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“THROUGH THIS MAN FORGIVENESS OF SINS IS PROCLAIMED UNTO YOU...”

IPC 2022 World Missions Conference

FRANKIE DANIELL

ON BEHALF OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE OF IPC

For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

Acts 13:36-39

On his first missionary journey, Paul, accompanied by Barnabas, was preaching in the synagogue. He was preaching the gospel of Jesus from the Old Testament up through the witness of John the Baptist. Paul concluded a strong apology on Jesus as the Messiah, and His resurrection – all taught from Scripture. Then comes a great proclamation of the Good News – “through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you and by him everyone who believes is freed.” At the conclusion of the meeting, the people begged Paul to return with the same message on the next Sabbath. He and Barnabas returned and this time the whole city was there to listen. Those who heard the first sermon were enthusiastic to tell and invite their friends and neighbors. At that meeting, the Jews, filled with jealousy, began to revile Paul. This is when Paul and Barnabas announced, “It was necessary for the word of God to be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us saying, ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’” Upon hearing this, the Gentiles were overcome with joy that the gospel was for them as well. Who would not want to know this forgiveness of sins and freedom in Jesus Christ?

The preceding story is a beautiful picture of our call to evangelize, and how it might be accomplished. Paul and Barnabas are sent by the church in Antioch. We see our responsibility to send missionaries. Their method is the faithful preaching of the Bible. No different for us. There then is the simple act, after joyfully receiving, of telling or inviting others, with no great expertise required. There is the boundless joy of the Gospel itself - forgiveness of sins. The sovereignty of God is evident in verse forty-eight – “as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.” This is where we draw our motivation and confidence. Clearly those new believers were sharing their faith as verse forty-nine says, “The word of the Lord was spreading through that whole region.” The responsibility of every believer to share the gospel is evident here.

IPC’s Missions Conference, like our communion season and Christmas season services, is one of the great markers in the annual life of our church. It never fails to encourage us personally in our faith and never fails to spur us on in our efforts to fulfill the Great Commission. We need to keenly focus our attention on missions for a few days every year. Our

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missionary guests will help us to do so. Palmer Robertson will be our keynote speaker. He and Joanna, his wife, are now living in the states after 27 years in Africa. Palmer has taught at several reformed seminaries, pastored several churches, and since 1992 served the African Bible College and University, first as a professor at ABC in Malawi, then from 2004 to 2019 as Director and Principal of ABU in Uganda. Palmer was providentially hindered from being with us last year and we are thrilled that he and Joanna have consented to join us for 2022. Our missionary guests are Jonathan Iverson, Rosemary Bolton, and Tracey and Suzanne West. Jonathan and Maggie Iverson moved to South Asia in 2010 with two children to plant a church. Jonathan is now the International Director for MTW in Asia-Pacific. Their family has grown to six daughters. The girls will not be with us, but we will catch up with them through Jonathan. Rosemary Bolton has been serving in Bible translation in Indonesia since 1985 through MTW/Wycliffe. Currently Rosemary is focusing on finishing

the Nuaulu New Testament while using media and the arts to encourage people to use the translated Scripture. A longtime friend of IPC, we look forward to having her back with us. Tracey West is originally from Savannah. At Georgia Southern, he met his wife, Suzanne, in Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). They got married in 2011. Upon graduating from RTS, he became an ordained campus minister with RUF International in 2015 at Georgia Institute of Technology. We are interested to hear of Tracey's ministry with international students and hope he can help us learn to better minister to the internationals at SCAD.

IPC's commitment to the mission field is significant. In 2022, we will devote over \$600,000 to missions. By attending the conference, you can learn of the many ways your tithes and offerings are used to build God's Kingdom. We always enjoy our usual fare of meals catered by Silk Road and Miss Sophie's with plenty of good fellowship. The preaching, teaching, and sharing by our guests will bless, encourage, and challenge us to continue to proclaim that "through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed" and "by him everyone who believes is freed." •

THOUGHTS ON RACISM - 8

LISTENING TO OTHERS

TERRY JOHNSON

The much sought after honest national conversation on race will only be possible if it is a two-way conversation, with neither side making up the rules. Nevertheless, those who urge that majority culture be quiet so that minority voices alone may be heard have a point. Many of us need to hold our tongues and listen. However, the need to listen also raises an obvious question: which minority voices? Minority opinions, perspective and convictions are not uniform. There is as much diversity in the minority community as the majority. If we were thinking more productively we would not care about the race or sex of a particular voice but the wisdom it offers. No one cared that Jeanne Kirkpatrick (1926-2006), former ambassador to the UN., was a woman. When she urged that we distinguish between authoritarian regimes (like Latin American dictators) and totalitarian regimes (like Marxist and Fascist governments which seek total control over every aspect of their citizens' lives as well as world domination), she provided us with an important insight.

