

Musical CAT Kids

Summer Musical CAT Kids began on Wednesday, May 28. They are meeting weekly from 6:45 until 8:00 pm. If you have children or grandchildren k5 through 6th grade, please allow them to come to Summer Musical CAT Kids each week. Also, if any of you are interested in teaching, helping with crafts, or assisting in any way, please let Allison Detmer know. (864-608-3917)

Activities Cancelled

—The Wednesday night activities for **June 25th** and **July 2nd** have been cancelled.

—There will not be a Men’s Bible Study and Lunch Fellowship the weeks of the **June 27th** and **July 4**.

These cancellations are due to Vacation Bible School week and the annual church picnic on July 4th.

Church Picnic - July 4, 2014



Good Food * Great fellowship
(Bring a lawn chair and stick around for the Greenville fireworks.)

Deacons will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, all the fixings and ice cream. Families are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes and/or desserts.

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

General Assembly

The 42nd PCA General Assembly will be June 17-20 in Houston, Texas. Pastor Phillips, RE Melton L. Duncan, RE David Bragdon, and RE Ken Safford will be attending from our church. You can log on live to the meetings and worship services from the floor of the Assembly by going to www.byfaithonline.com.

INTERNATIONAL™ SPY ACADEMY answers VBS

Ages K4 (completed) – 5th grade

June 23-27, 2014

8:45am-Noon

Synchronize your watches! Decode the clues!
And set you GPS for an amazingly fun time at **International Spy Academy** where you will train to become special agents for the one true God!

Register online at spcgreenville.org.
Call Jill Mann at 895-3351 if you have any questions.

The Rare Jewel
of Christian
Contentment



“The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment” Jeremiah Burroughs

Second Presbyterian Church
All Adult Summer Sunday School, 2014
Sanctuary: 10am

June 8, 2014

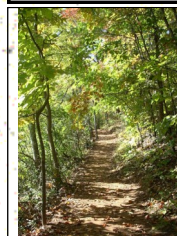
Chapter 2 “The Mystery of Contentment”
Rob Gustafson teaching

If you are interested in purchasing a book to follow along for the summer please leave your name and money in the church office to : Attention: Sunday School. The price of the book is \$8.00. (Make checks payable to SPC.)

Young At Heart

Young At Heart will not meet during the summer months. They will resume their monthly luncheon meetings in September. Watch the Herald for details about the September meeting.

Play Date for Second Pres. Kids



Hiking at Paris Mountain State Park Thursday, June 5th

Meet at 11am at the first parking lot by Lake Placid to the right after paying at the gate (\$5/ adult, \$3 for children 6 and up). **Please note a change in the price of admission.** We will probably have two groups of hikers, one will do the .75 mile lake loop and if there is any interest another group will hike up and back down the Mountain Creek Trail (2.6 miles). Anyone is welcome to bring lunch to picnic beside the lake afterwards. Call Rebekah if you are planning on coming so we don't leave you behind!



NEXT PLAYDATE: Tuesday, June 10 @ 10:30 am
Herdklotz Park for play and picnic

Summer RUF Fellowship

SUMMER RUF

(Tuesdays at 8pm - Second Pres. Sanctuary)
Studying I Peter

Anyone college age in the Greenville area welcome

- June 10 | I Peter 1:13-21 | Brian Habig (Downtown)
- June 17 | I Peter 1:22-2:3 | Tanner Crum (Furman RUF intern)
- June 24 | I Peter 2:4-10 | Justin Kendrick (Grace S'burg)
- July 1 | I Peter 2:11-25 | Tim Udouj (former Furman RUF Minister)
- July 8 | I Peter 3:1-7 | Mark Reed (Mitchell Road)
- July 15 | I Peter 3:8-22 | Rick Phillips (Second Church)
- July 22 | I Peter 4:1-11 | Jake Patton (Downtown)
- July 29 | I Peter 5 | David Ely (new Furman RUF Minister)

true contentment were as easy as keeping quiet outwardly, it would not need much learning." He looks to contentment as a frame of spirit, saying "the contentment of a man or woman who is rightly content does not come so much from outward arguments or from any outward help, as from the disposition of their own hearts. The disposition of their own hearts causes and brings forth this gracious contentment rather than any external thing." And so it goes, through each word or each phrase of the definition.

