a child of St. Andrew Presbytery, having grown up in both Trinity Presbyterian Church in Starkville and Leland Presbyterian Church. After serving as Director of Christian Education and Youth at Starkville, Tom attended Columbia Theological Seminary, and returned to serve First Presbyterian Church in Columbus. Tom received a doctorate in ministry with a focus on church revitalization from McCormick Theological Seminary. He was installed as Head of Staff at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL in 2018.

Tammy Buchanan-Anderson — Tammy Buchanan-Anderson is a ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, TN. She has helped develop and maintain the state-approved and registered arboretum on the grounds of the church and helped the congregation become a PC(USA) registered Earth Care Congregation.

Martin Carver — Martin Carver is currently serving as the Youth Director at First Presbyterian Church Hernando. He loves working with youth of all ages, but when he is not working with junior and senior highs, he can be found playing guitar, cooking, and fishing.

Kendall Cox — Kendall Cox is Director of Education for Living Waters for the World. She is an elder, member of the choir and water team at First Presbyterian Greenville, who partners with communities in Cuba on clean water.

David Gambrell — David Gambrell is Associate for Worship in the PC(USA) Office of Theology and Worship. He was an advisor to the *Glory to God* hymnal committee, coordinated the 2017 revision to the *Directory of Worship*, and was co-editor (with Kimberly Bracken Long) of the latest edition of the *Book of Common Worship* (WJK, 2018).

David Gill — Rev. David Gill is a Teaching Elder who grew up in Ohio, served churches in Indiana, then worked for Heifer International before becoming Executive Director at Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp (Little Rock) for 20 years. During his tenure Ferncliff grew from 430 to 1600 campers. David is now a member of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's National Response Team.

Greg Goodwiller — The Rev. Dr. Greg Goodwiller served pastorates in North Carolina and Mississippi before being elected as the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of St. Andrew in 2000. In 2006, he was also elected to serve as the presbytery's Stated Clerk. A graduate of the University of South Alabama with dual Masters degrees from what is now Union Presbyterian Seminary, he earned his Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. He is a registered Parliamentarian, and is currently Clerk and Parliamentarian of the General Assembly's Permanent Judicial Commission.

Jody Hill — Rev. Jody Hill is the pastor at Riply Presbyterian Church. He received his Masters of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary in Memphis, TN and is currently working on his Doctor of Ministry with New Orleans Theological Seminary.

Ann Laird Jones — Rev. Dr. Ann Laird Jones is a Presbyterian minister and is in her 18th year as a member of St. Andrew Presbytery. She has served as the director of arts ministry at Montreat Conference Center for 25 years, where she teaches pottery and creates art for Sunday worship. She has served churches in Louisiana, North Carolina, Florida, and several in Mississippi.

Will Jones — Rev. Dr. Will Jones has been Pastor of Germantown Presbyterian Church since 2011. He has also served churches in Brownsville, TN, and Linlithgow, Scotland, and has taught at the University of Mississippi. He earned a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from the University of Edinburgh and an M.Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Jeff Kellum — Jeff Kellum is a US Army Special Forces veteran and graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He most recently served as the Crime Prevention Coordinator at the University of Mississippi where he now teaches Homeland Security Operations.

Ann Kelly — Rev. Ann Houston Kelly is Interim Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Oxford, Mississippi. She is currently working toward a Certificate in Spiritual Formation at Columbia Theological Seminary and loves sharing what she is learning about spiritual formation and the variety of ways for individuals and communities to deepen their awareness of God's presence and to discern God's call in their lives.

Rebekah Abel Lamar — The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar is Associate Pastor for Christian Formation at Idlewild Presbyterian. She has both an undergraduate and graduate degree in Christian Education. She served as a Director of Christian Education in at Decatur Presbyterian in Decatur, Georgia, for thirteen years prior to coming to Idlewild. She and her husband, Ashley, are the proud and tired parents of three young children.

Michael Morton — Michael Morton is a Ruling Elder at New Hope, Biggersville, where he is on the session and is a co-teacher of the adult Christian education class. He retired after being with Chrysler for thirty years and now enjoys being back home with family. A certified yoga instructor, Michael and his wife operated a yoga center in south Louisiana for nearly ten years.

