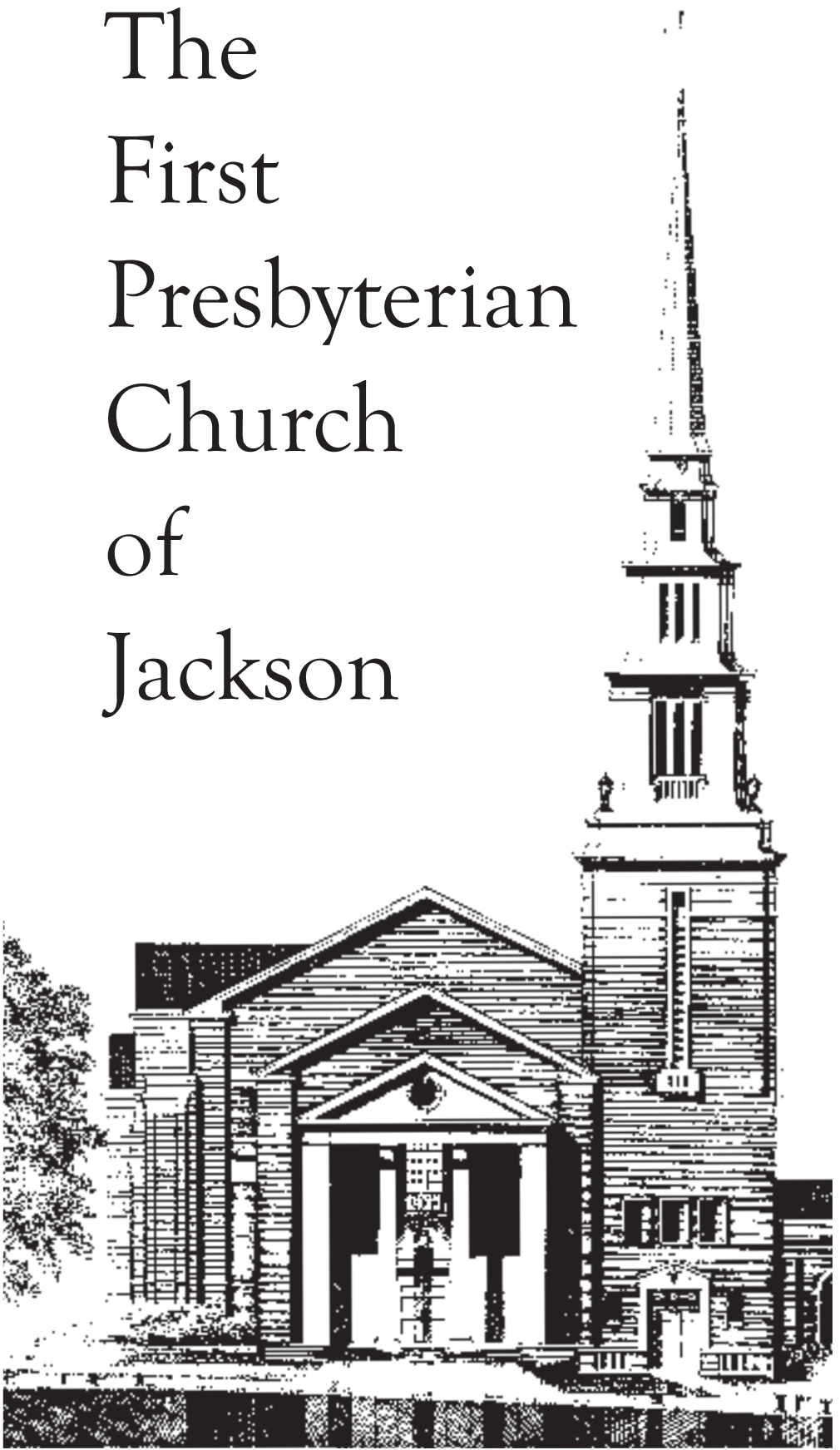


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“To Glorify God, And Enjoy Him Forever”

THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixteenth Day of March, Two Thousand Fourteen
MORNING WORSHIP

Eight–Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain

Minister of Teaching and Mission

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Ralph S. Kelley

Executive Minister

At the time of the Greetings and Announcements and during the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.

The Greetings and Announcements (8:20 and 10:50 a.m.)

The Prelude — “Prayer” Rene Vierne
Connie S. Wadsworth, Organist

The Introit — “Awake, My Heart” Jane Marshall

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 263** — “Lift High the Cross”

‡ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

* **The Doxology**

“God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises you;
We, your creatures, would adore you now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify your goodness, grant us strength to do your will.
With our acts as with our voices your commandments to fulfill.”

