



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending January 7, 2017



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 1-3, 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!

Sunday School classes resume this Sunday, January 8th.

Guest Preacher/Homecoming for Halley Family! We are thrilled to welcome back to our pulpit the Rev. Daniel Halley on January 8th for the morning worship service.

No Young Adult Fellowship in January.

No Evening Worship this Sunday, 1/8.

Baptism of James Benjamin Vermette: Praise God for the safe arrival of our newest covenant child, who will be baptized on Lord's Day, January 15.

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

Locust Street Film Night: Join us for dinner and a film at 6 pm on Friday, January 20th (film at 7).

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".

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

Pastor and Family on Vacation: Please pray for refreshment and traveling mercies as Pastor Biggs and family take some time off until January 10th to visit family and friends.

"Yes, He is altogether lovely! This is my Beloved--and this is my Friend!"

-Song of Solomon 5:16 NKJV

When we become magnetized by Jesus' beauty and adore Him--we will want to pour ourselves out at His feet. We don't have to be urged to do it. No one who knows Jesus intimately, can ever be flippant in His presence.

A. W. Tozer

A Remedy Against All Our Troubles

(Thomas Watson, "The Art of Divine Contentment")

"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know both how to have a little, and I know how to have a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content--whether well-fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need." Philippians 4:11-12

Contentment sweetens every condition. Christ turned the water into wine. Just so, contentment turns the bitter waters of Marah, into spiritual wine. Contentment is a flower which does not grow in every garden. You would think it were excellent, if I could prescribe a remedy or antidote against poverty. Behold, here is that which is more excellent--for a man to be poor, and yet have enough!

Contentment teaches a man how to abound--in the midst of poverty! Have I but little? Yet it is more than I deserve. Do I meet with some crosses? My comfort is, if they are heavy--I have not far to go! My cross is light--in comparison with the weight of glory. Has God taken away my comforts from me? It is well--the Comforter still abides with me. Thus contentment, as a honeycomb, drops sweetness into every condition. Discontent is a leaven which sours every comfort; it puts vinegar into every mercy; it doubles every cross. But the contented spirit sucks sweetness from every flower of providence. Contentment is full of consolation.

**Contentment is . . .
a remedy against all our troubles,
an alleviation to all our burdens,
the cure of to every worry.**

As medicine works disease out of the body--so contentment works trouble out of the heart. Holy contentment keeps the heart from fainting. Contentment is the golden shield, which beats back all discouragements. Contentment, though it is not properly a grace (it is rather, a disposition of mind,) yet in it there is a happy mixture of all the graces. Contentment is a most precious compound! The ingredients put into it are faith, patience, meekness, humility, etc.

Wicked men are often disquieted in the enjoyment of all things. But the contented Christian is joyful in the lack of all things! He may have little in the world--yet be perfectly content. O the rare art, or rather--miracle of contentment!

A Christian finds contentment distilled out of the breasts of the promises. He is poor in purse--but rich in promise. There is one promise which brings much sweet contentment into the soul: "Those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing." (Psalm 34:10) If the thing we desire is good for us--we shall have it. If it is not good--then the not having is good for us. The resting satisfied with the promise, gives contentment.

Source: Grace Gems <http://www.gracegems.org/>

So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

-Genesis 22:14 (ESV)

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon

Facing Your Fears in the New Year

- Rev. Daniel Halley

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 107

Scripture Text: Mark 4:35-41

Theme of Sermon/Worship: *Our God is Sovereign and uses trials to conform us more into the image of His Son and to remind us He cares.*

Hymns

1. Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, 598

2. It Is Well with My Soul, 691

3. At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing, 420

*The LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

- Psalm 100:5 ESV

*"Till God in human flesh I see,/ My thoughts no comfort find;/
The holy, just and sacred Three/ Are terrors to my mind./
But if Immanuel's face appear,/ My hope, my joy begins;/
His name forbids my slavish fear, His grace removes my sins."*

- Isaac Watts