

## Intinction

"Intinction" is the medieval Catholic practice of dipping bread in the cup (fruit of the vine) as part of a church's observation of the Lord's Supper. Apparently this ritual has gained favor in a number of PCA churches, particularly some of our newer church plants. The Book of Church Order (BCO) implies that communion is to be observed in such a way that would clearly forbid this practice but the BCO does not specifically name the practice (of Intinction) as forbidden. The GA debated the issue at great length and by a narrow vote approved an overture (over the recommendation of the Overtures committee) that we tighten up the language of the BCO and exclude Intinction. This change will have to be approved by our presbyteries to go into effect. This is an example of a check and balance between the courts.

## Paedo-communion

Paedo Communion or Infant Communion is not allowed within the PCA because scripture teaches that "a man should examine himself" before partaking of the sacrament. The Review of Presbytery Records Committee noted (and the GA agreed) that at least two presbyteries are allowing the practice of (very) young children to observe communion. The Presbyteries in question vigorously disagreed but in each case the General Assembly noted the irregularity and asked the presbytery to take corrective action itself on the matter. This is another example of courts respecting the role that each plays. A notation of irregularity is a mild censure that warrants a formal response from the lower court. Presbyteries also examine the records of each local session.

## National Association of Evangelicals

There is a growing concern that the PCA's involvement in the NAE is compromising our Gospel imperative by violating our belief in the "spirituality of the church." The PCA's Stated Clerk is currently serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NAE and the PCA has tremendous influence within the organization. The concern expressed is that the NAE is shifting from traditional biblical cultural causes like opposition to abortion and gay marriage and is increasing becoming involved with social gospel issues. The GA resolved to stay within the NAE but study our involvement and future relationship. As many evangelicals know it is very difficult to be connected to other denominations and movements and maintain theological confidence in the whole.

## Insider Movements

The PCA overwhelmingly approved the first report from a stellar study committee (chaired by Dr David Garner of Westminster Seminary), on "insider movements." Simply stated this movement is a tendency within certain mission organizations that are involved in bible translations to "over contextualize" within non Christian cultures. So that in Islamic cultures the names of God are stripped of the familial names ("son" of God, God the "father") and Islamic friendly notions and names of God are substituted. Needless to say the PCA has recognized this as both dangerous and antithetical to the Gospel.

It's a real privilege to represent the Session and the people of Second Church at the 40<sup>th</sup> GA. I believe that we should still have the highest regard for the PCA but increasingly we need to be circumspect. I was encouraged by the many new, young confessional voices I heard at this year's GA. Frankly I am proud that our Session and for the most part our Presbytery has wisely guarded our people from theological error, silly spirit of the age trends and the cult of the modern and have fostered a safe biblical place for growth in grace and a love for bible orthodoxy and confessional Presbyterianism.

Faithful to the Scriptures

True to the reformed faith

Obedient to the Great Commission

Your Friend,

*Melba L. Jumbo*

You can find out more information about the PCA and General Assembly at [www.byfaithonline.com](http://www.byfaithonline.com)

Church Administrator

## Upcoming Events

July 1	Churchwide Fellowship Supper
July 3	RUF Summer Meeting
July 4	Church Office Closed
July 4	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
July 4	Church Picnic
July 6	Fun Friday at Riverplace Fountains
July 6	Men's Ministry-Drive Game
July 7	WIC Shower for Laura Lee Starkey
July 9	Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
July 10-11	WIC Circles 1-4; 6 (Circle 5 will not meet)
July 10	RUF Summer Meeting
July 15	The Lord's Supper at the morning services
July 17-20	Richmond Hill, GA Mission Trip
July 20	Fun Friday at Greenville Zoo
July 22	Evangelism/Church Growth Committee Meeting
July 23-27	Jr. High Ridge Haven Retreat
July 25	CE Committee Meeting
July 27	WIC Game Night & Pool Party
July 28	Calvary Presbytery
July 29	Hymn Sing

## Church Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th.

## Reformed University Fellowship

Summer 2012 (May 29 - July 10)  
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Second Presbyterian Church  
**REMINDER: Sixth meeting Tuesday, July 3—7:00 pm**

## Church Picnic - July 4, 2012 - 6:00 pm until



Eating Good Food \* Enjoying great fellowship  
Singing \* Old Fashioned Games for all  
(Stick around for fireworks from County Square.)

