

F.Y.I. from SC Lay School Registrar

September 4, 2021

Thanks be to God! We will be in-person again! I know that all of us are thankful that we will be at Presbyterian College for the October 15-16 2021 session of Lay School. Our last time there was October of 2019. Since this constitutes a new beginning, we have evaluated our situation and have made some changes. The objective is to get the registration materials out next week.

TWO-DAY SESSION: We will continue to offer four core courses and one elective. However, we have reduced the length of each session to Friday and Saturday ONLY, eliminating the Sunday session. We will still offer the same number of class hours, just in a tighter schedule.

The following is the new schedule set by the dean, registrar, chair of the Advisory Committee, and majority of the committee.

FRIDAY

3:00 – 4:15 CHECK-IN at HAMPTON INN (Exit 54 off I-26)

4:30 – 5:00 REGISTRATION, PLENARY IN NEVILLE HALL

5:00 – 5:45 DINNER at PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE
CAFETERIA

6:00 – 8:00 1st CLASS SESSION (2 hr)

8:15 – 8:30 EVENING WORSHIP

SATURDAY

6:00 – 8:00 BREAKFAST at hotel

8:30: – 8:45 MORNING WORSHIP (NEVILLE HALL)

9:00 – 12:00 2nd CLASS SESSION (3 hr)

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:00 – 1:45 Free time, meeting of Planning/Advisory
Committee

2:00 – 5:00 3rd CLASS SESSION (3 hr)

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6:00 – 8:00 4th CLASS SESSION (2 hr)

8:15 – 8:30 PRESENTATION of Certificates/Diplomas/
Announcements

8:45 – 9:30 CLOSING WORSHIP and COMMUNION

NOTHING on Sunday. Those staying at Hampton Inn
Saturday night can have a leisurely Sunday morning there
until checkout by noon.

Books for 2021 Fall Session

Lay School of Theology

New Testament Survey:

Required Text:

The New Testament: A Student's Introduction, 6th Edition – available on **thriftbooks** and Amazon.

Pastoral Care:

Required Text:

John Patton's *Pastoral Care, An Essential Guide* (\$15.35 at Amazon, 117 pp.)

Preaching:

Required Text:

H.B. Charles, Jr.'s *On Preaching: Personal & Pastoral Insights for the Preparation & Practice of Preaching*. (Amazon)

Recommended (not required)

Tom Long's *Witness to Preaching*, 2nd Ed.

Bryan Chapell's *Christ-Centered Preaching: Redeeming the Expository Sermon*

Reformed Theology:

Required Text:

John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (Edited by J.T McNeil, Translated by F.L. Battles) Westminster/John Knox Press.

Proverbs:

Required Text:

A good Study Bible

Suggested Text (not required):

Check out your church library or your minister's library or your presbytery resource center for commentaries on Proverbs or read what Old Testament survey books have to say about the book.

Leo G. Perdue's *Interpretation series volume on "Proverbs"* by and/or

Kenneth T. Aitken's *Daily Study Bible Series volume one "Proverbs"* are both excellent commentaries.

Lay School of Theology Presbyterian College; October 15-16, 2021

Sponsored by the Five Presbyteries of South Carolina

FOR WHOM: Lay persons who wish to

1. Participate in an in-depth study of the Bible, Theology, or Church History.
2. Train to become a Commissioned Pastor.
3. Prepare to teach the Bible or Church School.
4. Serve as Directors of Christian Education.
5. Prepare for certification by the Association of Presbyterian Administrators.

PLEASE NOTE: These courses are not for ministers, candidates for the ministry, or those considering changing denominations to the PC (U.S.A.).

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*Ten-minute break for each class session

ROOM AND BOARD

The cost is **\$145** per person double occupancy or **\$245** per person single occupancy at the Hampton Inn located off Exit 54 of I-26, Clinton. This includes registration fee, two nights lodging at Hampton Inn, and five meals--breakfast at the Hampton Inn with lunch and dinner at the Presbyterian College

Cafeteria. The cost for commuters is \$75, which includes three meals at PC and registration fee.

