



The Shadow of the Cross

A Gem from C. H. Spurgeon:

ON ONE OF THE HOTTEST days of a sultry July, two of us, weary and worn from a long and dusty tramp along the Portsmouth road, reached at length the top of Hindhead. Not a tree or a shrub within hail, and the sun pouring down remorselessly a flood of fire, there was no sign of shadow except from a large stone cross which garnished Hindhead's summit. That cross was elaborately adorned with Latin inscriptions, and in form was accurate and classical; but its shadow was too narrow to furnish perfect shade even for one, much less for two. The shadow was most refreshing, but there was not enough of it, and one traveler must, parched as he was, stand or lie down beneath Sol's blazing beams, for there was no room for him within the cooling shade.

Thus may it be with the gospel of Jesus as set forth by some ministries. Jesus is eloquently talked of, but the freeness of his grace and the abundant power of his blood are not enforced; or it may be systematic theology is the preacher's idol, and Christ is narrowed down to the creed; accuracy of doctrine is fostered, but the Christ who is set forth has no breadth of love, no vastness of shade for the refreshment of weary sinners. At the same time too many take away the solid character of the atonement altogether, and, while aiming at breadth, give us instead of a granite cross a mere gauze with no shade at all. The true scriptural idea of the atonement is "The shadow of a great rock in a weary land." The motto of the gospel of Jesus is, "And yet there is room."

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August Calendar

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Holy Spirit

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Exodus: God, our Savior

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

The Gospel of John

Children's Church, Nursery available

Weekly Bible Studies and the Midweek Prayer Meeting are set to resume in September.

Sun 8/4 Communion, AM Worship
Guest Minister, Rev. Elliott
Everitt (RUF/Mercer)

Tue 8/13 GIPC Stated Session
Meeting (6 p.m., GIPC)

Sun 8/18 In lieu of GIPC's Evening
Worship all are invited
to attend the Installation
Service of Rev. Charlie
Turner at Redeemer PCA,
803 G St., Brunswick.
Service: 5:30 p.m.;
reception to follow.

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Oh, the blessed shadow of Christ's cross! All the flocks of the Lord lie down under it, and rest in peace; millions of souls are delivered by it from the heat of vengeance, and myriads more shall find a covert within it from the wrath to come.

Dear reader, are you within the shadow of the Crucified? Does he stand between God and your soul to ward off from you the burning beams of justice, which your sins so richly deserve, by bearing them himself? If you perish from want of shelter it will not be because there was no room for you in Christ, for no sinner was ever sent away for that reason, and none ever will be. If you die in the fierce heat of divine wrath, you will have yourself alone to blame, for there is the shadow of the great propitiation, cool and refreshing, and it is at every moment accessible to simple faith. If you refuse to believe, and count yourself unworthy of salvation, your blood must lie at your own door. Come, now, into the sure and blessed shelter, lest the sunstroke of despair should wither thee. Once beneath the shadow of Jesus, the sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night; thou shalt abide under the shadow of the Almighty. "The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand."

He who would fain find the shelter of the cross, let him sing and pray with all his heart.

"Where is the shadow of that rock
Which from the sun defends thy flock!
Fain would I feed among thy sheep,
Among them rest, among them sleep."

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Save the Date!

GIPC "Fall Kick Off"

Wednesday, September 4th

Watch for details.

September

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Building & Grounds

During the month of July repairs were made to several of the outside doors to make sure they were in good working order.

Arrangements are in place for repairs to roof flashing to prevent water leaks— this work should begin by late July/early August.

The committee is thankful for volunteers who assist with plumbing repairs and other building maintenance needs.

Finance Committee

GIPC Update: Loan Balance

Loan Balance 1/1/13	\$807,308
Principal Paid YTD	\$ 21,558
Loan Balance 7/18/13	\$785,750
2013 Average Payment:	
Interest	\$ 2,574
Principal	\$ 2,678
Total Payment	\$ 5,252

Significant Sessional Actions

- Approved Rev. Soren Kornegay to preach July 28th, Rev. Elliott Everitt to preach August 4th, and Rev. Ro Taylor to preach November 24th.
- Approved a Communications Policy.
- Established a date for the next Stated Session meeting: Tuesday, August 13th, 6 p.m. at GIPC.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

A teaching series by
Dr. Sinclair Ferguson

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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Meet our Members!

*(Page 3 of the GIPC Connection is available
in the church foyer or by contacting
the church office.)*

AUGUST

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Family Worship

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	Judges	15	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		16	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		17	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		18	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		19	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		20	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		21	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Ruth	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		3,4	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	I Samuel	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
15		5,6	<input type="checkbox"/>
16		7,8	<input type="checkbox"/>
17		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
18		10	<input type="checkbox"/>
19		11	<input type="checkbox"/>
20		12	<input type="checkbox"/>
21		13	<input type="checkbox"/>
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26		18	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		19	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		20	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		21,22	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		23	<input type="checkbox"/>
31		24	<input type="checkbox"/>

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New Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	Acts	19	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4		22	<input type="checkbox"/>
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7		25	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		26	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		27	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		28	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Romans	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
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25		15	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		16	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	I Corinthians	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
29		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
31		5	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Private

Old Testament Reading

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	Jeremiah	28	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		29	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		30,31	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		32	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		33	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		34	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		35	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		36,45	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		37	<input type="checkbox"/>
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23		52	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Lamentations	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
25		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
26		3	<input type="checkbox"/>
27		4	<input type="checkbox"/>
28		5	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Ezekiel	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
30		2	<input type="checkbox"/>
31		3	<input type="checkbox"/>

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New Testament & Psalms

Date	Book	Chapter	✓
1	Mark	14	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		15	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		16	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Psalms	1,2	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		3,4	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		5,6	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		7,8	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		9	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Week beginning JULY 28

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him;
bless His name! For the LORD is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

Week beginning AUGUST 4

John 8:31b-32

"If you abide in My word,
you are truly My disciples,
and you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free."

Week beginning AUGUST 11

John 8:51

"Truly, truly, I say to you,
if anyone keeps My word,
he will never see death."

Week beginning AUGUST 18

Isaiah 65:24

"Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking
I will hear."

Week beginning AUGUST 25

Jeremiah 1:7-8

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth';
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever
I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."