Ruth O'Dell — Dr. Ruth O'Dell is a retired educator with a long career in school psychology and school administration. She retired two years ago as a school superintendent in north Georgia and moved to Oxford, MS to be near her son and his family. She is an elder, a Sunday School teacher, and a dedicated grandmother.

Lee Ramsey — Dr. G. Lee Ramsey, Jr. is the Marlon and Sheila Foster Professor of Pastoral Theology and Homiletics at Memphis Theological Seminary, where he has been teaching for 20 years. An ordained United Methodist Minister, he holds the Ph.D. in religion from Vanderbilt University and the M.Div. from Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

David Randolph — Rev. J. David Randolph is the Associate Pastor for Young Adults and their Families at First Presbyterian Church, Oxford, MS. He is passionate about creating engaging communities of faith built on the intersection of active discipleship and the doing of life together. He is a graduate of Clemson University and Columbia Theological Seminary.

Malinda Spencer — Malinda Spencer works in Curriculum Training and Marketing for the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky. She is a ruling elder and Christian educator, working with churches of all sizes and settings.

Audrey Toombs — Audrey Toombs is Associate for Administration & Finance for the Presbytery of the Mid-South. She also serves as Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of the Mid-South. She also serves as a ruling elder at the Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN.

Susanne Van Dyke — Susanne Van Dyke is in her 26th year at North West Community College as Director of Choral Activities and Music Department Chair. In 2012, she was awarded the prestigious Sandy Grisham Award for Excellence in Teaching. Susanne has been choral director at Batesville Presbyterian Church since 1995. She has one son, Spencer, who is a senior at Mississippi State University.

K.C. Warren — K.C. Warren is a ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church in Memphis and works closely with the numerous non-profit organizations and ministries who use FPC's building.

Lucy Wachter Webb — Rev. Lucy Wachter Webb is the pastor at Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Memphis and helped guide the congregation's transition from their large, traditional church building near Rhodes campus to a smaller store-front building nearby.

Allison Wehrung — Rev. Allison Wehrung is the Presbytery of St. Andrew's Associate Executive Presbyter for Campus Ministry and the Campus Minister at UKirk Ole Miss. She is passionate about exploring scripture through image, and the messy work of being a human who follows Jesus.

John White — Rev. John White is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, TN, and previously served as Pastor at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenwood, South Carolina. John is a graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, and of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

Carol Winkler — Carol Winkler is the past moderator of the Presbyterian Women in the PCUSA. Currently, she is serving on the new formed Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. A Corp board representing Presbyterian Women. Carol and her husband Paul live in Dayton, KY.

Milton Winter — The Rev. Dr. Milton Winter is a trained historian, a native Mississippian, ministerial son of our First Church in Cleveland, Mississippi and retired in 2015 after 28 years as pastor in Holly Springs.

REGISTRATION FORM

Register Online at: www.standrewpresbytery.org

or you can Mail registration form and fees by January 13 to:

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email: mail@standrewpresbytery.org

Make check payable to: **Presbytery of St. Andrew.**

Please fill out one registration form per person. Feel free to copy this form as often as necessary.

Name _____ Church _____

Email _____ Phone _____

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES *(Check those which apply)*

- Friday Keynote address by Dr. Lee Ramsey*
- Dinner - Arena One Ranch Steakhouse (577 Cutting Horse Lane, Batesville, MS)*
Featuring a dinner of sirloin steak or grilled chicken, baked potato, vegetable, house salad,
Texas toast and dessert. Cash bar available.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

(Enter workshop number and name)

A - _____

B - _____

C - _____

FEE INFORMATION *(Note discount for early registration)*

Friday Fee (includes dinner) \$36.00 _____

Children under age 9 dinner _____ x \$9.00 = _____

Saturday Fee (includes lunch) \$20.00 _____

Saturday on-site registration \$30.00 _____

*(Please do not mail registration after January 13,
just register and pay at the event.)*

Optional child's lunch _____ x \$5.00 = _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Special Mobility Needs ? _____

Request for Child Care?

Friday Number of children _____ Ages _____

Saturday Number of children _____ Ages _____