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Our Mission

To bring people to Jesus Christ and **membership** in his church family, develop them to Christlike **maturity**, equip them for their **ministry** in the church and life **mission** in the world, in order to **magnify** God's name.

Special Events:

- ◆ August 4—Sister to Sister Lunch
- ◆ August 5—Quarterly Informational Meeting
- ◆ August 5—Class 101
- ◆ August 18—NTCA Playground Re-mulching
- ◆ August 26—State of Church Address

From the Pastor's Desk

Work on the Lord's Day?

By Rev. Freddy Fritz

In last month's column I addressed the issue that Christians should attend worship services every Lord's Day. In this month's column I would like to contend that Christians should not work on the Lord's Day.

The fourth commandment states: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy" (Exodus 20:8-11). There is a barn full of truth contained in these verses, but I simply want to note that God explicitly forbids work on the Sabbath day (which we now call the Lord's Day).

Now, let me hasten to say that "works of necessity and mercy," as the *Westminster Shorter Catechism* puts it, are permissible on the Lord's Day. Thus, for example, it is entirely appropriate for doctors and nurses to work on the Lord's Day. It is entirely appropriate for help to be given to someone who has encountered an unexpected dire emergency.

However, I am concerned that we do not think about how to keep the Lord's Day holy. We are not only careless in our attendance at worship services, but we are careless about working on the Lord's Day.

I am particularly concerned about parents who allow their children to get jobs on the weekends that prevent them from attending worship services. Let me encourage you to read the fourth commandment again. And then ask yourself whether you are obeying the commandment by allowing your child to work on the Lord's Day.

Please take some time to consider this issue. Our culture treats that Lord's Day indifferently. We, as Christians, should not do so.

Sessions News

Following Rev. Fritz's recent sermon (titled "Grape Juice or Wine?"), the Session recently approved the introduction of wine to be served for communion. The Session recognizes that some communicant members do not wish to drink wine. Therefore, we will continue to serve grape juice in addition to serving wine. We plan to begin using wine for communion at the October communion service.

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Please forward articles, ministry reports and calendar items for the next edition of the *Trumpet* to sd_knox@yahoo.com by August 15, 2012.

Thoughts from the Intern (Regarding Monterrey)

By James Nichols

Good Morning! This month, I am going to do a slight detour and talk about the recent Mexico missions trip. For those of you who do not know, Doug Knox, Martine Extermann and I went to Monterrey, Mexico from July 21st to the 28th. We were originally scheduled to go to Ciudad Victoria, but due to violence, we ended up staying in Monterrey and joining a medical missions team that was there. The medical team went to two different churches, one on Monday and Tuesday and the other on Thursday and Friday, to offer free medical consultations and over the counter medicine if necessary. On Wednesday, the team traveled to a nursing home and helped in whatever way that they could. This meant that Doug and I installed lights, gave hand massages, prayed, and repaired a cabinet. Each day began with a devotional time as a team before we went where we were going for the day. We got to eat some amazing food - the cooks are tremendous. We also got to see a lot of Monterrey, which was great. Here are some highlights from the trip.

- Even though this was not the trip that we signed up for, all of us were impacted tremendously and the Lord did amazing things around us. Martine was a special blessing to the medical team, as her expertise was useful more than once, including a leukemia patient.
- While James was reading the Biblical story of Bartimaeus to the children in the waiting room, many of the adults were leaning in to listen to the translator.
- It was a blessing to see how the Lord has provided for the church plants and the MTW office in Monterrey. The story of their purchase of a building is very encouraging and a great example of the Lord's providence and provision.
- The nursing home was such a blessing to us as the medical team. We walked out feeling far more blessed than what we felt like we gave. The patients were kind, loving and appreciative and were such a blessing to us.
- It was very encouraging to see so many medical professionals giving of themselves and their time to serve these people. Medical needs are great and to be a part of a need that helped the physical and to be able to show the patients of their spiritual need as well. God was at work in magnificent ways and it was a blessing to be a part of it as well as to observe it.
- Hospitality is something that was done well in Mexico. I have talked about opening homes, but these people gave so much of what they were and had, and they were always smiling! I was blessed and challenged by this.
- Prayer before, during, and after a missions trip is *essential*. We must be "prayed up," praying, and continuing to pray before, during and after missions trips. You can pray for the people that we met even though you did not go!

