

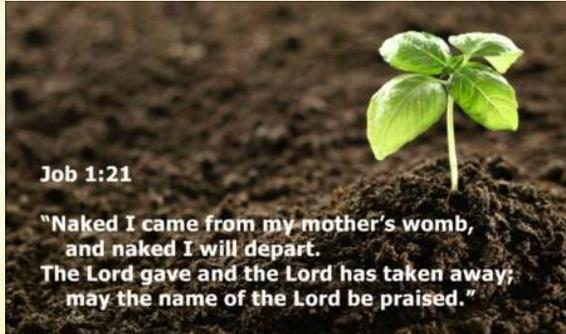


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending July 1st, 2017



Job 1:21

*"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
and naked I will depart.
The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
may the name of the Lord be praised."*

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. Stuart Jones bring us the Word this Lord's Day, July 2nd.

Deacon's Offering: An offering for the Deacon's Fund will be taken during morning worship this Sunday, July 2nd.

Evening Prayer Meeting: Join us Sunday evening at 6pm as we end the Lord's Day praying together as a congregation, and stay for a fellowship meal afterward.

Purcellville July 4th Parade: KCPC is planning to participate in the July 4th parade in Purcellville. Volunteers will meet at the church at 9:30am to decorate. Contact Rick Weitz for details.

Pastor Biggs' Sabbatical: From May 29th to July 23rd 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 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.

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

“He Who Gave—Has an Undoubted Right to Take Away”

a letter by John Newton



***“Naked I came from my mother's womb—and naked I will depart.
The LORD gave—and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.”
-Job 1:21***

Believers are free from condemnation—but not free from pain, sickness, poverty, losses, crosses, sudden trying changes, and what we call premature death. These trials give occasion for the exercise and manifestation of many graces which are not so visible in the sunshine of prosperity. Our trials are further sanctified, to wean the people of God more from the world, and to weaken the body of sin which still dwells in them.

He who gave—has an undoubted right to take away. We are sure that His sovereignty is combined with His infinite wisdom and goodness—and that, when He crosses our wishes, no less than when He grants them—He does all things well! He does not afflict without a need—neither will He permit a trial to continue longer than is necessary. Be still, my soul, and know that He is God!

You are in the best hands—and I leave you with Him who loves you and will make all things work for your final benefit.

Oh, the mercy to be enabled to trust ourselves and those whom we love to Him, and to see them confiding in Him likewise and resigned to His wise disposal. This all-sufficient God can and does make His people more than equal to any and every trial He appoints for them.

But I am a poor creature—and am daily learning that without Him I can do nothing.

***“...God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability,
but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape,
that you may be able to endure it.”***

-1 Corinthians 10:13

***“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

“Tribulation in Jesus”

- Pastor Stuart Jones



Scripture Lesson: Daniel 12:1-4, Revelation 1:1-11

Scripture Text: Revelation 1:9

Hymns

Praise Him! Praise Him! 173

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, 629

Be Still, My Soul, 689



*“For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings,
so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort, too.”*

-2 Corinthians 1:5

*“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