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Words of Institution

The Introduction of the Covenant Children and their Families

The Biblical Promise

The Questions to the Parents and Congregation

The Prayer of Consecration

The Baptism

The Baptismal Benediction

The Choir Response — “Dear Lord, Today Our Children” ..Busch/Wymond

“Dear Lord, today our children a heritage from thee,
we bring in faith and claim for them thy promise free.
Dear Lord, today our children, sweet tokens of thy love,
We bring into thy church for blessings from above.
Dear Lord, our children, a gracious gift of thine,
we bring to set apart, baptized in name divine.”

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Lord, It Belongs Not To My Care” Carl Schalk

“Lord, it belongs not to my care, whether I die or live.
To love and serve Thee is my share, and this Thy grace must give.
If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey;
If short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day?
Christ leads us through no darker rooms than He went through before;
He that unto God's kingdom comes must enter by this door.
Come, Lord, when grace hath made me meet Thy blessed face to see;
For if Thy work on earth be sweet, what will Thy glory be!
My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with Him.”

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Matthew 13:44-52 (Pew Bible page 819)

The Sermon — “Training for Kingdom Living” Mr. Strain

The Hymn of Response No. 143 — “How Precious Is the Book Divine”

‡ **The Benediction and Congregational Response**

“Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.”

The Postlude — “Grand Chorus Dialogue” Eugene Gigout

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

EVENING WORSHIP

Six O'Clock

Presiding Minister — The Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain

Minister of Teaching and Mission

Assisting Minister — The Reverend Mr. Wiley P. Lowry III

Minister of Pastoral Care

The Announcements and Words of Preparation (5:50 p.m.)

The Prelude — “If With All Your Hearts” (Elijah).....Felix Mendelssohn
William Wymond, Organist

The Call to Worship

*‡ **The Hymn of Praise No. 650** — “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

‡ **The Invocation**

* **The Evening Hymn No. 520** — “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

* **The Greetings**

The Evening Prayer — Ruling Elder Buz Lowry

The Presentation of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory — “Rejoice!”Craig Courtney
The Student Choir, Caroline Pillsbury, Accompanist

The Young Children’s Devotional

For children currently in 4-year-old – 3rd grade Sunday School

The Song No. 105 (Stz.1) — “O God, We Praise Thee”

The Children’s Catechism No. 6

Q. “Is there more than one God?”

A. “There is only one God.”

The Scripture — Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 7:6; I Kings 18:20-40; Psalm 115:3-8;
Isaiah 45:18,22; John 14:6; Ephesians 4:4-6

The Meditation.....Justin Pillsbury, Director of Student Ministry

The Prayer.....(The children dismissed following the prayer)

‡ **The Hymn (Stz. 1 and 2)** — “Before the Throne” (See Evening Guide)

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Holy Scripture — Zechariah 3 (Pew Bible page 794)

The Sermon — The Coming KingdomMr. Strain
“A Brand Plucked from the Fire”

‡ **The Benediction and Response**

“Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb my perfect, spotless righteousness,

The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die my soul is purchased by His blood

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God

With Christ, my Savior and my God”

The Postlude — “Trumpet Tune in D” John Stanley

*The ushers may seat latecomers

‡Congregation standing

To All Our
Visitors

We are delighted that you are here with us today. Our hope is that your understanding and love of Jesus Christ will grow because of your visit. To answer any questions you might have, please come by our Greeting Courtyard through the doors on the south side (right side as you face the pulpit) of the sanctuary after the 8:30 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We would love to meet you.

Before the Throne

1. Be - fore the Throne of God a -
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des -
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen

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bove, I have a strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is
pair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
Lamb! My per - fect, spot - less right - eous - ness. The great un - change - a - ble I

10
_ Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en on His
_ there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior
_ Am, the King of Glor - y and of Grace. One with Him - self, I can - not

14
hands. My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free. For God, the Just, is sat - is -
die. My soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on

18
_ stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can
_ fled, to look on Him and par - don me, to look on
_ high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my

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“YOUR FAMILY: MADE IN HEAVEN. SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED.”

Family Seminar Series With Dr. Tom Elkin

Join us as we consider decision-making in the three critical stages of Family Life on these three dates:

March 25

“When 2 Become 3”
(The Arrival of Your
First Child)

April 8

“When 3 Becomes 13”
(The Arrival of
Adolescence)

April 29

“When You Say Goodbye,
But They Say Hello” (Adult
Children Living at Home)

To register, go to www.fpcjackson.org and go to Discipleship/Women/Events or call 601-353-8316 or email receptionist@fpcjackson.org a week in advance of each seminar. Nursery for children up to age 4 will be made available upon request. Lunch will be served at 11:30, Dr. Elkin will begin at 11:45 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m.

