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Rev. Dr. Richard Phillips preaching
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Jeremiah 25:1–14

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Mr. Brendon Branigin preaching
Your Word is Truth
John 17:14–17

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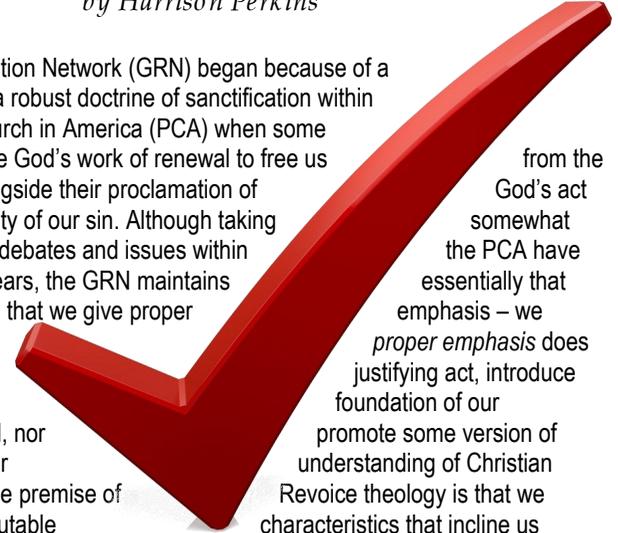
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APPLYING the GRN National Conference's Proceedings

(continued from the previous edition of the West End Herald)

by Harrison Perkins

The Gospel Reformation Network (GRN) began because of a concern to promote a robust doctrine of sanctification within the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) when some were failing to include God's work of renewal to free us from the power of our sin alongside their proclamation of God's act of forgiving the penalty of our sin. Although taking somewhat different form as the debates and issues within the PCA have morphed in recent years, the GRN maintains essentially that same concern to see that we give proper emphasis – we should note that *proper emphasis* does not diminish God's justifying act, introduce our works into the relationship with God, nor the foundation of our holiness. After all, one premise of Revoice theology is that we potentially have immutable characteristics that incline us toward particular sins, which not even God can remove from us in his renewing work. This post's look at the various lectures then, especially considering that those lectures are preserved to hear and watch again, seeks to draw more specific connections between the conference addresses and these issues facing the PCA.



David Strain provided a theologically powerful but also pastorally moving exploration of God's work of sanctifying believers increasingly into Christ's likeness. The focus on God as the source of our sanctification reminds us that our renewal is not restricted to what human ability could attain but is open to whatever God can achieve by working for and in us. Further, reflecting on 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 throughout this lecture, sanctification's scope as being "completely"

worked so that we are “blameless” at the day of Christ Jesus means that we should expect God’s renewing work to penetrate to our deepest selves, including desires and orientations that may have seemed foundational to our former identities. The exact point, however, is that God’s work of new birth and sanctification is all about authoring a *new identity* for us, one grounded in belonging to Christ. That completion will not happen in this life, but we trust that God will surely do it and that we will see significant progress in that identity as a new man in Christ Jesus. Our debates about whether God can change a person’s sexual orientation and accompanying desires reveal that some have a pessimistic and defeatist view of God’s renewing work far more focused on the practice of specific deeds, in oddly pietistic fashion, rather than on God’s gracious renovation of our character.

Jon Payne exhorted us with the need to pastor with holy courage and gospel confidence, namely urging us not to give ground to recent revisionist and progressive trends that are making inroads into the PCA, such as side B gay Christianity and “woke” theology. The application of this admonition is already direct, so requires no teasing out to see the connections. The stance which Payne pressed us to maintain, however, is as encouraging as it is arresting. Debates like those we are having over cultural matters easily provoke us to double down on our own cultural preferences, resulting in another version of the deficient transformationalism driving the progressive agendas. Payne’s exhortation unto holy courage and gospel confidence, however, reminds us that the effects of belonging to Jesus, namely being a new creation, are matters of first importance. Christ’s resurrection produces a change in his elect, making a lack of renewal a denial of that first principle of the gospel: Christ risen from the grave triumphant over death and its effects. Further, we are not culture warriors simply on the other side of the aisle from those who are arguing for positions we find outside the bounds of our confession but those called to trust that the gospel and Christ’s means of grace are enough to achieve God’s purposes without needing to accommodate to the culture to obtain some standing we supposedly need to accomplish goals other than those outlined for the church in Scripture.



Harry Reeder reflected upon his forty years of PCA ministry, sharing stories that shaped him in his pastoral character and convictions that guide his practice. He emphasized the need to steward all that God gives us, including our upbringing and whatever it contributes to who we are as well as to commit to proclaiming what God has given us in his Word as the constitution for faithful doctrine and life as his church. The payoff for our moment as the PCA is to recover a sense of value for the denomination we have historically been, including our witness to traditional Christian values alongside a winsome confessionalism.

