

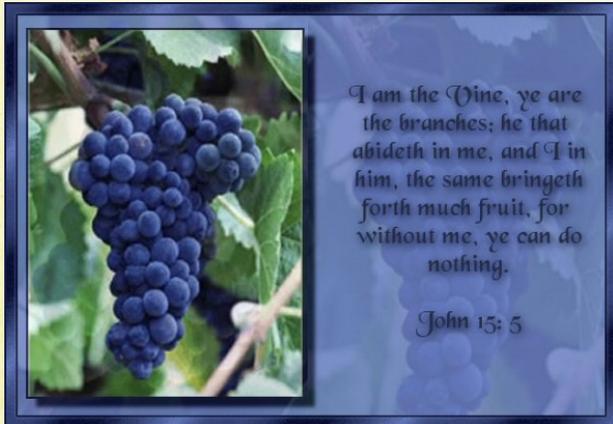


# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015



I am the Vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without me, ye can do nothing.

John 15: 5

### Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

**Prepare for Worship!:** Your pastors and elders encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts and praying for the worship of our God. Please remember the importance of prayer for our worship services, and especially the need for the Spirit's work in preaching. Pray that we would come with expectant hearts to hear what the LORD would say to us! (Hab. 2:1-3).

**Titus 2 Seminar!** Women of KCPC please consider taking your girls to the seminar on *'Beauty: God's Gift, God's Glory'* on Feb. 21, 12:30-5 pm in Vienna, VA. For more info, email Lucy Green at [lucyanngreen6@gmail.com](mailto:lucyanngreen6@gmail.com). Highly recommended for your women and girls!! (Also info will be on table next to book table in kitchen).

**Adult Sunday School class on 'Ordinary' continues this week:** Our Sunday school class begins at 9:30am. The adults are studying a new series based on Michael Horton's book *"Ordinary"*. This week: *"The Next BIG Thing!"*. *Come and find out how extraordinarily radical it is to be ordinary!*

### Shorter Catechism Memorization for KCPC in 2015:

See pg. 3, 'From Your Pastors' Section. Let's seek to memorize the Shorter Catechism together as a congregation, and if you already have, go back over it for spiritual review.

**YMCF this Lord's Day:** Young Married and College Fellowship at Weitz Home in Round Hill. After worship this Lord's Day at 1 pm.

**KCPC Book Table- Featured Books:** For the upcoming Easter season, and also books that would complement the present sermon series on Gospel of Mark: *'The Shadow of the Cross: Studies in Self-Denial'* by Walter Chantry; *'The Cross He Bore: Mediations on the Sufferings of the Redeemer'* by Frederick Leahy; *'Jesus on Trial'* by James Boice and Phil Ryken. **New this week:** Vandixhoorn's 'Confessing the Faith' and Calvin's 'Institutes' (new excellent translation by R. White)!

**Deacon's Offering:** Lord's Day, February 1, the deacons will be collecting an offering of sacrifice and generosity from us that may help the poor and needy in our community.

**Locust Street Film Night- Valentine's Celebration!** On February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, we will be viewing and discussing *'Casablanca'*. One of the finest films and love stories of our time. Make plans now!

**Women's Bible Study:** The study meets on the 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.

**New Church Directories!** We will have new church directories in the foyer this Lord's Day, Lord willing. Please take one for your family.

*"I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint."*

*~ ESV Habakkuk 2:1*

# Prayers

Ephesians 6:18- "Praying Always..."

Remember that you may email your prayer requests to [kpcpdeacons@gmail.com](mailto:kpcpdeacons@gmail.com) (and copy Pastor Biggs and elders) to invite others to pray with you during the week. The elders also invite you to call us to anoint you with oil and pray for you if you're sick according to James 5:13-15. Please let us know how to serve you. **Recently Updated Prayers**

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Pray that as a congregation we would bear much fruit.

Pray that we would better prepare for worship, be attentive during preaching, and be further freed from sinful distractions and spiritual apathy as a congregation!

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Pray for Cheryl Turner who has broken her wrist. Pray for her surgery this week and for a good and healthy recovery.

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Pray for David Vermette as he recovers from pneumonia at home and for Heidi and Anne as they also recover from colds.

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Pray for Caleb Sasser and Anna Reid as they plan for wedding and are receiving pastoral counsel, and wait upon God. Pray for Caleb Nelson and Alexa Myers as they prepare for marriage next year. Pray for Caleb as he interns this next year at First Church of Merrimack OPC, in New York.

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Praise God for answered prayer in the sale of the Rolf home! Pray for God's comforting grace to the Rolf Family during a challenging time.

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Pray for Deacon Mark Miller as he is suffering from degenerated disk in his back. Pray that God would heal him of the physical challenges he has been experiencing in the last few months.

