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**Apologetics Conference—2024**

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## **Birthdays**

01	.....	Hank Gautreaux
05	.....	Sandra Brown
06	.....	Linda Fleming Betty Gene Lovingood
08	.....	Michael Bowen
10	.....	Melissa Spurr Ashley Campbell
12	.....	Robbie Hendrick Jenny Townsend
13	.....	Kelly Caruso
14	.....	Allen Richardson
15	.....	Billy Hatcher Derrick Smits Lydia Hunn
17	.....	Lecky Hurlburt Cora Hunn Roy Rockman
21	.....	Warren Jones
22	.....	Mary Jo McBride
23	.....	Sheryl Alba Jay Weidman Jeanne Richardson
28	.....	Beau Fishel
30	.....	John Dunsmore
31	.....	Matt Fliermans



Derek W. H. Thomas, is a native of Wales, but has lived in the United States of America for almost 30 years. He was the Senior Minister at First Presbyterian Church (ARP) in Columbia, South Carolina until his retirement at the end of 2023 after twelve years of ministry at this historic church. He is also a Chancellor's Professor at Reformed Theological Seminary, and a Teaching Fellow with Ligonier Ministries. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Wales, a Master of Divinity from Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson), and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Wales (Lampeter). He was ordained in the Evangelical Church of Ireland and served Stranmillis Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Belfast for 17 years before moving to the United States. He has published more than thirty books and contributed to many others. He has been married to his wife, Rosemary, for forty-eight years and they have two children and two grandchildren.



## ELISEO & PAULA GUADAGNO

ACP and ACCI  
Turin, Italy

Paula and Eliseo met on board the MV Doulos, an On Mission (OM) missionary ship, where they ministered in Asia and Africa. Eliseo studied Forestry and Paula psychology. They have served in Italy, a secular post-Christian nation, full-time.

You can join the Guadagnos! Write to ([e.guadagno@acp-it.org](mailto:e.guadagno@acp-it.org)) come and serve in the camp outreaches during the summer (English speakers needed) or among refugees in Sicily or Greece. To learn more about the Guadagnos, go to [www.adventive.ca/all-project-list/eliseo-paula-guadagno](http://www.adventive.ca/all-project-list/eliseo-paula-guadagno). Thank you for your support and prayers which are key to the ministry.

### Ministry:

Serving in the province of Turin, Italy. Eliseo, Paula and their family help provide care for families through hosting and leading sports camps while coordinating volunteers from international churches and organizations. They are passionate about discipleship and mentorship and are collaborating with community leaders exploring how to offer intentional care for refugees and needy people.

Eliseo's current assignment with Association for Persecuted Christians (ACP) ([www.acv-en.org](http://www.acv-en.org)) is to Coordinate the Northern Italy Activities, such as the Evangelical Social Work Association which includes around 40 different churches or associations. Eliseo's efforts also go to leading the local church and the discipleship movement ORME NETWORK. We also organize and lead teams of Italians to serve in refugee camps in Athens, Greece. Paula plans and coordinates special events, Bible studies and camps for children, youth and families in our area. With ACP she coordinates short term mission opportunities and promotes and empowers churches to join the Gift Box initiative which provides help and good news to children, elderly, and families in poverty ([www.acp-it.org/azione/apr](http://www.acp-it.org/azione/apr)).

### Prayer:

For the discipleship program to begin following up with the 200 non churched children attending camp and the positive response of the community.

For the different discipleship groups and the evangelistic summer camps. May His word expand through Italy and Europe!

For the short-term missionaries that we get a chance to mentor and encourage.

For our local church reaching out through several new initiatives.

Go and Make Disciples

## Delighting in God's Word

*But you, when you pray...*

Matthew 6:6

When Christians are asked, "How is your prayer life?", the response will almost inevitably be something like this: "Well, it could be better." Do you agree with that statement? I think we all might to some extent.

Why do we respond like this? Why do we feel the weight of our own prayerlessness? It is because you and I, as Christians, are called to be people who pray. To put it another way, as Christians, we were *made to pray*.

Notice in Matthew 6:6 that Jesus says, "But you, *when you pray*". Jesus will go on in verse seven to say something similar, "when you are praying". He goes on in verse nine to say, "Pray, then, in this way". What do all of these phrases have in common? Christ *assumes* that his people are praying. It is *expected*.

J.C. Ryle put the same point provocatively: "I ask again whether you pray, because *a habit of prayer is one of the surest marks of a true Christian*." J.I. Packer, in *Knowing God*, shared the same conviction: "People who know their God are before anything people who pray...If, however, there is in us little energy for such prayer, and little consequent practice of it, this is a sure sign that as yet we scarcely know our God."

If we were to put a fine point on this teaching, it would be this: Christians pray. That's just what they do. Just as cows say, "moo"; just as dogs bark; just as "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons" (Titus 1:12), *Christians pray*.

Is this true of you? Are you one who prays, Beloved of God? Let us give ourselves to prayer, as our Lord has commanded us (1 Thess. 5:17). Let us see that it is of the utmost importance to our fellowship with God. Let us join with a hearty, "Amen!", when we pray together in corporate worship. Let us join in prayer together in smaller groups---we have a few such groups in our church that meet weekly! Let us go into our closets---our cars, our bedrooms, our quiet places, our front porches---to communion with our God in prayer.

May our church be known for its life of prayer. May we be known as people who pray!

