

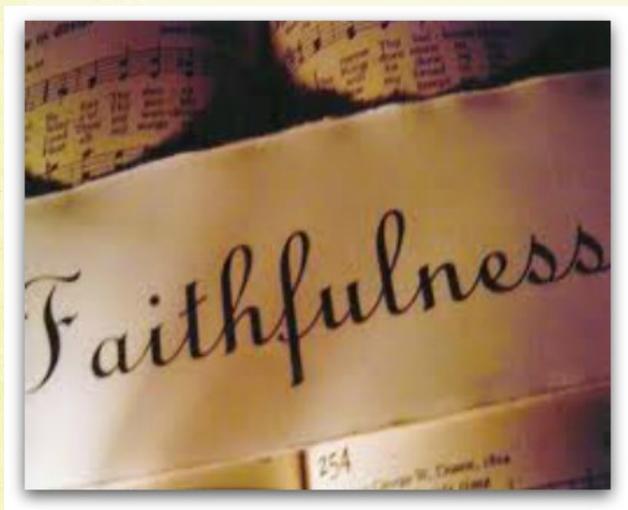


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, September 10, 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 Studies: **Women's Bible Studies:** The evening study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm. Studying the **Book of Daniel**. Contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net for more information. The daytime study meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1-3, beginning Sept. 27. Studying *"A Woman's Wisdom: How the book of Proverbs speaks to everything."* Contact Joanie Leake for more information: J2Leake@gmail.com. All women are invited to attend either or both!

Prayer Meeting this Lord's Day Evening: Let us close the Lord's Day together at 6 pm this week with prayer followed by a fellowship supper.

Sunday School Classes- Autumn 2016: Begins this Lords Day, Sept. 11. The adults will be studying **"Church History 101: Highlights from Twenty Centuries"** taught by Pastor and elders. New Members class begins on Nov. 1. Please **RSVP** by Oct. 15 to crbiggs@comcast.net if you're interested in this class. Space is limited.

The *11th* Season of Locust Street Film Night begins in September: We begin the 11th season of LSFN with Preston Sturges' *'Sullivan's Travels'* on Friday evening, September 16 at 6 pm for dinner and 7 pm for film and discussion afterwards.

Fall Mid Atlantic Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9am-5pm at Grace OPC in Vienna, VA.

Family Home Fellowship: Sunday, Sept. 18 at Vermette's home in Round Hill.

Men's and Boy's Breakfast: Join us for teaching, fellowship, and prayer on **Saturday, Sept. 24th** from 8:30am-10am. Topic: Pastor Biggs on *Spirituality from 'Pilgrim's Progress', Pt. 1*. October's guest speaker (Special date, Sat. Oct. 29): President Jack Haye, Patrick Henry College.

Reformation Day Service 2016: Join us on Sunday evening, October 30th as we celebrate with other OP congregations the 499th anniversary of the Reformation. Pastors Hammond, Proctor, VanDelden, and Biggs will be speaking on the *Proper Use of the Law in the Christian Life*.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

ESV Galatians 5:22-23

From Your Pastor

“Looking Unto Jesus”: A Devotion by Archibald Alexander*

Dear Beloved of KCPC: May I recommend you use this short devotion to help you to look prayerfully on your Savior today, and to seek Him in prayer and adoration? Perhaps it would be good to get down on your knees before the throne of grace, reading this slowly and meditatively, pondering the truths of your Savior. Perhaps God will grant you rest, healing in Him, and deep and abiding joy! (Romans 15:13). The practice of our forefathers called ‘*the art of meditation*’ involved thinking devotionally and biblically with an eye of faith fixed on our Savior until this produced joy and deep warmth inside your souls, trusting experientially in your Savior. This is my prayer for you this week!