Here are some minority voices that I wish more people would listen to. Let's begin with Thomas Sowell (b. 1930), North

Carolina born, reared in Harlem, Harvard undergraduate degree, Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, and former Marxist. Sowell, a Senior Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, is perhaps the most brilliant scholar in America today. He is the author of over 30 books. His relatively short book *Black Rednecks and White Liberals* (2005) is remarkable. Sowell, an admirer of the early Civil Rights Movement (up to the mid-1960s) is a sharp critic of the entire civil rights industry today, its race hustlers, self-appointed leaders, and failed policy proposals.

Shelby Steele (b. 1946), a native of Chicago, the son of founding members of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Steele earned his Ph.D. in English from the University of Utah, and is another Senior Fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution. His book *White Guilt* (2006) describes how white Americans are manipulated by guilt over their racist past into supporting destructive policies pushed by liberal politicians and civil rights leaders. He collaborated with his son to produce the documentary, *What Killed Michael Brown?* which explodes the whole "Hands up, don't shoot" mythology (it never happened).

Walter Williams (1936-2020), born in Philadelphia and reared by his mother, aggressively attacked racism while serving in the Army from 1959-1961, even to the point of court-martial. He earned a Ph.D. in economics at UCLA at a time when he describes himself as “more sympathetic to Malcom X than Martin Luther King.” He was a visiting scholar at Stanford’s Hoover Institution and Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University. He argues in his book *The State Against Blacks* that “the welfare state has done to black Americans what slavery couldn’t do, and that is to destroy the black family.”

John McWhorter (b. 1965), a native of Philadelphia and self-identified liberal, earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University, is a professor of linguistics at Columbia University, and a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. He is the author of *Doing Our Own Thing: The Degradation of Language and Music and Why You Should, Like, Care* (2003) and *Losing the Race: Self-Sabotage in Black America* (2000), in which he argued that the social problems faced by black Americans are not caused by racial discrimination but by factors in the black community itself: crime, breakdown of the family, disdain of education, separatism, and victimhood. Most recently he published *Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America* (2021) in which he criticizes the anti-racism of Ibram X. Kendi (*How to Be an Antiracist*) and Robin J. DiAngelo (*White Fragility*) as a new religion which stifles dissent and punishes heretics.

Jason Riley (b. 1971) writes a weekly column for the *Wall Street Journal*, is a member of its editorial board and regularly serves on the discussion panel of Fox News. In 2014 he published *Please Stop Helping Us: How Liberals Make It Harder for Blacks to Succeed*. This past year he published *Maverick: A Biography of Thomas Sowell* (2020).

There are others as well. Larry Elder (b. 1952) was reared by southern parents (his father was a Marine Corps sergeant) in Los Angeles and graduated from Crenshaw High School, a rival of my own Banning High. He received his undergraduate degree from Brown University and his law degree from the University of Michigan. In 2000 he won a Los Angeles Area Emmy Award for his news special *Making Waves*, and in 2015 he was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He is a popular radio talk show host and recently was a candidate for governor in California in the unsuccessful 2021 recall election of Gavin Newsom.

Candace Owens (b. 1989) studied journalism at the University of Rhode Island, worked as an intern at *Vogue* magazine, and early in her public career was a critic of political conservatism. In 2017 she was converted to conservatism overnight and became a critic of identity politics and claims of structural racism. In 2018

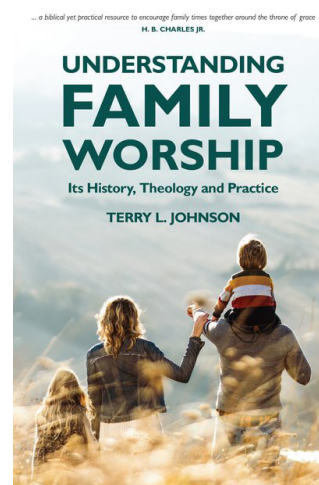
Kanye West tweeted, “I love the way Candace Owens thinks.” She argued during the Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court hearings that “believe women” was the reason “our ancestors got lynched.” In 2020 she joined Ben Shapiro’s *Daily Wire* and now hosts a podcast, *Candace*.