Rev. Ryan Bigham

## American Heritage Girls

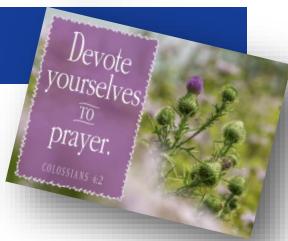
We are on break for the summer, but behind the scenes are working on a year filled with faith, fun, and service as we plan for the '24-'25 school year. Our program theme based on Ephesians 1:18 is going to be "VISION" and we will be exploring what it means to have a Biblical Worldview and focus the EYES of our heart on Christ so that He can fulfill our longing for belonging, speak truth into our identity, and be the lens with which we view the world. Keep an eye out for our welcome back registration in August. We welcome girls ages 5-18 and adult helpers. If you are interested in joining our troop or volunteering, please contact Jen Zamora at [ahg@christchurchpres.org](mailto:ahg@christchurchpres.org).

## Ladies Online Prayer Group

*"...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."*

**Philippians 4:6**

Join the ladies of Christ Church as we unite in online prayer twice weekly: Sundays 4:00–5:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 7:30–8:15 p.m. (focusing on America). Contact Charlotte Jewett ([cjewett@att.net](mailto:cjewett@att.net); 706-731-0191) or Maria Russell ([edmarmam@gmail.com](mailto:edmarmam@gmail.com); 706-726-1703) to receive the online invitations.



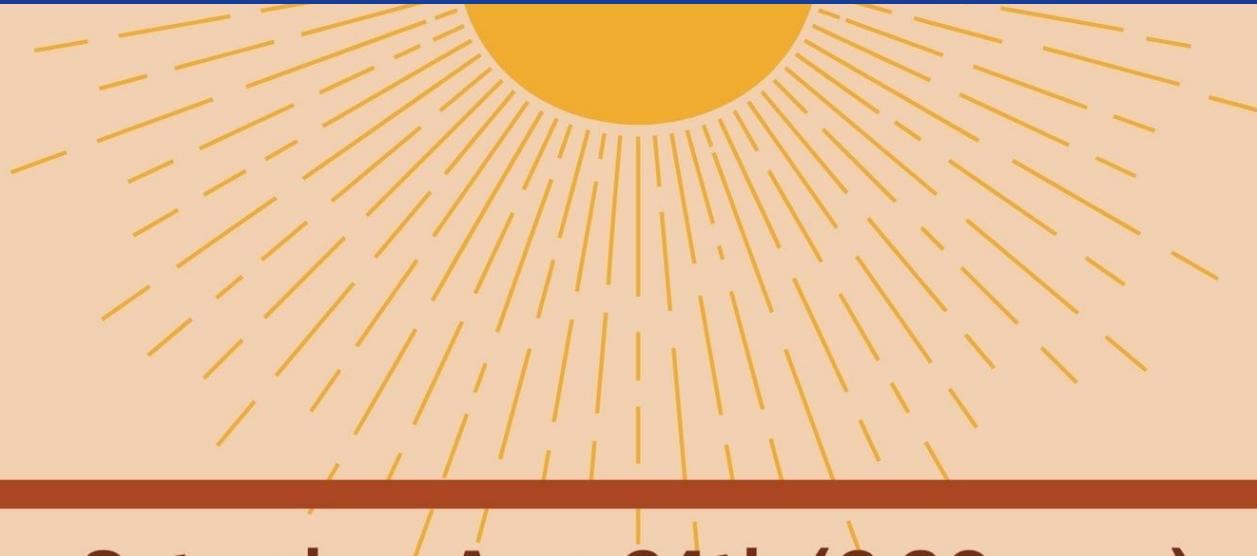
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# **THE ROAD TO CALVARY**

w/ Featured Speaker,  
Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas





**Saturday, Aug. 24th (6:30 p.m.)**

“Jesus’ Baptism”

**Sunday, Aug. 25th (11 a.m.)**

“Jesus’ Transfiguration”

**Sunday, Aug. 25th (6 p.m.)**

“Jesus in Gethsemane”

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## Children's VBS Re-Cap



### The Great Jungle Journey

We took an epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation. We went through jungle rivers, making stops at seven ports of call along the way – each starting with a C:

- Creation
- Corruption
- Catastrophe
- Confusion
- Christ
- Cross
- Consummation



# July

## Weekly Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship • 6:00 p.m. Worship

Please pray daily for our CCP supported missionaries  
and missions agencies [listed in italics].

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:15 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship				7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study	
<i>Greg &amp; Julieann</i>			<i>Rick &amp; Betty Aschmann</i>	<i>Greg &amp; Julieann</i>		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:15 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship		5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6:00 p.m. Children/Youth	11:00 a.m. Knitting & Crochet 6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study		
<i>Noah &amp; Karleigh Stephens Augusta Care Pregnancy Center</i>		<i>Broad Street Ministries</i>	<i>Child Evangelism Fellowship</i>	<i>Heritage Academy</i>		
14	15	16	17	18	19	21
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship		5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal	11:00 WOCC Knitting 6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & Meeting	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study		
<i>Kermit &amp; Cheryl</i>		<i>Jews for Jesus Cheryl Croker</i>	<i>Missionary Care Ministry Chris &amp; Cary Drinkard</i>	<i>Palmer Home for Children David &amp; Maddie Dyer</i>	<i>RUF Kim Green</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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<i>AHG</i>	<i>Elisea &amp; Paula Guadagno</i>	<i>Miles Hendrick</i>	<i>Tim &amp; Lana Higginbotham</i>	<i>Steve &amp; Sherri Letchford</i>	<i>Steve &amp; Kellie Merwin</i>	
29	30	31				
9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 4:30 p.m. AYC Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship	7:00 p.m. Trail Life		11:00 WOCC Knitting		9:00 a.m. Trail Life Water Day	
<i>David &amp; Erin Pervis</i>	<i>Doug &amp; Amy Nunziato</i>	<i>John &amp; Chris Oliver</i>			<i>Steven Smith</i>	
						<i>Jonathan Stenberg</i>



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