



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

**Week Ending June 24<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Guest Pastor:** We are blessed to hear Rev. Dan Halley bring us the Word this Lord's Day, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday Evening Fellowship:** Join us Sunday evening at 6pm for a short devotional, hymn sing, prayer time, and our regular fellowship meal. Let's end the Sabbath with the Body of Christ and focused on our great God!

**Locust Street Film Night:** This Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, come enjoy "My Darling Clementine" (1946), John Ford's classic western; come at 6pm for pizza and 7pm for the film!

**Pastor Biggs' Sabbatical:** From May 29<sup>th</sup> to July 23<sup>rd</sup> Pastor Biggs will be completing his seminary degree and being refreshed by God's grace and will be unavailable during this time. Please seek an elder's help if it is needed.

**Women's Bible Studies:** The daytime study meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm, studying the book of Ruth with Paul Miller's interactive study "A Loving Life". Contact Joanie Leake at [j2leake@gmail.com](mailto:j2leake@gmail.com) for details. The evening study meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7-9pm (taking a break in June & July). A study of biblical friendship with Ed Welch's "Side by Side" will begin in August. For more information, contact Margaret Biggs at [missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net](mailto:missmargaretbiggs@comcast.net).

**Suggestions for Summer Reading:** If you have time to read on how KCPC (that's you!) might be more faithful in our counter-cultural, Gospel witness before the world, Pastor Biggs suggests James Davidson Hunter's *'To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World'*, and Rod Dreher's *'The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation'*. If you can read both books, Pastor Biggs recommends Hunter first. Much of what these two authors helpfully encourage is what we have been seeking to live out as a congregation now for almost 15 years. Not everything in the books is recommended; read discerningly, taking time to digest, pray, and meditate on gospel truth.

**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!

*"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen."*

**-Revelation 1:5b-7**

## “Father Knows Best!”

a letter by John Newton

*“My times are in Your hands!”*

-Psalm 31:15



This world seems all uncertainty--yet all is under the *unspeakably gracious* and *infallibly wise* direction of our Heavenly Father.

Oh! This is the great thing to be desired--to be savingly interested in the promise which engages that all things shall work together for our good--to give us a fitness for the inheritance of the saints in light, so that at last we may attain to His eternal joy. That will make *rich amends* for all the trials we can meet with along the way.

Our heavenly **Father knows best**, what is good for us. Oh, for grace to yield ourselves simply and cheerfully to His wise management. Hitherto He has helped us, and all His paths have been mercy and truth. What reasons have we to *praise* Him for the past--and to *trust* Him for the rest!

The Lord knows, and He permits me to tell Him what I *feel* or *fear* or *wish*. But when I have done so, it befits me to submit all to Him and to say, *“Not my will--but may Your will be done.”* I aim to say this from my heart, and to account it not only my duty--but my privilege to *prefer His choice to my own*.

The Lord graciously adjusts all our concerns--and it is our privilege to peaceably and thankfully submit to His judicious management. Our times are in His hands. Vastly more than we are aware of, depends upon the Lord's wise controlling of all our affairs. Is it not a comfort to a blind man, to have an unfailing guide whom he may fully and safely trust?

May we be willing to leave all our concerns in His skillful and faithful hands--to live to Him and for Him today, and to trust Him for the events of tomorrow.

Oh how happy we are--when we can leave all in His nail-pierced hands!

*“He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all,  
how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”*

-Romans 8:32

*“Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty;  
they will see a land that stretches afar.”*

-Isaiah 33:17

# THIS LORD'S DAY

## Sermon

*"The Blessed Life"*

- Pastor Dan Halley



**Scripture Lesson: John 1:1-16**

**Scripture Text: Psalm 1**

**Theme of Sermon: *True blessedness and happiness are not found in the world, but are all found in Christ.***

## Hymns

**A Mighty Fortress, 92**

**I've Found the Pearl of Greatest Price, 696**

**Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, 345**



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*"But He said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!'"*

**-Luke 11:28**

*"Christ deals bountifully with us. Indeed, the great sin of believers is, that they make not use of Christ's bounty as they ought to do; that we do not every day take of him mercy in abundance."*

**-John Owen**