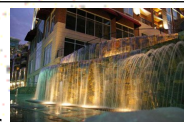
Meal will be provided at regular Wednesday night costs.  
Following a time of fellowship, singing, and games  
there will be an Ice Cream Social provided by the Deacons.  
Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fireworks from  
County Square at 9:00 PM:

Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, July 4th, rain or shine!

## Fun Friday for Second Pres. Kids

SPC Nursery Kids and their moms please come out to play....  
2nd Play date-Friday, July 6  
at Riverplace Fountains @ 10:00 am

Meet at the water area, which is just outside the lower portion of the Hampton Inn. We may picnic at Falls Park afterwards and/or get ice cream at Spill the Beans....Casual...No RSVP...Just show up...Older siblings are welcome too....Questions? Call Rebekah Johnson (430-3408)  
Address: (Just down from the Wyche Pavillion)  
Future dates are posted throughout the church/Direction sheets at nursery desk.



## Men's Ministry

Greenville Drive vs. Rome Braves (ATL)  
Friday, July 6, 7:00 pm  
Tickets are \$7.00 per person (advanced purchase)  
Make check payable to Bill Hedgpeth no later than Wednesday, June 27th.  
This men's event is open to families.



IT'S A BOY

## WIC Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a WIC Baby Shower for  
**Laura Lee Starkey**  
Saturday, July 7, 2012  
10:30 am - 12:00 noon  
Church Fellowship Hall  
Laura Lee is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Babies "R Us



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## Second Presbyterian Marriage Retreat

Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC  
August 17-18, 2012  
Conference Speaker: **Dr. Derek Thomas**  
Minister of Preaching and Teaching, First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC  
\$189.00 per couple  
(includes lodging, Friday evening dinner and Saturday morning breakfast)  
**\$50.00 reservation deposit due June 24th (balance due July 22)**  
Please contact Bill Hedgpeth for details and to reserve your room.

## 2012 VBS Missions Project Challenge

Lian Tombing is one of the missionaries our church supports in Manipur, India. A large part of his ministry is the Covenant Children's Home, which supports children whose parents have been killed due to civil unrest or who have died of AIDS. Presently there are over 500 orphans at the Home with their ages ranging from 5 to 18. It takes \$1.17 a day to provide support for one orphan.

Our VBS Missions Project this year is to see how many days' support we can raise for two of the orphans, an 8 year old boy and a 10 year old girl. We want to challenge each church family to match the average week's offering of one of our VBS students. We will inform you next week of the average offering with the hope that you will match it for the support of these children. Please prayerfully consider taking this challenge!

## Sympathy

We offer our Christian love and sympathy to Joe Martin and his family in the death of Joe's father on Sunday, June 24, 2012. Our prayers are with the Martin family during this time of grief and sadness.

## Thank You

*Christ's love has been shown through you in a powerful way as you have ministered to my family and me since the Lord took Earl home. I have been overwhelmed by your care and concern and many acts of kindness. God hears the prayer of His people on behalf of the one who is grieving and gives strength, grace, peace and comfort. I have experienced that in full and thank you, precious church family. You are such a blessing.*

Love, in Him, Mary Russell  
"We love, because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19



## Church Calendar

### Sunday, July 1

8:30 AM MORNING WORSHIP  
 9:45 AM Children's Chapel  
 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 11:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP  
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel  
 6:00 PM EVENING WORSHIP  
 7:15 PM CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP SUPPER  
 A - J Side Dishes  
 K - Z Main Course  
*Everyone please bring one 2-liter drink.*

### Tuesday, July 3

7:00 PM Summer RUF Meeting

### Wednesday, July 4

**Church Office will be closed.**

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
 5:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
 5:45 PM CHURCH PICNIC

### Friday, July 6

10:00 AM Fun-Friday at Riverplace Fountains  
 12:00 PM Men's Fellowship Lunch and Bible Study  
 6:00 PM Men's Ministry—Greenville Drive Game

### Saturday, July 7

10:30 AM WIC Shower for Laura Lee Starkey

### Follow SPC Missionaries Online

**Elizabeth Johnson:** Casilla #1898, Arequipa, Peru, South America  
 Blog: elizabethjohnsoninperu.blogspot.com  
**Ali Morgan:** MTW Bulgaria found at mtwbg.com  
 Blog: alexandria4sofia.wordpress.com

### Children's Chapel

The Children's Chapel (ages 4 through 6th grade) is meeting in the Chapel at 9:45 am on Sundays while the adults are having Sunday School in the sanctuary. Parents and teachers help us by having your children present and ready to participate each Sunday morning.

