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A Guide for Prayer

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51st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America June 11–14, 2024, Richmond, Virginia

- ◆ Pray that the Commissioners (over 1,600 are registered to attend) will have an ear only to the Word of Christ, as delivered in the Scriptures, as the rule for settling all substantial matters before the General Assembly (GA); that they will exercise prudence and good sense in all matters merely circumstantial; and that they will have the wisdom to so distinguish among the matters before the GA.
- ◆ Pray also that the Commissioners will engage in debate with a sense of fair play, integrity and charity, and that they will be so moved by the Spirit of God, as to put aside selfishness, pride or party spirit, in order to glorify Christ in His Church and edify His people; pray that in times of work, worship & fellowship, the bonds of love & unity among our Elders would be strengthened; pray that Pastors who come in discouragement would be heartened & encouraged to be faithful in their labor.
- ◆ Pray for the Moderator (and his assistants); the Stated Clerk; the Parliamentarians; and the office staff.
- ◆ Pray for your Elders' faithful participation in the work of the Assembly and pray for the Lord's blessing upon the ministry of the Word in the worship services and in the seminars provided throughout the week.

MONDAY

- ◆ Committees of Commissioners meet: pray for wisdom as they frame recommendations on all the business coming before the Assembly, as well as review the records of all the Permanent Committees and Agencies from the last year; pray especially for the Overtures Committee, as it must prepare recommendations on 29 of the 35 Overtures before the GA!

TUESDAY

- ◆ Committees of Commissioners continue if needed.
- ◆ 6:30 P.M.—Opening worship service. Pray for the Lord's blessing upon the means of grace, particularly the retiring moderator's closing address.

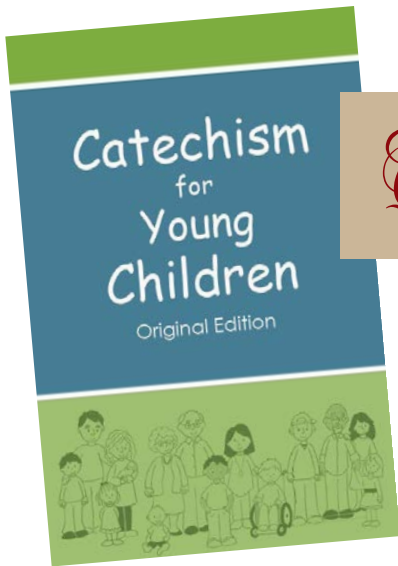
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Daniel & Courtney Hightower



A native of Alabama, Daniel came to Clemson having served at Jacksonville State University since 2017. Before joining the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) staff, he served as an Assistant Pastor in Ft Payne, AL. Daniel is a graduate of Troy University, where he met his wife, Courtney. Married since 2009, the Hightowers have four children: Naomi (2013), twins Rebekah and Cole (2016), and Sam (2020).

RUF is a campus ministry at Clemson University where every student is invited to encounter Jesus, explore faith, experience life-change, enjoy community, and engage in the mission of God in this world. ♦



Question 83:

What does the second commandment teach us?

Answer:

To worship God in a proper manner, and to avoid idolatry.

The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children. Psalm 103:17

As you come to church week after week, you learn to worship the true and only God. You learn to worship God as He wants you to worship Him. You learn to worship through the reading and preaching of His Word, through singing and prayer, through watching a baptism, and through observing or taking part in the Lord's Supper. Learn to worship God because you *want* to worship Him and not because someone makes you go to church. God will bless the children and grandchildren of those who love Him and keep His commandments. ♦



from *Training Hearts, Teaching Minds*, Starr Meade



at the corner of

River & Rhett

Hannah Perry/Ross Martin Shower *Saturday, June 1, 2024*



Vacation Bible School

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, it's time to embark on a Medieval Adventure and discover who we are as Kingdom Kids. Join us July 8–12 from 9:00 A.M.–noon in the Royal Castle as we learn about our Identity in Christ. All princes and princesses who have completed K4 through Grade 6 are invited on this Royal Adventure. Please register at spcgreenville.org/signup. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact Caroline Mobley at (864) 775-0487. Please register by June 30 at spcgreenville.org/signup. ♦



