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Welcome, Joe!

A warm welcome to Joe Deighton, who begins work as our Assistant Pastor on July 1. Of course, Joe and Ashley are well-known to us at OPPC. They have been members here since 2012. Joe has served as a deacon since 2014 and a pastoral intern since 2015.

Joe grew up in Detroit and Savannah. He earned a bachelor's degree from Belhaven University and took his M. Div. degree in 2018 from Reformed Theological Seminary in Atlanta. He worked eleven years with ProVent Systems in Lawrenceville. He has also worked as a sports writer.

Joe helped with the youth group under Mike Sloan and has led our youth ministry since the end of 2014. As Assistant Pastor, Joe will continue to focus on youth ministry and the Christian Education program of our church more generally. Other areas of ministry may include college and early career age and men's ministry. He will also be involved in general pastoral duties such as leading in worship, preaching occasionally, and hospital visitation.

Joe is licensed to preach in our presbytery (Georgia Foothills), which means he has been examined in Bible, theology, and the *PCA Book of Church Order*, as well as having a preached sermon approved by the presbytery. To complete his ordination exams, the presbytery will examine him in his knowledge of church history and theology of the sacraments. He must also submit a theological paper and an exegetical paper. Joe hopes to satisfy these requirements this fall, after which he will be eligible for ordination.

Please keep Joe and his family in your prayers as he works to complete ordination requirements and as he begins his ministry as our Assistant Pastor.

Alan Johnson

RYM CONFERENCE UPDATE - JULY 9-14, 2018



Here we go! Get ready for some fun and fellowship at the beach.

The RYM (Reformed Youth Ministries—rising 9th graders through graduating seniors) conference is almost here, July 9-14, at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat in Panama City Beach, Florida. This is always the highlight of the year for OPPC Youth.

MAIN SPEAKER

Elbert McGowan, Senior Pastor,
Redeemer Church in Jackson, MS

Elbert, originally from Jackson, MS graduated from Alabama A&M with a Mechanical Engineering degree. After working with General Electric Aircraft Engines in Ohio for a short time, Elbert and his wife, Karen, moved back to Jackson and attended Reformed Theological Seminary. During seminary, Elbert worked at Redeemer Church in Jackson. After working at Redeemer for three years, he then started RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) at Jackson State University in 2007. After graduating with an MDiv. from RTS in May of 2008, he transitioned into full-time campus work at JSU. After almost nine years with RUF, he and Karen sensed God calling them back to Redeemer when the founding pastor, Rev. Mike Campbell, moved back to Miami. In February of 2016, he joined the pastoral staff at Redeemer. The McGowans have two children, Karis and Tripp. They live in Jackson and remain deeply in love with the city, its people, and what God is doing there.



Sample packing list for the conference:

Bible
Notebook/Journal & Pen
Swimsuit (modest swimwear required for boys and girls)
Towels (bath and/or pool)
Linens (or sleeping bag) (bunk beds are single twin in size)
Pillow
Refillable water bottle
Rain Jacket
Sunscreen
Extra spending money (book table, snack shop, night out, optional afternoon activities)

*The host site, Laguna Beach Christian Retreat, does NOT provide linens, blankets, pillows or towels.

You can find out all things RYM at the following link: (<https://www.rym.org/hsfl2>). Questions? Contact Joe Deighton (joedeighton1@gmail.com).

VOLUNTEERS FOR FALL 2018



As you consider your schedules and commitments for Fall, also consider giving one hour a week as a Kid's Hope Mentor! It's easy to do, and so rewarding. This is through B.B. Harris Elementary in Duluth, only a few minutes from the church. If you have questions, feel free to contact Julie Grabenkort, Barbara Johnson, or Jessica Wilson. Come and join us! We especially would love to see a few of our men participate!

MEETINGS AND GROUPS

First Sunday Lunch

Join us for First Sunday Lunch on July 1 following the morning service. This will be a special celebration in appreciation of The Mutchler Family. Hope to see you there.

Communion Week

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the morning service on July 8. We have communion on the second Sunday every month.

Deacons Meeting

The Deacons meet on Wednesday, July 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall (monthly-second Wednesdays).

Session Meeting

The Session meeting will be July 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall (the fourth Wednesday of each month).

Youth Group

All 6th grade -12th graders, even college students, are welcome to join us for dinner at 5:30 on Sundays except for the first Sunday of each month. Families bringing dinner: (Deighton—7/8; Butler—7/15; Bennett—7/22; Funk—7/29)

Save the Date

RYM Summer Conference—Panama City Beach, FL—July 9-14



NURSERY SCHEDULE - JULY 2018

DATE	11:00 a.m.	GREETER (10:45 at table)	6:00 p.m.
7/1	Elmer, Jeans, Grace	Ann Elmer	No Service
7/8	Bennett, Saylor, Arabella	Joyce Saylor	Richards
7/15	Schramm, Sickert, Rebecca	Julie Schramm	Foster, Smith
7/22	Garner, Rowe, Anna Grace	Meg Garner	Butler, Horner
7/29	Doherty, Larson, Raine	Jennifer Taylor	Yamazaki

LINK DEADLINE: Please turn in articles and information for the July *LINK* by Thursday, July 26.

Old Peachtree Presbyterian Church exists to glorify God and to extend the kingdom of Jesus Christ. To accomplish this end, Old Peachtree aims to be a church that is continually growing in vital worship, in theological depth, in true fellowship, in assertive evangelism, and in deeds of compassion. The distinctiveness of Old Peachtree is in its desire to be Presbyterian in government and Reformed in theology, with the vitality that comes from evangelism and discipleship.

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