

You are invited to the 18th Semi-Annual OPC Singles Retreat.

3-5 October 2008

Sponsored by the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church
at the Machen Retreat and Conference Center (MRCC) in McDowell, VA

Topic: Samson: Single Challenges Of a Promised Son

Beginning in Judges 13, we'll explore the life of Samson, Israel's judge from the tribe of Dan. Set apart to the Lord from the womb, his special birth was announced by the Lord Himself. As a promised son, Samson truly honored his parents. As a single man, he worked boldly for the Lord and His people. But his bad choice of Delilah as his wife ultimately cost him his life. Samson died for his people as boldly as he lived for them, and he serves us as a true profile in Christian courage who, despite his flaws, is honored in the Hebrews 11 Hall of Faith.

Our speaker **Rev. Paul Anderson** is a native New Englander with a burden to preach the true Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the people in the land of the founding Pilgrims from Plymouth. After graduating from the University of Rhode Island (political science) and the University of Tennessee College of Law he has been a member of the Rhode Island bar for 20 years. After graduating from Greenville (SC) Seminary, he was ordained and installed as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, OPC in Fall River, MA in 2004. He has also served as host of this church's local radio Gospel ministry, "Providence," since 2002, and this program can be heard through an Internet simulcast each Sunday morning at 9 AM Eastern on www.warv.net. He is also actively involved in campus ministries at University of Rhode Island and Bristol Community College in Fall River, MA.

All singles of college age and up are invited as are non-OPC members. The cost is \$57. If you would have difficulty paying the full cost but would like to attend, a small subsidy may become available and will be given as a rebate (you can indicate your need on the registration slip below and you will be contacted) or you may wish to request assistance from a deacon at your church.

What to Bring:	Sleeping bags and/or bed sheets & blankets	Pillows
Towels	Warm Clothes	Personal Items
Notebook	Pens	Hiking Boots
Flashlight	Camera (if desired)	Favorite Snack
		Games

All meals are included with the cost of the retreat. **If you have any food allergies (nuts, dairy products, etc.), please describe them on the back of the registration form (including severity). We will contact you to let you know what can be accommodated. In some cases, you may need to bring your special food items.** Showers are available. Please keep in mind that the weather may be cold.

Schedule: The retreat begins at 7 PM on Friday and ends after lunch and cleanup on Sunday.

Directions: From Interstate I-81, take Exit 225 for Route 262 South (Woodrow Wilson Parkway) just north of Staunton, VA. Route 262 is a bypass around the town of Staunton and was recently renamed from Route 275. After 5.5 miles take the exit for Churchville Ave. (aka Route 250) west. Proceed west on Route 250 for about 32 miles. You will pass through Churchville early on. For the last 10 or so miles you will cross three mountain ridges of which Shenandoah Mountain is the first. Beware of sharp hair pin turns going up and down the mountains. When you get to the town of McDowell, turn left on Route 678 immediately before the small church. Proceed south on Route 678 for about 8.9 miles. The entrance to the MRCC is on the right. Take the gravel road to the right of the Machen sign up to the conference center. If you get lost, you can call Machen at 540-396-3650. More information is available on the MRCC website at <http://www.machen.org> or by mailing opcretreatinfo@yahoo.com or by calling Harry Kinney at 703-866-6149.

Please mail this completed registration slip with your payment of \$57 by 15 September 2008 to John Drum, 20876 Isherwood Ter Apt 203, Ashburn, VA 20147-7788.

Make your check out to "MRCC" and indicate "Singles Retreat."

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zipcode _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Home Church _____

I am M F

I am interested in carpooling.

I can bring a tent if needed.

I can sleep in a tent if the cabins are full.

I would like to help bring food.

I would like to request the partial subsidy.

Please note: All attendees at Machen Retreat and Conference Center events should acquaint themselves with the guidelines that have been established by the MRCC operating committee. These guidelines include a dress code and standards of conduct. Please go to the Machen website link below:

<http://www.machen.org/RulesAndRegs.html>

After you have read the material, please indicate your agreement to follow the guidelines by signing below:

If you don't have internet access, you may call Harry Kinney and he will be glad to mail you a copy of the guidelines.