9 Christina Love, Tim Shiou,
Emily Weaver

10 Molly Bulla

11 Levi Mobley, Sandra Wills

12 Linda Bragdon, Judy Pitts

14 Jack Shuford, Meredith Smith, Benjamin Welch

15 Anna Johnson, Nathan Sasser



June Birthdays



This Week

MORNING SERMON

Dr. Richard D. Phillips

JESUS STOPPED

Mark 10:46–52

EVENING SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey M. Early

NO REST FOR THE WICKED

Amos 6:1–14

Sunday, June 9

- 8:30 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 9:55 A.M. Children's Chapel (*Sanctuary*)
- 10:00 A.M. Sunday School (*Adults in Gym*)
- 11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
- 500 P.M. Finance Committee (*Conference Room*)
- 5:30 P.M. Season of Prayer (*Chapel*)
- 6:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP

Monday, June 10

- 6:30 P.M. Men's Bible Study (*Fellowship Hall*)

Tuesday, June 11

- 7:00 P.M. WIC Circle 4 (*L. Martin Home*)

Wednesday, June 12

- 5:30 P.M. Missions Committee (*Conference Room*)
- 5:30 P.M. FAMILY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP SUPPER (*Gym*)
- 6:30 P.M. Covenant Choir (Grades 1–6)
- 6:30 P.M. Missions Moment (*Gym*)
- 6:45 P.M. Hope Choir (Ages 4–6)
- 6:45 P.M. Women's Bible Study (*Gym*)
- 6:45 P.M. Jr. & Sr. High Bible Studies
- 6:45 P.M. Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

Thursday, June 13

- 6:30 P.M. Mission to Main

Friday, June 14

- 12:00 P.M. Men's Luncheon/Bible Study (*Gym*)

Upcoming Events

spcgreenville.org/calendar

June 10-14	PCA General Assembly (Johnson City, TN)
June 24-29	Sr. High Conference (Pawleys Island, SC)
June 30	Ice Cream Social
July 4	Church Picnic
July 8-12	Vacation Bible School
July 22-26	Jr. High Conference (Ridge Haven, NC)

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- ◆ 8:10 P.M.—First business session convenes. Pray for the election of the new moderator: that he would be wise, fair, firm and good-humored in leading the Assembly through the week.
- ◆ Report of Stated Clerk—pray for Stated Clerk Dr. Bryan Chapell, and all the fine folks who help to keep the Assembly up and running.
- ◆ Report of Cooperative Ministries Committee—pray for the members of the committee as they seek to foster cooperative ministry among GA Committees and Agencies and provide a forum for resolving issues of inter-agency conflict.
- ◆ Report of Committee on Constitutional Business—pray for the Committee, that they advise accurately and wisely on any disputed questions during the Assembly.
- ◆ Report of Theological Examining Committee—pray for care & faithfulness in their work of examining GA-nominated officers.

WEDNESDAY

- ◆ Report of Committee on Presbytery Records—give thanks for the committee members who regularly undertake the challenging task of reviewing all presbytery records for Constitutional conformity; pray that the commissioners will consider with care this very important part of the Assembly's oversight responsibility.
- ◆ Report of Committee on Interchurch Relations—pray for the members of the permanent committee; that the presentations from delegates other denominations will be edifying; and pray especially for a Reformed & Presbyterian unity throughout the world that does not violate the Church's calling to be a pillar and support of the truth.

- ◆ Report of Committee on Covenant Theological Seminary—pray for the Seminary, its President Dr. Thomas C. Gibbs; and for the continued faithfulness of the faculty, the Board of Trustees & the students.
- ◆ Report of the Board of Directors of Geneva Benefits—pray for the President, TE Ed Dunnington, the staff, and the Board of Directors, that they be wise stewards of the various insurance plans they administer, as well as of the investments made on behalf of the PCA; and for the prosperity of the retired ministers and widows relief fund.
- ◆ Report of the Committee on Reformed University Fellowship—pray for RE Will Huss, Coordinator; the members of the permanent committee; and for the work of RUF ministers in 182 campuses across the globe.
- ◆ Report of Committee on Mission to North America—pray for Coordinator TE Irwyn L. Ince, Jr.; for the staff, and the members of the permanent committee; for capable men to plant churches; for church planting, particularly among those from other cultures; for PCA Chaplains; and for wisdom in the adjustment of presbyteries.
- ◆ Report of Committee on Covenant College—pray for the College, its retiring President Dr. J. Derek Halvorson (the 6th president of the college, having served for 11 years, the third longest serving president in the history of the college) and for the search for a new President; for the faculty, the Board of Trustees & the students.
- ◆ Report of Committee on Mission to the World—give thanks for and pray on behalf of Coordinator Dr. Lloyd Kim; pray for the staff, and the permanent committee; and pray for our missionaries throughout the world. To that end see: <https://www.mtw.org/pray>
- ◆ Report of Committee on Ridge Haven—pray for TE Cameron Anderson, Executive Director, the board of directors and the new camping season, especially that the children attending would come to know Christ or be further nourished in their faith.
- ◆ Report of Standing Judicial Commission—pray for the members of the SJC, that they would have a love for justice in the administration of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and for the glory of the Lord & the upbuilding of the Body; pray for the Lord's blessing upon the SJC's work in completing the cases pending and in the cases adjudicated this year; that the parties involved will receive the decision of the Court with humility & grace, that there will be repentance where there is sin, understanding where there is hardness of heart, and restoration among brothers and sisters who are divided.

