

“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.” Psalm 18:2

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Meditation: True Love



The following is an abridged and edited version of the sermon preached at the wedding of Isaac and Eloise Klazinga.

Isaac and Eloise, words really cannot express the depth of our happiness for you. But words can express the reasons for it, why we are happy for you.

You might think your parents are happy because of the possibility of more grandkids. Well, we admit it, having grandchildren is a wonderful blessing.

But even if for some reason, in the providence of God, the two of you are never able to have children, that would not change at all the more basic reason why we are so happy today.

For Julie and I, our hope and prayer for each of our children has always been that, should they get married, they would marry in the Lord, they would each marry a fellow believer.

We praise God for his work in your lives. And we rejoice in how as committed Christians, God has given you each other, that you may serve him together as husband and wife.

Sharing the same perspective on life, sharing the same understanding of how we came to be, why we are alive, how we are to live, and what our ultimate destination is, this is so important for the two of you to be able to grow together in the coming years.

Growing in the Lord, serving him together, that's more important than how many children you have. It's more important than which state or which country you will happen to live in. It's more important than how much money you will make.

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Meditation

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10

But okay, let's connect this to your chosen wedding text, Song of Solomon, chapter 8, verses 6 and 7.

The thing is, it's in Christ, trusting in him, serving him together as husband and wife, that's how you can truly know in a meaningful way the kind of love spoken of in this text you've chosen.

“Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it.” That's the kind of love you want, right? A powerful love that will never go out, a love that the deepest ocean cannot extinguish.

Verse 6 of chapter 8 compares love to a fire. “Its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame.” A very vivid and poetic description of love.

By the way, whatever else you can say about the Song of Solomon, it is at least a love poem, a poem about romantic love between a man and a woman.

In verses 6 and 7 of chapter 8, the author comes close to defining that kind of love. Not in a cold, clinical way, but with poetry.

You could say that these verses summarize what the book of Song of Solomon is all about.

They're so descriptive in what they say about love, aren't they?

Verse 6 also says: Love is as strong as death. They say there are only two certain things in life: death and taxes. Perhaps the author of this poem would say: there are only two certain things in life: death and true love. That's how strong this kind of love is.

And by the way, notice, the text doesn't say, that's how strong my love is. That's how strong love is, full stop.

But what does this have to do with the importance of marrying in the Lord? There are plenty of non-

Christians who would describe their own love as a most vehement flame, strong as death, something no amount of water can quench. What makes this text particularly Christian?

Well, when the Bible talks about love, it's talking about something much deeper, much richer than what most people think of.

Many, when they talk about love, they're only referring to lust and desire.

To be sure, this desire in and of itself is not a bad thing. If the two of you were to say, “Physical desire has nothing to do with why we got married,” none of us here would believe you. Not only that, we would say, “Something is wrong here.”

But at the same time, if the love you have for each other, if it's only about physical desire, if that's the only reason you got married, then we would just as surely say, “There's something wrong here.”

Marital love that doesn't go any deeper than simple desire, that's a kind of love that can be easily quenched. It won't take much of a flood to put out that kind of fire.

If all you are looking for in a spouse is someone to meet your physical and emotional needs, then you don't have the kind of love your wedding text is pointing to.

That kind of love is about commitment. That kind of love involves self-sacrifice. That kind of love means putting the needs of the one you love over and above your own.

But this still leaves us with the question I asked earlier: what does this have to do with why your parents, and others here today, why we're so happy that the two of you are both Christians? After all,

commitment is not exclusive to Christians. You can find plenty of examples of non-Christian couples whose love is demonstrated in a life-long commitment, through thick and thin, good times and bad.

In fact, that's something we should be thankful for and encourage. We want every married couple to demonstrate that kind of love, whether they're Christians or not. That can only be good for society.

But when it comes to the heart of true biblical love, the kind of love that truly can never be quenched, we have to go even deeper.

We have to look to the ultimate source of love. We have to look to the one who is the essence of love. We have to look to God, to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Bible says, “God is love.” If you really want to understand love at its core, you look to the God who is love at the very core of his being.