As I read this week's selection, I was immediately struck by the pastoral tone of Burroughs' writing. I have seen this before in the other works of his that I've read, but it stood out to me afresh as I read *The Rare Jewel*. Though history has recorded the Puritans as being dour and sour and ruthless, the reality was anything but. In this book, Burroughs preaches directly to the hearts and souls of his readers and he does so in a way that is at once sensitive and passionate. He says things like, "If a man is to be free from discontent and worry it is not enough merely not to murmur but you must be active in sanctifying God's name in the affliction." He does not pass over the affliction heartlessly, but still teaches that even through the greatest affliction, the Christian will and must sanctify God's name.

His passion comes out in a passage like this one. Can't you hear him preaching this to his congregation, as he begs them, exhorts them, to submit themselves to the Lord?

But now comes the grace of contentment and sends it under, for to submit is to send under a thing. Now when the soul comes to see its own unruliness-Is the hand of God bringing an affliction and yet my heart is troubled and discontented-What, it says, will you be above God? Is this not God's hand and must your will be regarded more than God's? O under, under! get you under, O soul! Keep under! keep low! keep under God's feet! You are under God's feet, and keep under his feet! Keep under the authority of God, the majesty of God, the sovereignty of God, the power that God has over you! To keep under, that is to submit. The soul can submit to God at the time when it can send itself under the power and authority and sovereignty and dominion that God has over it. That is the sixth point, but even that is not enough. You have not attained this grace of contentment unless the next

point is true of you.

There were several other quotes that stood out to me, often in just a line or two at a time. "When God casts us down, we must be content to lie till God bids us stand up, and God's Spirit enters into us to enable us to stand up." "In his submission he sees his sovereignty, but what makes him take pleasure is God's wisdom." "In contentment there is a compound of all graces, if the contentment is spiritual, if it is truly Christian." And this one, slightly longer: "Now Christian quietness is opposed to all these things. When affliction comes, whatever it is, you do not murmur; though you feel it, though you make your cry to God, though you desire to be delivered, and seek it by all good means, yet you do not murmur or repine, you do not fret or vex yourself, there is not a tumultuousness of spirit in you, not an instability, there are not distracting fears in your hearts, no sinking discouragements, no unworthy shifts, no risings in rebellion against God in any way! This is quietness of spirit under an affliction, and that is the second thing, when the soul is so far able to bear an affliction as to keep quiet under it."

All-in-all, chapter one was already been very encouraging to me and I'm sure we've found here a classic book that has a lot to teach anyone who takes the time to read it. I'm glad that so many of you have chosen to read it with me. Let's press on!

"Study notes" taken from a news article written by reformed blogger Tim Challies (Challies.com).



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Morning Worship - 8:30 and 11:00 AM * Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Supper - 5:45 PM * Prayer Meeting and Bible Study - 6:45 PM

At the Corner of River and Rhett

News reports have gone back and forth about whether or not Sudan will release our sister in Christ, Mariam Yahya Ibrahim. What's not up for dispute is that Mariam, who just gave birth in prison chains, is condemned to die for "apostasy," that is violating Sharia law by becoming a Christian. She's also charged with "adultery," because her marriage to a Christian man isn't recognized. As we pray for her, I'd like us to reflect on what we see in her.

Mariam's husband tells the press that she refused, despite all she has been through, to renounce the name of Jesus. For her, her freedom, even her life, is not worth tossing aside her allegiance to the Lord Christ. In this, Mariam is a true daughter of Sarah. The Apostle Peter commends such as those who do not "fear anything that is frightening" (1 Pet. 3:7).