**All Adult Summer Sunday School Class**  
**Sunday, July 1, 10:00 am, sanctuary**  
**Jim McCarthy - "A Christian Lifestyle"**

### Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.  
 Also, send them a note of encouragement.  
 Henry and Elizabeth Montgomery  
 564 S. Buckhorn Road  
 Greenville, SC 29609

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**WORSHIP AT SECOND**  
**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**JULY 1, 2012**

MORNING WORSHIP  
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

A PRAYER BENEDICTION  
 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Anthem:  
 Marching To Zion  
 Hymns: 53, 703, 499  
 Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP  
 6:00 PM

ETERNAL COMFORT  
 Isaiah 51:1-8  
 Hymns: 35, 699, 546  
 Psalter: Psalm 137  
 Rev. Seth T. Starkey preaching

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## Letter from the Church Administrator 40th PCA General Assembly Report

This past week your Session sent two "Ruling" Elders (Ken Safford and myself) along with our three ministers or "Teaching" Elders (Rick Phillips, Robert Spears and Seth Starkey) to Louisville, Kentucky as commissioners for the annual meeting of the PCA called "General Assembly." The "GA" is the highest "court" of the church and is hosted each year by a presbytery with cooperation from our Stated Clerk and the PCA "Permanent Committee" for Administration (the PCA doesn't use the word "boards" to describe its governing elected national bodies). This year's gracious host was Ohio Valley Presbytery (a region that includes southern Ohio, parts of Indiana and all of Kentucky). Next year the 41<sup>st</sup> General Assembly will be hosted by our own Calvary Presbytery and will take place in Greenville (June 17-21, 2013) at the TD Convention Center with worship services at the Peace Center. Our church is already greatly involved in its planning as we help host the PCA's national gathering.

**General Assemblies** function in some ways like a national government for the church, while **presbyteries** function in some ways like a state government and **sessions** like local government. Each "court" of the church has clearly delineated "power and authority" and relate to one another through a series of "checks and balances" (like our American government is suppose to do) and because the PCA was formed in reaction to a centralized top down theologically liberal PCUSA it has always emphasized the prerogatives of the local church and presbytery over and against the GA. You will often hear the PCA described as a "grass roots church" or as bottom-up (as oppose to top-down) Presbyterian.

Many things happen at a GA (seminars, promotional meetings, networking) but for the purpose of this letter let me concentrate on the theological issues. Each year presbyteries "overture" General Assembly with specific requests. Sometimes these are pragmatic matters (reorganizing boundary lines, suggested changes to procedures in our "book of church order") other times they are interrogatory (studying a new issue affecting the church) and lastly requests can be polemical in nature (condemn evolution or the "federal vision" teaching, etc). Presbyteries also have their records or "minutes" reviewed to see if each presbytery is following the constitution of the church (Westminster Standards and the Book of Church Order). Overtures and Review of Presbytery Records often result in debate and discussion. This year there were five major theological issues.

### Theistic Evolution

Its hard to even write this but sadly there are a handful of feisty folks in the church that still seek to reconcile the clear biblical record (and confessional affirmation) of the special creation of Adam *ex nihilo* with atheistic materialist science. This year 3 presbyteries asked the denomination to condemn in principle the teaching of theistic evolution in our church and the GA after vigorous debate declined to do so. The reason given by the majority was that the church has already (about a decade ago) done this and the teaching of our confessional standards is clear enough. It was said by those in debate that the better way to "deal with theistic evolution" is to bring specific charges against specific elders, sessions or presbyteries that are teaching this false doctrine.