



Beholding God
Pursuing Godliness
Proclaiming Christ

72nd General Synod
of the
Bible Presbyterian Church

July 31 - August 5, 2008
Bible Presbyterian Church
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE:
Sermon by the Retiring Moderator:
"God Is Great, God Is Good" (Psalm 145)
—Rev. Morris McDonald, *Palm Harbor, FL*
Communion (conducted by the host pastor, Rev. John Dyck)
- 9:45 a.m. BREAK
- 10:00 a.m. OPENING BUSINESS: Formation of the Roll;
Adoption of the Docket; Election of Officers; Reading
of Communications; Greetings From Fraternal Delegates
and Observers
- 12:00 Noon LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m. MODERATOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
VICE MODERATOR AND STANDING COMMITTEES
- 1:30 p.m. COMMITTEE MEETINGS
PRAYER ASSEMBLY (conducted by the host presbytery)
- 3:30 p.m. BREAK AND SYNOD PHOTOGRAPH
- 4:15 p.m. COMMITTEE MEETINGS continue
PRAYER ASSEMBLY continues
- 5:30 p.m. DINNER
- 6:30 p.m. FORUM: "Is Baptism the Point of Your Salvation?"
Conducted by Rev. Chris Lensch, *Tacoma, WA*
- 7:00 p.m. EVENING SERVICE
Testimonies of the South Atlantic and Florida Presbyteries
Message: "Beholding Our God of Glory" (Psalm 27)
—Rev. Tim Miessler, *Cincinnati, OH*
- Reception to honor the new moderator will follow the evening service*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2008

Beholding God

- 9:00 a.m. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 9:10 a.m. PRAYER SESSION
(especially for home churches and members)
- 9:30 a.m. DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE:
"What Is God?" (WSC Question 4)
—Dr. John Battle, Tacoma, WA
- 10:00 a.m. ADOPTION OF MINUTES AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
- 10:15 a.m. BREAK
- 10:30 a.m. BUSINESS SESSION
- 11:30 a.m. RESOLUTIONS
- 12:00 Noon LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m. AGENCY REPORTS:
Presbyterian Missionary Union
The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions
- 3:30 p.m. BREAK
- 3:45 p.m. AGENCY REPORTS
Western Reformed Seminary
Fundamental Presbyterian Publications
- 5:30 p.m. DINNER
- 6:30 p.m. FORUM: "Will the Emergent Church Revive America's Churches?" —Rev. Tito Lyro, Olympia, WA
- 7:00 p.m. EVENING SERVICE
Testimonies of the Great Lakes Presbytery
Message: "Who Art Thou That Repliest Against God?"
—Dr. George Gatis, North Charleston, SC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2008

FREE DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2008

- 10:30 a.m.** MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:
Message by the Moderator
*(to be held at Rundle Family Centre in Rundle Park;
to be followed by picnic lunch)*
- 4:30 p.m.** SACRED CONCERT
(to be held at Nicholas B. Knoppers Hall, King's University College)
- 6:00 p.m.** MEMORIAL SERVICE:
"Honoring God in Service for Him" (Acts 7:54-60)
—Rev. James Huff, Kalispell, MT
(to be held at Nicholas B. Knoppers Hall, King's University College)

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008

Pursuing Godliness

- 9:00 a.m.** ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 9:10 a.m.** PRAYER SESSION (especially for presbyteries and the Bible Presbyterian Church)
- 9:30 a.m.** DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE:
"Maintaining a Righteous Standard" (Daniel 1)
—Dr. H. Ronald Vandermey, Glendale, CA
- 10:00 a.m.** ADOPTION OF MINUTES AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
- 10:15 a.m.** BREAK
- 10:30 a.m.** SEMINAR: "Best Governance and Practices in the Church"
—Dr. Kevin Backus, Grand Island, NY
- 11:30 p.m.** FINAL RESOLUTIONS
- 12:00 Noon** LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m.** BUSINESS SESSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 3:00 p.m.** BREAK
- 3:15 p.m.** PANEL: "How Can We Do a Better Job in Missions and Church Planting?" —Rev. Keith Coleman, Norristown, PA;
Dr. Len Pine, Grand Island, NY (and missionaries)
- 4:00 p.m.** BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
- 5:30 p.m. (supercedes all other meetings)

- 5:30 p.m. DINNER
- 6:30 p.m. FORUM: "Why the Questions About Justification?"
Conducted by Dr. Edward Oliver, *Clearwater, FL*
- 7:00 p.m. EVENING SERVICE
Testimonies of the Northwest and Southwest Presbyteries
Message: "Called Unto His Eternal Glory" (1 Peter 5:10-11)
—Rev. G.W. Fisher, *Tacoma, WA*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008

Proclaiming Christ

- 9:00 a.m. ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 9:10 a.m. PRAYER SESSION (especially for gospel outreach and missions)
- 9:30 a.m. DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE:
"Preaching God's Effectual Word" (Isaiah 55:6-11)
—Rev. James S. Blizzard, *Lakeland, FL*
- 10:00 a.m. ADOPTION OF MINUTES, BUSINESS SESSION AND TRUSTEES REPORT
- 10:45 a.m. BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. MESSAGE: "Magnifying the Cross" (Colossians 1:15-29)
—Dr. Len Pine, *Grand Island, NY*
- 12:00 Noon LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m. MESSAGE: "Glorifying the Saviour" (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)
—Rev. Keith Coleman, *Norristown, PA*
- 2:00 p.m. Business Session and Final Reports
Discussion about the 73rd Synod and the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin
- 3:30 p.m. BREAK
- 3:45 p.m. ADOPTION OF MINUTES AND FINAL ROLL CALL
- 6:00 p.m. SYNOD BANQUET
Message: "To Whom Be Glory Forever!" (Romans 11:33-36)
—Chaplain Glenn Rogers, *Santa Maria, CA*
(to be held at the Atrium at Kings University College)



The various temporary and standing committees will give reports at the call of the Moderator (as time permits and reports are available). Due to travel considerations, the Interchurch Relations Committee may give reports and fraternal delegates and observers may give greetings at other than docketed times.

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