A Guide to the Morning Service

Thoughts on Baptism

Baptism is a new covenant sign. That is, it points to and confirms the gracious saving promise of God to His people and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. It is to be administered to believers and their children, as can be seen from Genesis 17, Matthew 28, Colossians 2, 1 Corinthians 7, and Acts 16.

To elaborate, Christian baptism is (1) **commanded by Christ** in Matthew 28 (“Go... make disciples... baptizing and... teaching them”). (2) It is **to be applied to believers** as we see in Acts 8 (“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning to see from Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, ‘Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?’ *And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’* And he ordered the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him”). (3) It is **to be administered to believers and their children**, as can be seen from Genesis 17 (“I will establish my covenant between me, and you, and your descendants”) — which shows that the normal order of discipleship in the church is baptism followed by teaching; Colossians 2 (In Christ “you were also circumcised... having been buried with Him in baptism”) — which shows that NT water baptism replaces OT circumcision as the sign of membership in the church, 1 Corinthians 7 (“your children are... now... holy”) — which confirms the place of children in the new covenant community, the church; and Acts 16 (“Lydia... was listening, and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul. And... she and her household [were] baptized”) — which shows us the pattern of the earliest church in covenant baptism.

Baptism (and especially “infant baptism” or covenant baptism) beautifully points to the initiative of God’s love. He reached out to us, when we could not reach out to Him. It is thus a perfect picture of sovereign, saving grace. “Every time we baptize an infant we bear witness that salvation is from God, that we cannot do any good thing to secure it, that we all enter the Kingdom of heaven therefore as little children, who do not do, but are done for.” (B.B. Warfield)

We, of course, also baptize adult believers (who have never before been baptized). In this way, they are recognized as disciples of Jesus Christ through the means of baptism and confession of faith (see Acts 2:38, 8:35-37; Romans 10:9), and so it is our great joy and privilege from time to time, to hear new Christians profess their trust in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior of sinners, as He is offered in the gospel, and to see them receive the mark of membership in the covenant community.

The Larger Catechism says: “The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.”

MARCH CIRCLES

Monday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.

#8 Janet Davis
The Orchard

Monday, March 17, 9:45 a.m.

#5 Laura Blaylock and Bess Corbitt
Library

Monday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.

#2 Karan York
*Home of Lisa Paris,
3520 Hawthorn Drive*

Monday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.

#4 Rebecca Redman
Church Parlor

Monday, March 17, Noon

#14 Susan Turner & Marty May
(Brown Bag)
Miller Hall

Monday, March 17, 5:30 p.m.

#7 Marian Ware (Dinner)
Miller Hall

Tuesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.

#9 Glenda Cox & Grace Toler
Hostesses: Marlene Liddell,
Gayle Poole and Betty Moore
Church Parlor

Tuesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.

#10 Diana Howie
*Home of Nan Fulcher
2035 Heritage Hill Drive*

Tuesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.

#11 Frenchie Graham and Ruth
Tant
Youth House

FPC THIS WEEK

SUNDAY • MARCH 16, 2014

Sunday	<p>Pre-Service Announcements — 8:20 a.m. in the Sanctuary Prayer for Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in M133 The Learning Resource Center — 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Library only) Sunday School — 9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. in various locations Inquirers Class — 9:40 a.m. in M133 College Sunday School — 9:50 a.m. in the CH Pre-Service Announcements — 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary Student Choir Rehearsal — 4:40 p.m. in the MS The Learning Resource Center — 5:30 p.m. – 5:55 p.m. (Library only) Pre-Service Announcements — 5:50 p.m. in the Sanctuary Senior High Insight — 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Crawfords (1962 Douglas Drive)</p>
Monday	<p>Circles Meet This Week (Please note circles 3, 6, 12, and 13 met last week) Scout Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 Scouts — 7:00 p.m. in SR/SC213</p>
Tuesday	<p>Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study — 6:30 a.m. in WH202 Staff Meeting — 9:00 a.m. in the MS Crafts for Mission — 9:00 a.m. in SC The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. NCC Tutoring — 3:00 p.m. in SC210 Cub Scout Pack Meeting — 6:00 p.m. in MH Internationals — 6:45 p.m. in PH</p>
Wednesday	<p>MOMS Panel Discussion — 9:00 a.m. in PH & Company Men's Bible Study — 10:00 a.m. in SR The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 6:25 p.m. MOMS Ministry Team Meeting — 11:00 a.m. in MH MNA Committee Meeting — 12:00 noon in MH Dads of Students Prayer Lunch — 12:00 noon in the YH Office Family Night Supper — 5:00 p.m. in MH Junior High Discipleship Groups — 5:00 p.m. in YH Children's Activities — 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Gym/Playground The Choir — 5:50 p.m. in MS Children's Choirs — 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in various locations Discipleship Groups — 6:30 p.m. in various locations Sixth Grade Fellowship — 6:30 p.m. in Scout Room Mid-Week Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 6:30 p.m. in PH</p>
Thursday	<p>Moms of Students Prayer Breakfast — 8:30 a.m. in the YH Office Mark Bible Study — 9:30 a.m. in various locations Genesis Bible Study — 9:45 a.m. in MH The Learning Resource Center — 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Men of the Covenant — 11:30 a.m. in MH</p>
Friday	<p>Sew & Sow — 9:00 a.m. in SC211</p>
Saturday	<p>Men's Prayer Breakfast — 7:30 a.m. in MH</p>