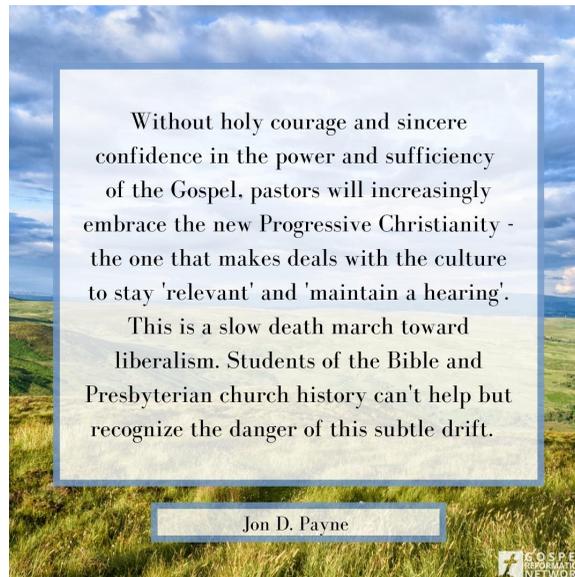
Ian Hamilton shared insights about the history of the Church of Scotland, drawing connections to the approach with which evangelicals within it acted concerning more recent controversies that arguably allowed it to drift to where it is today. The main upshot from Hamilton’s observations as a firsthand participant in some of those debates is that too often evangelicals long for cultural prominence, so tolerate too much until it is too late, leaving the church without prominence or relevance. In our day, the PCA seems to be at a moment wherein many want to hold to culturally palatable stances concerning some of society’s most contested problems, especially issues around LGBTQ+ topics. The Church of Scotland’s acceptance of these practices – and we might add other progressive denominations like the PCUSA – has roots in decisions from previous generations where confessionalists remained too passive and accepting regarding problems developing in the church. Confessionalists in the PCA should learn from that history to see that cultural accommodation and passive compromise of our theological heritage is not the route to societal significance but the path to irrelevance.



From start to finish, the lectures from the GRN National Conference 2022 describe the shape of belonging to Jesus at the individual and corporate level. The gospel and Christ’s work for and in us is not defined by who we are and the bounds of how far God might be able to change us but by who Christ is and the extent of the power of his resurrection life that he grants to his people by faith.

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May and June Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

- May 25 Edward Enggasser, Lydia Phillips, Ethan Russell
- May 26 David Janssen, John King, Josh Seawright
- May 27 Noah McConnell, Jack Van Steenburgh
- May 28 Carl Hu
- May 29 Monique Al-Rawi, Amanda Van Steenburgh
- May 30 Roger Lusk, Mike Uhall
- May 31 Laura Lizak
- June 1 Christy Strickland
- June 2 Opal Maralit
- June 3 Donna Przirembel, David Slayton
- June 4 Marne Hall
- June 5 J. D. Cancino, Brooke Early, Fitz King, Amy Plourde
- June 6 Ava Everett, Helen Kee, Philip Larson, Fred Taylor, Sean McGaughran, Providence Mobley, Owen Reese
- June 7 Tim Johnson, Hunter Leigh
- June 8 Christa Pomerlyan
- June 9 Christina Love, Emily Weaver
- June 10 Molly Bulla
- June 11 Levi Mobley, Sandra Wills
- June 12 Linda Bragdon, Judy Pitts
- June 14 Meredith Altman, Jack Shuford, Benjamin Welch
- June 15 Nathan Sasser
- June 16 Daria Janssen, Debra Lusk, Ron Mahon
- June 18 Charlie Gray, Lyndsay Senn
- June 19 Judy Chen, Lucille Lindsay
- June 20 Dot Dillard, Hugh Player, Eowyn Spell
- June 21 Iris Dillard, Nate Johnson, Don Welker
- June 22 Renee Cancino

Housing Need

Two members of Christ Ridge PCA, Fort Mill, SC, will be attending Greenville Technical College in the Fall. They are in need of housing close to the college. They will be attending church here on Wednesday evenings as they are able. If you know of affordable housing, please contact the church office.

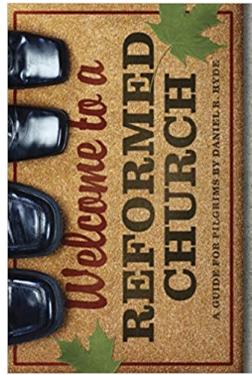


SUMMER

All Adult Sunday School

10:00 A.M. in the Gym

*Welcome to a Reformed Church:
A Guide for Pilgrims* by Danny Hyde



Cost

Paperback: \$10 (pay online or use envelope at SPC Bookstore)

Introduction

In layman's terms, Rev. Hyde sketches the historical roots of the Reformed churches, their scriptural and confessional basis, their key beliefs, and the ways in which those beliefs are put into practice. The result is a roadmap for those encountering the Reformed world for the first time and a primer for those who want to know more about their Reformed heritage.