God is Almighty. God is Almighty love. God is infinite. God is infinite love. God is eternal. God is eternal love. And no flood, nothing in all of creation, can wash him away, can quench his love.

True love looks to him. The best, richest, deepest kind of love that we can know, including when it comes to love between a husband and wife, it looks to the loving heavenly Father. It looks to the Redeemer, Jesus Christ. It finds its fulfillment in him, its purpose and meaning in him.

This is our prayer for you, that you may both continue to look to God and His love for you, and so grow closer in love to Him, and grow in love for each other as husband and wife.

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Brisbane

[Report by Jim Klazinga]

The congregation rejoices that Isaac and Eloise Klazinga were



married on 6 December in Hobart. Pray for them as they adjust to married life.

Continue to pray also for the two couples getting married in January: Lottie Gourley and Karl Kay (the 17th), and Robyn Bosveld and Caleb Klazinga (the 24th).

We note with thankfulness that Julie Klazinga will celebrate her 60th birthday on Sunday, 21 December. What makes this extra special is the fact that during this past year Julie reached the milestone of being free from cancer for

10 years.

With everything going on, Pastor Jim has been and will be regularly away from the pulpit for a couple of months. Elder Stewart

Carswell and retired PCQ pastor Paul Seiler led the services on the day after the wedding in Hobart; Paul will be helping out on the 21st by preaching for the afternoon service; Jim and David Torlach of the Brisbane EPC will be having an exchange on 28 December; Jim will be preaching in Wauchope on 11 January, George Ball and Robin Tso volunteered to preach on 18 January while they're up in Queensland on

holiday; and David Lachman volunteered to preach on 25 January, since he'll be up for the second Bosveld/Klazinga wedding.

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Geelong

[Report by the editor]



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Hastings

[Report by the editor]

Please pray for the Forbes family as they anticipate moving to Geelong in the very near future, and for the congregation as they bid farewell to the minister and his family.

Pray for the leadership provided by the session during their upcoming vacancy, and for Rev Jim Klazinga, appointed by the Northern Presbytery to take up the role of interim moderator. It is anticipated that he will come to “preach the congregation vacant” on Sunday 11 January, following John’s induction in Geelong.

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Hunter

[Report by Ian Miller]

The Hunter Session recently met with our Vacancy Committee (members Mr Nic O'Dell, Mr David Barnes, and Dr John Fluit). This was followed by meetings with seven applicants for communicant membership. We give thanks to our gracious

Church News

“Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.” Romans 12:10



redeeming God for the newly admitted communicant members: Mr Adam Fuller, Mrs Christina and Mr Deon Parker, Mr Ian Allen, Mrs Rhoda and Rev George Ball, and Mr Oliver King. Our prayers are for the Lord's richest blessings upon these dear brethren.

The Annual Sunday School

Presentations were made on Lord's Day 7 December. Teachers Mrs Amelia O'Dell and Mrs Amy Oringo presented books and certificates to the infants class members. Mrs Anna Fluit also presented books and certificates to her primary class members. Mr Miller congratulated the students



and thanked the teachers for their faithful labour and dedication throughout 2025.

We continue to earnestly seek the Lord's mercy for our persecuted brethren worldwide and for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in Australia and elsewhere.

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Hawkesbury Nepean

[Report by Elizabeth Muldoon]

Jon and Mel recently became Christians, and this led them to follow the teachings of the Bible and get married. They then wanted to get their five little children baptised. This was such a happy occasion - Jon and Mel testifying to their own faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and promising to bring their children up in God's ways. We, as a church, will love and pray for these little ones and, when we have opportunity, help and encourage the family to keep following Jesus.

Winnie, bright and beautiful, energetic and creative, turned 80 this month and had a wonderful birthday to celebrate. Now, if you were asked to guess Winnie's age, you would guess about 60. She is so full of life. She teaches the craft group at the church, cooks delicious dishes, helps with any church programmes, and does a lot of caring of her grandchildren. At the party she thanked the Lord for the gifts of life, and health, family and friends.

