



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

**Week Ending January 28, 2017**

Look carefully then  
how you walk,  
not as unwise  
but as wise,  
making the best  
use of the time,  
because  
the days are evil.

**Ephesians 5:15-16**



### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday nights at 7pm, studying *The Weight of Glory* by C.S. Lewis. For more information contact Margaret Biggs at [missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net). Daytime study meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:J2Leake@gmail.com). All women are invited to attend either or both!

**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!

**Congregational Meeting February 5:** Our annual congregational meeting, including the presentation of the budget for 2017, will be held during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, Feb. 5.

**Prayer Meeting Feb. 5:** We will gather for our regular 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday prayer and fellowship at 6pm on Sunday, Feb. 5. Come early at 5pm for a question and answer time with Pastor Biggs, including discussion of some questions recently raised in the Sunday School Church History series.

**Reading Bible this Year:** For help in reading through the Bible this year for yourself and/or with family, go to [mcheyne.info](http://mcheyne.info) and [readscripture.org](http://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 dinner and a viewing of Walt Disney's *Pinocchio* (1940) at 6 pm on Friday, January 27th (film at 7). Coming soon in February: a special Valentine's dinner and movie!

**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](mailto: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: Law and Love**

**Question 41:** *Where is the moral law summarily comprehended? Answer:* *The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments. (Deut. 10:4; Matt. 19:17)*

**Question 42:** *What is the sum of the ten commandments? Answer:* *The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves. (Matt. 22:37-40)*

**An Explanation:** The Bible teaches us that God is love (1 Jo. 4:8), that everything He does is loving (Ex. 34:5-7), and that His commands to His people are loving. The moral law, revealed in the ten commandments, is an expression of God's perfect, exemplary love to His people (Note how often love is defined as obedience to God's commandments in scripture: Exo. 20:6; Deut. 11:1; Neh. 1:5; Psa. 119:47, 127; John 14:21; 15:10; 1 Jo. 5:3). Our Lord Jesus taught that love for God and neighbor was the most important part of the moral law (Matt. 22:39-40).

God revealed the moral law in the ten commandments to teach his redeemed people how to live in a loving way before the world as His dearly beloved children (cf. Eph. 5:1-2). The preface to the ten commandments teaches that God chose His people, released them from slavery, and brought them into His most glorious light to bless them and make them like Him (Exo. 20:1-3; cf. Lev. 19:2). In loving God before all else, as the first commandment teaches, we realize and enjoy the purpose for which we were created. The ten commandments are made up of two tables: commandments one through four teach how to love God, and commandments five through ten teach how to love others as ourselves.

Because we are fallen, sinful, and most unloving by nature, the Father uses the commandments to show us our need of a loving and forgiving Savior and to turn us in repentance to seek the grace and power that is held out for all who believe in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:19-29).

Jesus is the perfect manifestation of God's love; Jesus teaches us how to love (1 Cor. 13:4-8a). In fact, the Apostle Paul says that the moral law is fulfilled when believers, living in union with Christ, sincerely love God and neighbor as themselves by faith (Rom. 13:8-10). Our Lord Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). This means that when we seek to obey God's commandments by faith in Christ, in dependence upon His grace, we glorify God, experience Christ's joy (John 15:9-11), and fulfill our Creator's purpose.

**Prayer:** *Teach us to love, dear Heavenly Father. Teach us to love like Christ Jesus. Teach us to love you with all of our beings, and our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our selfish, unloving hearts. Thank you, Jesus, for demonstrating such love for sinners by laying down your life for us to grant forgiveness for our unloving ways. Now, by your grace, we will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge our hearts, O LORD (Psa. 119:32)!*

*"Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."*

**-Romans 1:8-10 (ESV)**

# THIS LORD'S DAY

## Sermon "Time"



- Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Ecclesiastes 12

Scripture Text: Ephesians 5

Theme of Sermon/Worship: *Is time on your side? What do we do with the time that is given to us? How do we make the best use of our time? Lord Jesus, teach us in this new year.*

## Hymns

1. Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, 598
2. Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, 345
3. Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless, 424



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*"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."*

**-John 14:13-14 (ESV)**

*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)**