What does it mean to “Look unto Jesus”? It is (1) **A look of *inquiry***. *Who is this Jesus?* I see that He is a man, for I behold Him a babe in Bethlehem. I see Him clothed with a body like other men, and growing in wisdom and stature. He has flesh and bones, and eats, drinks and sleeps. Yes, I see His body wounded and bleeding, lacerated with the scourge, crowned with thorns, nailed to the cross. *See, He bows His head and dies!* But is He no more than a man? In this child do we not see rays of divinity encircling His sacred head, and indicating that in union with this child is the mighty God? Divine glory beams forth from His face. This is the only begotten Son of God—God manifest in the flesh, possessed of the power and knowledge of the Most High. I gaze upon this mystery. Angels can do no more. I am lost in wonder—so are they.

This union of infinite and finite I cannot comprehend; but I can adore the incarnate God.

But my anxious spirit still inquires farther, Why such condescension—such humiliation—such unparalleled sufferings? I learn that all this was to qualify Him to be mediator between a just God and the sinner. Being a Mediator, He must lay His hand on both, and therefore He must partake of the nature of both. But my inquiry farther is, *What work, as mediator, does He perform? What offices does He execute?* The ancient prophets, from Moses downwards, have foretold Him as a **prophet—a priest—a king**. Such offices the sinner needs: he is ignorant, and must have a Divine Teacher; he is guilty and condemned, and needs a Savior—a substitute—a High Priest, to offer an atoning sacrifice sufficient to satisfy divine justice. It was this which required His incarnation, and His accursed death on the cross. And the redeemed sinner needs a King to deliver him from the power of his enemies, and bring him to glory.

(2) **The look of *inquiry* leads the soul to the look of *confidence***. The soul, burdened with its guilt, and with the fearful expectation of coming wrath, finds no rest nor peace, until it gets a glimpse of the cross; beholding the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, it is assured of pardon and salvation. Nothing is wanting to its peace: justice is satisfied, God is reconciled, and conscience can demand no more. **‘There is peace and joy in believing’ (Rom. 15:13).**

(3) **A look of *dependence***. The poor beggar looks to his benefactor for relief and help, because he is benevolent, and especially because he has promised him all needed supplies. The believing soul, sensible of its own weakness, looks to Jesus for all needed help and strength. It relies simply on His word of promise, knowing that what He has said He will most certainly perform.

(4) “Looking unto Jesus.” **This is also a *longing* look**—a look of intense desire after conformity to His glorious and perfect character. As the child looks at the copy-plate when he is learning to write, so the Christian looks unto Christ as his perfect model. It is a look of imitation—copying His fair example. His language is, *‘Be ye holy, for I am holy.’*

(5) **It is a look of *hope and joyful expectation***. Christ is absent from our sight, but we have the promise that He will come again. Saints are looking for His second appearance. This often fills their thoughts. They ‘love His appearing,’ looking for and hasting to the coming of the day of God. This is the look of constant watchfulness, that they may be found of Him with their loins girded and their lamps lighted. All Christians should be in the attitude of watchers, for they know not the day nor the hour when their Lord comes.”

* An Excerpt from ‘*Practical Truths*’ by Archibald Alexander (1772-1851)

O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch... But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

THIS LORD'S DAY

Title: “Faithfulness” 

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Romans 12:6a; 1 Corinthians 4:2, 12:7,11-13; 1 Peter 4:10

Scripture Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Theme of Sermon/Worship: Faithfulness should characterize every Christian.

- **Children: Read Matthew 25:14-30.** What is required of the servants in this passage? What is a steward? (cf. 1 Cor. 4:2). How does this passage relate to 1 Corinthians 4:7 and 2 Corinthians 5:9-10?
- What gracious incentives does this passage give to believers as they serve the Lord Jesus Christ? Now incentives? Later incentives?
- Why is one of the servants called “wicked and slothful”? (v. 26). What is at the heart of this wickedness?



Hymns

1. My Faith Looks Up to Thee #528

2. For All The Saints #358

3. Break Thou the Bread Of life #146

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him".

- **ESV John 14:23**