Tevita, one of our deacons, also celebrated a special birthday - his fiftieth. It was the 20th wedding anniversary of Tevita and his wife Holla as well. They provided a



wonderful fellowship lunch for all of us after church. Tevita and Holla are such kind, gentle and generous people. We praise the Lord for their presence in our church, and we pray that they will have many more birthdays and many more wedding anniversaries.

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Manning

[Report by Joyce Bennett]

Another year is just about over and we can thank the Lord for his goodness to us over this past year.

We are very thankful that he has provided godly men each week to fill our pulpit & proclaim his Word faithfully.

On Sunday December 11th we had George & Rhoda visiting with us, George spoke on ‘Wait on the Lord’ from Psalm 62. He brought out the Hebrew meaning of waiting on God, which is waiting with hope, expectation and active anticipation. A good reminder for all our vacant congregations who are waiting on the Lord for a new pastor. We all tend to want a

pastor in our timeline, but God in his time will provide a faithful man to shepherd us.

This is a quote from Sinclair Ferguson that was in our Free Press. “Waiting in Scripture does not mean idly standing by. It is not a matter of resignation, but of commitment to the will of God, but what are we to do, when we do not know what God wants us to do? What are we to do while we wait for the divine timetable to run its course. The answer of biblical precept and illustration is one. Do your duty; live in the light God has already given you. By walking in it you will find that God will make the future path clear”.

This past year as a Mission Society we have been able to support all our missionaries through our garage sales .

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Melbourne

[Report by Heather Fiedler]

As another year draws to a close we thank God for His blessings to our congregation: ministries provided, the feeding and encouragement of God’s people from the pulpit and provision for maintenance to our property. We give thanks for a new minister and family, and the blessing of a new manse. All answered prayers in these areas.

The year has seen a degree of illness amongst some of our people, but we also see God’s hand in upholding and strengthening His people through these times. We have been pleased to welcome some new faces to worship with us each Sunday, and sadness, but



presided and preached a message from 1 Thessalonians 1 on how the gospel came to Thessalonica, and the change it brought in their lives as a result of their conversion. The Clerk, Dr. Donald Ramsay, read the Call to the congregation, which was signed by everyone present. The Call was presented to Mr. Lachman, who to the joy and satisfaction of everyone gathered, indicated his acceptance.

The induction is planned for Thursday 8th January 2025 at 1 pm in Narre Warren (the day following the induction of Rev. John Forbes in Geelong).

We as a congregation are thankful to the Lord in how He has sustained us and provided for us and brought us to this point.

rejoicing in the eternal hope of the death of one of our members a few months ago.

Our Women’s Bible Study has continued throughout another year. We began our studies on Genesis 1-11, then moved through 1 & 2 Timothy. We hope to finish the Pastoral epistles with Titus next year. Our numbers have been up and down throughout the year, with some new faces and our regulars.

Many thanks to Betty Holmes who graciously led the study whilst I was sick for several months during the year. Betty had a break from leading the study for about 18 months, and is now leading the studies again. We thank her for her leadership and input. We finished our year with a lunch together at a local restaurant.

A congregational meeting was held mid- November, seeking the

congregation’s desire for the election of a minister to pastor the congregation, and the support of the congregation regarding funds from the sale of the Wantirna church building.

May God the Father strengthen and uphold us, may His Son minister to us and encourage our hearts, and may His Spirit continually draw us to His word and lead us into all truth. We are His people, His church, ‘kept by the power of God’, 1 Peter 1:5.

[Note: the following last minute update was contributed by George Ball.]

The Melbourne congregation ended the year on a positive and encouraging note. The Southern Presbytery met with the congregation in the Narre Warren building on Saturday 13th December to moderate in a Call to Rev. David Lachman. The Moderator, Rev. George Ball

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Northern Rivers

[Report by the editor]

Pastor David Kerridge and his daughter Grace returned home to Australia on the 20th of November, three weeks ahead of schedule. They had a good visit with the Reformed Protestant Mission in Sri Lanka, but sadly were not able to visit with the Presbyterian Free Church of Central India, as they were denied entry into the country.

