



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, January 17th, 2015

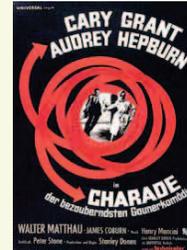


Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

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).

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

Church Fellowship Meal- Italian!! This Lord's Day after worship will be our fellowship meal at church building. Our theme this month will be Italian foods. A link to the signup sheet is here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e48aeae2fa02-january3> The deacons would also appreciate any help cleaning up after the meal.



Locust Street Film Night this Friday!

Join us this Friday, January 16th at 7pm for this showing of **Stanley Donen's "Charade"** from 1963, a classic comedy, mystery, and romance film. This hip little gem is known as the "Best Hitchcock film Hitchcock never made." See the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMkeqjacvAU>

Winter Youth Event: On January 21st from 7:00pm-9:30pm at the church all high school and middle school students are invited to a winter themed gathering with music, games, and a devotional. Please contact Pastor Halley if you have any questions.

Men and boys breakfast this Saturday: All men and boys are invited on ~~January 17th~~ from 8:30am-10:00am for a time of food, fellowship, and biblical discussion at the church building.

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. Each week, Lord willing, there will be a question and answer from Shorter Catechism, followed by a very brief explanation of it, a memory verse, and a prayer. Please go over this especially with your children.

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Stacy Halley for more information.

"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

From Your Pastors
A Study of Shorter Catechism

Question: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify and enjoy Him forever.

Scripture memory:

ESV Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

An explanation:

God made man specifically so that man could glorify and enjoy Him. This was man's 'chief end' which means this was God's goal for man. The goal for which He created man was so that man would bring glory to the Triune God and to be filled with joy in fellowship with Him.

We can see how far man has fallen from this ideal. How do we know something is faulty? A thing is faulty if that which it was designed to do, it does not do. Man is faulty; he is broken by sin. Mankind chose to live for self, and sinned against God, his only hope, and the only true fulfillment and rest for his soul. Man was created for God and man will never find rest and satisfaction until He rests in God, as our dear forefather Augustine taught us. How can we ever find the goal and satisfaction of our lives if we are so selfish and broken from sin?

God loved man so much that He sent Christ to redeem some of His creatures, His own Beloved Elect, to redeem them from the fall into sin, and to enable them by His grace to find His chief end, or main purpose in life! Christ lived a perfect life, finding in His life the true purpose for which man was created! No one else after the fall into sin had ever experienced such blessed living! Christ has come to free us from our slavery to self and to trying to find our purpose in this fallen world, so that we can find the true joy and delight of serving and worshiping God as He has designed us. Now we can live joyfully and fully in Him!

He is our delight.

What a Savior!

A prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, I was created to glorify and enjoy you, but I don't do this as I should. Forgive me for Christ's sake. What a privilege to be your child. Fill me with your Spirit so that I can better glorify you in all I do, and to be filled with your joy in the Lord Jesus! You are my portion (Psa. 73:23-28).

Amen.

In Christ's Love,
Pastors Biggs and Halley

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

~^{ESV} 1 Corinthians 3:16

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: "Hosanna in the Highest!"

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

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

Theme of Sermon: The third and final act of Mark's Gospel begins with the arrival of God's Holy Prophet, Priest, and King to the temple in Jerusalem to accomplish Israel's redemption that was foretold in the prophets. Is Israel prepared to meet her God?

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 118:19-29; Malachi 3:1-5

Scripture Text: Mark 11:1-11

Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Mediation:

* **Read Mark 11:1-11.** Why so much focus on the colt and the instructions to obtain it in verses 1-6?

Children: Try to list as many things as you can about this donkey colt and especially how it served God.

* The crowds cry out "Hosanna!" which means "Save us, we pray!" Do the crowds understand all that they are saying in this to the Lord Jesus?

* How do you know that the LORD planned and orchestrated every aspect of our salvation in the Lord Jesus from these verses?

Who shall build the temple of the LORD?

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD. It is he who shall build the temple of the LORD and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." And the crown shall be in the temple of the LORD as a reminder to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah. "And those who are far off shall come and help to build the temple of the LORD. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And this shall come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."

~ Zechariah 6:12-15

"But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?"

~ ^{ESV} Malachi 3:2