

**From:** Lily Cogdill <LilyCogdill@scstatehouse.gov>  
**To:** Hayden Grooms <HaydenGrooms@scstatehouse.gov>  
**Date:** 2/14/2017 1:49:47 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Pastors Day at the Statehouse

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#### Pastor Day Information

From: oranpsmith@gmail.com [mailto:oranpsmith@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Oran P. Smith  
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 12:49 PM  
To: Lily Cogdill  
Subject: Re: Pastors Day at the Statehouse

We will run with it if you see no errors. Thanks!

Oran

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On Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 12:35 PM, Lily Cogdill <LilyCogdill@scstatehouse.gov> wrote:

Thank you!

Lily

From: oranpsmith@gmail.com [mailto:oranpsmith@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Oran P. Smith  
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2017 12:20 PM  
To: Danny Varat <DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>  
Cc: Lily Cogdill <LilyCogdill@scstatehouse.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Pastors Day at the Statehouse

Dear Lily:

Here is a draft of an Advisory for *Pastor's Day*.

We will hold off sending it until we hear from you.

As it stands now, the Lieutenant Governor is the only speaker for the *public* portion of the day.

Oran

cc: Danny Varat

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On Mon, Feb 13, 2017 at 10:41 AM, Danny Varat <[DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov](mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov)> wrote:

We're planning for him to be at his office at 12:30. Do you have the other info yet?

Lily, please get this on the calendar.

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From: [oranpsmith@gmail.com](mailto:oranpsmith@gmail.com) <[oranpsmith@gmail.com](mailto:oranpsmith@gmail.com)> on behalf of Oran P. Smith <[oran@palmettofamily.org](mailto:oran@palmettofamily.org)>

Sent: Saturday, February 11, 2017 11:44 AM

To: Danny Varat

Subject: Re: Pastors Day at the Statehouse

1. We have drafted a release providing the general schedule for the day but have not yet sent it. I can send it to you.

We plan to tell Media that the portions of the day taking place in the BSM and Blatt buildings are closed to the press, but rotunda and lobby events are open.

2. We plan to mention the LG and that he will be up to bat at 12:30 in the rotunda.

----On that note, we can reserve the lectern to make it look more official.

----Wonder if we need a mic? I've seen it work well with and without.

----Thinking about placing the lectern at the LG office entrance instead of the typical press conference location. It will get us out of escalator to lobby traffic would be cool to have them see him come down the hall and right up to be introduced.

3. I plan to really build up how good Kevin has been on family and freedom issues.

School choice for sure.

Would you/he be comfortable with my mentioning the ban on chemical abortions by telemedicine he got done almost single-handedly last year? Pastor types and primary voters need to know about it.

Love breathing this Greenville County air.

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On Sat, Feb 11, 2017 at 11:18 AM, Danny Varat <[DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov](mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov)> wrote:

Are you doing any press for this?

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From: [oranpsmith@gmail.com](mailto:oranpsmith@gmail.com) <[oranpsmith@gmail.com](mailto:oranpsmith@gmail.com)> on behalf of Oran P. Smith <[oran@palmettofamily.org](mailto:oran@palmettofamily.org)>

Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2017 2:44 PM

To: Danny Varat

Subject: Re: Pastors Day at the Statehouse

Perfect. Got it down.

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On Thu, Feb 9, 2017 at 2:34 PM, Danny Varat <[DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov](mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov)> wrote:

How about the LG lead the 12:30 prayer in the rotunda?

Sent using OWA for iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2017 11:29:44 AM

To: Danny Varat

Subject: Re: Pastors Day at the Statehouse

I'm shamelessly following the old John McCain theory of room selection---maybe just *a bit too small*.

Here's the rough schedule:

10:30: Check in, coffee and doughnuts at BCM

11:00: Welcome, program, training, etc, at BCM

11:30ish: Lunch at BCM

12:00: Prayer at BCM

12:15: Depart for Lobby

12:30: Prayer in Rotunda, Notes in to House Members, visits, conversations in Lobby

1:15ish-3:00ish: Short debrief in 104 Blatt, Senate office visits or Senate lobby visits depending on time, optional Statehouse tour, etc..

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On Thu, Feb 9, 2017 at 11:14 AM, Danny Varat <[DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov](mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov)> wrote:

What is the itinerary after arriving at the Statehouse? Is there enough room at their building for that large a crowd?

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From: [oranpsmith@gmail.com](mailto:oranpsmith@gmail.com) <[oranpsmith@gmail.com](mailto:oranpsmith@gmail.com)> on behalf of Oran P. Smith  
<[oran@palmettofamily.org](mailto:oran@palmettofamily.org)>

Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2017 11:03 AM

To: Danny Varat; [dannyvarat@scstatehouse.net](mailto:dannyvarat@scstatehouse.net)

Subject: Pastors Day at the Statehouse

Danny:

Here is the lost email below.

To summarize: on Tuesday, February 14, We are gathering 200+ pastors at the Baptist Student Ministries building on South Main (819 Main) at 11:00 and will head over to the Statehouse about 12:15.

Any time that works for Kevin during that 11:10 to 12:15 slot would be great. He could kick it off or send them off. He could make a policy talk or give a word of his Christian testimony or both.

We are expecting a strong crowd and plan to mention the Lieutenant Governor's long record of

accomplishment and perfect 100% score on our Legislative Scorecard.

PS: Professor Jim Guth at Furman sends his regards to you.

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----- Forwarded message -----

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From: Erik Corcoran  
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 7:15 PM  
To: [dannyvarat@scstatehouse.gov](mailto:dannyvarat@scstatehouse.gov)  
Subject: Pastors Day at the Statehouse

To whom this may concern,

This is Erik Corcoran, Director of Coalitions with the Nehemiah Network. I work for Dr. Oran Smith at Palmetto Family Council.

For the past 6 months I have been recruiting pastors in every House and Senate District from all across the state to commit to pray and encourage their representatives and senators. We have over 200 pastors now in what we call the "Nehemiah Network" which is a part of Palmetto Family.

Next Tuesday, On February 14th, over 100 pastors and members of the Network will meet for the first time and will be ushered into the Statehouse lobby to meet their legislators personally. We are so proud of Lt. Governor Bryant and his commitment to christian values as a Senator and now as our Lieutenant Governor.

If his schedule permits, we would love for him to share a little about his testimony and how faith intersects with his beliefs and duties in public service.

We hope he can participate in this historic event!

# Pastor's Day at the statehouse

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February 14, 2017 | 12:30pm

Pastors of the Nehemiah Network from all over the Palmetto State will gather at the statehouse to meet, encourage and pray with their legislators. The pastors will arrive in the lobby at 12:30pm and will send in a note to you. We hope that you will make yourself available to them.



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*Nehemiah Network*

The Nehemiah Network is a new branch of **Palmetto Family** composed exclusively of influential faith leaders in South Carolina.

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Please direct any questions to:

**Erik Corcoran of Palmetto Family**

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