



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending February 11th, 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, studying *The Weight of Glory* by C.S. Lewis. 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 for food, fellowship, and discussion of J. C. Ryle's 'Thoughts for Young Men' at 8:30am Saturday, February 25th.

Evening Worship Feb. 12: We continue our evening sermon series on Gospel of John this Lord's Day at 6pm, followed by food and fellowship.

Evangelism Seminar: We are privileged to have evangelist Steve Doe with us during our Sunday school hour on Lord's Day, March 5th. He will be sharing a presentation tailored toward helping us reach our community in and around Purcellville. All ages are encouraged to make an effort to attend!

Congregational Memory Verses 2017: Our memory verses for this year as a congregation will be Numbers 23:19 and John 14:13-14. Meditate on these promises of God for us as His people!

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 the "From Your Pastor" section of the Shepherd's Voice.

Study the Westminster Confession of Faith online!

Locust Street Film Night: Join us for a special Valentine's dinner and a viewing of *Sabrina* (1954), Billy Wilder's classic romance, at 6 pm on Friday, February 17th (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

*"Long is the way, and very steep the slope; strengthen me once again, O God of hope.
Far, very far, the summit doth appear, but Thou art near, my God; but Thou art near.
And Thou wilt give me with my daily food, powers of endurance, courage, fortitude.
Thy way is perfect; only let that way be clear before my feet from day to day.
Thou art my Portion, saith my soul, to Thee; O what Portion is my God to me..."*

-Amy Carmichael, 'Towards Jerusalem'

From Your Pastor
Making the Best Use of Our Time

*We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ so that we will walk wisely, making the best use of our time in this present age. In all we do, we are to seek to be imitators of God as His Beloved children (Eph. 5:1-2). We are taught: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, **making the best use of the time**, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:15-17)*

What is the "best use" of our time? This calls for wisdom, which God promises to His children when they ask for it: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." (James 1:5) We are taught in Ephesians 5 that sin is humanity's biggest waste of time! Why? Because sin is offensive to God, dangerous to us, and obnoxious to others, and it is contrary to the purposes for which we were created (cf. Eph. 5:3-14).

What do we do? Let us daily seek to keep Christ in the center, always moving toward Him. (We are no longer the center; we have been redeemed from sinful, wasteful self-centeredness). Let's ask God for wisdom. One way that might help us is to remember 5 'Rs':

Review: *Each day review your life before Christ's throne of grace, knowing He is gracious, forgiving, and full of power to aid you by His Spirit.*

Receive: *Each day receive the grace and wisdom through the Spirit that Christ our Mediator is committed to giving to us.*

Repent: *Each day seek to hate your sins, particularly the way you waste your time that is a precious gift from God. Mourn, knowing you shall be comforted.*

Realign: *Each day seek to put Christ first, seeking His Kingdom. Get the pattern and rhythm of your week focused by keeping the Lord's Day holy.*

Remove: *Each day remove from your life, your already weighed-down cart, things that distract you and keep you from giving and doing your best for the glory of God!*

Our Dutch forefather Willem Teellinck (d. 1629) sets the bar exceedingly high in his poem on time. Let us consider what was important to him and aspire to greatness in Christ, though we will not attain this fully until we see Him face to face (The Apostle Paul also sets a high standard in Philippians 3:9-16).

"Worship our God four hours a day; let three for food come into play. Sleep seven more, less if you can; give eight others to the work of man, and two to help the mind to understand. If you, this way, your time so use, you'll find your soul has none to lose!"

Let's aim high at KCPC. Let's soar with the eagles. We are already seated with Christ in the Heavenly Places, so let's live like it! (Col. 3:1-3; Eph. 2:5-7). Let's live wisely as God's dearly loved children, seeking to make the most of our time—each and every day. Write out your funeral eulogy. How do you want to be remembered? How can you best use your time to make this so?

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

-Ephesians 3:20-21

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon

“Do You Believe the Prophets...?”

- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Mark 1:14-15; Romans 1:1-6, 16-17; 16:25-27

Scripture Text: Acts 25-26 (various verses)

Theme of Sermon/Worship: *God's servant stands as Ambassador-Prophetic-Witness of the Kingdom to call men to the obedience of faith in Christ.*

Hymns

1. O Word of God Incarnate, 140
2. Holy God, We Praise Your Name, 103
3. I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, 304

Questions

- Read Acts 24:24-26, 26:22-29. What are two things that are important about the Apostle's Paul's witness to Christ Jesus?
- How does Paul make his appeal and invitation to his listeners?
- Children: How do Felix, Drusilla, and Agrippa II respond to the Apostle Paul's witness? What does that teach you about sinful man's response to the good news of Jesus?! How might that encourage enthusiastic eagerness and earnestness in your response to the Gospel today?

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)