

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS

- ❖ Threshold (Evangelism/Outreach service): First Sunday of each month, 6:30pm at the 1912 Center, 206 East 3rd St.
- ❖ Monthly Heads of Households parish meetings TBA.
- ❖ Family Psalm Sing: Third Sunday, 6:00-7:00 pm, Logos Auditorium, unless otherwise announced.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ❖ Catechism Class for ages 4-6: 8:45 am, Logos sixth grade classroom. Contact Isaac Grauke at isaac.grauke@gmail.com.

NURSERY

- ❖ Dad's room: Room 1. Mom's nursing room: Room 2. Both are wired for sound.
- ❖ A manned nursery is available for our Christ Church visitors every Sunday in the Logos Library.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ Prayer requests: Email the church office or contact Wes Struble (310-3414) or Ed Iverson (882-4848).
- ❖ Visitor cards are available on the back table.
- ❖ Contact the church office to schedule a visit with a church elder.
- ❖ Remember the Deacons' Fund for needy families in the church.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 22

- ❖ Welcome Back reception for Andy and Emily Sumpter: Logos Gym, 6:00-7:30 pm.

Monday, January 23

- ❖ Inquirers Class: 7:00pm at the Mike Lawyer home, 1005 Nez Perce Street.

Wednesday, January 25

- ❖ Bible Study for college guys and gals: Gordon Wilson home, 11:30am-12:30pm, bring your lunch.
- ❖ Parish Bible Studies: Watch your email for times and locations.

Thursday, January 26

- ❖ Elders meeting: Anselm House, 6:00 am.

Friday, January 27

- ❖ Men's prayer meeting for reformation and revival: Anselm House, 6:30-7:30 am.

Saturday, January 28

- ❖ Open House Baby Shower for Alyssa Will and Eleanor: 9:30-11:00 am at Elise Crapuchettes' home, 4930 Lenville Road.
- ❖ Open House wedding reception for George and Emily Harrell: Roy Atwood's home, 7:00-8:30 pm.

NEW NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Open house baby shower for Paige and Wyatt Shaw: Tuesday, January 30, Kathryn Church's home, 7:00-8:30 pm.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES NEWS & EVENTS

Contact Matt Gray- 883-7903 (o), 596-9787 (c),
crfmatt@christkirk.com

- ❖ CRF weekly meeting: Monday, January 23, UI Commons/Whitewater Room, 7:30 pm. Doug Wilson will be speaking on "Relationships."
- ❖ See website (www.christkirk.com/crf) for Bible study locations.

CHRIST CHURCH

Lord's Day Service - January 22, 2012

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MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

★ ADORATION

Minister: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who are in awe of Him.
Congregation: **He will hear their cry and save them. Amen.**

O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments; To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness (Daniel 9:4,9).
Minister: Lift up your hearts!
Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

★ PRAYER

★ *All Peoples, Clap Your Hands for Joy.....87*

CONFESSION

EXHORTATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Congregation is invited to kneel if able

We have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face (Daniel 9:5,6,7).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick"; The people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity (Isaiah 33:24 NKJV).
Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

★ CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES CREED

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

Congregation: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades. On the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

★ HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Q. 77

Minister: Where has Christ promised that he will feed and nourish believers with his body and blood just as surely as they eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup?

Congregation: **In the institution of the holy Supper which reads: The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. This promise is also repeated by the apostle Paul: When we bless "the cup of blessing," is it not a means of sharing in the blood of Christ? When we break the bread, is it not a means of sharing the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake.**

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Elders: Bill Church Dale Courtney John Grauke Matt Gray	Ed Iverson Mike Lawyer Csaba Leidenfrost Ben Merkle	Jim Nance John Sawyer Wes Struble Matt Whitling Douglas Wilson	Gordon Wilson Fred Kohl	Andrew Crapuchettes Jim Crapuchettes Tom Garfield	Joe Myers Rusty Olps Marc Rust Marc Wintz
Deacons: John Carnahan					

★ *Rejoice Ye in the LORD, O Righteous.....***58-59**

CONSECRATION

★ **SCRIPTURE READING**

This week: Genesis 4:1-12 & 1 John 3:7-15
Next week: Ezekiel 18:23-32 & Acts 26:12-23
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBER - Jake Bauer

PROFESSION OF FAITH BAPTISM - Susan Daniels

HOUSEHOLD BAPTISM - Eleanor Evelyn Sentz
Congregational Charge: **“Little child, for you Jesus Christ came to this earth, struggled and suffered; for your sake He crossed Gethsemane and went through the darkness of Calvary; for your sake He cried: ‘It is finished’; for your sake He died and for your sake He overcame death; indeed for your sake, little child, and you—still— know nothing of it. And thus the word of the apostle is confirmed: ‘We love God, for He loved us first’”.**
(Taken from an old French Reformed Baptism Rite)

ELDER ORDINATION - John Carnahan (Latimer), Jeremy Bunch (Baxter), Matt Meyer (Ridley)

COMMISSIONING OF JOE ROSALES

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Opening:
Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding (Daniel 2:20,21).
Thanksgiving:
O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms (Psalm 95:1-2).

