



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, October 19<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 Pastor Dan will teach us how God sets us free from the dominion of sin to live joyous lives in the family.

**October Home Fellowship this Sunday!** This month's fellowship will be held this Sunday at the Rodgers home in Boyce, VA immediately following worship. The address is listed below along with the link to the signup sheet. Please bring along your lawn chairs as this will be an outside event. The theme will be fall favorites. So bring your apple pies, pumpkins pies, apple cakes, fruit cobblers, and some meat and side dishes too! Address: 240 Lakeview Ln., Boyce VA 22620. Signup Link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e48ae2fa02-september1>

**Reception of New Member:** We are grateful to be receiving

Miss Amy Kirkland into membership this Lord's Day in morning worship service.

**Sacrament of Baptism of Augusta Mercy Whitmore:** Join us for the baptism of covenant child Augusta Mercy on Sunday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> in morning worship service.

**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.

**Locust Street Film Night this Friday!** 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.

**Men's and Boy's Breakfast this Saturday:** Join us for our breakfast, fellowship, Bible Study and prayer time as brothers in the Lord this **Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 10 am.** PHC students are welcome!

**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)

**Pastoral/Elder Care-Visitation in 2015:** Your pastors and elders would like very much to visit your home specifically for a spiritual check-up and prayer time in the next few months. Pastor Biggs is making a schedule now for 2015, and if you would like to request a visit for first of year, then please email him at [crbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:crbiggs@comcast.net). The pastoral/elder visitation is normally in the evenings, intended for the whole family to be present, and it is a time focused on pastoral care. It usually lasts one hour. *"And every day, in the [public worship] and from house to house, [the pastor/elders] did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus Christ"* (Acts 5:42).

**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)

*"If [the answer to your prayers] seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay...the righteous shall live by His faith."*  
*Habakkuk 2:3b, 4b*

## ***From Your Pastors***

***“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”- Psalm 16:11***

What hope we have as the people of God! We who were by nature wanderers, far from the fold of God, wanderers from the presence of God, wanderers from the delights and joy that only God can give, and on a path that would lead down into hell. But now, because of God's grace to us in Jesus Christ, He has made known to us the path of life! *You make known to me the path of life,*” the Psalmist rejoices. We haven't found the path of life on our own, we were not even looking for it (Eph. 2:1-4), but God who is rich in mercy made it known to us in Jesus Christ. Jesus, our Beloved Lord says to us: *“I am the way, the truth, and the life...”*

As you travel this path with Jesus, although times can be difficult and you may grow weary at times (I sure do!), do not give up, do not give in, do not be distracted, nor seek to be satisfied in this world. You were made for Jesus, only in Him can you find ultimately all that you're are longing for, and all that you need to fill the depths of your hearts and souls. Knowing that Jesus walks with you, will make the journey satisfying and joyful. In fact, the Psalmist says that in the presence of God is *“fullness of joy”!*

What are God's “pleasures forevermore” in Jesus? Are you hungry? Jesus will fill you; He is the Bread of Life. Are you thirsty? Jesus will quench your thirst; He is the Fountain of Life. Are you in need of a deeper intimacy and communion with God? Jesus will be your comfort and joy; He is our Heavenly Bridegroom. Are you tired and weary? Jesus will be your rest; He is our rest from our burden of sins, our pains and anxieties, and everything that would distract and/or hinder us along our pilgrimage in this present world.

As we walk with Jesus, may a sense of His fullness of joy and an increase of the pleasures forevermore be ours because we trust in Him. Let us take refuge in God our Savior (Psalm 16:1). Let us realize that because Jesus is our Lord there is no good apart from him (Psalm 16:2; John 15:5). Let us rejoice that we have a beautiful inheritance in Christ (Psalm 16:6). Let us bless the Lord and let our hearts be glad because Jesus has taken our flesh, and can sympathize with us in our time of need (Hebrews. 4:14-16). Our blessed Jesus has experienced the challenges of this path: the sicknesses, the difficulties, the weariness, the setbacks, the temptations, the loneliness, the abandonment, and the cold-hearted hatred. Sweet and gentle Jesus has willingly taken our sins upon Himself, drunk to the dregs the cup of God's wrath, He has tasted the pangs of death, and what it means to lose the comfort and power of the presence of God as one forsaken because of sin. Our Blessed Savior has “descended into hell” so we could know “joys forevermore”! ***And this was for you.***

***Jesus descended into this world to show you the path of life; Jesus has ascended back to heaven to give to you the fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore at God's right hand.*** With the coming of the precious Holy Spirit, the joys and bliss of the age to come have partially and wonderfully intruded into this present age to give us enduring grace, persevering hope, and joys for our journey now, even as we suffer hardships and disappointments, and await the full embrace of our Savior and His love at His return!

Don't wait another minute seeking in this world or in yourself what only Jesus can give to you. The blessings of God are not found in this world, nor within yourselves, but at God's right hand! Let the Holy Spirit bring you to Christ now, and let the joys and power of the Coming Age be yours in abundance today.

**In Christ's Love,  
Pastors Biggs and Halley**

***“...Yet I will rejoice in the LORD;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength...”  
- Habakkuk 3:18-19a***

# THIS LORD'S DAY

**Sermon Title: “*What God Has Joined Together...*”**

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

**Scripture Lesson: Genesis 2:18-25; Ephesians 5:25-33**

**Scripture Text: Mark 10:1-12**

**Theme of Worship Service: A disciple of Jesus, if called to be married, should take the marriage covenant seriously and seek to be always faithful in obedience to God's Word.**

## Questions to Discuss in Fellowship:

- \* **Children: Read Mark 10:1-12.** When the Pharisees ask Jesus a question about divorce, what does the Bible say is the reason they are doing this (see v. 2a). How is this similar to another incident earlier in Mark (see 1:13). What are the implications here?
  - \* How does Jesus in His teaching reveal His belief in the unity and inerrancy of Scripture?
- \* Where do we find God's design for marriage first revealed in the Bible? Why is there divorce? (see v. 5).

## Hymns



1. Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation #342
2. Day By Day and With Each Passing Moment #676
3. At The Lambs High Feast We Sing #420

*“If I touch even His garments, I will be made well.”*

- Mark 5:28