Pray for David and Mandy and their family as they make preparations to have David’s parents, John and Margaret Kerridge, move onto their property sometime early next year. David’s current office is being converted into a granny flat and a new office is being built.

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St Georges

[Report by Alex Steel]

With 2025 drawing to a close, life in the congregation has been a settling-in time with our minister Robin Tso having been with us now for sixteen months, during which time he has gotten to know the congregational members through his weekly pastoral visits to most of them.

Congregational members have appreciated his systematic preaching usually from both the



Old testament and the New each Lord’s day. The people meet in the church on Wednesday evening for a prayer meeting which includes a sermon. Presentations were made at these meeting by Seamen’s Christian Friend Society, International Mission to Jewish People and Middle East Reformed Fellowship.

A feature of our meetings is that visitors regularly join our

services as they seek a church in the CBD who preaches the reformed faith. Most come from overseas who are on holiday or business conferences etc.

Another issue faced by the congregation is the cost the congregation members and local visitors experience in getting to church services in the CBD. While some come by public transport at reasonable cost others who drive, some long distances, face ever increasing road tolls and car street parking fees. To assist, the Deacons’ Court pays for parking in a private parking station for any wishing to use it – road tolls and street parking can cost in excess of \$25 per service for some.

The church restorations and repairs are approximately 40% completed and are planned to be finished in April 2026.

The congregation continues in good spirits. There are 33 communicant members and up to 50 attend the Lord’s Day morning services.

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Ulverstone

[Report by Zach Dotson]

The months of November and December are fast-paced in Northwest Tasmania; everything is

rushed, only to slow gently down at the end of December. At the Ulverstone Manse, renovations have been a major project that has consumed much time. At present, though, the renovations are nearing completion. Further, in the life of the congregation, we have enjoyed many visitors in the past few weeks. From unbelieving friends and family to holiday makers from far and wide. We are looking forward to the summer holidays and the new year. Please pray for our weekly open-air outreach and for congregational growth.

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**Notice from the
Southern Presbyterian Church
Hobart Congregation
Camp Committee**

The Hobart congregation of the Southern Presbyterian Church invites you to join us at our annual family camp to be held at Orana Girl Guide Camp, Roches Beach, from Friday 13th to Lord's Day 15th March 2026, Lord willing.

Pastor Ralph Hall from the Kingston Free Presbyterian Church has accepted our invitation to be the camp speaker and we look forward to his studies from the Word of God.

For Camp details and the registration form, contact Dot Pilgrim at dotpilgrim@gmail.com. To assist the camp committee with detailed planning it would be very helpful if you could register as soon as possible, or no later than Monday 23rd February.

December Search Work

“Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart.” Psalm 119:2

Senior and Intermediate

(Intermediate omit questions 4 and 7)

Acts 22

1. How did Paul describe himself in his defence to the people? (1 verse only)
2. At his conversion, what had been the Lord's answer when Paul asked, “What shall I do, Lord?”
3. What did Ananias tell Paul God had chosen him to do? (2 verses)
4. What was the response of the audience when Paul mentioned his being sent to the Gentiles ?

Acts 23

5. What did Paul cry out in the council when he saw one part was Sadducees and the other Pharisees?
6. What did the Lord say to Paul on the night following?
7. When told of the Jews' conspiracy, what did the chief captain [commander] tell the two centurions to do? (2 verses)
8. What did Felix say when he heard that Paul was from Cilicia, and where was Paul kept? (2 verses)

Junior

John 13:1-30

1. What did Jesus do after rising from supper and laying aside his garments? (2 verses)
2. What was Jesus' answer when Peter told him he (Jesus) would never wash his feet?
3. If their Lord and Master [Teacher] had washed their feet, what were the disciples to do for one another?
4. To whom did Jesus give the sop [piece of bread] when he had dipped it?

Find the verse(s) in the Bible that answer the questions, write/type them out, and send to:

Mrs Irene Steel

18/1-55 West Parade, West Ryde NSW 2114
or Email: iesteel@gmail.com

A book voucher is awarded at the end of each year to children who send in the answers.