Here are the two most important things that I learned:

God is big, powerful, and multicultural and is working all over the world, not just here.

MISSIONS TRIPS ARE TOO MUCH OF A BLESSING AND OPPORTUNITY FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH TO NOT GO ON!!!!!!

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(Excerpts of) ACTIONS OF THE 40TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PCA*

L. Roy Taylor, Stated Clerk

The Fortieth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America met in the Kentucky International Convention Center in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, June 19-21, hosted by Ohio Valley Presbytery. A final total of 1,120 commissioners attended (832 Teaching Elders and 288 Ruling Elders).

Michael F. Ross Elected Moderator

Dr. Michael F. Ross, Pastor of Christ Covenant PCA, Matthews, NC, was elected moderator, after being nominated by Dr. Ligon Duncan, Pastor of First Presbyterian, Jackson, MS. Dr. Ross is a graduate of Ohio State University, Miami University of Ohio (MBA), Columbia Biblical Seminary (M.Div.), and Reformed Theological Seminary (D.Min.). He served as founding pastor of Surfside PCA, Myrtle Beach, SC, and Senior Pastor of Trinity PCA, Jackson, MS, before becoming Senior Pastor of Christ Covenant PCA in 2006. He does adjunct teaching in Pastoral Theology at RTS-Charlotte, NC. Dr. Ross's interests in church planting and church revitalization have been evident throughout his ministry. He and his wife, Jane, have four children. Dr. Ross's fairness and graciousness were evident in his moderating of the Assembly, guiding it through a full docket that included debates on several controversial issues.

BCO Changes

The Assembly **gave final approval** to amend 19-11 to give Presbyteries discretion in repeating any portion of a transferring intern's licensure examination.

- The Assembly **declined to give final approval** to a proposed amendment to 12-4.
- The Assembly **gave initial approval** to proposed amendments to *BCO* and sent them to Presbyteries for a vote. Two thirds of the Presbyteries must approve the proposals before the next Assembly decides the matters (*BCO* 26-2):
 - 19-2, to require applicants for licensure to state differences with the *Westminster Standards*.
 - 58-5 to prohibit the practice of intinction in communion.
 - 20-3; 24-2; 25-4 to allow a Ruling Elder to moderate a congregational meeting of a congregation of which he is not a member.
 - 43-2 to extend the deadline for filing a complaint with the court of original jurisdiction from thirty to sixty days.
 - 43-3 to change the beginning of the time frame for filing a complaint to the next higher court.
 - 42-4 3 to change the beginning of the time frame for filing an appeal.

Overtures

Overtures are requests for action by the General Assembly that have been approved or at least considered by Presbyteries. Forty-four overtures were submitted to this Assembly including actions on:

- **Intinction** (a communicant's dipping bread into a common cup, instead of receiving the bread and cup separately) – the Assembly by a 14-vote margin approved a Minority Report from the Overtures Committee (OC) that the Assembly give initial approval to amend *BCO* 58-5 to prohibit intinction (Overture 30 from Savannah River Presbytery as revised).

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- The **Historicity of Adam and Eve** – the Assembly approved Overture 26 from Potomac Presbytery that the *Westminster Standards* are sufficiently clear on the divine creation of Adam and Eve as historical persons and that an additional declaration by the Assembly is not required.
- **Dissolution of Louisiana Presbytery** – the Assembly approved the request of Louisiana Presbytery that it be dissolved and that its seven churches be transferred to contiguous Presbyteries with new boundaries.

Interchurch Relations

Thirtieth Anniversary of Joining and Receiving of the RPCES and PCA

The year 2012 marked the **Thirtieth Anniversary of the Joining and Receiving** (J&R) of the Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (RPCES), and the PCA. In that process of church union the 160th General Synod of the RPCES adopted the PCA Constitution (*Westminster Standards* and *Book of Church Order*) and joined the PCA. The PCA gained congregations throughout the USA and some in Canada; Covenant College and Covenant Theological Seminary became PCA educational institutions; and the RPCES synodical committees and agencies were merged with their PCA Assembly counterparts. Moreover, the history and historical documents of the RPCES were incorporated into the PCA. The IRC chairman asked all who had been in the former RPCES, along with those who had graduated from Covenant College and Covenant Theological Seminary, to stand and be recognized.