For an explicitly Christian voice, the Reverend Voddie T. Baucham, Jr. (b. 1969) recently published *Fault Lines: The Social Justice Movement and Evangelical’s Looming Catastrophe* (2021). Voddie is another native of Los Angeles, a graduate of Los Angeles City Schools, and played football in college. He is a graduate of Houston Baptist University, earned his M.Div. at Southwester Baptist Theological Seminary and a D.Min. at Southeaster Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently Dean of Theology at African Christian University in Lusaka, Zambia. He is sharply critical of Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality and progressive voices within evangelicalism.

These are the authors whose books and articles have most influenced my understanding of racial and cultural dynamics and how those dynamics affect education, employment, marriage, family, religion, and justice. I commend them to you, not in every particular, yet together as an illuminating counterbalance to the dominant, and I think divisive and destructive conversation taking place today. •

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PSALM 148

- 1 From heav'n O praise the Lord;
Ye heights, His glory raise.
 - 2 All angels, praise accord;
Let all His host give praise.
 - 5 Praise Him on high,
Sun, moon, and star,
Sun, moon, and star,
 - 4 Ye heav'ns afar,
And cloudy sky.
 - 5 Yea, let them glor-ious make
Jehovah's matchless name;
For when the word He spake
They into being came.
 - 6 And from that place
Where fixed they be,
Where fixed they be,
By His decree
They cannot pass.
 - 7 From earth O praise the Lord;
Ye deeps and all below;
 - 8 Wild winds that do His word,
Ye clouds, fire, hail, and snow;
 - 9 Ye mountains high,
Ye cedars tall,
Ye cedars tall,
 - 10 Beasts great and small,
And birds that fly.
 - 11 Let all the people praise,
And kings of ev'ry land;
Let all their voices raise
Who judge and give command.
 - 12 By young and old,
By maid and youth,
By maid and youth,
 - 13 His name in truth
Should be extolled.
- Jehovah's name be praised
Above the earth and sky.
- 14 For He His saints has raised
And set their power on high.
Him praise accord,
O Isr'el's race,
O Isr'el's race,
Near to His grace.
Praise ye the Lord.

TUNE: ST. CATHERINE'S
66.66.44.44. (148)
Elements from George Wither and
Scottish Psalter, 1650

PSALMS & HYMNS OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY (YEAR 11-15)

PSALM 123

- 1 To Thee I lift my eyes, O Thou
Who art in heav'n enthroned.
- 2 As servants watch their
master's hand,
Or as a maid's eyes wait
Her mistress' hand to see,
- 3 Be gracious to us, Lord.
Be gracious unto us.
- 4 With all the scoffing insolence
Of those who live at ease,
And with the proud's contempt.

TUNE: CHRISTMAS 86.866.
(new *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 223)
("While Shepherds Watched
Their Flocks")

MARCH (YEAR 1-10)

#290 - HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

Charles Wesley, 1739

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
To His throne above the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See, He lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, He shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on His church below. Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach thy height; Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!

TUNE: LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7.a.l.
Robert Williams, 1817

ABOUT THE PSALMS

PSALM 148

The final five psalms of the psalter all begin with "hallelujah" or "praise the Lord" (as the Hebrew may be rendered), and move progressively from individual praise (v 146), to congregational praise (v 147), to creation praise (v 148), to kingdom praise (v 149), to universal praise (v 150). Beginning with the angels in heaven (vv 1,2) and descending to the various creatures on earth (vv 3-10), calling upon all the families of earth (vv 11-13) and finally the chosen people Israel (v 14), Psalm 148 summons all creation to "praise the LORD" (vv 1,14).

MARCH (YEAR 11-15)
#404 - SUN OF MY
SOUL, THOU SAVIOR
DEAR

John Keble (1820)

Sun of my soul, thou Savior dear,
It is not night if thou be near;
O may no earth-born cloud arise
To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.

