

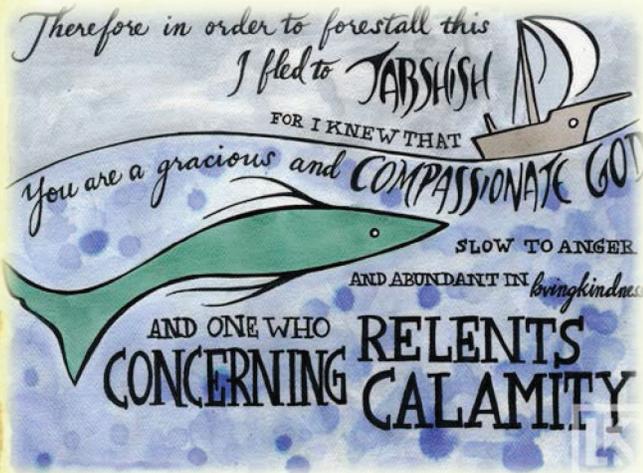


# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

**Week Ending, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**



### **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.

**No Sunday school classes in month of August:** We will give our teachers a break in August from teaching.

**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 Jonah's Prophecy.

**KCPC Family Meeting on this Lord's Day!** We will plan to have our informal congregational-family meeting on this **Sunday**,

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> in our Sunday school hour.** All members please make every effort to attend. This is a time to share prayer requests, to give praise to God, to ask questions of your elders, and to continue to seek to have good communication in our congregation.

**Deacon's Offering this Lord's Day:** We are privileged to give generously to the needy this Lord's Day during our morning worship. Pray as to how you would like to give.

**Prayer Meeting this Lord's Day Evening at 6 pm:** Join us for prayer this Lord's Day to close the day together as a family in Christ. Bring your prayer requests! We will have a fellowship supper to follow.

**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 Margaret for more information: [missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net)

**Locust Street Film Night in August: 'To Kill a Mockingbird' (1962).**

**New Sermon Series Coming Soon!** Our next two sermon series will be from the *Acts of the Apostles* in the morning service, and the *Book of Ecclesiastes* and *Song of Solomon* in the evening service. Please pray that God would speak to His people through His Word in these upcoming series. Pray for beginning thoughts and preparation on these sermons for the Minister of the Word.

### **KCPC Online:**

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

*"Experience [of God's love in Christ] is the food of all grace. Every taste that faith obtains of divine love and grace, or how gracious the Lord is, adds to its measure and stature."*

— John Owen

## *From Your Pastor*

### *A Study of the Shorter Catechism*

**WSC Question 20, Part III:** Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

**Answer:** God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a **covenant of grace**, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

**An explanation:** [From John Flavel's (1627-91) '*Exposition of the Assembly's Catechism*']: "What is the Covenant of Grace? It is a new compact or agreement made with sinners, out of mere grace, wherein God promises to be our God, and that we shall be His people, and to give everlasting life to all that believing in Christ (Jer. 31:33).

***"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people" – Jer. 31:33***

...This is not a changeable covenant, but everlasting and unchangeable forever (Isa. 54:10: "***...My Covenant of Peace shall be never be removed...***"). In this covenant, God Himself bestows upon His people communion with Himself, a pardon for sin, and salvation in Christ alone. God will pardon no one outside this covenant (John 3:18). Only through the Covenant of Grace can forgiveness from sins be found.

...Sinners should be humbled and encouraged by the fact that in this covenant we can come to the Throne of Grace in Christ and find forgiveness in Him (1 Jo. 2:12: "***I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for His name's sake***"; cf. Heb. 4:16). All persons ought to examine themselves to see whether they be in this covenant, or still damned and condemned under the Covenant of Works (2 Cor. 13:5).

...The wicked, unbelieving people are most miserable no matter how much they have in this life because they have no saving interest in this gracious covenant with God, and will be damned as their sins deserve under the Covenant of Works (Psa. 50:16: "***But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips?"***" cf. Obadiah 15)...Because of the covenant privileges and benefits, we are to walk as a people in covenant with God (1 Peter 2:9: "***But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light***")."

**A Prayer:** Lord God, and Kind Father, thank you for your mercies revealed to me in Jesus Christ. Thank you for the Covenant of Grace, providing me salvation in Jesus, your permanent and everlasting presence with me, the remission of sins, and sanctifying holiness to become like Jesus Christ. Let me live faithfully and obediently in light of your good grace, in reliance upon your grace and the power of your Spirit!

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Biggs

*"The life and soul of all our comforts lie treasured up in the promises of Christ.*

***They are the breasts of all our consolation."***

- John Owen

# THIS LORD'S DAY

**Sermon Title: “‘Yes!’ (...and God’s ‘No!’)”**

– Pastor Charles R. Biggs

**Theme of Sermon:** Because God’s people do not fully understand the grace and mercy of God, they are often proud and presumptuous in their hearts.

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 12:38-42; Luke 15:17-20, 25-32

**Scripture Text:** Jonah 3-4

## Questions for Family Discussion/ Thoughtful Meditation:

\* **Read Prophecy of Jonah.** How does God reveal Himself as Creator and Lord of all things? What does this teach to you?

\* **Children:** Why was Jonah angry? Why do you think the Book of Jonah ends “abruptly”? What is God teaching you about Himself, about yourself through Jonah?

\* Read Jonah 4:2. Why did Jonah not want to go to Nineveh to preach? Do a little research on what kind of people the Assyrians were, and then see if you can get to the place to be sympathetic with Jonah.

\* How does God reveal Himself as a “God of Second Chances” in Jonah?

\* **How does Jonah point forward to the ministry of Jesus Christ (How is he like/unlike the Lord Jesus Christ)?**

## Hymns for this Week

1. Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee - 80
2. Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace - 519
3. Great Is Thy Faithfulness - 32

*"We see it by daily experience, that very many have little taste and sweetness and relish in their souls of those truths which yet they savingly know and believe; but when we are taught by this unction [of the Spirit],  
--Oh, how sweet is every thing we know of God!"*

– John Owen