COURSES OFFERED

A. New Testament Survey (Core Course) This class is an overview of the New Testament and its origins, with attention given to its historical, literary, and theological dimensions. Class limit: 20

LEADER: *Rev. Dr. Robert Bryant* teaches in the religion and philosophy department at Presbyterian College. He has previously served as a pastor in his home state of North Dakota. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary.

B. Pastoral Care (Core Course) This course will explore the role of pastor in aiding congregants to relate the resources of the gospel to the problems and decisions they face. Class time will be spent learning how to listen, understand, and respond to those in crises. CLP candidates will have a follow-up assignment to receive credit. Class limit: 20

LEADER: *Rev. Dr. Jeri Parris Perkins* is the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC. She has served most of her ministry in churches and institutions within Trinity and New Harmony presbyteries. Most recently, she was the Dean of Religious Life and the Director of the Cornelson Center at Presbyterian College. She is a graduate of Presbyterian College, Columbia Theological Seminary, and McCormick Theological Seminary.

C. Preaching (Core Course) This course will explore Paul's charge to Timothy to "Preach the Word" as we examine the Lord's charge to preachers today. The class will look at what undergirds the preaching of the Word: people, prayer, preparation, and practice. A sermon outline will be required. (Prerequisites: Bible I, Bible II, Reformed Theology) Class limit: 12

LEADER: *Ella Busby* is a retired Presbyterian minister and is joyfully serving the Second Presbyterian Church, Sumter. She is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary and Columbia Theological Seminary. She has pastored churches in Georgia and South Carolina and has preached locally, nationally, and internationally. She taught Preaching at Morris College, Sumter.

D. Reformed Theology (Core Course) The purpose of this course is to gain a basic understanding of Reformed Theology by reading selections of John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, which is widely regarded as the most erudite, elegant, and intellectually compelling theological work of the Protestant Reformation and one of the most remarkable theological treatises of all time. It remains today the "gold standard" of the Reformed theological

tradition. Major themes and concepts in Reformed Theology will be examined in light of contemporary critiques and the demands of pastoral ministry in the 21st century. Class limit: 20

LEADER: Dr. Richard Burnett is a graduate of King College, Yale University, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He has been a pastor in the PCUSA for more than 14 years, serving churches in Tennessee, New Jersey, and North Carolina. He is the author of *Karl Barth's Theological Exegesis* (2001). He served as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Erskine Theology and is currently editor of *Theology Matters*.

E. Proverbs (Elective Course) After a brief introduction to the wisdom literature in general, we will turn our focus to the Book of Proverbs. We'll explore the multiple authorship of the book, look at its major divisions, and delve into the various kinds of literature found in the book. As always, we will also talk about teaching the Book of Proverbs and preaching from its texts. Spend some time before coming to class reading sample verses from each of the major divisions of the book (designated by bold divisions in most Bibles).

LEADER: Tom Malone, retired after 42 years as a pastor and educator in the PCUSA, served at all levels of the church. Tom has taught workshops all over the USA and in Puerto Rico and Canada. He is the author of numerous curriculum pieces for both elementary children and adults and for church camping. In retirement, he continues to serve the church as a preacher, teacher, educational consultant, and retreat leader. Most recently, he wrote several leader guides for the adult courses of *The Thoughtful Christian*.

Lay School of Theology



South Carolina Presbyteries
Fall Session
October 15-16, 2021
Presbyterian College
Clinton, South Carolina

SOUTH CAROLINA LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY The Two-Track Approach

The S.C. Lay School of Theology offers a two-track approach to receiving either a certificate or a diploma. Ordained or non-ordained students may enroll in the Lay Enrichment (LE) Track. The Lay Pastor Track (LP) is provided for **ruling elders** who want to become Lay Pastor candidates. They must receive endorsement from their Session and from the Committee on Ministry of Presbytery. Once the endorsement is complete, a copy of the form will be sent to the registrar of the school.

