

# First Press

## First Reformed Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.

12900 Frankstown Road • Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235



### God's Kingdom at War: 2007 Fall Conference

October 12,13 (Fri. eve. - Sat. afternoon)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Derek Thomas  
*John E. Richards Professor of*

*Systematic and Practical Theology* at the Jackson campus of Reformed Theological Seminary.

Friday Evening

6:30-7:00 PM  
7:00-7:15 PM  
N. Hills RPC  
7:15-8:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> RPC, Indianapolis, IN  
8:00-8:15 PM  
8:15-9:15 PM

9:00-9:15 AM  
9:15-10:00 AM  
10:00-10:20 AM  
10:20-11:20 AM

RPTS,  
11:30-1:00 PM

Andrew Cooper.  
1:00-2:00 PM

Registration  
Opening/Greeting -- Rev. Harry Metzger,

"Defining God's Kingdom" Dr. Roy Blackwood,

Break

"God's Kingdom at War" - Dr. Derek Thomas

SATURDAY morning/afternoon:

Opening/Greeting -- Rev. Harry Metzger

"Weapons of Christ's Warfare" Dr. Derek Thomas

Break

Workshops

(options) *The Kingdom Worldview* - Dr. Roy Blackwood

*God's Kingdom Advancing* - Dr. Rick Gamble ,

*Kingdom Prayer* - Rev. Harry Metzger

Reformation Society Luncheon - 2 Timothy 2:2

Dr. Roy Blackwood, Rev. Jack Wilson, and Rev.

"Victory of the Kingdom" - Dr. Derek Thomas

\*\*\* Please note that this is not a First Reformed Church Conference. Rather it is a Reformation Society of Pittsburgh conference sponsored by the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals, which we support. Since it is not one of our conferences, admission is not free for First Reformed members this year. Each participant will be charged \$30 for admission to the two day conference. You can register for the conference three ways:

-online at <https://reformedresources.net/2007PBRRegistration.htm>

-via telephone (215)546-3696 (M-F 9:00-4:00 ET)

-at the door if there is still room

If you would like to find out more about the Reformation Society of Pittsburgh or the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals go to <http://www.reformationpittsburgh.org> and <http://alliancenet.org>

## COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9

*Promises Begin*

SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 a.m.

MOPS Resumes

6:30 p.m.

*Pioneer Girls and  
First Boys Clubs Resume*

SEPTEMBER 23

5:30 p.m.

*Great Commission  
Prayer Meeting*

## LOOKING AHEAD

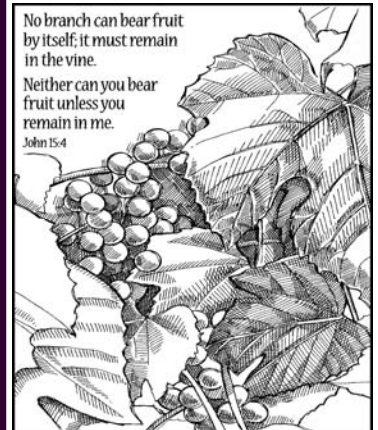
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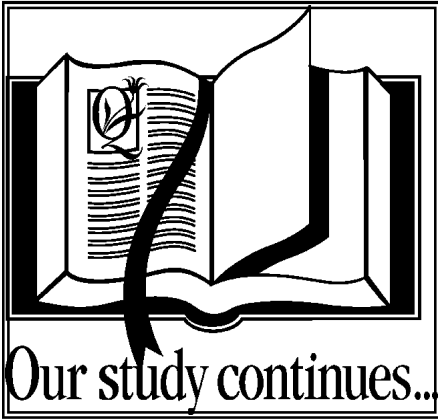
*Reformation Conference*

No branch can bear fruit  
by itself; it must remain  
in the vine.

Neither can you bear  
fruit unless you  
remain in me.

John 15:4





## Training Ourselves for Godliness Covenant Groups

The Covenant Group ministry of First Reformed is designed specifically to enable us to follow in the footsteps of the first New Testament believers who devoted themselves to fellowship and Apostles' teaching (Acts 2.42). These groups are led by elders that meet on a monthly or bi-weekly basis. The goal of this ministry is that of fellowship with God and one another through

Bible study and prayer. People of all ages meet in homes throughout the week. We invite you to check out one of our groups this fall (*see church calendar for specific dates*):

**The Crawford Group** (led by Elder Jim Crawford) Meets at the Crawfords, generally 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**The McLane Group** (led by Elder Dale McLane) Meets at the Duttons, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m

**The Murrysville Group** (led by Elder Rob Dalbey) Meets at the Gardners, 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m

**The Plum Group** (led by Elder Eric Matta) Meets at the Pifers, 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m

## Thank You!

### Saying Good-by -

The congregation of FRPC was given notice on Sunday, August 19th, by **Pastor Larry Bowlin** that he had accepted a call to Providence Presbyterian Church in Murphy, NC. Pastor Bowlin and his family will be with us until the end of October.