Petitions:

O my God, incline Your ear and hear; . . . for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies (Daniel 9:18).

★ *Psalm 19.....***CS 2-3**

SERMON

Text: I Samuel 31:1-13
Message: A Study in Failure
Concluding prayer, ending with the Lord’s Prayer **411**

*Offertory - Psalm 15.....***CS 1**
★ *Sanctus.....***407**

COMMUNION

THE BREAD & WINE
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....***35**
*Only-Begotten, Word of God Eternal.....***216**

COMMISSIONING

The congregation may raise hands
★ *Gloria Patri.....***436**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen (Ephesians 3:20-21).

NEXT WEEK’S MUSIC SELECTIONS
Initial Doxology: 160
Anthem: Psalm 146 Handout
Psalm: 6-7
Before sermon: CS 9
Offertory: CS 4-5
After sermon: 408-409
Bread: 358
Wine: 204
Gloria Patri: 436

★ *Indicates congregation please stand.*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

THANKSGIVING FOR...

- ❖ The ministry of the Word and sacraments.
- ❖ The ministry of Trinity Church of Tri-Cities in Richland, WA and Ben Alexander.
- ❖ The marriage of Marty and Brooke Beckett.

NEW REQUESTS — PRAY FOR...

- ❖ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Vietnam.
- ❖ The United States Congress.
- ❖ Comfort for the Bill Church family at the loss of Bill’s father, Chief.

REQUESTS FROM JANUARY 15, 2012

- ❖ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Sudan.
- ❖ The United States Supreme Court.

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Eddie Gray, Jr., James Denham, Heather Casebolt Teston, Neil (Ray) Crawford, Jerry Langreder, Andrea Nunez, Adrian Nunez.
- ❖ Repentance of sin and salvation for Jon LaMoreaux, Daniel Miller, and Matthew Cernik.
- ❖ Pray for Douglas Wilson and the Christ Church elders as they seek to serve God in leading the church.
- ❖ Parents as they educate their children.
- ❖ Upcoming marriages of Marc Shaw to Kelly Trovato (3/17/12), Kaleb Trotter to Jessie Blakey, Zack Wheeler to Faith Callihan.
- ❖ Pray for the Greyfriars Hall students.
- ❖ Complete healing for Billy Amos, Fran Atwood, Katie Bouma, Alexander Breese, Lindi Burgess, Dan Castle, Bob Dahlin, Chad Daniels, Arie DeWinkle, Julie Garfield, Em-

maline Handel, Bill Jackson, Lizzie Klier, Fred Kohl, Chris LaMoreaux, Noai Leidenfrost, Brian Nuttbrock, Beza Qualls, Kalkidan Qualls, Don Quist, Cecily Rathbun, Daniel Rosendahl, Nancy Rust, Morgan Schlect, Nesradine Schumaker, Layla Shaw.

- ❖ Colleen McGarry, who is working with Servant Group, Int’l. in northern Iraq.
- ❖ The Christ Church and Trinity Reformed Church expectant mothers: January-Megan Fields, Julie Paul, Katie Grauke; February-Bess Blakey; April-Betsy Becker, Abra Carnahan, Emily Wells, Beth Peterson, Katie Hathaway, Lydia Nicholas; May-Kara Isker, Chelsey Hoeft, Michelle Anderson; June-Liz Schuiling.
- ❖ Other expectant mothers who don’t attend either church or have moved but are connected to the churches in some way through family members, etc.: February-Hannah Griffith; March-Kate Henreckson; April-Katie Miltenberger; July-Lynessa Struble.
- ❖ The Lewiston church plant under the direction of Joe Rosales. Pray that a meeting place could be found and that the church would grow and flourish.
- ❖ Ian Bloomsburg, as he serves in the U.S. Army in New York; Mike Fenimore as he serves in Germany, Sam Kimmell in the U.S. Navy; Daniel Klier in the Marines; Nate Atwood; Chilton Williams in the Navy on the USS Enterprise; Drew Hicks in the Marines in Pensacola; Scotty Oplinger in the Army in Ft. Benning, GA; Tim Barnum (Cat Sentz’s brother) in the Marines in Afghanistan.
- ❖ CRF, Credenda, Canon Press, and the church mission plants.
- ❖ Education: NSA, Logos School, Montrose Academy, ACCS, Pullman Christian School, UI, WSU, LCSC, Homeschooling.

STANDING PRAYER REQUESTS — PRAY FOR...

- ❖ Cultural stability, that we might live quiet and peaceable lives.
- ❖ State and local authorities as well as UI/WSU/NSA Presidents.
- ❖ The Bakwe’ in the Ivory Coast and for stability and peace in the country.
- ❖ Reformation and revival in the church.

“MAY I COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE?”

The Lord’s Supper is observed every Lord’s Day at Christ Church. We warmly invite to the Lord’s table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.

A STUDY IN FAILURE

I Samuel 31:1-13

INTRODUCTION:

As 1 Samuel comes to a close, the life of Saul comes to a miserable end. As we will see, the manner of his death was a fitting picture of the way he had lived his life throughout the course of his reign. His reign was a long pattern of self-destruction, and in the end, Saul took his own life—the final act of self-destruction. He died the way he had lived, destroying himself.