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Pray for Judy Davis for healing, for strength, grace and comfort; pray for new doctor who is skilled in treating her and that her cancer would stay in remission. Pray for Lydia Davis as she seeks direction after her graduation from nursing school. Pray for encouragement and hope for the entire Davis family (Rom. 15:13).

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Praise God for the safe arrival of Genevieve Gerda Nastaran Greendyk!

Pray for our expectant mothers: Heidi Vermette, Joni McGovern, Annie Simmons, and Heather Gray in their pregnancies as they await new covenant children.

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Ashburn Saints: Pray for God's people in our study to continue to be encouraged and edified (Regulars are Pete, Sandy, Linda, Bob and Linda, Jean, Cecelia, Kathleen, Hazel, Tess, Maria...).

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Rejoice with Bray Family that doctors find no cancer in Christine's body! Pray for wisdom and grace during this time of rebuilding in their family.

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Pray for the Schanzenbach family that God would provide work for Daniel, that God would grant wisdom to Daniel and Rachel in their counseling and spiritual growth in Jesus.

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Pray for Zachary, Annie and Margaret Simmons. Praise that God has answered their prayers for guidance. Pray for them as they serve Grace Fellowship, and for their pastor Bill Snodgrass.

## *From Your Pastors*

### *A Study of Shorter Catechism*

**Question: What do the Scriptures principally teach?**

**Answer: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

**Scripture memory:** <sup>ESV</sup> 2 Timothy 1:13

*“Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”*

#### **An explanation:**

The primary reason God has given us the Holy Scriptures is so that we can know Him and live obediently before Him. Who is God? How do we know Him? God has been kind to reveal Himself clearly and sufficiently as the only God, the True and Living, Triune God who has not left Himself without a witness (Acts 14:17; Exodus 3:14; Deut. 6:4-6; 1 Cor. 8:6). Although man has been created in God’s image, because of the contamination of sin on our minds and hearts, we do not by nature worship the truth and living God as we should. We are idolaters by nature who worship false gods; we exchange the truth of God with a lie (Jer. 17:9; Rom. 1:22-25). Yet God has taught us about Himself through the Scriptures, and through the Scriptures we can know God and have eternal life (John 17:3).

How do we know how to live before God and others? God has clearly and perfectly revealed this in His Word, particularly in the Ten Commandments. Our Lord Jesus summarized the teaching of the Law as loving God with all of our hearts, souls, minds and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:30). The Law of God is a summary of the Bible’s teaching about what love looks like, and how our lives should be lived. We are to love God alone and first before all other things, to honor God with our worship without images, being careful to glorify His name, and to keep His Sabbath Holy. Toward our fellow men (our neighbors), we are to see to it that we properly honor them, preserving and blessing their lives, being committed to our spouses if married, taking care of others’ property, loving and telling the truth, and being content in all circumstances.

Yet we fall short of this perfect will of God (Rom. 8:3-4). God in His great mercy has sent Christ to redeem us from the Law as a way of works, so that we could live it, and be righteous by His grace alone, through faith alone. Christ is our hope. God has revealed Himself ultimately to sinners in Christ. God has called all men to repentance, and given all authority to Jesus Christ to be the Judge of all mankind (Acts 17:30-31). Let us repent in light of God’s goodness and mercy in Christ Jesus. Let us live obediently before Him as the true fruit of saving faith in Him (Rom. 1:5; 6:17; James 2:14).

**A prayer:** Father, make me a fruitful and joyful Christian in Christ as you have promised (John 15:1-11). Let me be obedient to you by faith and so fulfill the law (Rom. 8:3-4; 13:8-10). Help me to live my life loving you and my neighbor as myself, and so live a life that is pleasing to you (2 Cor. 5:9).

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

# THIS LORD'S DAY

**Sermon Title: “My Beloved’s Vineyard”**  
– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

**Gospel of Mark Series: Act III:** *The Desolation and Reconstruction of God’s Holy Temple.*

**Theme of Sermon:** The Beloved Son of God, Prophet, Priest and King of Israel, comes to receive the rightful blessings of His vineyard from His tenants, but rather than a joyful reception, the wicked tenants oppose and reject Him with great violence and intense hostility because He is the rightful heir.

**Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7; Zechariah 6:9-15**  
**Scripture Text: Mark 11:27-12:12**

## Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Mediation:

\* **Read Mark 11:27-12:12.** (A) From where does Jesus get His authority? (B) Who is Jesus in relation to the vineyard? (C) Is this parable-sermon an opportunity for those who hear to repent? Will the teachers of Israel repent? (D) Has God been patient with his people (Rom. 2:1-4)? Is He patient with you? Do you need to repent before Him? (E) What judgment will come upon the people unless they repent (read what has happened before in 2 Chronicles 26:11-21)?

*ESV* **2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19:**

*All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the LORD that he had made holy in Jerusalem. The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD rose against his people, until there was no remedy...And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels.*

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”*

*ESV* **John 15:16**