

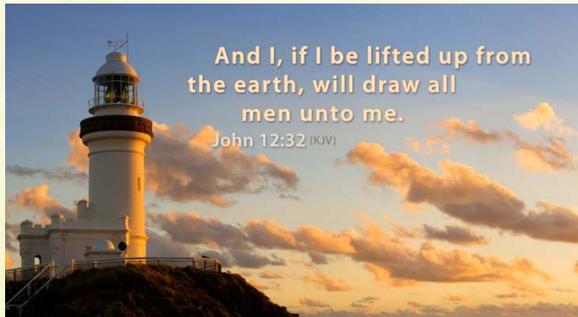


THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending July 15th, 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. Tim Flora bring us the Word this Lord's Day, July 16th.

Home Fellowship: Our monthly fellowship meal will be held at the Millers' home in Lovettsville this Sunday after morning worship.

Locust Street Film Night: On July 21st, come enjoy Jean Renoir's "The River," with our wonderful guest host Bill Domanski leading discussion; dinner at 6pm and film at 7pm.

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!

*"Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth;
unite my heart to fear Your name."*

-Psalm 86:11

“When It Lays Its Head on the Pillow of God's Omnipotence!”

J. C. Ryle



"With God nothing shall be impossible!" -Luke 1:37

Let us mark the mighty principle which the angel Gabriel lays down to silence all objections about the incarnation: *"With God nothing shall be impossible."*

A hearty reception of this great principle is of immense importance to our own inward peace. Questions and doubts will often arise in men's minds about many subjects in religion. They are the natural result of our fallen estate of soul. Our *faith* at the best is very feeble. Our *knowledge* at its highest is clouded with much infirmity. And among many antidotes to a doubting, anxious, questioning state of mind, few will be found more useful than that before us now--a thorough conviction of God's omnipotence. With Him who called the world into being and formed it out of nothing--everything is possible. Nothing is too hard for the Lord.

There is no *sin* too black and bad to be pardoned. The blood of Christ cleanses from all sin.

There is no *heart* too hard and wicked to be changed. The heart of stone can be made a heart of flesh.

There is no *work* too hard for a believer to do. We may do all things through Christ strengthening us.

There is no *trial* too hard to be borne. The grace of God is sufficient for us.



There is no *promise* too great to be fulfilled. Christ's words never pass away--and what He has promised, He is able to perform.

There is no *difficulty* too great for a believer to overcome. When God is for us--then who shall can against us? The mountain shall become a plain!

Let principles like these be continually before our minds. The *angel's maxim* is an invaluable remedy. Faith never rests so calmly and peacefully--as **when it lays its head on the pillow of God's omnipotence!**

"So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."

-Psalm 90:12

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon

“The Son of Man Must be Lifted Up”

- Pastor Tim Flora

Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 36:22-27

Scripture Text: John 12:27-36

Theme of Sermon: *When we survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died to secure the salvation of His people, we see the wisdom and power and love of God displayed as the Son is exalted through His triumphant death. Only then, when viewed with eyes of faith, can something so gruesome become so wondrous.*

Hymns

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name, 297

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross, 264

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, 252

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

-John 3:14-15

*“Experience is the food of all grace, which it grows and thrives upon...
Every taste that faith obtains of divine love and grace, or how gracious the Lord is,
adds to its measure and stature.”*

-John Owen