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Activists March In Washington



Two demonstrators at the 32nd annual March for Life stand in front of the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. A handful of people from Saving Arrows fasted for 30 days, beginning on January 22, to advocate against the 1973 ruling in Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion. Saving arrows is a group opposed to all forms of killing, including war, the death penalty, abortion, euthanasia, and animal slaughter.

by Erin Jones

With an unmistakable cadence, 200 people, 33 of them carrying white crosses each bearing a year from 1973-2005, walk single file in a funeral procession.

The carriers of each wooden icon, along with a large crowd following are as quiet as the snow that is falling on their shoulders. There is, however, no casket, no next of kin, or accident to blame for their grief. This procession is for the 46 million abortions performed in the past three decades.

The group walks towards the Supreme Court with determination, but they cannot forget what they have left behind. In their wake looms the Planned Parent-

hood facility of the Metropolitan area where they have just spent an hour and a half greeting and attempting to council women who are on their way inside.

"Despite the fact that we were all passionate, everyone stayed calm and spoke to the women out of love for them and their pre-born babies," said Kortney Blythe, a senior at Montreat, who was among the activists.

Walking in the funeral procession, Blythe holds the cross with her birth year, 1983.

Her passion for the end of abortion was fueled during childhood by her uncle who started a non-profit anti-abortion organization

over 20 years ago called At the Well Ministry.

Her interest in expressing her beliefs via protest was rekindled a year ago after she read signs posted by the National Organization for Women advertising a pro-choice march. Blythe attended the march but not as a participant. She joined around 2,000 counter-protesters in demonstrating against the march. Since then, she has attended as many events as possible in coalition with Rock for Life, an organization whose goal is "offering the truth about abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia to American's youth

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PC (USA) Moderator Visit Spurs Interest

by April Heyward

Rick Ufford-Chase, moderator for the Presbyterian Church (USA), visited Montreat on February 13 for two meetings open to the community and students.

Over 60 members of the community attended the 4 pm meeting at Gaither Chapel, and later that evening over 20 students and members from Montreat Presbyterian Church attended an 8 pm pizza party.

At both gatherings, Chase introduced himself by first speaking of his early upbringings as a Presbyterian preacher kid in York, Pennsylvania. He also talked of how his experience as a mission

worker for the PC (USA) since 1987 influenced him to spread the importance of the church getting "out of the pews and into the world."

After speaking to the audience during the first meeting, Ufford-Chase answered questions about New Immigrants Fellowship, mission opportunities for young adults, and the benefits of worshiping in a multicultural church.

"I would like young people to know that we're alive and relevant," Moderator Ufford-Chase explained.

At the 8 o'clock forum, students asked questions in regards to the

moderator's stance on homosexual leadership in the church, interpretation of scripture, and reconciliation within the church.

Sophomore Stephanie Johnson said she was, "a bit amazed about some of the questions. The moderator tried to answer the questions to the best of his ability."

Senior Tyler Greene complained that the moderator "didn't teach what we would call 'the inspiration of scripture' or that Christ is the only savior of the world."

The moderator's trip to Montreat was a part of a tour of twelve PC (USA) affiliated colleges in North Carolina and Tennessee.

Johnson said the meeting was: "insightful because I was able to learn what the Presbyterian [church] was about."

Greene pointed out that although Montreat is part of the PC (USA) denomination, the church and college are more biblically conservative. He worried

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Ukrainian soloist from the Kyiv Youth Orchestra and Chorus performs for a packed Anderson Auditorium. On February 14, the group, directed by Montreat alum Matthew McMurrin, returned to campus in cooperation with Friends of Music, Montreat Presbyterian Church, and Montreat Scottish Society.

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"Rescue those being led away to death;
hold back those staggering toward slaughter."

- Proverbs 24:11 NIV