Schedule

Date	Chapter Title
5/25 Wednesday	An Introduction to All Adult Study
5/29 Sunday ↓	Confessions: Doctrinal Foundations
6/5	Scripture: The Final Authority
6/12	Covenant: God's Story
6/19	Justification: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone
6/26	Sanctification: The Christian Life
7/3	Church: Distinguishing Marks
7/10	Worship: Of God, by God, for God
7/17	Preaching and Sacraments: Means of Grace

Fall Sunday School Previews:

7/24	Westminster Sunday School Class
7/31	College & Young Adults Sunday School Class
8/7	ACTS Sunday School Class
8/14	Fellowship Sunday School Class
8/21	Chapel Sunday School Class

Missionary of the Week



William Castro, pastor



Emmanuel Upstate is a new reformed, bilingual and multi-ethnic church in the upstate of South Carolina, established for the glory of God. Located in Taylors down the street from Paris Elementary School and Sevier Middle School, Emmanuel Upstate focuses on fulfilling the Great Commission given by Christ to his disciples, welcoming all ethnic groups to worship Christ together. They have Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. and a bilingual service at 11:00 A.M. each week.

Purpose: to glorify the Triune God to whom we are reconciled by Grace through faith in Christ alone.

Mission: to bear witness to Christ and make disciples for Him from all people with *no distinction*, to be part of His body. (Acts 15:9)

Method: to reflect the three marks of the church (Preaching of the word, the right administration of the Sacraments, exercising church discipline when needed) using the Ordinary Means of Grace, including the Word, Sacraments, and Prayer all for the gathering, discipling and perfecting of the saints.

Vision: to be a covenantal, multi-generational congregation of people from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds, with a common desire to worship the Triune God in the historic, reformed, and confessional manner, who will strive to be an example of the Grace of God by breaking through cultural and ethnic barriers.

ACTS Community Spring Social

Date: Saturday, June 4

Time: 2:00 P.M.– 7:00 P.M.

Place: Home of Jacob and Carrie Gamble

Dinner will be served and all are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. This is an event for the entire family and the pool will be open.

Bridal Shower for Grace (Schvaneveldt) Harry



Date: June 4 at 10:00 A.M.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Registry: Target, Amazon

Men's Bible Studies

The last day for Friday Men's Lunch/Bible Study is May 27.

The Monday Men's Bible Study at 6:30 A.M. will continue throughout the summer.

Men's Summer Study will meet on Wednesdays at 6:45 P.M. beginning June 1st. We will be studying *Lies Men Believe And The Truth That Sets Them Free* by Robert Wolgemuth. See Kevin Mobley for details.

Musical Cat Kids



Musical activities will be provided for the children (K4 to sixth grade) of Second Church throughout the summer months, with a break for Vacation Bible School on July 13. This will be the only activity for the children of our church offered on Wednesday evenings this summer so if your children are not involved, they will need to accompany you to the prayer meeting. If you have any questions, please see Verlyn Smoker.

Church Calendar

spcgreenville.org/calendar

Sunday, May 29

8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
 9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel
 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL (All Adults in Gym)
 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (Chapel)
 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP

Monday, May 30

Church Offices Closed



Tuesday, May 31

10:30 A.M. Moms/Children Playdate

Wednesday, June 1

5:15 P.M. WIC Council (Conference Room)
 5:30 P.M. FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
 6:45 P.M. Musical CAT Kids/Covenant Kids
 6:45 P.M. Missions Moment
 7:00 P.M. Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
 7:00 P.M. ADULT PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE STUDY
 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 2

6:30 P.M. Mission to Main Street

Saturday, June 4

10:00 A.M. Grace (Schvaneveldt) Harry Bridal Shower (Fell. Hall)
 7:00 P.M. English Country Dancing (Gym)

Backpack Blessings

We have been asked again by Augusta Circle Elementary School to provide food for backpacks for children who may not have proper meals when they are not at school. The need is for soup, beans, or pasta dishes, or other items children could prepare for themselves. Since the last school day for Augusta Circle is June 3, please leave any items in the gym or church office by May 29. You may contact Cyndi Player at (864) 483-4644 with any questions.

Upcoming Events

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May 25	Summer Musical CAT Kids begins
May 29	All Adult Summer Sunday School begins
June 4	Grace Schvaneveldt bridal shower
June 13	Grief Group
June 13-18	Sr. High Beach Trip
June 21-24	PCA General Assembly (Birmingham, AL)
July 4	Church Picnic
July 11-15	Vacation Bible School
July 25-29	Jr. High Ridge Haven Trip
August 28	Rally Day
August 31	CAT Kids/Covenant Kids begin
September 11	Membership Class begins

Playdates for Moms/Children

Tuesday mornings
 10:30-12:00

From May 22 to August 9

At the SPC Nursery

Need more info?

Contact Hope Strevel 770-712-6499



The flowers are placed in our sanctuary this Lord's Day to the glory of God and in loving memory of our four members who have gone to be with the Lord this spring:
Beverly Burch, Eloise Bowers, Carole Gibson, Alma Palmer
by WIC Circle 5 To God be the glory!

Remembering Our Shut-ins

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in, sending a note of encouragement:

Gail Whigham

15 Arezzo Drive, Greenville, SC 29609

6TH COMMANDMENT

Because of God's image in man, man's person is sacred. Life comes from God and we have no right to interfere with His possession. Our neighbor is of the same image and flesh as we are, therefore his life should be as sacred as our own.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday: Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
 Morning Worship 8:30/11:00 A.M.
 Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday: Supper 5:30 P.M.
 Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.
 Adult Bible Study 7:25 P.M.