**Jay Scharfenberg**, a Reformed Seminary graduate who has been an intern at First Reformed, will be going to Philadelphia, PA to further studies and to job opportunities.



### Nursery Volunteer Needed -

An adult volunteer is needed in the nursery on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month during morning Moppets. Adult substitutes for the nursery are also needed for Moppets. If you would be willing to help, please contact Patty Bennett (412) 823-5778.

### Golf Outing

There will be a golf outing on October 6th at Manor Valley Golf Course.

The cost is \$34 for 18 holes. Play will begin at 10:00 AM.

There will be a picnic following the outing for golfers or any other church members who would like to attend. More details will be given soon.



## Missions Focus Dave and Jan Kiewiet (Australia)

Dave and Jan have been in Brisbane, Australia since 1986. For the first 10 years they were church-planters, and then the emphasis shifted to training Australian leaders. David served as principal and lecturer at Westminster Theological College. The college has been working with the Reformed College of Ministries of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. This has strengthened both schools and allowed them to offer official degrees. This spring its name became The Queensland Theological College. Terry and Francine Clarke, also supported by FRPC, are part of this ministry. Recently the Westminster Presbyterian Church (a denomination- not just one church) asked for help from MTW in planting new churches. Dave is now country director to assist in this. Kiewiet's have 3 daughters and a son. Their son Nathan is recently married and an airline pilot in the US. All three daughters married Australians, however Becca is in State College, PA while her husband does graduate work and a second, Rachel, is moving to Atlanta. Her husband will be New Testament professor at the new campus of Reformed Theological Seminary. Amy is married to a career Australian Army officer. We hope to see the Kiewiets on HMA in 2008.

## September Birthdays

2	Edward Carter	20	Evan Andrzejewski Caleb Mattson
5	Andrew Patterson	22	Rob Dalbey Johnny Faber Denton Lilac Blanca Schofield
6	Andrew Lintelman		
7	Ashton Crawford		
8	Amber Agate Joanne Faith	23	Karen Crawford Jared Reynolds
10	Timothy Brickner Sonny Chianese Janet Kelly	25	Rich Olshefski
11	Brian Conrad Walter Werner	26	Laurel Crawford Steve Hadzima Rachelle Hamilton Karl Lawyer
13	Martha Rau	27	Chad Vizino
14	Elsie Davis Jennifer Murphy	28	Aaron McElhinney Emily Faith
16	Julia Airgood Nancy Wilson	29	Dorothy Brown Ruth Turner Amy Sabella
18	Bob Conrad	30	Nathan Irwin
19	Jeffrey Dietz		

## Financial Summary January 1 - July 31, 2007

### Operating Account:

Receipts \$ 213,279  
Disbursements\* \$ 220,518

### Account Balances -

Operating Checking \$ 21,778  
Operating Saving \$ 72,331

### Benevolence Account:

Income \$ 74,614  
Disbursements \$ 79,502

### Deacons' Fund

Income \$10,740.15  
Disbursements \$13,253.76

### Account Balances -

Deacons' Checking \$ \$4,072  
Deacons' Money Mkt. \$15,819

Please pray for our Pulpit Search Committee - Brian Dutton, chairman and all members - that the Lord would give them wisdom and guidance throughout the process of filling the pulpit with a permanent pastor





## Pioneer Girls Calling All Tadpoles!!

Calling all Tadpoles! Pioneer Girls is beginning a whole new adventure on September 13, 2007. This year's theme will be F.R.O.G. or Fully Rely On God! Expect exciting things to happen on our journey towards becoming girls who rely on God and God alone!

Some new things for this year are:

- Pre-Registration! On August 26<sup>th</sup>, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> we will pre-register girls for club at the welcome center. Register early and beat the rush!
- There's a new committee in town! Some old (from last year) and some new, but all committed to training young girls into young Proverbs ladies.

Things that are staying the same this year are:

- All of our guides are returning for another rewarding year!!
- Our commitment to teach young girls to glorify God in all aspects of life and to equip them with the means to accomplish this goal.
- Community outreach as witnesses for Christ
- Lots of fun, friendships, old and new, and seeking God's plan for our lives!!

