

## 2013 OUT OF BOUNDS REPORT TO THE MS VALLEY PRESBYTERY

from  
DR. CHRISTOPHER SHELTON

Dear Fathers and Brothers of the MS Valley Presbytery,

It is my duty to report to you concerning my assigned ministry outside of the bounds of Presbytery and request that my status be extended for the upcoming year.

In my 15<sup>th</sup> year at Belhaven University, I continue to serve as Professor of Voice, Choral Arts, and Music Ministries. Besides teaching 10-12 voice students, conducting choirs, conducting the Belhaven Singing Christmas Tree, doing solo performances, and directing operatic productions, my teaching includes the Seminar in Musical Culture and Aesthetics that expounds a biblical philosophy of music culture to all music majors.

My work at Belhaven University is Christ-centered in every aspect of my teaching. I particularly enjoy working with my Music Ministries emphasis students. The number of music ministry students still continues to grow at Belhaven University. Many of my Belhaven graduates are already on the mission field doing musical missions, others are raising support to go.

I regularly do biblical counseling with students concerning a wide array of subjects. There is no end to the issues that students are facing in this generation. For some students, I have invested more deeply, doing extensive counseling and discipleship.

I continue in my role as Music Leader at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. I teach Sunday school regularly, preach on occasion, assist with the sacraments, lead the church orchestra, assist with choirs and soloists, participate in the worship team (playing mandolin), chair the worship committee, and sit on the Sanctuary Renovation Committee.

My son has returned to Jackson from Uganda. He has been stateside some seven months now. He served as a agricultural missionary, sharing Christ while training farmers in better land management.

Stephen fell in love with agriculture while on the mission field and is quite knowledgeable. He has his own business "Garden to Table LLC" where he helps homeowners think through an organic home garden and then installs it. If you need help with a garden his contact info is [stephenshelt@gmail.com](mailto:stephenshelt@gmail.com)

Thank you again, MS Valley Presbytery, for your support of His Kingdom labors in years past. Pray for him! He still has his eyes on international context..

My daughter, Kathryn "Katie" Stewart, and her husband, Mason, live in Greenville, SC. Katie is teaching English and doing graduate school in English Literature. Mason is a web designer and graphic artist.

My wife has returned to college after a brief hiatus of 32 years! Now a senior, she continues to show her younger academic competition that education often wasted on the young!!

I respectfully request that my out of bounds status be extended for the coming year.

Gratefully His,

