

Balmoral Presbyterian Church

2012 Lenten Speaker Series

February 29—March 28, 2012



John McQuiston (2/29) is the author of four books on religion and spirituality, with a fifth to be published this fall. His talk will be based on his book “Always We Begin Again – The Benedictine Way of Living.” It is a concise and modern paraphrase of the 6th Century Rule of St. Benedict and has helped readers lead more balanced lives focused on God. He is a graduate of Rhodes College and Vanderbilt Law School, and he practices business law with Evans Petree in Memphis. He has two married daughters and three grandchildren, all living in Memphis. One of his daughters, Katherine Bush, is an Episcopal priest presently serving as the chaplain of St. Mary’s Episcopal School.



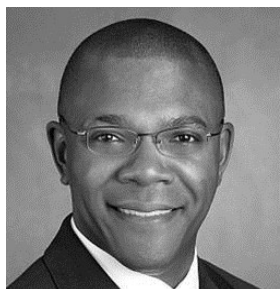
Amy Moritz (3/7) is director of the Center for Transforming Communities, a faith-based organization that has worked for social justice for more than 20 years. Based in Binghamton, it helps churches be full partners with their neighbors and neighborhoods, encouraging community initiatives throughout Memphis. A native Memphian, she spent the first part of her adult life working for a Fortune 100 corporation and living in the Northeast. While on leave from the business world to care for her two children, she was awakened to her desire to serve and enrolled at the Memphis Theological Seminary. She graduated in 2006.



Katie Kitchin (3/14) is executive director of the non-profit Community Alliance for the Homeless. She joined that group after working as a consultant to the city of Memphis’s effort to fight homelessness. Before coming to Memphis in 2008, she did similar work for the city of Norfolk, Va., where she developed a long-term plan that reduced homelessness by 25 percent in three years. She holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia and a master’s degree from the University of Southern California.



Bill Piacesi (3/21) is the founder of Focus for the Good, a project devoted to using fine-art portrait skills of photographers – professional and student – to raise awareness of our community’s poor and to raise money to help them. He teaches underprivileged children to find their voice through photography, and he offers his affordable services to nonprofit organizations. He has been a commercial photographer for 25 years and has been honored by professional association in Virginia, the Southeast and nationally. Some of his portraits will hang in the Balmoral sanctuary during Lent.



Marlon T. Foster (3/28) is founder and executive director of Knowledge Quest, known for its after-school programs in South Memphis that help young people in K-12 to continue their academic and character development. He founded Knowledge Quest three years after earning his bachelor’s degree from LeMoyne-Owen College. He also works with entry level students at the Memphis Theological Seminary, where he earned a master’s degree. He is pastor of Christ Quest Community Church, which is founded in 2005.
