

# January 14, 2022 Daily Church Email

Last time this week, a moment concerning Presbyterian Polity (order and rules) and history for thought:

From *The Presbyterian Handbook*, page 53-55

Presbyterian Churches

"Presbyterian Churches get their name from their form of church government: government by presbyters or elders. The primary governing unit is the presbytery, which is composed of clergy and elected lay leaders (elders) in a specific geographical area. The elders who govern in local churches are called the session.

Member

Session

Presbytery

Synod

General Assembly

The Presbyterian Family in the United States

"Thousands of Presbyterians emigrated from Europe and came to the New World in the seventeenth century and later. Presbyterians were prominent in the country that became the United States during the time of the American Revolution. A Presbyterian clergyman, John Witherspoon, signed the Declaration of Independence.

Today there are a number of Presbyterian denominations in the United States. These emerged from theological differences within the 'Presbyterian family.'"

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Bible Presbyterian Church

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church in America

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America

Second Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the United States

Food for thought...

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