So please mark your calendars and join us for a "hopping" good time this year! Watch your mailbox for further information or call Becky Musser: 724-478-5009, Terry Gardner: 724-327-7421 or the church office: 412-793-7117.

*Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for their spiritual investment in our covenant children. New fall Sunday school classes are listed below.*

- 2's and 3's - Jane Turner, Anne Jenkins, Patty Bennett Margaret McCormick
- Younger 4's - Tom and Amy Frost
- Older 4's and Kindergarten- Terry Gardner, Patty Frost
- 1st Grade -Ruth Smith, Elaine Dutton
- 2nd Grade - April Crawford
- 3rd Grade - Suzie Paul
- 4th Grade - Pete and Cathy Taylor
- 5th and 6th Grade- Glenn McGuire
- Jr. High - Becky Musser and Walt Turner
- Sr. High - Bob Crawford



## Sunday School Classes



*We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Paul Musser upon the death of his father, John T. Musser, Jr.*

*A former long-time member of First Reformed has died. Mr. Dick Frey, husband of Francis Frey, died in Ft. Meyers Fl, where he and his wife lived. Their address is: Shell Point, 8302 Arbor Ct., Ft. Meyers, FL 33908-2869.*



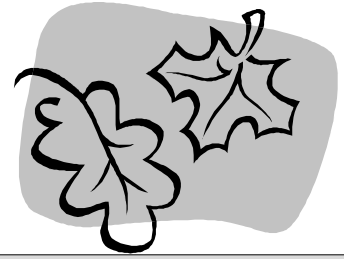
Congratulations to Tim and Lori Brickner upon the birth of their daughter, Allison Lee, on June 6, 2007




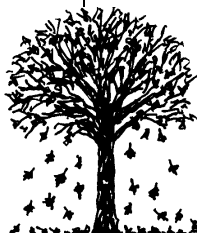
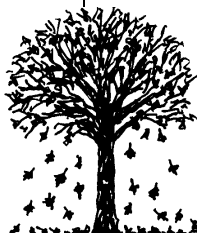
Eleanor Grace Dering was baptized on August 19, 2007. Eleanor is the daughter of Dave and Kate Dering.

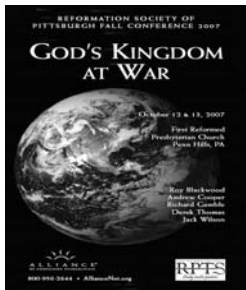
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# September



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Each Sunday:</b> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 5:30 p.m. Promises Choir 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship						1
<b>2</b> Pre-registration for Pioneer Girls Welcome Center 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group	<b>3</b> office closed 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Plum Covenant Group 7:30 p.m. Crawford Covenant Group 6:45 p.m. College & Career	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group Pre-registration-Pioneer Girls 5:30 p.m. Promises Begin	<b>10</b> 6:45 p.m. Bowling WIC Council Meeting 7:30	<b>11</b> 7:30 p.m. Murrysville Covenant Group 7:00 p.m. McLane Covenant Group	<b>12</b> 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	<b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. MOPS begins 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls, First Boys Club Begin	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Mission Committee Meeting
<b>16</b> 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group 5:30 p.m. Promises	<b>17</b> 6:45 p.m. Bowling	<b>18</b> 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	<b>20</b> 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls, First Boys Club	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 
<b>23</b> 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group 5:30 p.m. Promises Great Commission Prayer	<b>24</b> 6:45 p.m. Bowling	<b>25</b> 7:00 p.m. McLane Covenant Group 7:30 p.m. Murrysville Covenant Group 7:30 WIC Prayer	<b>26</b> 6:45 p.m. College & Career Bible Study	<b>27</b> 9:30 a.m. MOPS 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Girls, First Boys Club	<b>28</b>  Autumn	
<b>30</b> 4:45 p.m. Joint Youth Group						



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**Conference Speakers:**

Derek Thomas-  
Roy Blackwood-  
Richard Gamble-

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*Promises begin singing on Sun-  
day, September 9th, at 5:30 .  
Please see Stan and Anne Jenkins  
for details.*



**Youth Group Whitewater Rafting  
Trip**

**September 15th—All Day  
Ohiopyle**

Cost—\$52 per person Due Sept. 9th  
What to bring: Bathing suits, wind jackets,  
old tennis shoes or water shoes

**Be at the Douglas' house at 8:30  
sharp! Lunch provided**

