



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending July 8th, 2017

The Lord is my chosen portion
and my cup; you hold my lot. The
lines have fallen for me in pleasant
places; indeed, I have a beautiful
inheritance
- Psalm 16:5-6

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 9th.

Sunday Evening Praise and 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: 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!

"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

“Return Unto Your Rest, O My Soul!”

Edward Griffin

"Return unto your rest, O my soul--for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you."

-Psalm 116:7

To rest in God, is . . .

to be satisfied with Him as our portion,
to take Him for our supreme good, and
to feel that we have enough and abound while possessing Him--though everything else is taken away.

"Give me," says the believer, "the enjoyment of my God--and I desire no more. Allow me to feast on heavenly truth--and I shall never complain that I am poor. Let worldlings divide the globe among themselves--let empires contend for this little heap of dust; I have God--and I ask no more. Come wars and pestilence, come poverty and death--you cannot rob me of my portion."

Must it not be substantial rest . . .

to have the infinite God for a portion,
to have all the restless desires of the mind composed,
to feel no anxious apprehension for the future,
to know that if everything which time or death can destroy, were removed--the whole of one's portion would remain;
to feel that nothing can injure, nothing impoverish, nothing perplex or disturb?

Ah, give me this portion--instead of thrones and kingdoms!

"Whom have I in Heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You.

***My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength
of my heart and my portion forever!"***

-Psalm 73:25-26

*"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

"One Way"

- Pastor Stuart Jones



Scripture Lesson: Exodus 3:13-17; John 14:1-10

Scripture Text: John 14:6

Theme of Sermon: *"Wherefore all theology, when separated from Christ, is not only vain and confused, but is also mad, deceitful, and spurious; for, though the philosophers sometimes utter excellent sayings, yet they have nothing but what is short-lived, and even mixed up with wicked and erroneous sentiments."*

-John Calvin

Hymns

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain, 266

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art, 168

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire, 161



"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

-Acts 4:12

"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