And that's just the point.

Mariam is a living picture of Jesus keeping his promise made to us at Caesarea Philippi. Jesus said that he would build his church, and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. And sure enough. Nero Caesar couldn't kill the church. Josef Stalin couldn't kill the church. Even now, Sudanese tyrants and Chinese despots can't eradicate this church.

Whatever the Sudanese authorities do, they won't be able to stop Mariam from overcoming. Whatever their charges, she is justified before God. If they kill her, she is resurrected in Christ. They may terrorize her, but it seems this brave mother can hear another voice behind theirs, one that says, "Be not afraid."

May we hear that voice, too.

By Russell Moore
President Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

This article appeared at Russellmoore.com and has been lightly edited.

-The Editor



Social Media Highlights

Dr. Harry Reeder
Senior Pastor Briarwood PCA on Sanctification

Is there misunderstanding about Sanctification within the PCA and the broader Reformed community?

"Yes I believe there is misunderstanding, particularly in the right relationship with Sanctification and Justification. Or as Augustus Toplady writes that the Gospel is the glorious message that we are delivered from sin's "guilt and power." Having said that, this battle for Gospel preaching which affirms the free redeeming grace of God in calling, regeneration and justification has had to be secured and proclaimed in every generation, not just ours."

Which is the greater threat to the church in our time, legalism or antinomianism?

"At the moment the greater threat is antinomianism because of the accepted contemporary strategy of combatting legalism, which must be combated, has been a preaching of the Gospel which has intentionally embraced all the marks of antinomianism. It is important that both antinomianism (libertinism) and legalism be addressed and eradicated in our Gospel preaching with equal fervor. If our preaching against legalism is done by affirming an incipient antinomianism then the next generation will return to legalism as an inevitable pendulum response to our generation's strategy of eradicating legalism either carelessly and/or intentionally by promoting antinomianism."

Read more at GospelReformation.Net



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WORSHIP AT SECOND THE LORD'S DAY

June 8, 2014

MORNING WORSHIP
8:30 & 11:00 AM

THE GLORIOUS PLAN OF GOD

Ephesians 1:11-13

Hymns: 75, 523, 598

Anthem: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP
6:00 PM

OUTSIDE THE CAMP

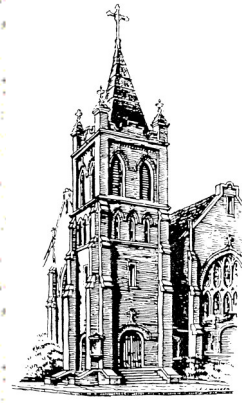
Hebrews 13:9-14

Hymns: 286, 242, 261

Psalter: Psalm 50 (verses 7-15)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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Letter from the Sunday School Superintendent:

A Little More on *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*

We had a rousing start to our "Summer with a Puritan" series ably taught this week by Scott Cook. The next 3 weeks we will enjoy hearing Rob Gustafson lead us through chapters 2-4 in our book. Additional copies will be available for purchase this Sunday (\$8 cash or write check to SPC). Here are the "study notes" I referenced to you from reformed blogger Tim Challies (Challies.com). Tim has graciously given us permission to make this available to you in our newsletter and as a handout.



In the book's first chapter Burroughs begins with Philippians 4:11 and seeks "to show what a great mystery there is in Christian contentment, and how many distinct lessons there are to be learned, that we may come to attain this heavenly disposition, to which St. Paul attained." He demonstrates four things: what Christian contentment is, the art and mystery of it, what lessons must be learned to bring the heart to contentment, and in what qualities the glorious excellence of this grace chiefly consists.

Burroughs defines contentment in this way: *Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.* The bulk of the chapter is a point-by-point explanation of this definition. For example, he looks to the inward quality of contentment, saying that "if the attainment of