National Association of Evangelicals

The 1st General Assembly (1973) approved the affiliation of the Committee on Mission to the World with the NAE in order to benefit from the services and expertise of the Chaplains Commission, the World Relief Commission, and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. In 1986, the 14th General Assembly approved the PCA's entering into full membership of the NAE. Through the NAE the PCA is also related to the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA). Under the WEA the PCA participated in the formation of the World Fellowship of Reformed Churches in 1994, which later became the World Reformed Fellowship.

In 2011, Central Carolina Presbytery sent Overture 2011-12 to the 39th General Assembly asking that the PCA withdraw from the NAE at the soonest possible date. The **2011 General Assembly approved** the recommendation of Interchurch Relations Committee (IRC) and the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations **that the IRC study the issue after receiving written comments by February 1, 2012**, from Sessions and Presbyteries and report to the 40th General Assembly. The Stated Clerk notified all Presbyteries of that action through his report on the "Actions of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly." No Session or Presbytery submitted any concerns to the IRC. The IRC Permanent Committee recommended that the 2011 overture simply be answered in the negative (i.e. that the PCA remain in the NAE). The **IRC Committee of Commissioners recommended to the 40th Assembly** that the overture be answered in the negative and added a provision that the IRC report significant actions of the NAE to the Assembly. The recommendation with the added provision was adopted.

Ad Interim Committee on Insider Movements and Bible Translations

Last year the Assembly approved the formation of a committee to study the issue of the so-called Insider Movements in Islam and Bible translation. Some missiologists have suggested that people who become believers in the Lord Jesus

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Women's Ministry

By Ginny Bremer

August Activity

Our next Sister to Sister will be held on Saturday, August 4th, from 11:00 to 1:00 at Stevie Riley's home. Our theme will be health and wellness for the mind, body, and soul. Mark your calendar and plan to attend for fun, games, exercise, and a devotional as well as great food and fellowship. Directions and additional information is on the invitations which can be found on the visitor's table.

Help needed

As September approaches, it is again time to begin planning for our annual Christmas Brunch. Please be thinking of possible themes, input on the desire/or lack thereof to have individual table hostesses as we did last year, and what spiritual gifts you may be able to use in the event. We are especially looking for a co-coordinator that would serve as MC to open the program and lead in prayer.

Looking ahead

Our Fall Sister to Sister will be a high tea held at Crown Parlor on Saturday October 13th, from 10:00 – 12:00. Crown Parlor offers an elegant Victorian dining room with an adjoining Edwardian Lounge. Reservations can be made with Nancy Kirkpatrick. There is a charge of \$15.00 plus a \$2.00 gratuity. All reservations must be paid in full one week prior to the event. Crown Parlor is located at 6810 East Fowler Ave., Tampa, in the Victorian Village shopping Center. There are also other interesting shops for browsing in Victorian Village.

Another great October opportunity for growth and fellowship is a two day retreat. On October 19th and 20th Covenant Presbyterian Church has arranged for a retreat at FFA Leadership Training Center in Haines City, FL. Tara Barthel will be the keynote speaker, having four sessions in the two days. Her topic is entitled, "Fear Not: Finding God's Comfort for My fearful Soul". She is a wonderful speaker! Retreat brochures, which are found in the narthex and on the visitor's table, give detailed information about Tara, the cost, the schedule, and includes a registration form and directions.

We will have our regular WM 15 meeting on the second Sunday, August 12, 2012 at noon in room 23. Plan to attend to share ideas and plan future events.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, September 5 - November 28, 2012

(with a break during Thanksgiving week)

9:00 to 11:30 AM

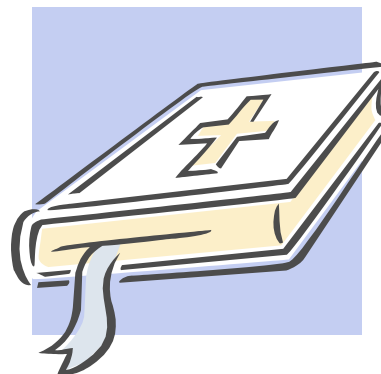
*Childcare for infants to pre-school age
is available, by reservation.*

*Please plan to join us as we study the Word,
encourage each other and grow in our faith.*

Our study this fall:

FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

*To register for WBS, please indicate "WBS"
on the Friendship Register
and note if you need childcare.*



Truth Matters Today

By Joe Burns, TruthMattersToday@tampabay.rr.com

Could It Happen to You?

