



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

*"Knowing the love of Christ together with all the saints." - Eph. 3:18-19*

**Week Ending, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014**



### **Upcoming Events- Lord willing!**

**Prepare for Worship!:** We encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts and praying for the worship of our God. For your preachers: *"Pray us full, we will preach you full!"* Our KCPC weekly newsletter *The Shepherd's Voice* can be a helpful guide for your time of prayer. **Remember on Sunday mornings to seek to use prelude time before worship to enter God's presence with honor and respect and great awe!**

**Sunday School on The Beauty & Glory of Christian Living!:** This week we will hear about how God beautifies His children from Pastor Steve Biggs.

**Tag Sale:** This Saturday! Please follow the link to sign up to be at our booth. Please stop by and support our church.

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**Women's Bible Study:** Starting in October meetings will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Stacy Halley for more information. Also needed for the study is someone available to do childcare.

**Reformation Day Worship: A Commemoration and Celebration of the Reformation:** October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Bethel OPC in Leesburg, Va. Theme this year: *"Post Tenebras Lux"* ("After the Darkness, Light"- see attached flier). Guests should bring side dishes and/or dessert to feed 10. RSVP to Deborah Taylor by October 21<sup>st</sup> 703.777.4221 or [administrator@bethelpres.com](mailto:administrator@bethelpres.com)

**Locust Street Film Night:** Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm come join us for viewing and discussion of the hilarious Frank Capra classic *'Arsenic and Old Lace'* with Cary Grant.

**Evening Worship:** The second and fourth Sundays of each month we gather at 6pm as a congregation to end our day in worship. Please join us this Sunday as Pastor Halley preaches on 1 Timothy 1: 3-11 *Being A True Child In The Faith*

**Listen online to KCPC sermons** you missed and/or would like to hear again. Tune in for our Sunday school series on Reformed Spirituality as well at [www.sermonaudio.com/kcpc](http://www.sermonaudio.com/kcpc)

**"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."**

**~Isaiah 1:18**

## *From Your Pastors* *Break Off Every Known Sin At Once! -J.C. Ryle*

For one thing, resolve at once, by God's help, to break off every known sin, however small.

Look within, each one of you. Examine your hearts. Do you see there any habit or custom which you know to be wrong in the sight of God? If you do, delay not a moment in attacking it. Resolve at once to lay it aside.

Nothing darkens the eyes of the mind so much, and deadens the conscience so surely, as *an allowed sin*. It may be a little one, but it is not the less dangerous for all that. A small leak will sink a great ship, and a small spark will kindle a great fire, and a little allowed sin in like manner will ruin an immortal soul. Take my advice, and never spare a little sin. Israel was commanded to slay every Canaanite, both great and small. Act on the same principle, and show no mercy to little sins. Well says the book of Songs, "Take us the foxes, the *little* foxes, that spoil the vines." (Song of Solomon 2:15)

Be sure no wicked man ever meant to be so wicked at his first beginnings. But he began with allowing himself some *little* transgression, and that led on to something greater, and that in time produced something greater still, and thus he became the miserable being that he now is. When Hazeel heard from Elisha of the horrible acts that he would one day do, he said with astonishment, "Is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing?" (2 Kings 8:13) But he allowed sin to take root in his heart, and in the end he did them all.

Resist sin in its beginnings. They may look small and insignificant, but mind what I say, resist them—make no compromise, let no sin lodge quietly and undisturbed in your heart. "The mother of mischief," says an old proverb, "is no bigger than midge's wing." There is nothing finer than the point of a needle, but when it has made a hole, it draws all the thread after it. Remember the apostle's words, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump." (1 Cor 5:6)

Many a man could tell you with sorrow and shame that he traces up the of all his worldly prospect to the point I speak of – to giving way to sin in its beginnings. He began habits of falsehood and dishonesty in little things, and they grew upon him. Step by step, he has gone on from bad to worse, till he has done things that at one time he would have thought impossible; till at last he has lost his place, lost his character, lost his comfort, and well-nigh lost his soul. He allowed a gap in the wall of his conscience, because it seemed a little one – and allowed, the gap grew larger every day, till at length the whole wall seemed to come down.

Remember this especially in matter of *truth* and *honesty*. Make conscience of pins and syllables. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." (Luke 16:10) Whatever the world may please to say, there are not little sins. All great buildings are made up of little parts – the first stone is as important as any other. All habits are formed by a succession of little acts, and the first little act is of mighty consequence. The axe is the fable only begged the trees to let him have one little piece of wood to make a handle, and he would never trouble them any more. He got it, and then he soon cut them all down. The devil only wants to get the wedge of a little allowed sin into your heart, and you will soon be all his own. It is a wise saying of old William Bridge, "There is nothing small betwixt us and God, for God is an infinite God."

There are two ways of coming down from the top of a church steeple; one is to jump down – and the other is to come down by the steps: but both will lead you to the bottom. So also there are two ways of going to hell; one is to walk into it with your eyes open – few people do that; the other is to go down by the steps of little sins – and that way, I fear, is only too common. Put up with a few little sins, and you will soon want a few more. Even a heathen could say, "Who ever was content with only one sin?" And then your course will be regularly worse and worse every year. Well did Jeremy Taylor describe the progress of sin in a man: "First it startles him, then it becomes pleasing, then easy, then delightful, then frequent, then habitual, then confirmed!—then the man is impenitent, then obstinate, then resolves never to repent, and then is damned."

Resolve at once to break off every known sin.

In Christ's Love,

Pastors Biggs and Halley

**"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**

**Romans 5:6-8**

# THIS LORD'S DAY

**Sermon Title:** *"The Unquenchable Fire"*

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 16:19-31; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12; Matthew 10:28

**Scripture Text:** Mark 9:42-50

**Theme of Worship Service:** Jesus gives His disciples Gospel warnings about hell to teach us to fear God and hate sin.

## Hymns

1. 481 – Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus
2. 486 – God, Be Merciful to Me
3. 286 – Worship Christ, the Risen King!

**"I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."**

**John 10:28-29**