

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING TRANSYLVANIA PRESBYTERY

What an absolutely glorious day it was on September 20, as nearly 130 people gathered in the pavilion at Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center. Interim Co-Directors Pete Jones and Barrett Milner warmly welcomed us for the day. Though the crowd was mainly women, we were delighted to have three men with us as well. Ronnie Grigsby, a Lay Pastor in our presbytery, who also has received an Honorary Life membership Award in PW, brought women from his two churches, as he has done for Gatherings in the past. Richard Smith, our General Presbyter shared a devotional entitled, "Putting Women In Their Place," and how, from biblical times, women have had an important role in the life of the Church. Karen May, who is finishing up her class work at Lexington Theological Seminary, and is also a past PWP Moderator, shared an overview of this year's PW Bible Study entitled, *JUBILEE! Luke's: Gospel for the Poor* (see picture below).



The guest speaker for this Gathering was Paul Prather, a pastor in rural Montgomery County, but perhaps is best known for his writings in the *Faith and Values* section of the *Herald Leader*, Lexington's main daily newspaper. As he spoke on "What I Am Learning on My Spiritual Journey," Paul captivated the audience with inspiring glimpses of his life, telling of his own journey as a Christian in both humorous and touching stories. Along with a few business matters, the morning program ended with a delicious lunch in the Dining Hall. We were invited to stay as long as we liked to enjoy God's beauty in that very special place.