



Pray for us.

By Mr. Alexander S. Brown, Minister

JUNE is a big month in the life of the PCA, as it is this month every year that ministers and elders from across our denomination join together for our General Assembly, which is being held this year in Louisville, Kentucky.

For a week in late June we will be gathered together in the highest court of our church, for a time of fellowship, friendship and, of course, business. To some people the GA is a burden – an administrative monolith that only takes up time and energy which could otherwise be used in “proper” ministry. However, I strongly disagree – to me the General Assembly is one of the greatest expressions of the beauty of our Presbyterianism, and one of the clearest illustrations of how King Jesus is using the PCA to impact this country, and many others around the world, for His Kingdom.



June 19-22, 2012
Louisville, KY

A couple of weeks ago in Sunday School we looked at the Council of Nicea, which was the first ecumenical council in the history of the church, with bishops and theologians present from all over the Roman Empire, and we read Eusebius of Caesarea’s description of that assembly:

There were gathered the most distinguished ministers of God, from the many churches in Europe, Libya [i.e. Africa] and Asia. A single house of prayer, as if enlarged by God, sheltered Syrians and Cilicians, Phoenicians and Arabs, delegates from Palestine and from Egypt, Thebans and Libyans, together with those from Mesopotamia. There was also a Persian bishop, and a Scythian was not lacking. Pontus, Galatia, Pamphylia, Cappadocia, Asia and Phrygia sent their most outstanding bishops, jointly with those from the remotest areas of Thrace, Macedonia, Achaia, and Epirus. Even from Spain, there was a man of great fame [Hosius of Cordova] who sat as a member of the great assembly.

That is how I think of the General Assembly – a single house of prayer, as if enlarged by God, with representatives from the churches all over this country, united by our love for Christ and our desire to see His Kingdom enlarged. The General Assembly is an exciting time!

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June Calendar

Sundays

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Church History, Part 2

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
“I Peter: Strangers in a Foreign Land”

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
“Jeremiah: Judgment and Restoration”

Children’s Church, Nursery available

- Sun 6/3 “New Member Sunday”
Communion, AM Worship
- Thu 6/7 Mission Team Meeting
(6:30 p.m., Huddlestons)
- Sat 6/9 “Second Saturday” Men’s
Breakfast & Bible Study
(8:00 a.m., Brown home)
- Sun 6/17 “Father’s Day”
Return your coin-filled
baby bottles!
- 6/19-6/22 40th General Assembly
of the Presbyterian
Church in America (PCA)
- Louisville, KY
- 6/23-6/29 Brown family vacation
- Sun 6/24 Guest Minister
Rev. Ro Taylor, RUF
Campus Minister at
Georgia Southern (GSU)

*The Midweek Prayer Meeting,
Book Group for Women, and
Ladies Bible Studies will resume
in the Fall of 2012.*

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ONE of the biggest items that we will discuss this year is the PCA's position on the mission to Muslims, and in particular the *Insider Movement*. The *Insider Movement* is a movement among missions to Muslims in which converts are told that they can continue to practice Islamic practices – going to prayers, observing fasts and feasts, praying to Allah, etc. – and Bible translations are adjusted to remove anything offensive to Muslims, such as the term “Son of God.”

The *Insider Movement* started with a good desire – to reach Muslims for Christ, but has stepped over some pretty significant boundaries. I mentioned last year that this was a big part of Paul Kooistra's report on behalf of our mission agency, Mission to the World, and I told you that they were coming down pretty hard on it. This year the first half of the report of the Study Committee is ready for review, and that will help us to establish our position on this movement more securely.

I covet your prayers for the whole Assembly, but particularly in this regard. As you can imagine, this is a delicate topic, but a vitally important one. Please pray that the Lord would give us wisdom and understanding far beyond our means, and that our discussions on this matter would give glory to Him.

PLEASE do pray for the General Assembly as we meet during the week of the 18th-22nd June. Please pray for our Moderator and for our Stated Clerk, Roy Taylor, who does so much to keep the GA running. Please pray for our committee and agency chairmen who will give reports, and please pray for the Commissioners, as we seek to be faithful to the work of shepherding the Church of Christ. ▪

(More information about the *Insider Movement* can be found in this interview with John Piper – <http://is.gd/gemuWx>. The Study Committee Report can be found here – <http://is.gd/4EWnBb>.)

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Missed a Sunday?

Sermons, Bulletins, and Monthly Newsletters
are available online at: gipc-pca.org

Just click on the Resources tab.

Building and Grounds

The B & G Committee has contracted with a new lawn service for regular upkeep of the grounds, to commence the last week of May.

We continue to review maintenance needs throughout the facility and are planning two general work days in the near future: one being an indoor work day during the summer, and one being an outdoor work day around early fall.

We all are regarded as stewards of this gift that has been given to us, so if a building maintenance item comes to your attention, feel free to contact any member of the Building and Grounds Committee and report a concern, or even an idea for an improvement. Thanks for your help and prayers over this building.

Finance Committee

GIPC Monthly Update— Loan Balance

Loan Balance 1/1/12	\$840,102
Principal Paid YTD	\$ 13,144
Loan Balance	\$826,958
June Payment:	
Interest	\$ 2,766
Principal	\$ 2,483
Total Payment	\$ 5,249

Significant Sessional Actions

Jeff, Sonia, and Hannah Gaschler were approved as members of GIPC by Transfer of Letter.

Mary Ellyn McDevitt was approved as a member of GIPC by Transfer of Letter.

Carl and Jacqueline Rosenbush were approved as Associate Members of GIPC.

(New Member Sunday—June 3rd)

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JUNE

"Blessed is the one who reads...and blessed are those who hear." (Revelation 1:3)

Family Worship

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Deuteronomy</i>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		11	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		13,14	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		15	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		16	<input type="checkbox"/>
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19		24	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		25	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		26	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		27-28:19	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		28:20-68	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		29	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		30	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		31	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		32	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		33,34	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	<i>Joshua</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		2	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Family Worship

Psalms Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Psalms</i>	88	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		89	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		90	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		91	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		92,93	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		94	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		95,96	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		97,98	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		99-101	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		102	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		103	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		104	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		105	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		106	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		107	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		108,109	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		110,111	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		112,113	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		114,115	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		116	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		117,118	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		119:1-24	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		v. 25-48	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		v. 49-72	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		v. 73-96	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		v. 97-120	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		v. 121-144	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		v. 145-176	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		120-122	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		123-125	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Private

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Isaiah</i>	33	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		34	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		35	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		36	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		37	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		38	<input type="checkbox"/>
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29		61	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		62	<input type="checkbox"/>

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New Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	<i>Revelation</i>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
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17		19	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		20	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		21	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		22	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	<i>Matthew</i>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
22		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
23		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
24		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		6	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		7	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		8	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		10	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Week beginning
MAY 27**

Proverbs 6:20-21

My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching. Bind them on your heart always; tie them around your neck.

**Week beginning
JUNE 3**

Proverbs 6:22-23

When you walk, they will lead you; when you lie down, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk with you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life.

**Week beginning
JUNE 10**

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**Week beginning
JUNE 17**

Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**Week beginning
JUNE 24**

Psalms 9:9-10

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know Your name put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.