*"First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. And then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."*¹

Martin Niemöller

("Many years...after [he] had been imprisoned for eight years as the personal prisoner of Adolf Hitler")

As the wake of the Supreme Court's decision on the law widely known as Obamacare ripples across the American culture, another court battle with major implications on that law's future is beginning to sizzle as it slowly works its way to the nation's highest court. Dozens of Catholic organizations filed lawsuits in May 2012 alleging infringement on their Constitutional right to freely exercise their religion. Their complaint is based on the Obama administration's January 2012 mandate that they (and all health-care providers) must completely "cover preventive services for women including recommended contraceptive services" such as abortion-inducing drugs.² Naturally, religiously based health-care organizations were aghast because the rule—made under the authority of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act—made it *illegal* for them to follow a principal tenet of their faith.



<https://www.stophhs.com>

Despite the astonished and widespread outcry by defenders of the Constitution's guarantee of religious freedom, the President refused to back away from the mandate. For him, "ensuring that women have access to contraception without paying any extra costs" far outweighed the seemingly insignificant value he placed on the First-Amendment religious freedom rights of religious health-care providers.³

What a stunning and shameless show of disrespect to the Constitution and people of faith by the former Constitutional law professor. Yet this example does not stand alone. Indeed, more than four months prior to the Health and Human Services secretary's announcement of the contraceptive mandate, the right to freely exercise religion came under heavy fire within an institution whose members have all sworn to "support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

In September 2011, the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force (CSAF), General Norton A. Schwartz, signed out a memo titled "Maintaining Government Neutrality Regarding Religion". It significantly tightened religious-freedom boundaries for airmen of all ranks—both uniformed members and Air Force civilians alike. While opening with a reminder to all Air Force leaders of their responsibility to "balance Constitutional protections for an individual's free exercise of religion...and its prohibition against governmental establishment of religion", the remainder of the memo focuses only on restraining religion's free exercise. The most chilling restraints:

"...leaders at all levels...must avoid the actual or **apparent** use of their position to promote their personal religious beliefs" (emphasis added) and,

"...commanders...must refrain from **appearing** to officially endorse religion generally or any particular religion" (emphasis added)

Invoking the words "**apparent**" and "**appearing**" produces a policy structured around enormously subjective standards that are potentially restrictive in the extreme. That subjectivity leaves Airmen and Air Force civil servants who have a strong personal faith vulnerable to the perception that they are outside the new policy when they are simply adhering to the tenets of their religion.

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Now, if you're someone whose religious faith plays only a minor role in your life so that it is not **apparent** to those around you, you have nothing to worry about under General Schwartz' 2011 policy.

On the other hand, if you are a Christian who has committed himself wholly to Christ, your entire life—including while on duty—will hopefully reflect that commitment and in so doing will no doubt **appear** to endorse religion in general and a particular religion. Given that reality, the CSAF's 2011 policy says in its bare essence that you cannot live your Christian life openly in the United States Air Force. Ironically, General Schwartz issued his policy just 19 days before America implemented a law that removed a restriction preventing homosexuals from living their lives openly in the Air Force.

Sadly, General Schwartz' policy doesn't stand alone in its antipathy toward religion.⁴ It complements other Air Force measures seemingly aimed at replacing the free exercise of religion with freedom from religion. Unlike the former, of course, the latter has no foundation in the U.S. Constitution.

One individual serving the Air Force was so concerned about this issue that he took the unusual step of drafting a memo addressing his concerns and forwarding it through the three steps in his chain of command to General Schwartz. Regrettably, that memo never made it to the CSAF; it was stopped somewhere between the writer and General Schwartz. A second iteration of the memo written seven months later was allowed to proceed to the CSAF. However, the response from the Air Force's senior attorney, The Judge Advocate General of the Air Force, on behalf of the Chief of Staff completely missed the mark. Indeed, it utterly failed to address the underlying religious-freedom impacts of the 2011 policy.

