



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

**Week Ending, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**



*"The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?"— Amos 3:8*

### **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.

**Adult Sunday School:** This Lord's Day, your elders will continue to teach on our Triune God. This week we will focus on **The Life and Ministry of Jesus.**

**The "Book of the Twelve" or the Minor Prophets Summer Sermon Series:** This Lord's Day, we will continue our sermon series: *'The Book of the Twelve'* (or the Minor Prophets)

focusing on Amos's Prophecy and how to be a counter-cultural people as the Church of Jesus.

**Prayer Meeting this Lord's Day at 6 pm:** We will gather as a congregation to close the Lord's Day and pray together as a congregation. We will follow this with a supper and fellowship together.

**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.

**Locust Street Film Night for July and August:** Coming soon: **July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm:** *'Lord of the Flies'* (1963); **August:** *'To Kill a Mockingbird'* (1962).



**Deacon's Offering for July this Lord's Day:** Prayerfully consider what you would like to give to our deacon's offering to be received on Lord's Day, **July 5<sup>th</sup>** in morning worship.

**KCPC July Family Fellowship!** Sunday, **July 19<sup>th</sup>,** we will celebrate another KCPC Family Fellowship, hosted by the Biggs Family at their home in Round Hill.

### **KCPC Online:**

[www.sermonaudio.com/kcpc](http://www.sermonaudio.com/kcpc)

[www.ketocin.org/resources](http://www.ketocin.org/resources)

*"Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you..."*

- <sup>ESV</sup> **Amos 5:14**

*From Your Pastor*  
***How Do I Know if I Am Truly Repentant before God?***

Adapted and edited from William Perkins (1558-1602)

**Genuine Repentance Consists of Seven Things:**

- (1) **The knowledge of the law of God, the nature of sin, the guilt of sin, and the judgment of God.** One realizes what God requires, that one's sins have offended God and transgressed his commandments; there is a realization of guilt and condemnation, and that punishment from a Holy God is **deserved**.
- (2) **The application of this knowledge to the heart by the "Spirit of bondage"** (Rom. 8:15ff). The Spirit first acts as the "Spirit of bondage" to show how one is **enslaved to sin** (John 16:8-11; John 8:32; Eph. 2:1-3).
- (3) **The consequent fear and sorrow.** There is real godly grief and sorrow accompanied by **fear of punishment** (1 Jo. 4:18).
- (4) **The knowledge of the glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ for sinners!** God saves repentant sinners by faith alone, receiving His perfect righteousness alone, understanding that Jesus has been condemned in the sinner's place, and has **removed transgressions** as far as the East is from the West (Psa. 103; Rom. 5:1-11; 8:1-4).
- (5) **The application of this knowledge to the heart by the "Spirit of Adoption"** (Rom. 8:15ff). One realizes that she is no longer a slave to sin, and under the just condemnation of God, but an **adopted child** who has been redeemed to please her Heavenly Father by faith and obedience (Rom. 6:17).
- (6) **The consequent joy and sorrow.** The response is true and **deep and abiding joy with sorrow** to ever have offended such a Glorious, Gracious, and Wonderful God!
- (7) **The "turning of the mind,"** whereby a person determines and resolves with himself to sin no more as he has done, but **to live in newness of life**. One resolves in reliance upon God's grace, to avoid sin, and seeks God for new grace and strength each day to put it to death and live a godly life (Rom. 6:1-14; 7:16-25; 8:5-14; Col. 3).

In Christ's love,

Pastor Biggs

*"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter."*

ESV **2 Corinthians 7:10-11**

# THIS LORD'S DAY

**Sermon Title: ““*God’s Countercultural People*”**

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

**Theme of Sermon: What defines God’s countercultural people? Cherishing and benefiting from the privileges that God has given to His people, while living distinctly, yet connectedly, according to God’s Word, in a repentant, careful, honest, watchful, and prayerful manner.**

**Scripture Lesson: Romans 2; Acts 4:19-20**

**Scripture Text: Amos 6:1-8; 7:1-6; 8:4-6; 9:7-10, 14-15**

**Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:**

\* **Read Prophecy of Amos.** How is the Gospel revealed in Amos, both in its glorious grace message, as well as in its warnings to the covenant people? How does Amos address the church of his time?

\* **Children:** What are the primary images used of God in Amos? What does this teach you about God’s character and attributes?

\* What does it mean that “*covenant privileges imply covenant responsibilities*”? Is this going to change the way you live before God and the world?

\* **How is Amos like Jesus Christ?**

## Hymns for this Week

1. 376 - Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

2. 353 - I Love thy Kingdom, Lord

3. 359 - Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*“These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland”*

ESV **Hebrews 11:13-14**