

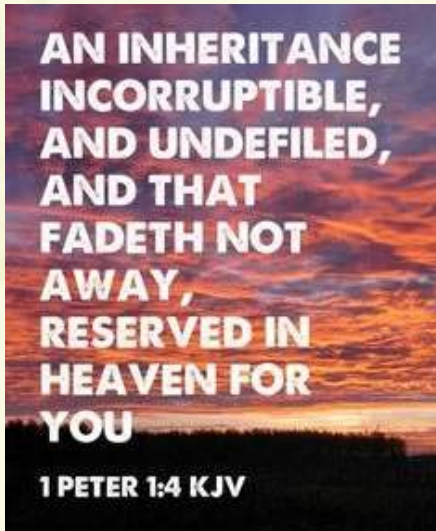


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, May 28th, 2016



Upcoming Events- Lord willing!

Prepare for Worship: Your pastor and elders encourage you to spend time in prayer each Saturday evening, preparing your hearts for the Lord's Day, and praying for the worship of our God. Pray for the Holy Spirit's blessing on preaching of word and fellowship!

Women's Bible Study: The study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. All women are welcome to attend. Women are presently studying the **Book of Daniel**. Contact Margaret Biggs for more information, to order new book, or to join: missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net

Evening Worship and Evangelistic Outreach Sermon Series this Summer!: The Gospel of

John will be beginning this summer in June. This series will be designed with the primary goals of Christian edification and Gospel outreach in mind. Pray *expectantly* for this series to be fruitful, and that we will see new converts to Christ. Plan to attend, invite your friends and neighbors to come and hear the good news!

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The Rev. Ben Hopp, OP Missionary to Haiti

Visit: Pastor Ben will be our visitor on Lord's Day, June 5th. We will hear about the mission, what Christ is doing by His Spirit, and pray for the Hopp Family.

Men's Breakfast in June: Join us for food, fellowship and prayer on **June 18th** from 8:30-10 am. **Guest speaker Dr. Michael Kucks** who will be speaking on the Christian's vocation.

Locust Street Film Night for June: LSFN proudly presents our Summer Sci-fi-fantasy Series beginning with [George Lucas' 'Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back'](#) (1980) in June. Come join us for dinner, fun and discussion! For July: ['Forbidden Planet'](#) (1956).

Labor Day Family Camp at Machen Retreat:

Make plans now to join Pastors Biggs and Flora for a wonderful time of teaching, prayer, fellowship, and refreshment on September 3-5. Theme: *Trinitarian Spirituality from the Gospel of John.*

"For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken."

- Psalm 62:5-6

From Your Pastor “To Live Is Christ”

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”—ESV Philippians 1:21

As Christians we must learn not merely to live for Christ, but to realize that **Christ is our life**. If we have Christ, we have everything we need and we can lose nothing. Even death will be our gain, not a loss. Having the mindset **“Christ is my life”** will help us to make progress in our faith and grow in our joy.

“TO LIVE IS CHRIST...” (v. 21a) – Means simply living seeking Jesus with all your heart because Jesus has sought and saved you! Christ has given His life in exchange for yours. You are no longer your own. You are His. Don’t merely live for Christ, but realize that Christ is your life.

In this passage, the Apostle Paul is imprisoned, in chains for Christ and His Kingdom. Yet **He can also rejoice because for him “to live—Christ” (v. 21)**. For Paul, to live is Christ. Paul has nothing to lose—HE HAS EVERYTHING IN JESUS. Not even death can move him. In fact, to die is gain! Whatever place the Apostle Paul found himself, wherever he is, it is for Jesus; it is with Jesus; it is in Jesus!

Nothing to lose and everything to gain! (v. 21)—REJOICE!!

Paul lives his life in a moment-by-moment “win-win” situation; there are not good times and bad times—every moment is a good moment where Christ can enter in by virtue of Paul’s real and Holy-Spiritual union with Him and be transformed—made more like him—and to become more and more fruitful as he progresses in his faith. For the Apostle Paul, “to live is Christ” is THEOLOGICAL and very PRACTICAL.

THEOLOGICALLY Paul is in union with Jesus Christ.

PRACTICALLY (theology lived out), Paul knows that Christ is the most important person, thing, possession and reality in his life. Period. All of Paul’s “meaning of life” or what it means to live for Paul is about Christ. Paul cannot fathom a life that is truly a life being without Jesus Christ.

CHRIST IS HIS LIFE. Paul’s mind, affections, and will are filled and directed by Christ; Jesus defines Paul.

Does Jesus bring you the greatest joy? When you say the name JESUS does your heart beat harder within you? Do you sense his presence and think of His goodness towards you?

Can you say with the Psalmist:

ESV **Psalm 16:2** I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

ESV **Psalm 73:25-26** Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Biggs

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”

- ^{ESV} **1 John 3:1**

THIS LORD'S DAY

Guest Sermon

Title: “*Ready to Be Revealed*”

- Licentiate Benjamin Gordon

Scripture Lesson: James 1:2-5; Acts 14:22

Scripture Texts: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Theme of Sermon/Worship: Rejoicing in Christ despite trials.

More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

- Romans 5:3-5 ESV

“And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.”

- Acts 19:19-20