



# TURNING YOUR LIFE INTO LITERATURE: A SEMINAR ON PERSONAL STORY WRITING

How many times have you said, “I ought to write down some of the things that have happened in my life”? Well, here is your nudge.

Jim Chatham, a Presbyterian pastor who has been writing personal stories for years, now works with seminar groups to encourage them to do the same. He has devised several ways to motivate and guide people like you. The purpose is not at all to evaluate your writing. The purpose is to energize you, to get you started and keep you moving. The goal is for you to produce a collection of the best stories you remember, tales that peoples who come after you will someday find fascinating.

This is not a class in journaling or autobiography; those involve longer accounts. This class is about story writing. A story is a narrative about something that happened, 750 words or fewer in this case. Participants will learn, write, read, listen to one another and respond. It’s intimidating at first, then exhilarating!

Begin now creating real “treasure in your will.”

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**DATES:** Tuesdays—April 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2008

**PLACE:** New Hope Presbyterian Church  
3070 Sweeten Creek Road  
Asheville, NC 28803

**COST:** \$50.00 (All proceeds go to the NHPC scholarship fund for the Summer Performing Arts Camp.)

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