LE Track students and LP Track students will enroll in and attend the same classes. Students in the LP Track will be assigned extra reading and will complete an examination or paper to be graded by the Lay School faculty who teach the course. Faculty who teach LP track students will receive extra compensation for the extra responsibilities. This additional cost will be covered by a \$20 academic fee paid by the student for each course taken. A student in the Lay Pastor Track (LP) will have a deadline for submitting work to be graded. If the student does not submit the work by the deadline date, then the professor will report “no work submitted” for the record, and the student will have to re-take the course. **February 15** is the deadline for receipt of work for the fall session; **July 1** is the deadline for receipt of work for the spring session.

Certificate or Diploma graduates of the school will be able to continue taking courses through Continuing Education (CE) coursework. Students who receive a diploma in the Lay Pastor Track will be required to take one refresher course per year in Continuing Education (CE) in order to keep the diploma validated.

Core Courses for the Lay Enrichment Track:

1. Worship and Sacraments (Spring)
2. Old Testament Survey (Spring)
3. New Testament Survey (Fall)
4. Reformed Theology (Fall)
5. Polity (Spring)
6. Church History (Spring)
7. Pastoral Care (Fall)

Core Courses for the Lay Pastor Track:

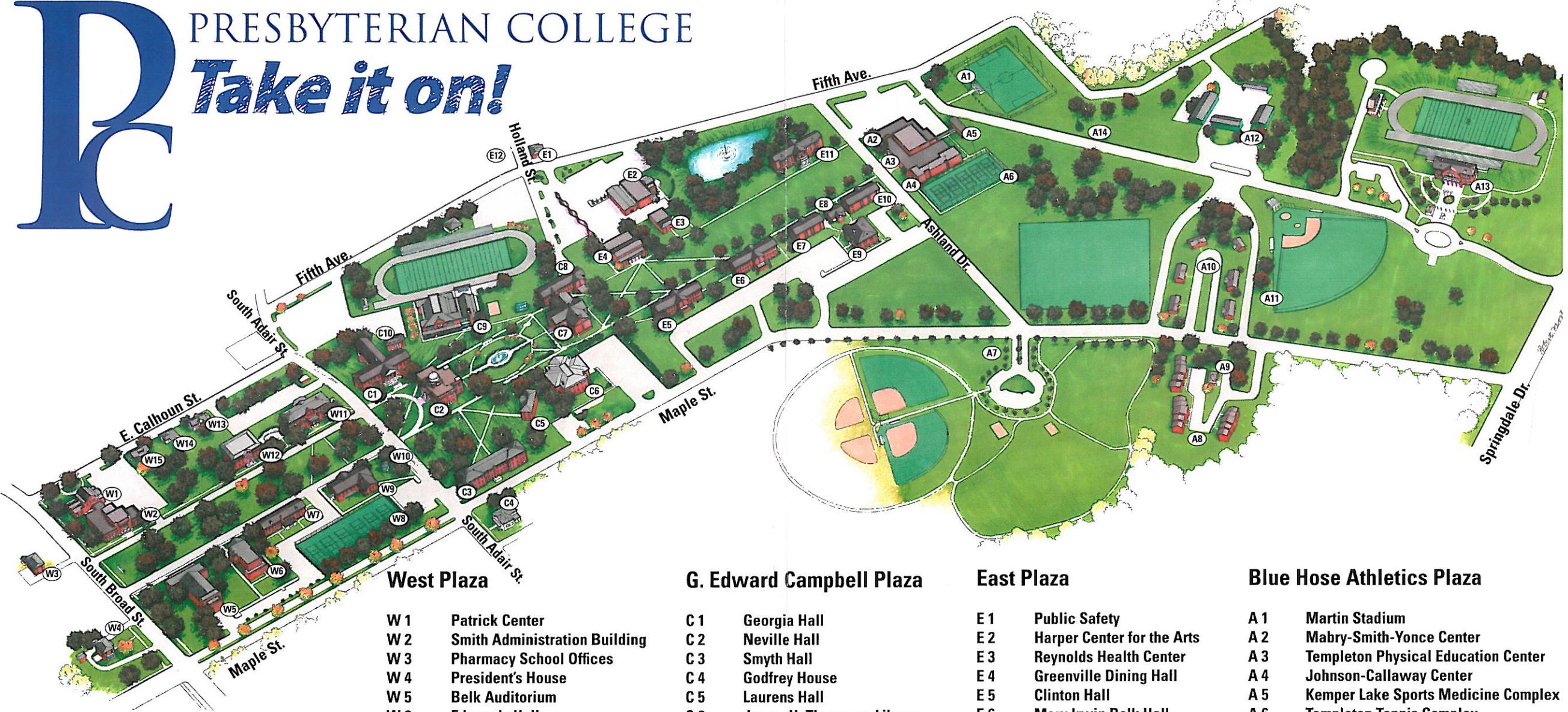
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4. Polity (Spring)
5. Church History (Spring)
6. Pastoral Care (Fall)
7. Worship and Sacraments (Spring)
8. Preaching (Fall)

