

*Devotional for Each Day of the Week*

**Sunday:** “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”—II Timothy 2:15. **Pray** for diligence and wisdom in your time of devotion. **Pray** for greater devotion to Christ in the coming new year. **Give thanks** for the recent growth at Rose Point RPC (New Castle, Pa.), and **pray** for further growth in numbers and in grace in 2019.

**Monday:** “I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.”—Psalm 4:8. **Pray** for your family's safety, and the safety of your neighborhood. **Pray** for Elder Jonathan Parnell, newly elected to the Session of Topeka (Kan.) RPC.

**Tuesday:** “And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace.”—Jeremiah 29:7. **Pray** for peace in your neighborhood that you can also be at peace. **Give thanks** for the new communicant and baptized members of Los Angeles (Calif.) RPC.

**Wednesday:** “A true witness delivers souls, But a deceitful witness speaks lies.”—Proverbs 14:25. **Pray** that you can be a good witness of Jesus Christ. **Pray** for Eastvale RPC (Beaver Falls, Pa.) and its new members classes; **pray** for their aging members.

**Thursday:** “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”—Ephesians 5:11. **Pray** that the false teachers of the world would be exposed. **Pray** for the new babies of Ottawa (Ont.) RPC. **Pray** for Selma (Ala.) RPC and the many challenges facing it, including its need for a pastor.

**Friday:** “But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.’”—Matthew 19:14. **Pray** for the children who attend APF. **Pray** for Pastor Matthew Sexton of Quinter (Kan.) RPC as he preaches through Isaiah and Luke.

**Saturday:** “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”—Colossians 3:16. **Pray** that you would have a ready heart for tomorrow's worship service. **Pray** for Cush Christian School in South Sudan. **Pray** for APF and its need for a new meeting place in this new year.

# Atlanta Presbyterian Fellowship

*The Lord's Day  
December 30, 2018*

Meeting every week at  
472-B Paines Avenue NW  
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Worship at 10:45 AM and 5:30 PM  
Sunday School at 4:45 PM

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Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions

The Call to Worship

Psalm 135:1-3

\*The Invocation

\*Psalm 122B

“I Was Glad to Hear Them Saying”

Scripture Reading

Exodus 34:10-28

Pastoral Prayer

\*Psalm 42C

“Like Hart that Longs for Flowing Streams”

Scripture Text

Romans 9:1-13

The Sermon

“The Blessings of the Visible Church”

\*Prayer

\*Psalm 43

“Defend Me, God, and Plead My Case”

\*Benediction

\*Psalm 134B

“Bless the Lord, All Servants of the Lord”

*\* Congregation will please stand.*

**We are so glad that you could join us today!** This service is being conducted under the auspices of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America. Please be sure to return next week and bring a friend.

### **Scripture Memory and Catechism Questions & Answers**

**“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”—Ephesians 1:22-23.**

**“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.”—Psalm 84:1-2.**

***Q. 31. What is effectual calling?***

**A. Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.**

***Q. 32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?***

**A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.**

Romans 9:1-13 “The Blessings of the Visible Church”

Theme: Paul instructs with regard to the blessings of the visible church.

I. Privileges of the Visible Church

A. Israelites: Israel = “prince with God” (Genesis 32:28)

B. adoption: being part of God’s family

C. glory

1. “the visible manifestation of the invisible God”

2. numerous instances of this glory: Exodus 24:16, 17; 40:34-38; Leviticus 16:2; I Kings 8:10f [II Chronicles 7:1-2]

D. the covenants

1. Abrahamic—Genesis 15:1f; 17:7; 22:15f; 26:1-f; 28:10f

2. Mosaic—the giving of the law

3. Davidic—establishing the kingdom

E. the giving of the law—at Sinai; what other nation was so blessed?

F. the service—the worship of God; especially, at the sanctuary

G. the promises

1. think of all the promises of God in OT: Genesis 3:15; 12:3; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; Joel 2:28f; Amos 9:11-15

2. the overarching promise to Israel was “I will be your God, and the God of your seed after you” (Genesis 17:7)

H. whose are the fathers (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and others)

I. through whom came Christ

II. Application

A. appreciate what God is doing as a result of His church

B. appreciate the great privileges

1. they imply great responsibility

2. they do not necessarily equate to blessing

3. as a matter of fact, they can lead to great curse