



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, Feb 2, 2013



*"Then I will give you your rains in their season,
and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees
of the field shall yield their fruit."*

Lev 26:4 ESV

Upcoming Events

Hebrews Sermon Series: We continue our sermon series on the Book of Hebrews this Lord's Day. Pray that as a congregation we would receive with joyful obedience and grateful, tender hearts the Word of God as it is preached to us. Let us *HEAR* what God says to us through the Exalted Christ by His Spirit as we travel through the wilderness, a perilous realm.

Saturday Evening Prayer 8:00 pm: Please join the rest of the church in bathing our worship in prayer as a family on Saturday nights at 8:00pm. Use the *"This Lord's Day"* section of this newsletter to guide your time of prayer and preparation.

Locust Street Film Night: Come and discuss John

Ford's "The Grapes of Wrath" with us on **Friday, February 1st** at 6:45 pm at the church building. Bring your unbelieving friends for an opportunity to discuss film and culture from a Christian worldview. **Coming Soon:** Powell and Pressburger's classic film *'The Red Shoes'*

Sunday Evening Prayer Service: Join us at the church building to close the Lord's Day this Sunday to close the Lord's Day in prayer for one another. Look for the Missions Newsletter to come out soon so that you will be prepared for our time.

Young Married and College Fellowship at the Weitz Home Sunday February 3: Join us for a wonderful time of food, friends, and fellowship at the Weitz home immediately after Sunday School.

Men's Breakfast Saturday, February 9, 8:30-10:00am: Join us at the church building as we fellowship together and discuss the book of Nehemiah.

A Helpful Article from Reformation 21- Pray:
<http://www.reformation21.org/articles/christians-in-conflict-over-obamacare.php>

Church Blog!

Go to www.ketocin.org to check out the new church blog. Every week Pastor Biggs will share a PDF outline from the sermon and a link to the audio files by Wednesday so that you can use them to study and share with your family. Pastor Biggs will also post more tidbits that he did not have time for in the sermon. Be sure to check the blog out regularly!

[Christ] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

- ESV Hebrews 1:3

Prayers

Ephesians 6:18- "Praying Always..."

Remember that you may email your prayer requests to kpcpdeacons@gmail.com (and copy Pastor Biggs and elders) to invite others to pray with you during the week.

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Pray for great blessings in 2013 for KCPC such as growth in grace, increase in numbers and opportunities to reach out to the lost for our congregation. Pray that we could be more of a humble people full of great faith and hope.

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Pray that our congregation would resolve to seek to do what is most glorifying to God in 2013 in reliance upon the sweet grace of Jesus.

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Please pray for Phil Proctor as he recovers from back surgery; pray for Sterling OPC as they grow and seek to reach out to their community.

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Pray for Zachary and Annie Simmons as they await their new baby. Pray for strength for Annie in the final days of pregnancy, and provision and guidance for them as they prepare for seminary.

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Pray for Dan Halley as he prepares for marriage in February to Stacy. Pray for Stephen and Lindsey Roberts as they await their first son 'Seth Thomas' and need wisdom and guidance from God at this time.

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Pray for the Rolf's home in southern Virginia to sell.

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Pray for Mark Miller and family during a challenging time. Pray for Mark's mother as she suffers from pain.

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Pray for Rose Kinnaman (Ashburn Saints Bible Study) that God would heal her, and that she would have strength for the next round of treatments. Praise God for a few new folks coming regularly to bible study.

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Pray for the Schanzenbach family, for thanks to God for Daniel's good work that God has provided, and for God to bless Rachel through her counseling to make spiritual progress during this season of her life.

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Pray for God's strength and daily grace for the Bray family. Pray for God to grant healing, wisdom, and guidance.

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Pray for Alison Morra's treatment for breast cancer. Pray for continued response to the current treatment.

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Thank God that Esther Hope Selamawit Biggs will be coming home soon. Pray that the Biggs' Family would only have to travel to Ethiopia once this year if it is possible.