January Search Work

“Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart.” Psalm 119:2

Senior and Intermediate

(Intermediate omit questions 7 and 8)

Acts 24

1. How did the orator Tertullus describe Paul? (2 verses)
2. In what way did Paul confess that he worshipped the God of his fathers? (2 verses)
3. When Paul reasoned of righteousness, temperance [self-control] and judgment to come, how was Felix affected?
4. What happened after two years?

Acts 25

5. Why did the high priest and chief men of the Jews ask that Paul be sent to Jerusalem? What was Festus' answer? (2 verses)
6. What did Festus say to Paul after he had conferred with the council?

7. How did Festus describe to Agrippa the accusations of the Jews against Paul?
8. What reason did Festus give for his bringing Paul before king Agrippa?

Junior

Jonah 1

1. Where did Jonah go when he fled from the presence of the Lord?
2. What did Jonah tell the sailors to do to him that the sea might be calm?
3. What happened to the sea when Jonah was cast into it?

Jonah 2

4. When the Lord spoke to the fish, what happened ?

December Prayer Points

“I thank God... as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day.” 2 Timothy 1:3

- Monday, 1st:** Pray for the ongoing active registration, collaboration and ministry of the Geelong congregation and comment.”
- Friday, 12th:** Pray for the students and teachers in our congregations who have concluded another school year, and especially for graduates.
- Saturday, 13th:** Give thanks that the Southern Presbytery met today with the Melbourne congregation to moderate in the call to Rev David Lachman, and that David accepted the call.
- Sunday, 14th:** Give thanks for the variety of people we have in our congregations, people of different ages, from different cultures and backgrounds, with different talents. Give thanks that together we can be one in Christ, and that we can demonstrate this oneness today as we gather for worship.
- Monday, 15th:** Pray for the ministry of the Hawkesbury-Nepean congregation in West Sydney.
- Tuesday, 16th:** Pray for the Hawkesbury-Nepean office-bearers: for Rev Dennis Muldoon; for elder Tom Reeve; and for deacons Tevita Fihaki and Lopeti Latu.
- Wednesday, 17th:** Pray for the work of the Middle East Reformed Fellowship.
- Thursday, 18th:** Pray for the ministry of the Free Church of Scotland, and of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing). Pray for our relationship and contact with them.
- Friday, 19th:** Give thanks for the seven newly admitted communicant members to the Hunter congregation.
- Saturday, 20th:** Give thanks that Julie Klazinga of the Brisbane congregation will celebrate her 60th birthday tomorrow.
- Sunday, 21st:** Pray that the preaching in our services today will enable those attending to submit to and rejoice in the sovereignty of the holy will of God.
- Monday, 22nd:** Pray for the ministry of the St Georges congregation in Sydney.
- Tuesday, 23rd:** Pray for the St Georges office-bearers: for Rev Robin Tso; for elders Donald McIntosh, and Alex Steel; and for deacons Chris Oakley, Ken Shaw, and Allan Steel.
- Wednesday, 24th:** Pray for the work of Mark and Rahel Landrum of the International Mission for Jewish People.
- Thursday, 25th:** Pray that God may enable us to shine the light of his grace and truth to those around us caught in darkness.
- Friday, 26th:** Give thanks to God for the continual temporal blessings the Synod and the church overall has enjoyed during 2025.
- Saturday, 27th:** Pray for travelling mercies for those in our congregations away from home during the holiday season.
- Sunday, 28th:** Pray for today’s final worship services in 2025. Give thanks for the freedom we have enjoyed gathering for worship openly in 2025, and pray that this may continue in 2026.
- Monday, 29th:** Pray for the ongoing ministry of the Hunter congregation in Cardiff and Raymond Terrace.
- Tuesday, 30th:** Pray for the Hunter office-bearers: for elder Ian Miller; and for deacons Richard Alley, David Barnes, John Fluit, Ken George & Ian King.
- Wednesday, 31st:** Give thanks to God for his faithfulness to us as a denomination in 2025.