Accordingly, as a retired Army Reserve Chaplain Brigadier General now serving in close contact with Airmen summed it up: there is a "'culture of fear" which is now powerfully present in the USAF. Commanders and other leaders don't know where the religious, free speech and command guidance lines are...and they will always opt for caution when they are uncertain."⁵ Sometimes, however, there is no option for those wholly committed to God. When they face a situation that pits obedience to the CSAF against obedience to God, they choose God...along with the potential impact of putting their careers at risk.

This air campaign isn't yet over, though. Recently, 66 members of Congress highlighted concerns to the Secretary of Defense in a letter referencing examples of Air Force hostility toward religious freedom they feel arose in large part from CSAF's 1 Sep 11 memo. Their letter emphasizes a fundamental point about the policy:

"While we agree that leaders should not use their positions to impose their religious beliefs or to extend preferential treatment to those who share their beliefs, the decisions that have been made in reliance upon this policy go beyond what is required by the U.S. Constitution. The First Amendment prohibits the establishment of religion; however, the mere discussion of religion or reference to God certainly does not rise to that level. Censorship is not required for compliance with the Constitution, and should not be required for compliance with military directives."⁶

Could something like this happen to you? Ask the pastor in Arizona who was jailed last month for hosting a Bible study in his home.⁷ Similar things could happen to all of us if Americans don't muster the courage and endurance to turn back these examples of unabashed flaunting of our nation's cornerstone document of governance. Individual citizens must speak out and take action and the electorate at large must pack the White House, Congress and courts with proponents of Constitutional liberties who will work together to reverse our country's precipitous slide toward tyranny.

Meanwhile, we must trust in *our* Cornerstone and never waiver in our commitment to Him...no matter the risk.

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Missions Committee Report: Session Approves New Missionary for TBPC

By Jim Aldrich

After taking time-off during the early summer, the Missions Committee is back at work! First order of business was to recommend to the Session that TBPC support Kevin Nicholas, a Wycliffe Bible Translator working in Papua New Guinea (see info below on PNG). One of Kevin's major tasks is the translation of the New Testament into the Notsi language. Kevin's wife, Gertrude, is "in the field" with Kevin, and she has a number of ministries herself; she organizes and conducts literacy classes and literacy training for native teachers. In fact, Kevin and Gertrude met on the missions field. Kevin and Gertrude have just returned to Papua New Guinea for another 3 years, following an 8-month furlough earlier this year in the US, visiting family and supporters.



Here is a report from Gertrude, just received: *"After much travel, packing, putting things in storage, and much transition, we*

are safely back in Kavieng, in Papua New Guinea. It's good to be back. It was an amazingly short 15 hours flight from Dallas to Brisbane, Australia. Praise God for such smooth travel. We travelled on to Cairns; we had lost one of four pieces of luggage. Qantas was great in locating it and routing it to Papua New Guinea and providing us with toiletry kits and money to cover unexpected expenses. We were glad to rest in Cairns because by this time as Kevin was feeling sharp back/leg pains—pinched nerve? We were able to talk with mission doctors who are monitoring his progress.

Please pray that Kevin will get the needed rest and recuperation he needs. Pray for me that I will be able to carry on while he's under the weather.

We have two weeks in Kavieng, managing the Kavieng Center while several missionaries pass through here on their way to the New Ireland Translation Institute courses starting August 5. We'll close up the Kavieng Center and head to the course afterwards. After the course, we will return to Kavieng to continue managing the Center for another couple of months.

Thankfully, we're only two hours from the Notsi language community and hope to get to the village for short visits and have the translators and literacy workers meet us in town. It's been great seeing some of the people around town.

Please pray that we will exude fresh, clear Christian witness as we in serve our colleagues and interact with the different language groups.

Thanks for sharing some of your prayer requests with us. And thanks so much for praying for us."

Info on Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Officially the **Independent State of Papua New Guinea**, it is a country in [Oceania](#), occupying the eastern half of the island of [New Guinea](#) and numerous offshore islands. It is located in the southwestern [Pacific Ocean](#). The capital is [Port Moresby](#).

