



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending January 21, 2017

WE ARE GIVEN THIS PROMISE,
"If ye shall ask anything in
my name, I WILL DO IT"
(John 14:14).

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 the preaching of the Word and our fellowship!

Women's Bible Studies: Evening study meets on 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights at 7pm, starting a new book, *The Weight of Glory* by C.S. Lewis, on January 17th. For more information contact Margaret Biggs at missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net. Daytime study meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 12-2, studying *A Woman's Wisdom: How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything*. Contact Joanie Leake for more information at J2Leake@gmail.com. All women are invited to attend either or both!

Men's and Boy's Breakfast: Join us from 8:30-10 am on Saturday, Jan. 21st for food, fellowship and discussion of J. C. Ryle's classic "Thoughts for Young Men".

Congregational Memory Verses 2017: Our memory verses for this year as a congregation will be Numbers 23:19 and John 14:13-14. Pastor Biggs will exhort us from these passages in an upcoming sermon.

Evening Worship January 22: Join us for worship this Sunday evening as we continue our series in the Gospel of John, and stay afterward to enjoy fellowship and dinner!

No Young Adult Fellowship in January.

Reading Bible this Year: For help in reading through the Bible this year for yourself and/or with family, go to mcheyne.info and readscripture.org.

Both sites are excellent resources to help you to stay inundated, immersed, and saturated in God's promises. One help is our forefather Robert Murray M'Cheyne's bible reading plan to help you to read the entire Bible in a year, and 'Read Scripture' is an app and/or Youtube videos to give your family brief, Christ-centered overviews of sections in the Bible.

Catechism Memorization: Your pastor and elders encourage everyone to memorize and/or review the Shorter Catechism in this new year. Pastor Biggs will be continuing his commentary on the Shorter Catechism in future issues of the Shepherd's Voice in the "From Your Pastor" section.

Study the [Westminster Confession of Faith online!](#)

Locust Street Film Night: Join us for dinner and a viewing of Walt Disney's *Pinocchio* (1940) at 6 pm on Friday, January 27th (film at 7).

Boardwalk Chapel Evangelism Trip: Make plans now for July 29-Aug. 5. Pastors Flora, Brooking, Biggs and Proctor are taking a group this year. Contact Pastor Biggs by March 31st if you have questions or plan to go: crbiggs@comcast.net

*Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!*

-Psalm 143:8-10

From Your Pastor

A Study of the Shorter Catechism: The Duty God Requires of Man

Question 39: *What is the duty which God requireth of man? Answer: The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will. (Micah 6:8; 1 Sam. 15:22)*

Question 40: *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience? Answer: The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law. (Rom. 2:14,15; 10:5)*

Scripture Memory: *“Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day!” (Psalm 119:94)*

An Explanation: *In our study on the Shorter Catechism so far (Q&A 1-38) we have learned how God the Father has authored the salvation of His people, and how Christ has accomplished it in His life, death, resurrection and ascension. We now look at the application of our redemption by the Holy Spirit. In order to focus our attention on God’s righteousness, our need for Christ the Savior, and what the Spirit writes on the heart of believers, we will now learn about God’s law.*

The question that every person must answer is: “How can I be made right with God?” *When the rich young ruler approached Jesus with this question, asking, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? (Luke 10:25), our Lord Jesus answered him with the permanent, perfect, universal standard that God has for every human being, revealed in His most holy law. “What is written in the law...?” Jesus asks pointedly. And the man rightly answered: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:26-27). Jesus replied: “You have answered correctly; do this, and you shall live” (Luke 10:28).*

In Holy Scripture, the Law is the duty God requires of man that is described summarily as a whole-hearted, selfless love for God and neighbor; a doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God (Mic. 6:8); a listening obedience to God’s wise instruction rather than a mere external sacrifice (1 Sam. 15:22). The Law of God summarized in the ten commandments is God’s revealed way to obey the true and living God, and the standard by which every human being will be judged. This perfect Law reveals God’s righteousness and holiness, and the requirements for entrance into heaven.

Though man ought keep God’s commandments, man cannot ever keep them perfectly due to his fall into sin (cf. Matt. 5:48), though he knows he should (Rom. 1:32; 2:14-15; 8:3-4). The good news of the Gospel is that what man could never do, God did for us in Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ has kept the commandments, and has fulfilled all the righteous requirements of the law so that sinners can be justified, freed and forgiven of all their sins (Acts 13:38-39). Jesus fills His people with the Spirit who writes the Law on our hearts and turns our duty to God into a delight in God!

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

-Matthew 14:27 (ESV)

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon

"I Will Do It"

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

**Scripture Lesson: Numbers 23:19; Jeremiah 32:40-41;
Romans 4:18-21; Philippians 4:8-9**

Scripture Text: John 14:13-14

Theme of Sermon/Worship: *Do you meditate upon and memorize God's promises to you? Do you believe them? How can they strengthen our faith? How are the promises given so that we might mature in Christ?*

Hymns

1. With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring, 88
2. How Firm a Foundation, 94
3. Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured, 429

Questions for Children:

1. Read Numbers 23:19; Jeremiah 32:40-41; Romans 4:18-21; Philippians 4:8-9. What are the similarities of these verses?
2. Do you mediate upon the promises of God for yourself and with your family?
3. What are some of your favorite Bible verses, ones that have been used by God to "get you through the hard times"? Do you share these with others?
4. How can the promises of God be so useful to us as a congregation in the new year?

*God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind.
Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?*

-Numbers 23:19 (ESV)