"...That people often say about Jesus: "I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God." That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to." — C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Wisdom to think about the Glory of Christ

It is the tendency of love—to excite in the mind, many thoughts about the *beloved object*. A right knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, will fill the mind with thoughts and meditations concerning Him—so as to excite the affections to cleave to Him with delight. A discovery of the glory of His person, of the perfection of His atoning sacrifice, and of the fullness of His grace—must inspire the heart with love to Him! "Yes, He is very precious to you who believe!" 1 Peter 2:7

- John Fawcett

Jesus Christ has true Excellency, and so great an Excellency, that when you come to truly see him, you look no further, but your mind rests there. There is a transcendent glory and an ineffable sweetness in Christ. You see that you had been pursuing shadows, but now you have found the substance. You realize that you had been seeking happiness in the stream, but now you have found the ocean. The Excellency of Christ is an object adequate to the natural cravings of the soul, and is sufficient to fill its capacity. Christ has an infinite Excellency, such as the mind desires, in which it can find no bounds; and the more the mind contemplates Him, the more excellent does He appear. Each new discovery of Christ makes His beauty appear more ravishing, and the mind can see no end to His Excellency. There is room enough for the mind to go deeper and deeper, and never come to the bottom. Christ's Excellency is always fresh and new, and will as much delight us, after we have beheld Him a thousand, or ten thousand years, as when we have seen him the first moment. The soul is exceedingly ravished when it first looks on the beauty of Christ. It is never weary of Him.

-Jonathan Edwards

Yes, from first to last, from our cradle to our grave, from the earliest pang of sin's conviction, to the last thrill of sin's forgiveness, from earth to heaven — this will be our testimony in all the way the Lord our God has led us in the wilderness: "*He has done all things well!*"

In *providence* and in *grace*,
in every *truth* of His Word,
in every *lesson* of His love,
in every *stroke* of His rod,
in every *sunbeam* that has shone,
in every *cloud* that has shaded,
in every element that has *sweetened*,
in every ingredient that has *embittered*,
in all that has been mysterious, inscrutable,
painful, and humiliating,
in all that He *gave*,
in all that He *took away*,
this testimony is His just due, and this our grateful acknowledgment through time and through eternity: "*He has done all things well!*"

Has He converted us through grace by a way we had thought the most improbable?

Has He torn up all our earthly hopes by the roots?

Has He thwarted our schemes, frustrated our plans, and disappointed our expectations?

Has He taught us in schools most trying, by a discipline most severe, and lessons most humbling to our nature?

Has He withered our strength by sickness, reduced us to poverty by loss, crushed our heart by bereavement?

And have we been tempted to exclaim, "*All these things are against me!*"

Ah! No! Faith will yet obtain the ascendancy, and sweetly sing:

"*I know in all things that befell,
My Jesus has done all things well!*"

Beloved, it must be so, for Jesus can do nothing wrong!

- Octavius Winslow

OPC: www.opc.org

Read the article from 'New Horizons' on why confessions are important to us by
Pastor Carl Trueman.

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THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: *"The Son of God"*

The Book of Hebrews

Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 89:19-37; Acts 2:22-36

Scripture Text: Hebrews 1:1-14

Theme of Worship Service: Jesus Christ is the eternal and exalted Son of God who is superior to the angels.

God says: "As for me, **I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.**" I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "**You are my Son; today I have begotten you.** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. **Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him." – Psalm 2:6-12

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."
- ^{ESV} **Psalm 110:1**

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "**What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?**" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'? **If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?**" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did

anyone dare to ask him any more questions." – Matthew 22:41-46

"And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "**You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.**"I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. **Worship God.**" – Revelation 19:9-10, 22:8-9

"**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.** The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions..." – Psalm 45:6-7

Read Hebrews 1:1-14. Does the author of Hebrews think angels are important to redemptive-history? Why or why not? Compare and contrast Jesus with the angels.

Why do angels tend to be popular in both ancient and modern cultures?

Memorize with your family Shorter Catechism, Q&A, 21.

Hymns

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King - 310
2. Crown Him with Many Crowns - 295
3. Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - 529
4. Gloria Patri - 734

"Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters; he makes the clouds his chariot; he rides on the wings of the wind; he makes his messengers winds, his ministers a flaming fire. He set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be moved." - ^{ESV} **Psalm 104:1-5**