Papua New Guinea is one of the most culturally diverse countries on Earth. According to recent data, 841 different languages are listed for the country, although 11 of these have no known living speakers. There may be at least as many traditional societies, out of a population of about 6.2 million. It is also one of the most rural, as only 18% of its people live in [urban](#) centers. The country is one of the world's least explored, culturally and geographically, and many undiscovered species of plants and animals are thought to exist in the interior of Papua New Guinea.

The majority of the population live in traditional societies and practice [subsistence-based agriculture](#). These societies and clans have some explicit acknowledgement within the nation's constitutional framework. The PNG Constitution (Preamble 5(4)) expresses the wish for "traditional villages and communities to remain as viable units of Papua New Guinean society", and for active steps to be taken in their preservation.

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Christ – and who are in circumstances where public baptism and joining a Christian church may subject a convert to death, persecution, or being ostracized from families and communities – that such persons remain in their non-Christian religious communities (hence the term “Insider Movements”). Moreover, some linguists and missiologists suggest that translations of the Bible that confuse non-Christians (for example, the suggestion that references to God as Father and to Christ’s being the Son of God communicate to some people that Christ was conceived by the sexual union of God the Father and Mary) could be expressed in translation to dispel any connotations of sexual generation.

The Ad Interim Committee presented a partial report. **The 40th Assembly approved the initial recommendations of the committee**, namely:

1. That “Part One – Like Father, Like Son: Divine Familial Language in the Bible Translation” serve as a *Partial Report* (Part One of Two Parts).
2. That the 40th General Assembly *declare** that , since social familial terms fail to capture the biblical meaning of “Son” (*huios*) and “Son of God” (*huios tou theou*) applied to Jesus and “Father” (*pater*) applied to God, Bibles should always translate divine familial names using common biological terms.
3. That the 40th General Assembly *make available and recommend for study* “Part One – Like Father, Like Son” to its presbyteries and sessions.
4. Pursuant to the *Rules of Assembly Operations* 9-2, that the 40th General Assembly *grant an extension* to the Ad Interim Committee on Insider Movements for one year to allow for completion of its mandate and to provide Part Two of its report on Insider Movements.
5. That the 40th General Assembly *set the budget* for the study committee at \$15,000 for its second year, and that the funds be derived from gifts to the AC designated for that purpose.

The **status of declarations** (“deliverances, resolutions, [and] overtures”) of the General Assembly is specified in *Book of Church Order* 14-7. Such declarations do not amend the Constitution but are to be given due and serious consideration by the Church and her lower courts. The **report is available** at <http://www.pcaac.org>

Review of Presbytery Actions

The Review of Presbytery Records Committee (RPR) reviews the actions of the PCA’s 81 Presbyteries (regional judicatories of local churches). Committee recommendations and minority reports emanated from the committee regarding **Paedo-communion**, whether or at what age baptized young children may receive communion (*Westminster Larger Catechism* Q. 177 and *Book of Church Order* 58-4, et al.) The **PCA Constitution requires** that one must be a communicant member in good standing of an evangelical church **or permits** that one may be allowed by a local church session (elders) to receive communion after being interviewed by the session. Heretofore, PCA ordained officers (Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders, and Deacons) have been allowed to hold to the concept of paedo-communion, but not constitutionally allowed to practice it.

*The entire report is available online at <http://byfaithonline.com/stated-clerk-issues-report-on-40th-assembly/> .

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August Birthdays August Anniversaries

1—Karen McDougall
5—Alexis Collier
6—Joanne Campbell
7—Lillian Barquin
9—Lilly Porter
10—Ryan Brown
10—Averil Massie
11—Reid Donaldson
11—Whan-Sun Kang
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17—Doug Hayman
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24—Wicke Egbert
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26—Peter Wu
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2—Vince & Margarita Hladek
6—Larry & Barbara Hess
10—Joseph & Lillian Barquin
14—Ken & Betty Pothoven
16—Marty & Tricia Easter
16 —Bill & Sandy Neal
21—John & Bonnie Hutton
21—Bob & Bettie McQueen
26—Jim & Loretta Aldrich

Eternal Life and You

By Hospice Chaplain Dick Fisher

I will be teaching, "Eternal Life and You" Sunday August 19 at Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

God protected me from death, dementia, partial paralysis and permanent disability after I collapsed while preaching on October 23, 2011. A 2.2" benign brain tumor was discovered and surgically removed. I thank God for restoring me to complete this work He has given me to do. (Col. 4:17)

I have served nine years as a Hospice Chaplain to the terminally ill and their loved ones. Various people have told me to write a book so that what I understand about eternal life will not die with me as it almost did.

