

You are invited to the 17th Semi-Annual OPC Singles Retreat.

25-27 April 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: God's Will in the Book of Jonah

The short book of Jonah is usually seen as the story of a reluctant Old Testament missionary and the mercy of God to the pagan city of Ninevah. But Jonah the prophet also reveals how believers respond to the will of God, so we will be using this book to look at our own hearts and attitudes toward the will of God. Do we fight God's will, submit to it, or rejoice in it? Jonah shows us in a real life what that means.

The Speaker: Stephen D. Doe is currently pastor of Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church in Fredericksburg, VA. He is a 1976 graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and has served OP congregations in California, Nebraska, and Vermont before coming to Fredericksburg. He currently is the chairman of the Missions and Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic and has a deep interest in home missions. He and his wife, Joanie, have been married 36 years, have four children, and are delighting in their first grandchild.

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
		Bible
		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 David Tack (the MRCC Director) at 540-396-4323. 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 April 2008 to John Drum, 20876 Isherwood Ter Apt 203, Ashburn, VA 20147-7788.

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

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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.