

A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

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My dear Friends:

Can you believe that we have finished the first month of 2019 already? Wow, that was fast. But with February, we have a number of really good, Gospel-good, things going on at IPC. This Sunday morning, my dear friend Dr. Ligon Duncan, Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary, will be preaching for us. I'm glad it worked out for Ligon to be with us, especially because I will be preaching and teaching at Church of the Good Shepherd in Durham, NC, over the weekend. From there, I'll be preaching at a pastor's conference in Asheville, NC, and then teaching for RTS in New York City. I will be back in Memphis and in the pulpit on February 10. Just so you know, I try to group these things together to limit the time I am away from you—my heart and home are here, serving you and serving beside our tremendous staff.

At the end of February, we have our missions conference. Hopefully, you have received or are starting to receive the conference brochure. I can't tell you how excited I am to have these church planters and pastoral leaders from the United Kingdom with us. IPC has always had a special connection to the Free Church of Scotland; what I hope you will see this year is that the Lord is at work in tremendous ways in the Free Church, but also in other Reformed denominations as well. The potential generational impact of what is happening now is incalculable. I trust that your heart will be engaged and your prayers will be inspired by what you hear over the conference, which runs February 20-24.

In between the first Sunday and the last of this month is our Pathway weekend, February 15-16. For those of you who don't know what that is, Pathway is our class to help orient guests who are thinking about joining IPC. And Pathway is one of my favorite things to teach—I thoroughly enjoy getting to meet those who are new to IPC and teach them both the Gospel and our Presbyterian distinctives. If you have been visiting IPC recently—and we have had a ton of visitors over the past three months—we would love to have you at our Pathway weekend.

February will be a good month—as long as God's Spirit comes with his power. All our efforts are ultimately useless apart from the empowerment of the Spirit; he comes to us and fills us in response to our praying. Let's ask God to fill our hearts, our sanctuary, our church, and our city with his powerful, gracious, converting, sanctifying presence!

In the grip of God's grace,



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