Announcements

All-Adult Summer Sunday School

All adults will meet in the Gym at 10:00 A.M. this summer for a book study of *The Heart of Christ* by Thomas Goodwin. Several men from the pastoral staff will be teaching the lessons throughout the summer. More books have been ordered and will be available for purchase (\$5) at the church bookstore.

New Covenant Child

Congratulations to Daniel and Hope Strevel on the birth of their third son, Luke Aaron Strevel. Luke was born on June 2, weighed 8 lb., 11 oz., and joins brothers Eric and Emmett at home!

Baptism Sundays

The next Baptism Sundays will be June 23 and July 28. If you would like to schedule your child's baptism, please contact the church office.

A Time to Build Update

The membership has been asked to prayerfully consider pledging and giving to *A Time To Build* Campaign this summer. A summary of the information about our new building plans are available at spcgreenville.org/A Time To Build. The officers of this church are asking you to give an offering beyond your regular tithe. The asking that has been suggested is that for some of you to double your giving for each of the next three years. Some are able to give beyond that. One-time gifts may be made at any time. Pledges are due by the end of the summer. Both can be done in-person or online.



SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To Date: June 4, 2024

Number of Pledges	Amount Pledged	Amount Given
31	\$826,390	\$150,008
Total Amount for Phase I:		\$14,000,000

THURSDAY

- ◆ Report of Committee on PCA Foundation—pray for President RE Timothy W. Townsend; the staff, and the Board of Directors; for the fruitfulness of their fine work in the management & distribution of assets for the cause of Christ; and for faithful stewardship across the PCA.
- ◆ Report of Committee on Discipleship Ministries—pray for Coordinator Dr. Stephen Estock, the staff, and the permanent committee; for an increase in contributions toward the Committee’s calling; and pray for the work of discipleship across our denomination.
- ◆ Report of Administrative Committee—pray for Dr. Bryan Chapell, the staff, and the permanent committee; pray for good stewardship in the approval of the budgets; pray particularly for committee efforts to increase RE participation at GA.
- ◆ Report of Committee on Nominations—pray that able and faithful men will be elected; that those elected to office will serve well & that those not elected will not be discouraged; specially pray for those to be elected to the SJC.
- ◆ Report of Overtures Committee—There are 29 Overtures before the OC. Pending are 23 overtures to amend the BCO. There are 14 overtures to amend the Form of Government: 5 to require background checks for church office; 2 to address aspects of a dissolution of a call; to adjust standards for transfers of ordination; to add obedience to the Great Commission to the duties of Sessions; to add care for Teaching Elders to the duties of Presbyteries; to specify ordination for biological males only; to clarify directions for Teaching Elder presbytery membership; to add personal character and family management to the examination of transferring ministers; to regulate how changes in permanent committee and agency policy may be accomplished. There are 7 overtures to amend the Rules of Discipline (ROD): 2 regarding witness eligibility; to allow venue change in judicial cases; to restrict the use of complaints in judicial cases; to propose systematic changes in the ROD; to encourage the use of outside parties for investigations; to expand who may represent accused persons before church courts. There are 2 overtures seeking to grant constitutional authority to an amended BCO 53.
- ◆ A complete listing, as well as the text, of the overtures submitted at the General Assembly can be found at pcaga.org/resources/#overtures.
- ◆ Adjournment, 10:15 p.m.—pray that the Assembly achieves this goal! ◆