

SCOTS-IRISH LECTURE SCHEDULED

As its beginning series for its future 200th anniversary events in 2018, Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, will host a special lecture by Billy Kennedy from Belfast, Ireland—a well known journalist, lecturer, and author of the Scots-Irish Chronicles—on **Sunday evening, October 9, 2016, at 7:00 in the church's Fellowship Hall**. Among his many books is his *The Scots-Irish in the Hills of Tennessee*. **The lecture is free and open to the public!** He will discuss the history of the Scots-Irish role in the development of the United States. [church address: 2829 Kingston Pike. Contact phone (865)693-1980.

Mr. Kennedy has done extensive research for years on the history of the Scots who transplanted themselves from Scotland to Ulster, Ireland, in the 1600s in search of economic opportunity and religious freedom. After years of struggle, they succeeded in farming and in the wool and linen industries but continued to experience discrimination for their Presbyterian faith. By the early 1700s, they began another move—to the English colonies in North America.

In America they referred to themselves as Scots-Irish to distinguish their people from others from the British Isles. They brought with them their farming and trade skills, their dedication to education, their Presbyterian ways, and a fierce independent spirit which became an effective force in the American Revolution and the settlement of America, especially in the frontier wilderness of the late 1700s.

Second Presbyterian Church is pleased to host Mr. Kennedy in recognition of the contributions the Scots-Irish have made in the settlement of what is now East Tennessee, in their support of the Revolution and the new United States, in their creation of the colleges that became the University of Tennessee and Maryville College, in the establishment of Presbyterian Churches in the area, including the first two Presbyterian Churches in Knoxville—First and Second Presbyterian Churches.