CH - College House

LH - Lowe Hall

M - Main Floor

MCR - Ministers

Conference Room

MH - Miller Hall

MS - Music Suite

PH - Patterson Hall

YH - Youth House

SC - Study Center

WH - Westminster Hall

HC - Hutton Chapel

LRC - Learning Resource
Center

SR - Session Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

II THESSALONIANS 3:1

“Finally, brethren, pray for us...” — **Allen & Sandi Smith** – Serving as a church planter with Christian Missionary Society in Peru. Mailing address: 222 Viewpoint Drive, Hot Springs, AR 71913; email address: allensmith@perumission.org
Sam & Anne Taaffe- Serving as campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN. Mailing Address: 2628 Dorset Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37130; email address: sam.taaffe@ruf.org

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Ben S. Yandell — March 11, 2014

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given on behalf of Joni and Friends Jackson, in gratitude for opening your house to them for the Luke 14 Dinner and Joni’s Ladies Luncheon. “In opening your house to us, you opened your house to the blind, the lame, the crippled and the broken. Your church reflected the very heart of His Gospel”

MISSION PLEDGE CARDS

Last Sunday, 190 cards were received for a total of \$510,816. If you have not turned in your Mission Pledge card, we encourage you to bring it next Sunday and place it in the regular offering plate as an act of worship.

2014 OFFICER NOMINATION

This year we will be electing eight (8) additional Elders, and twenty (20) additional Deacons. Each full communing member in good and regular standing will have until 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 4, 2014, to submit nominations. Officer nomination forms can be turned into the church receptionist. By submitting and signing an officer nomination form, church members are attesting that they have spoken with the person being nominated and have gained his permission to do so.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called for a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 30, 2014, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services for the purpose of hearing a report from the Pulpit Search Committee and to vote to extend a call to the Reverend Mr. David T. A. Strain to fill the vacancy of the Senior Minister.

MEN OF THE COVENANT SPECIAL EDITION

On Thursday, March 20, Men of the Covenant will host Ole Miss head football coach, Hugh Freeze, speaking on *Christian Living in Today's World*. Box lunches will be available in Miller Hall beginning at 11:30 a.m. at a cost of \$6. Coach Freeze will begin speaking at 12:15 p.m. **Reservations are required by Tuesday, March 18.** They can be made by calling the church office at 601-353-8316 or emailing receptionist@fpcjackson.org.

MARATHON CONFERENCE

A Men's Retreat

March 21-22, 2014

Twin Lakes Conference Center

Our Marathon Conference speaker will be the Reverend John Sartelle, interim senior minister of Christ Presbyterian Church of Fayette County in Oakland, TN. The cost is \$65 with a **\$25 deposit due by immediately**. You'll find complete conference information at our website: www.fpcjackson.org/marathon-conference. You may register online or return the printed registration form you received through the mail.

PROS

PROS (Presbyterian Retired Organization) will meet Thursday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. Margaret and Jim Tohill will present on growing up in Vicksburg. We will then enjoy beef brisket, cheese grits, green beans, French bread and strawberry angel food cake. Don't miss it. Please sign up by calling the church office at 601-353-8316 by Monday, March 24th.

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The Vows for the Sacrament of Baptism

In order for the congregation to more fully enter into the service of the sacrament of baptism and to refresh ourselves on our church membership vow, the following is provided for your convenience and information:

To the parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in (his) behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for (his) salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before (him) a godly example, that you will pray with and for (him), that you will teach (him) the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring (him) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

And

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

First Presbyterian Church purposes to stand as a Reformed witness to Jackson, to the surrounding community, and ultimately to the world through the proclamation of the whole counsel of God as written in the verbally inspired, infallible Scriptures.

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