THE TEXT:

“Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. . .” (1 Sam. 31:1-13).

SUMMARY OF THE TEXT:

The chapter begins with the Philistines attacking, and they routed the men of Israel. As they fled from the Philistines, the carnage took place on the mountain Gilboa (v. 1). The Philistines were in hard pursuit of Saul and his three sons, and they successfully killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua (v. 2). In the next verse, the battle was going hard against Saul, and he was badly wounded by the Philistine archers (v. 3). The language here indicates an ongoing battle, which means it was not an utter rout. His wounds apparently made it impossible for him to continue the fight. Saul then told his armor-bearer to kill him, to keep the Philistines from abusing him. The armor-bearer refused, and so Saul fell on a sword, taking his own life (v. 4). When the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he followed him, doing the same thing (v. 5). And so Saul, his three sons, his armor-bearer, and a number of other men with him, all died on the same day (v. 6). The men on the other side of the Jordan (not very many miles away), when they saw that the battle had gone badly for them, evacuated their cities, which the Philistines then occupied (v. 7). The Philistines came around the next day to strip the dead, and it was then that they identified Saul and his three sons (v. 8). They decapitated Saul, stripped his armor, and sent the armor to their homeland in triumph (v. 9). They displayed his armor in the temple of Ashteroth—similar to how the Israelites kept Goliath’s sword at the house of the Lord. Saul’s body was then hung on the wall of Beth-shan (v. 10). When the men of Jabesh-gilead heard what had happened, their valiant men went there and recovered the bodies of Saul and his sons, brought them back and burned them (vv. 11-12). After that, they took the remaining bones, buried them under a tamarisk tree, and fasted for seven days (v. 13).

We should say a quick word here about the story of the Amalekite at the beginning of 2 Samuel who tried to ingratiate himself with David by falsely claiming to have killed Saul. The story was false (conflicting with this narrative), and David convicted him on his own terms. We should rather trust the author of 1 Samuel than a self-aggrandizing (and not very smart) Amalekite.

BURIAL AND CREMATION:

The customary biblical approach to the dead is that of burial. The customary pagan approach is that of burning the body in cremation. The difference has to do with making a good testimony about the hope of resurrection, and not because it is somehow harder for God to raise someone who has been burned than one who has been buried. The resurrection is not threatened by any degree of decomposition, however it happens.

For example, Joseph gave instructions about his bones, and he did this because he wanted to make a declaration of his *faith* (Heb. 11:22). In this passage, the heroic men of Jabesh-gilead burned the bodies of Saul and his sons because wanted to prevent any further dishonor to the bodies. This was the whole point of their mission. Jonathan is not going to be short-changed on the day of resurrection. Later in the story, David has the bones of Saul and Jonathan (and presumably the others) moved from this place to the family tomb (2 Sam. 21:12-14). Among the Israelites, there is one other mention of burning bodies (apart from unique penal or sacrificial situations), and it is found in Amos 6:10, where the concern is apparently to stop the spread of contagious disease. Under ordinary circumstances, though, the biblical pattern for dealing with the bodies of the faithful is through burial—in sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

A STUDY IN FAILURE:

The trajectory of Saul's life had certainly been one of spiraling failure. He was characterized by his stiff-necked and close-fisted jealousies, and it was by this that he destroyed himself. By the end of his life, it could not be said that the Philistines had killed him—he had done it himself. It could not be said that David had removed him from the throne—he had done it himself. It could not be said that anyone other than Saul was responsible for the disaster of his final days. Saul did all of this by his own hand or, more specifically, by his own devouring envy. His end was decisive—he was struck with arrows, pierced in his belly, had his head cut off, and then he was burned.

He was buried under a tamarisk tree. The last time we saw him there, he was holding a tyrant's spear in his hand, and lying about David (1 Sam. 22:6).

And *yet*, despite the fact that Saul fell to his death in this great catastrophe, we see even in this tragic conclusion, the height from which he fell. The men of Jabesh-gilead who retrieved his body were the first Israelites whom Saul had delivered from their enemies (1 Sam. 11:5-11). They were still grateful for what Saul had done in his better days. This is true also of David, who delivers one of the noblest eulogies ever (2 Sam. 1:17ff).

40 YEARS FOR NOTHING:

This book begins with a leader of Israel dying, along with his sons, as the result of a disastrous battle. The book ends the same way. The book begins with the Philistines in the ascendancy, and the book ends in the same way. The book begins with a great Philistine victory in battle, and it ends the same way. And yet, Saul's appointed mission had been to deliver Israel from the Philistines (1 Sam. 9:16).

Saul did not do what he was commissioned to do. We are devoted to good works that God has commissioned us to do (Eph. 2:8-10), but our lives will go exactly as Saul's did—unless we trust in the greater David, the Lord Jesus. He is the only one who perfectly fulfilled the mission that was entrusted to Him. Therefore God has highly exalted Him—as He did with David in a type—and this is why we can walk in the good works that God prepared beforehand for us to do.