January Prayer Points

“I thank God... as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day.” 2 Timothy 1:3

Thursday, 1st: Pray for the Spirit to strengthen our denomination and give us wisdom as we move forward together in 2026.

Friday, 2nd: It was resolved at last year's synod meeting, “That we would fervently pray for the provision of candidates for the ministry, help from sister churches, and men ready for office-bearing in our congregations.”

Saturday, 3rd: It was resolved at last year's meeting, “Synod continues to pray for the children and youth in the Church and the work of the [Youth and Fellowship] committee in building relationships between congregations as members of Christ's body.”

Sunday, 4th: Pray that in the worship we offer this year, God will be glorified and we as His people will be built up in our faith.

Monday, 5th: Pray for the continuing ministry of the Manning congregation in Taree.

Tuesday, 6th: Pray for the Manning office-bearers: for elders Clive Alley, Young Lee, Trevor Leggott, Neil Robinson, and Peter Smith; and for deacons Paul Dyson, Mark Hamilton, Marshall Reid, Alistair Weber, and David Wilson.

Wednesday, 7th: Pray for the induction of Rev John Forbes taking place in Geelong today.

Thursday, 8th: Pray for the induction of Rev David Lachman taking place in Melbourne today.

Friday, 9th: Please pray for the ministry of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand. Pray for our relationship and contact with them.

Saturday, 10th: Pray for the vacant congregations in our denomination,

particularly as they look for men to preach from their pulpit and as they search for a full-time pastor.

Sunday, 11th: Pray that God may give us the wisdom and strength we need in our striving to keep the fourth commandment.

Monday, 12th: Pray for the continuing ministry of the Hastings congregation in Wauchope.

Tuesday, 13th: Pray for the Hastings office-bearers: for elders Doug Hamilton and Glen Hamilton; and for deacon Neil McKinnon.

Wednesday, 14th: Pray for the continuing ministries of the Presbyterian Free Church of Central India.

Thursday, 15th: Pray for the St Georges congregation as they hope to complete the church restorations and repairs by April of this year.

Friday, 16th: Pray for the ongoing ministry of this magazine in 2026.

Saturday, 17th: Pray for the wedding of Lottie Gourley and Karl Kay taking place in Brisbane today.

Sunday, 18th: Pray that God, by His Word and Spirit, may enable those attending our services today to behold the image of God in Christ.

Monday, 19th: Pray for the ministry of the Northern Rivers congregation in MacLean.

Tuesday, 20th: Pray for the Northern Rivers office-bearers: for Rev David Kerridge; for elders Ross Campbell, John Greensill, and John McPhee; and for deacons Gordon Law and Peter Van den Burg.

Wednesday, 21st: Pray for the ministry of Rev. Shanmugan Partheepan in the Reformed Protestant Mission in Sri Lanka.

Thursday, 22nd: It was resolved at last year's meeting, “Synod gives thanks and pray for those are involved in the work of teaching Sunday-school and youth classes.” Pray for this work as it continues in 2026.

Friday, 23rd: Give thanks for Australia. Pray for our civic leaders. Pray for revival in our land.

Saturday, 24th: Pray for the wedding of Robyn Bosveld and Caleb Klazinga taking place in Brisbane today.

Sunday, 25th: Pray that God may enable those attending our services today to worship with reverence and godly fear.

Monday, 26th: Pray for the ministry of the Brisbane congregation.

Tuesday, 27th: Pray for the Brisbane office-bearers: for Rev Jim Klazinga; for elders Stewart Carswell and Wes Hanna; and for deacons Micah Klazinga, Keith Schmidt, and Matthew Schmidt.

Wednesday, 28th: Pray for the work of the Dumisani Theological Institute in South Africa.

Thursday, 29th: Please pray for the ministry of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and of the United Reformed Churches in North America. Pray for our relationship and contact with them.

Friday, 30th: Pray for the students and teachers in our congregations anticipating the beginning of another school year.

Saturday, 31st: Pray for preparations being made for the March SPC church camp, to which PCEA members are invited. (see page 8)