When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My weary eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
For ever on my Savior's breast.

Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without thee I cannot live;
Abide with me when night is high,
For without thee I dare not die.

If some poor wand'ring child of thine
Have spurned today the voice divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;
Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick; enrich the poor
With blessings from thy boundless store;
Be ev'ry mourner's sleep tonight,
Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.

Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take,
Till in the ocean of thy love
We lose ourselves in heav'n above.

TUNE: HURSLEY L.M.
Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna,
ca. 1774; alt.

BIRTHS

Thomas "Jackson" Carter was born on Sunday, December 12, 2021 to *Mr. & Mrs. Brandon T. Carter (Caitlin)*

Salem James Gear was born on January 11, 2022 to *Mr. & Mrs. Evan J. Gear (Jaimie)*

Theodore August Bergman was born on January 11, 2022 to *Mr. & Mrs. Ryan W. Bergman (Carmen)*

WEDDINGS

Mr. & Mrs. K. Andrew Wood were united in marriage on Friday, December 31, 2021. Mrs. Wood is the former *Miss Madison M. Harden*

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel E. McLeroy were united in marriage on Friday, December 31, 2021. Mrs. McLeroy is the former *Miss Emily L. Polgardi*



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PSALM 123

The pilgrim has arrived at the Lord's house (Ps 122) yet he still finds "more than enough" opposition (v 3). He is treated with "contempt," as one who is of no consequence (vv 3, 4); and with "scorn," with ridicule, mockery, as a joke. He faces those "at ease," those comfortable or complacent with a godless life; and the "proud" (v 4), those who are arrogant, who look down on others. His response? He looks beyond the hills to the house of God Himself, "enthroned in the heavens," for mercy (v 1), like a servant who patiently waits for the provision of his master or mistress. Where does he wait? In the place of prayer.

NOTES TO THE CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the decorated basket of good things to eat and use during the Christmas season which you placed on my porch. Maybe next time we will be able to see one another face to face. Thank you also for the beautifully sung Christmas carols. I and my two friends Jesse (dog) and Jonah (cat) enjoyed it very much.

Be kind, do good deeds, pray for one another and yourself, and may your blessings continue to abound.

J. Mitchell Waters

Dear IPC's loving hands,

Thank you so much for my amazing care package. The notes were so encouraging and much needed during a time when school is very stressful. Munching on the snacks during my breaks has definitely helped as well! You are all so thoughtful and I am more grateful than words can express.

Love,
Maggie Miller

IPC ministers and friends,

Thank you for demonstrating your care and concern with all of your prayers, recent visits, phone calls, messages, and cards. And I thank our sovereign God for His care for me and for the way He cares for all of us!

In Christ,
Janice McAlpine

Dear IPC family,

We thank you for all your kindnesses to us as we have grieved over the death of our grandson, Charlie IV. There are no words big enough or eloquent enough to cover how you have wrapped us in your arms via your prayers, hugs, notes, food, gifts, cards, tears and repeated texts and even a beautiful quilt. We have seen the love of Christ expressed through all of you. We ask for continued prayer for our son, Chad and his family. We know this: "Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lam. 3:21-23

Because of Christ, our only hope,
Linda & Charlie DePue

Dear IPC Family,

Thank you for the outpouring of love and support you gave to my family after my Mom's death. The messages, cards, meals, flowers, hugs, and warm gestures of kindness helped cushion the impact of losing her. We continue to lean on the exceeding great and precious promises of God's Word, the hope of the gospel, and the reality that we are "children of the resurrection" (Lk 20:36). We are grateful for a loving church family that cares deeply for its ministers and members.

In Christ,
Tim, Caroline, Ava, and Luke Foster

Dear IPC family,

Thank you so much for a care box this year! It was a blessing to receive one yet again! The letters were so encouraging to read and the snacks will definitely be enjoyed. Thank you to *every-one* who played a part in giving and receiving these boxes.

