

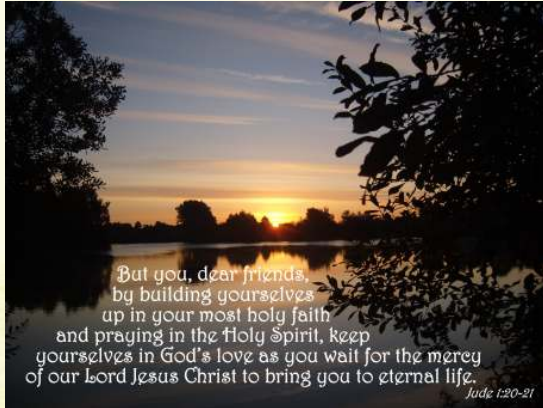


# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

## KCPC This Week

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

**Week Ending June 3<sup>rd</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!

**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).

**Guest Pastor:** We are blessed to hear Rev. Dan Halley bring us the Word this Lord's Day, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Deacon's Offering:** An offering for the Deacon's Fund will be taken this Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Young Adult Fellowship:** The Weitzes are hosting the young (and young at heart!) for lunch after worship this Sunday. Please RSVP to Kathy if you plan to come.

**Prayer Meeting:** We have the privilege of gathering this Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, to pray together as a congregation; stay afterwards for a fellowship meal!

**Youth Catechism Study:** Youth in their teens are invited to enjoy dinner and a study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism at the Trombadores' home this Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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!

*"They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion....  
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly."*

**-Psalm 84:7, 11**

*From Your Pastor*

## **“The Spirituality of Jonathan Edwards (Part 3)”**

*Rev. Charles R. Biggs*

Our godly forefather, Jonathan Edwards, wrote his classic *The Religious Affections* to both define and defend genuine revival and the true, Holy-Spiritual wrought spirituality that should flow from it. What are the characteristics of a true and genuine spirituality that Edwards listed that must be present in true conversion, and that believers can expect in the Christian life? I have listed them below, adding scripture references, and my own pastoral comments. Edwards' 12 points on genuine spirituality can be helpful in urging us on to high aspirations in our spirituality, as well as to also help us to examine ourselves to reach assurance in our faith (cf. 2 Peter 1:3-11; 2 Cor. 13:5). Let me encourage you to take each of these before the Throne of Grace, and be honest with Christ from your heart. God desires and delights in “truth in the inward being. Whatever need we have, He provides a Mediator for us full of grace (Psa. 51:6; cf. John 1:14b; Heb. 4:16).

10. Balance and Harmony: “...Walking in the fear of the LORD and the comfort of the Holy Spirit...” Genuine spirituality brings a balance and harmony to Christian lives. There will be holy fear and joy that will be realized at the same time (Acts 9:31); there will be suffering and persecution and a fearless thrill to be honored with Christ (John 16:33; Matt. 5:10-12); there will be sacrifice and self-control with complete contentment and satisfaction (Phil. 4:13; Titus 2:11-14); there will be a zeal for the truth, but a humility about the truth (2 Tim. 2:22-25; Acts 18:25-26); there will be withdrawal for prayer and communion with an availability when needed (Mark 1:35-38; 3:7-10; 6:46ff). Father, grant me a balanced heart.

11. Holy Breathing and Panting After God: “As the deer pants after the waters...” Genuine spirituality possesses a desire to know Christ better. There is a hunger and thirsting after righteousness found in Christ (Psa. 42:1; 119: 131; Matt. 5:6; 2 Pet. 1:5-9). The more one knows Christ, the more one wants more of Him—less of oneself—a deeper breathing and panting for a holier life. There is a deeper satisfaction that fills the believer as they seek Him (Psa. 131; cf. John 6:34-44). Father, grant me a holy hunger!

12. Fruitful in Christ: “Whoever abides in me...bears much fruit.” Genuine spirituality is fruitful; it possesses the Fruit of the Spirit (John 15:1-15; Gal. 5:22-23). This fruitfulness is manifested in three ways: 1) It seeks to live according to God's commandments; 2) It seeks to be zealous for good works in the church and the culture; 3) It perseveres by faith in dependence upon the Spirit of God. Works do not save us, but we cannot be saved without them (John 15:13-17; Matt. 5:17-19; Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:11-14; 3:8). Father, let me glorify you in my good works; let me adorn the gospel truths that I know through by working, fruitful, obedient, and persevering faith!

After prayerfully meditating upon these, do you need to be born again? Do you need revival in your present condition? Christ stands full of the Spirit at God's right hand ready to give the Spirit to all those for whom He gave His life. Do you need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Does KCPC need an outpouring of this powerful Spirit? Let us ask the Father for this great gift in Christ our Mediator. Amen and amen.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Biggs

*“For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”*

**-Isaiah 30:15**

# THIS LORD'S DAY

## Sermon

***“One God, One Mediator”*** 

- Pastor Dan Halley

**Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 9:1-15**

**Scripture Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**


**Theme of Sermon: *God calls all men to Himself through His Son, the one mediator between God and men.***

## Hymns

**I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art, 168**

**Jesus, My Great High Priest, 306**

**Arise My Soul, Arise, 305**

  
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*“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men,  
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all,  
which is the testimony given at the proper time.”*

**-1 Timothy 2:5-6**

*“Christ and a dungeon, Christ and a cross, is infinitely sweeter  
than a crown without Christ.”*

**-John Owen**