



EFOCUS

Weekly Missive



Vital Signs of Healthy Churches: Spirit-Inspired Worship

Can we talk? Can I share with you some of my pet peeves? Here are some of my pet peeves regarding the worship of God.

- *Pet Peeve #1* – Using “worship” as a synonym for “music” or “the emotional feel I receive from a particular string of chord progressions” as opposed to its Reformed and historical usage, the re-telling of the divine narrative of God’s salvation.
- *Pet Peeve #2* – Prayers of invocation at Reformed churches. God is always present! Why would one invoke the presence of God if God is already here?!
- *Pet Peeve #3* – Narcissistic focus – in prayers, in hymns and songs, in some sermons – rather than the expression and appreciation of a corporate faith. Enough said.

I could go on (and on and on) but you get the idea:

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March 3 Stated Meeting of Presbytery

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon is hereby called to meet for the Stated Meeting on Saturday, March 3 at Pinnacle Presbyterian, Scottsdale.

Sign in is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 9 a.m. **[PLEASE RSVP FOR LUNCH BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.](#)** Only those with RSVPs will be guaranteed lunch.

Highlights for this Meeting are the following:

- Worship and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
- Celebration of Ordination Anniversaries
- Sean Chow from 1001 Worshipping Communities, PC(USA)
- Reports from three New Worshipping communities in Grand Canyon Presbytery
- Update from TheoAcademy Commissioned Ruling Elder training
- Annual Pastor Salary review

*(NOTE: There will be a Review of Records beginning at 8 am. Please RSVP to the presbytery office)

IGNITE THE SPARK - What Can We Learn from New Worshipping Communities?

Sean Chow is the Western Associate for 1001 New Worshipping Communities with the Presbyterian Mission Agency. In his workshop, Sean will discuss the starting of new worshipping communities and how many of those same

elements can be used within any church context. These elements can focus a church's outreach efforts, renew its outreach energy, and turn their focus to those that are outside our church walls.

Friday, March 2 at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church- All are welcome!
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

[REGISTER](#)



34th Annual Older Adult Luncheon

Nominees are now being sought for the Senior Service Awards to be held Thursday, April 12 at Valley Presbyterian. This year, we are lowering the minimum age to 65. Please return the form with a description of the work your "saint" has done through the years in your congregation and we look forward to honoring them at this wonderful event! [Registration form](#)



A GOOD DAY FOR THE BLUES



The Blues are all over the Bible.
The Austin College ACTivators
will be at Orangewood Presbyterian Church in
Phoenix

March 2-4, 2018

to help you find your funky bone and learn how to let in the Blues when they come knocking. If your parents ask, tell them we'll be talking about Genesis 3, 37, & 39, Psalm 22, John 1, and Romans 8. But mostly it will be a sweaty jam to the music of B.B. King, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Keb' Mo', and Little Milton.

And Jesus. Jesus has some great Blues chops.

Lock-In at Orangewood Only \$50
[Click here for a flyer and registration](#)

CHURCH NEWS See what's happening in the coming days!

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

20- Deadline for [Pastor Salary Review](#)

MARCH

2-4- Youth Event- [Good Day for the Blues- Orangewood](#)

2- Ignite the Spark- Pinnacle- [REGISTER](#)

3- Presbytery meeting- Pinnacle- [RSVP for meal](#)

[Presbytery calendar](#)

Prayers

- Tony Davis, Ft. Defiance, Heart surgery
- Norma McCabe's sister- hospitalized



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