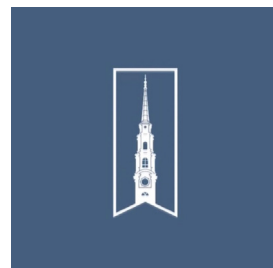
Love,
Kelly & Noah Butler



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2	Glen Umberger	7	Billy Tedder	16	Kelly Chester	23	Greg Harris
3	Sarah Brodmann	8	Jennifer Daniell	16	Kris Warren	24	Thomas Nyce
3	James Stevens	8	Charles Jackson	17	Paul Allen	24	Mitchell Waters
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4	Brian Finnegan	8	James Van Grouw	18	Mark Nyce	26	Tevis Garnett
4	James Gray	10	Eric Reid	19	Noah Butler	26	Elissa Sharpless
4	James Scott	12	Brad Fennell	19	Josh Espinosa	26	John Teasley
5	Pat Adams	12	Forrest Williams	19	Bryan Wade	27	Lauren Kenard
5	Lucie Allen	13	Evan McKee	21	Bethany Duron	28	Larry Smith
5	Charlotte Laffitte	14	Dexter Brewer	21	Jason Helton		
6	Frank Brannen	14	Emily Stevens	22	Sandra Helton		

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Ella Murns	9	Med James	17	Heather DeMott	27	Julia Miles
1	Grace Stacy	9	Louisa Laffitte	18	Betsy Kelly	28	Jesse Allen
2	Jackson Biemiller	10	Bellamy Fennell	18	Tyler McCracken	28	Camille Kim
2	Lauren Espinosa	10	Jackson Gift	18	Stewart Monroe	28	Shirley Parker
2	Gloria Horstman	10	Jeffrey Klein	18	Creed Taylor	29	Will Black
3	Paula Barlow	10	Rachel McCracken	19	Brandon Carter	29	Lorie Irish
3	Bob Ellis	10	Evelyn Singleton	19	Jean Ross	29	Emily Johnson
3	Judy French	12	Emily Brown	19	Jim Scott	29	Margaret Mae Nolen
3	David Wade	12	Margaret Helmly	20	Philip Dusek	30	Ashley Allen
4	Christopher Barlow	12	Austin Oliver	20	Nancy Sullivan	30	Avery Allen
4	Kathryn Brodmann	12	Frank Tilton	21	Chance Cribbs	30	Arthur Broadwick
4	Donna Parrish	12	Saundra Winge	21	Gordon Fenwick	30	Stella Helton
6	Nichole Ambos	13	Matthew Barlow	21	Megan Mullinix	30	Frankie Longo
6	Luke Dixon	13	Jody Laing	21	Victor Rosenfeld	31	Peggy Campbell
6	Neill Stevens	14	Harriette Adams	22	William Rodgers	31	Matt Coleman
7	Claire Parrish	14	Bryand Cruzado	23	Ernest Mitchell	31	Linda DePue
8	Todd Fruit	14	Melba Gibson	24	Michael Rustine	31	Samuel Miles
8	Sue Greene	14	Amalia Howard	25	Mary Brodmann		
9	Priya Goeser	14	Susan Mullinix	26	Amy Milling		
9	Posey Helton	14	Mac Thompson	26	Bobby Tanner		

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BUT HE WHOM GOD RAISED
UP DID NOT SEE CORRUPTION.
LET IT BE KNOWN TO YOU
THEREFORE, BROTHERS, THAT

through this Man

FORGIVENESS OF SINS IS
PROCLAIMED TO YOU, AND BY
HIM EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES
IS FREED FROM EVERYTHING
FROM WHICH YOU COULD NOT BE
FREED BY THE LAW OF MOSES.

ACTS 13:36-39

Schedule:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:45 PM Dinner
6:45 PM Program: Devotional by Palmer Robertson
Missions presentation by Rosemary Bolton

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:45 PM Dinner
6:45 PM Program: Devotional by Palmer Robertson
Missions presentation by Tracey West

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast in Telfair Hall.
10:45 AM Women of the Church Luncheon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM • Combined Adult Sunday School in Telfair Hall
with Jonathan Iverson
• Children (grades 1-5) - Whitaker St. Building, 2nd
Floor with Rosemary Bolton
• MS and HS - Whitaker St. Building, 3rd Floor with
Tracey West speaking
10:00 AM Morning worship with Palmer Robertson preaching
5:30 PM Evening worship with Palmer Robertson preaching
6:30 PM Dinner in Fellowship Hall