In each presbytery, the Committee on Ministry has supervision over Commissioned Ruling Elders. In order to enter the LP track at the Lay School, a student must be a ruling elder, who is endorsed for the LP Track by the Session of the student’s church and by the Committee on Ministry of the presbytery. A student may enroll in the LP Track pending endorsement; however, all endorsements must be received by the registrar prior to the next session of Lay School in order for the student to continue in the LP Track. If courses have been taken prior to 2002 (when the two-track system was adopted) in the Lay School, it is up to the Committee to determine whether or not those courses count toward commissioning as a lay pastor.

If a student is enrolled in the Lay School and completes the required core course work (seven courses), then a Lay School of Theology *certificate* in the Lay Enrichment Track will be awarded. If a ruling elder completes the course work (eight courses) with satisfactory grades, then the ruling elder will receive the Lay School of Theology *diploma* in the Lay Pastor Track. Receiving a diploma in the Lay Pastor Track only certifies the ruling elder’s **eligibility** for commissioning if a presbytery issues a call. If called, the ruling elder must be examined and approved by presbytery in order to be commissioned for a specific call.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

Take it on!



West Plaza

- W 1 Patrick Center
- W 2 Smith Administration Building
- W 3 Pharmacy School Offices
- W 4 President's House
- W 5 Belk Auditorium
- W 6 Edmunds Hall
- W 7 Bailey Hall
- W 8 Callaway Tennis Courts
- W 9 Douglas House
- W 10 Bookstore Gazebo
- W 11 Harrington-Peachtree Center
- W 12 Jacobs Hall
- W 13 Russell Publications House
- W 14 Counseling and Wellness Center
- W 15 Moorefield House

G. Edward Campbell Plaza

- C 1 Georgia Hall
- C 2 Neville Hall
- C 3 Smyth Hall
- C 4 Godfrey House
- C 5 Laurens Hall
- C 6 James H. Thomason Library and Russell-Arnold Archives
- C 7 Richardson Science Hall
- C 8 Lassiter Hall
- C 9 Springs Campus Center
- C 10 Doyle Hall

East Plaza

- E 1 Public Safety
- E 2 Harper Center for the Arts
- E 3 Reynolds Health Center
- E 4 Greenville Dining Hall
- E 5 Clinton Hall
- E 6 Mary Irwin Belk Hall
- E 7 Grotnes Hall
- E 8 M&L Brown Commons
- E 9 Carol International House
- E 10 Barron Hall
- E 11 Senior Hall
- E 12 CHAMPS House

