



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

KCPC This Week

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

Week Ending, Feb 9, 2013



*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
Isaiah 40:8 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.

Sunday Evening Worship Service: Join us at the church building this Sunday to close out the Lord's Day with worship and fellowship. Pastor Biggs will continue his sermon series from the Psalms (Psalm 42-43).

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

New Member: Covenant child Michael Thomas McCarron made a credible profession of faith to the elders last Lord's Day. As a non-communicant member of KCPC, Michael will be publicly professing his faith in Christ to become a communicant member of KCPC in the next couple of weeks. He was able to answer in the affirmative to the questions asked of him from our OPC Directory of Worship (see [OPC, DoW, IV.A.1.3; IV.A.1.B.1-2](#)). Let us give thanks as a congregation to God's faithfulness!

Read a brief article on **The Spirituality of the Church** by Dr. D. G. Hart and Prof. John Muether (related to Sunday School class on Presbyterianism this week): <http://www.opc.org/OS/html/V7/3d.html>

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!

"The truth and teaching of the Gospel must not be held lightly; they are of supreme moment, they are matters of life and death, and must be cherished and obeyed at all costs. The danger of drifting away from them, and so losing them, cannot be treated too gravely." – F. F. Bruce

Prayers

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

Remember that you may email your prayer requests to kpcdeacons@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. That we would seek to do what glorifies God while relying on Christ.

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Pray for the Rolfs' friend Rich Murphy as he was involved in a serious car accident. Pray for healing and safety for Rich as well as peace of mind for his family and parents Steve and Kara.

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Please pray Pastor Phil Proctor and Sterling OPC as they grow as a congregation and seek to reach out to their community.

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Pray for Zachary and Annie Simmons as they await their new daughter. 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 Titus' and as Stephen will be deployed in May to Afghanistan with his troops for one year. Pray for Roberts in this challenging providence.

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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.

"We have to be continually reminded of what we believe. Neither this belief nor any other will automatically remain alive in your mind. It must be fed. And as a matter of fact, if you examined a hundred people who had lost their faith in Christianity, I wonder how many of them would turn out to have been reasoned out of it by honest argument? Do not most people simply drift away?"

- C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Wisdom about our natural state without Christ

The unrenewed man's affections are wholly corrupted, disordered and distempered. Man's heart naturally is a mother of abominations! "For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly." Mark 7:21, 22 "Men loved darkness." John 3:19 The natural man's affections are wretchedly misplaced. He is a spiritual monster! His heart is where his feet should be—fixed on the earth. His heels are lifted up against heaven—which his heart should be set on. His face is towards hell; his back is towards heaven. He loves what he should hate; and hates what he should love. He joys in what he ought to mourn for; and mourns for what he should rejoice in. He abhors what he should desire; and desires what he should abhor. "Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." 2 Tim. 3:4

- Thomas Boston, "*Human Nature in its Fourfold State*"

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:5-10 ESV)

Sin . . .

has its original from a deceitful subtle serpent, is the ground of all the deceit in the world, is the great deceiver of souls.

Sin . . .

debases the soul of man, ☺☺
defiles and pollutes the soul of man,
renders the soul most unlike to God,
who is the best and greatest;
renders the soul most like to Satan,
who is a very sea and sink of sin!

Sin robs the soul of . . .

the image of God,
the holiness of God,
the beauty of God,
the glory of God,
the righteousness of God.

-Thomas Brooks, "*Heaven on Earth*"

Man, by his apostasy into sin, has become a most disordered and rebellious creature. In his self-dependence, he opposes God as the sustainer. In his self-love, he opposes God as the chief good. In his self-will, he opposes God as the highest Lord. In his self-seeking, he opposes God as the highest end. Thus he is quite disordered, and all his actions sinful.

But by regeneration, the disordered soul is set right. Self-dependence is replaced by faith. Self-love is replaced by love to God. Self-will is replaced by subjection and obedience to the will of God. Self-seeking is replaced by self-denial.

The darkened understanding is illuminated.
The refractory will is sweetly subdued.
The rebellious desires are gradually conquered.

-John Flavel, "*Keeping the Heart*"

"I will never shrink from declaring my belief that there are no 'spiritual gains without pains.' I should as soon expect a farmer to prosper in business who contented himself with sowing his fields and never looking at them till harvest, as expect a believer to attain much holiness who was not diligent about his Bible-reading, his prayers, and the use of his Sundays."

- J. C. Ryle. '*Holiness*'

THIS LORD'S DAY

Sermon Title: *"Such A Great Salvation!"*
The Book of Hebrews

Pastor Charles R. Biggs

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23; 7:21-27

Scripture Text: Hebrews 2:1-4

Theme of Worship Service: Greater New Covenant privileges demand greater responsibilities for God's people to hear and believe.

"Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster." - **Proverbs 1:24-33**

"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize

this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test." - **2 Corinthians 13:5-6**

"Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." - **2 Peter 1:10-11**

"And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved." - **Matthew 24:10-13**

"We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." - **1 Corinthians 10:9-11**

Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us." - **1 John 2:18-19**

New Books on book table this week available at discounted prices: *'On Being Presbyterian'* (Sean Michael Lucas) and *'Pilgrim Theology'* (Michael Horton).

"The true and only way of honoring the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, is by diligent attendance and obedience unto His Word."

- **John Owen** (on Hebrews 2:1-4)