Articles I have written on eternal life have been published in Reformed magazines and my work is recommended twice on the PCA website www.pcanet.org. Come August 19 to improve your understanding, enjoyment and stewardship of your eternal life. www.youlastforever.com

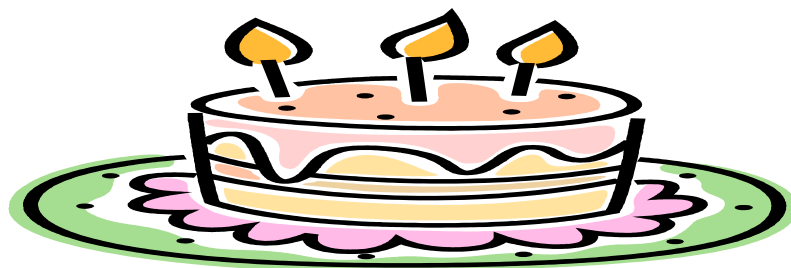
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In order to help prepare the congregation for the wine, we plan to set out a communion tray for several Sundays so that members can observe the difference between the cups holding the wine and the cups holding the grape juice.

In addition to serving wine for communion, the Session also agreed to use unleavened bread for communion. The wafers that we currently use are unleavened but some have indicated that they are difficult to pick up. So, we would like to change the kind of unleavened bread we use.

So, if you have suggestions for wine or unleavened bread, please let one of the elders know.



August 2012*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00p PHOS Youth Group	2 9:30a Summer Story Hour-Preschool 10:30a Summer Story Hour-Elementary; ESL Bible Study 7:00p Worship Team Meeting	3	4 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study 11:00a Sister To Sister Fellowship
5 8:45a Children's Sunday School; Quarterly Info Meeting; 10:30a Worship Service; 3:00p Class 101 6:00p CMA Spanish Service	6 10:00a Staff Meeting	7 7:00p Outreach Team Meeting	8 6:00p PHOS Youth Group	9 9:30a Summer Story Hour-Preschool 10:30a Summer Story Hour-Elementary; ESL Bible Study 7:00p Missions Committee	10	11 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study
12 8:45a Children's Sunday School & CE&F; 10:30a Worship Service; 12:30p Welcome Lunch; 1:00p Korean PCA Outreach; 6:00p CMA Spanish Service	13 10:00a Staff Meeting	14 6:00a Election Day Polling	15 6:00p PHOS Youth Group 7:15 Worship Choir Rehearsal	16 7:00p Session & Diaconate Meeting	17	18 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study 8:30a Playground Mulching 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study
19 8:45a Children's Sunday School & CE&F; 10:30a Worship Service; 1:00p Korean PCA Outreach; 5:00p PHOS Youth Group; 6:00p Eternal Life & You	20 10:00a Staff Meeting	21 7:00p Outreach Team Meeting	22 7:15 Worship Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25 7:45a-9:00a Men's Bible Study; 10:30a 7:00p CMA Spanish Bible Study
26 8:45a Children's Sunday School & CE&F; 10:30a Worship Service; 1:00p Korean PCA Outreach; State of Church; 5:00p PHOS Youth Group	27 10:00a Staff Meeting	28	29 7:15 Worship Choir Rehearsal	30	31	

*Due to the number of events scheduled, we cannot fit all Sunday activities on the monthly newsletter calendar. Please consult the online calendar at <http://prem.calendars.net/tbpc> for the complete schedule of activities on Sundays in April.



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The Sunday Schedule

Time	Location	
8:45 AM	Classroom Wing	Sunday School for Children C. E. & F. for Adults
10:30 AM	Sanctuary	Worship Service