Blue Hose Athletics Plaza

- A 1 Martin Stadium
- A 2 Mabry-Smith-Yonce Center
- A 3 Templeton Physical Education Center
- A 4 Johnson-Callaway Center
- A 5 Kemper Lake Sports Medicine Complex
- A 6 Templeton Tennis Complex
- A 7 Young Intramural Park & PC Softball Field
- A 8 Senior Townhouses
- A 9 Charlotte Hawkins Brown Center
- A 10 Fraternity Court
- A 11 PC Baseball Complex
- A 12 Maintenance Complex
- A 13 Bailey Stadium
- A 14 Organic Garden

HOW DO I GET TO PC?

Presbyterian College is located in Clinton, South Carolina, three miles from Exit 52 on I-26. Clinton is located between the cities of Spartanburg and Columbia, SC.

From Atlanta, GA, take I-85 North to Greenville, SC. See directions below from Greenville.

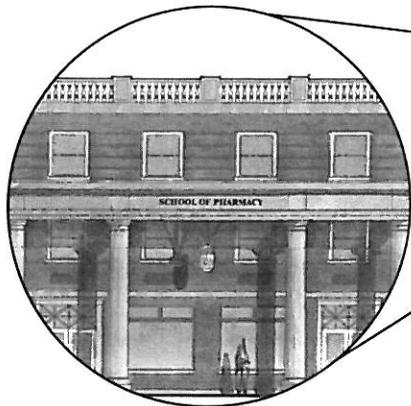
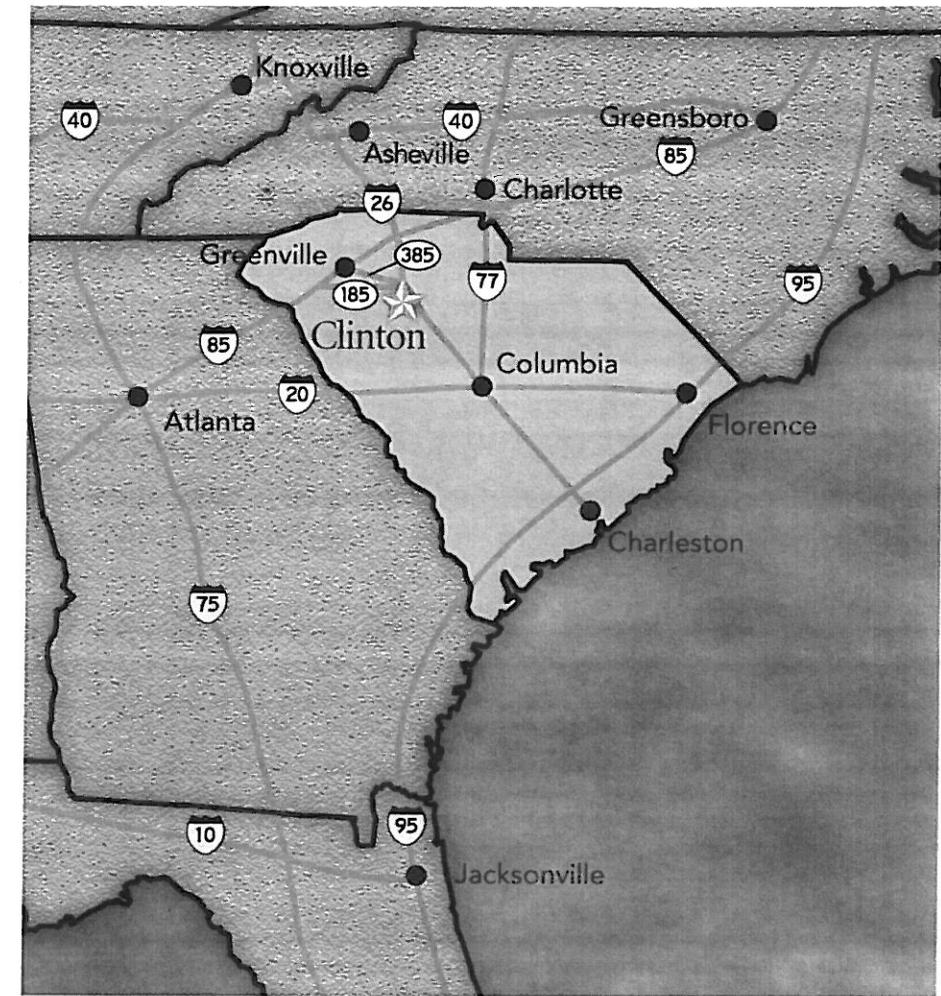
From Greenville, SC, take I-385 South (toward Columbia) to the intersection of I-385 and I-26. Stay in the right lane which will become Exit 52. Turn right at the exit onto Hwy. 56 and travel approximately two miles to an intersection. Veer right to follow Hwy. 56/72, which becomes Broad Street. Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

From Asheville, NC, take I-26 East to Spartanburg, SC. See directions below from Spartanburg.

From Spartanburg, SC, take I-26 East (toward Columbia) to Exit 52. Turn right at the exit onto Hwy. 56 and travel approximately two miles to an intersection. Veer right to follow Hwy. 56/72, which becomes Broad Street. Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

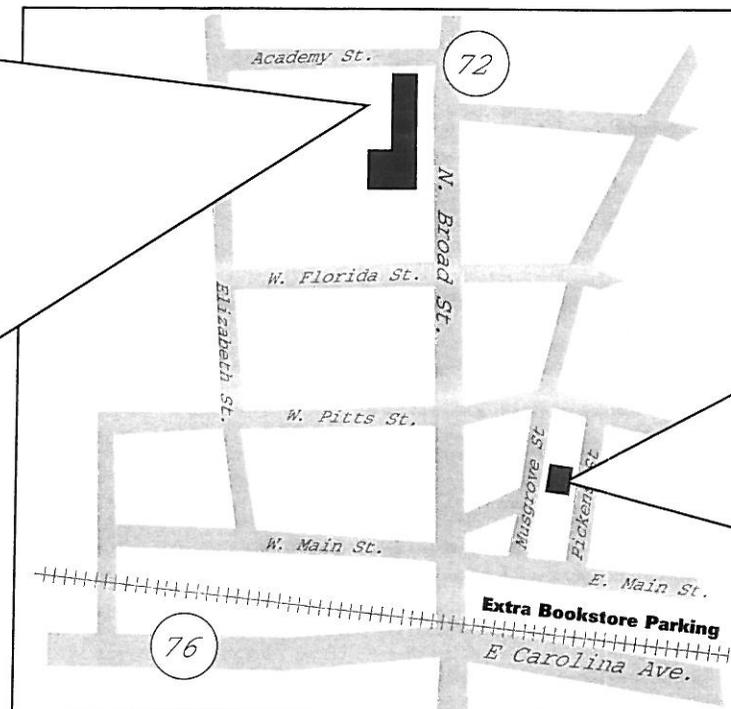
From Charlotte, NC, take I-77 South to Exit 65. Turn right onto Hwy. 9 (toward Chester). Turn left onto Hwy. 72 in Chester and follow it to Clinton. Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

From Columbia, SC, take I-26 West (toward Spartanburg) to Exit 52. Turn left onto Hwy. 72 (toward Clinton). Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

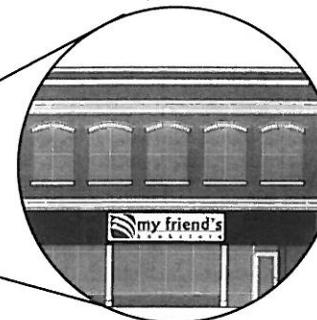


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