

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS

- ✓ Evensong service is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month, Logos Auditorium, 6:00 pm.
- ✓ Heads of Households parish meetings: Usually held the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00 pm, locations to be announced on email.
- ✓ Family Psalm Sing is usually held the third Sunday evening of each month, 6:00-7:00 pm, Logos Auditorium.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ✓ No Sunday School classes are being held at this time.

NURSERY

- ✓ A nursing room is available for mothers only to use in the literature room (Room 2) out the west doors, down the stairs to the main building, first door on the left. If a father needs to take a crying baby or toddler out of the service, he may use the room down the hall next to the storage room. Dads, please don't go into the nursing room. Both rooms are sound wired, so the church service can be heard. Also, the sixth grade classroom is available for parents to use for disciplining their children.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ✓ Prayer requests: If you have a prayer request for the Sunday morning service or for the email prayer chain, please call the church office (882-2034) by Friday morning or contact Wes Struble (882-6163) or Ed Iverson (882-4848).
- ✓ Visitor cards are available on the back table. If you're visiting this morning, please fill one out and drop it in the offering box.
- ✓ The elders visit different homes on Tuesday nights, except for the Heads of Households meeting nights. If you'd like to receive a visit from an elder, please contact the office.
- ✓ The deacons fund is for needy families in our church. If you would like to donate toward this cause, please make your check to Christ Church, designating the Deacons Fund. Remember the Christian Education Fund, and the fact that some families are in need. Funds are available, and questions can be referred to the deacons.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 24

Wednesday, January 27

- ✓ Ladies' Women and Marriage Study: Sue Burnett's home, 707 E. E, 1:30-2:30 pm. The study will run through February 24.

Thursday, January 28

- ✓ Elders meeting: Anselm House, 6:00 am.
- ✓ Precept-Romans Study: 9:00-11:00 am at the Crossing
- ✓ Young Couples Book Study: "My Life For Yours", 7:30 pm, 1311 Lande Lane. Contact Matt Gray or Gabe Rench.

Friday, January 29

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

- ✓ Ladies' prayer for outreach ministries: 8:15-8:45 am, Greyfriars' Hall.

Saturday, January 30

- ✓ Open House Baby Shower for Jennifer Bunch and Virgil: 9:30-11:00 am, Carla Courtney's home, 1830 Victoria Dr.
- ✓ Open House Baby Shower for Casey Griffith and Charles: 10-11:30 am, Nancy Wilson's home.

NEW NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

COLLEGE MINISTRIES NEWS & EVENTS

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

- ✓ Weekly meeting: Monday, January 25, 7:30 pm, Commons Whitewater Room. Toby Sumpter will be speaking on "Young & Old."
- ✓ Brown bag lunch for college-age gals: Tuesdays, Meredith Wilson's home, 702 S. Jefferson, 12:00-1:30 pm.

CHRIST CHURCH

Lord's Day Service - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany - January 24, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION & PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP - *God Summons His People*

✓ SCRIPTURE READING OF PRAISE

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.

Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it (Deut. 10:14).

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

✓ PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

- ✓ *All Glory Be to God on High.....291* (CS 13)

CONFESSIOIN - *God Cleanses His People*

EXHORTATION

SCRIPTURE READING OF CONFESSION

Congregation is invited to kneel if able

Beware, lest your hearts be deceived and you turn away and serve other gods and worship them. Or the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the Lord is giving you (Deuteronomy 11:16-17).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today (Deut. 11:26-27).

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

✓ CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHRISTIAN, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?
APOSTLES CREED*

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

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?..... Q. 77 (78)

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.

- ✓ *O God of Earth and Altar.....369* (298-99)

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Elders:

Bill Church
Dale Courtney
John Grauke
Matt Gray
John Howell

Ed Iverson
Mike Lawyer
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Ralph Plaza
John Sawyer
Wes Struble
Matt Whitling
Douglas Wilson

Gordon Wilson
Fred Kohl

Deacons:

Eric Burnett
John Carnahan
Andrew
Crapuchettes
Tom Garfield

Joe Myers
Rusty Olps
Marc Rust
Marc Wintz

CONSECRATION - God Equips & Prepares His People

V READING THE UNIVERSAL WORD

This week: Genesis 4:1-12 & 1 John 3:7-15

Next week: Ezekiel 18:23-32 & Acts 26:12-23

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

*Congregation: **Thanks be to God!***

HOUSEHOLD BAPTISMS - Zane Alton Holloway, Marisol Helen Wilson

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)

*How Lovely, LORD of Hosts, to Me.....***120** (142)

OPENING PRAYER

Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven (Deuteronomy 10:22).

THANKSGIVING

And it shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today to love the Lord your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul, that he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil (Deuteronomy 11:13-14).

PETITIONS

Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you (Matthew 7:7).

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

V *Psalm 19.....***CS 2-3** (162)

PREACHING OF THE PARTICULAR WORD

Text: Acts 6:1-7

Message: Thoughts on Life Together

Concluding prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer **411**

MEDITATION

*Offertory.....***CS 1** (Eccl.)

V *Psalm 133.....***CS 11** (408-09)

COMMUNION - God Nourishes His People

THE BREAD & WINE

*The Church's One Foundation.....***327** (318-19)

*For All the Saints.....***280-81** (121)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— **AMEN**

COMMISSIONING - God Blesses & Sends His People

The congregation may raise hands

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

V *Doxology.....***437** (437)

CHARGE & BEDICTION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen (2 Cor. 13:14).

MISSIONS UPDATE - GREYFRIARS' HALL

Greyfriars' Hall Ministerial Training School is off to its second semester of the New Year. We have two full time students in their first two years, Gabe Telling and Daniel Newman, and two students in their third year classes, Dirk DeWinkle and Gabe Rench. Nick Holloway is also auditing the classes. These men are putting in a tremendous amount of work to complete their studies and attend to their families. If you see them around, please encourage them to continue to work hard, to keep their priorities straight, and maintain their good relationships with God.—Mike Lawyer

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

THANKSGIVING — FOR...

V Our marriages.

V The ministry of Christ Church Spokane of Spokane, WA and for Joost Nixon.

V The marriage of Brad and Sarah Belschner.

V The ministry of Greyfriars' Hall.

NEW REQUESTS, PRAY FOR:

V Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Nigeria.

V The United States Supreme Court.

V Moscow 7th Day Adventist. Pray for Pastor Stand Hudsen's lecture series over in Pullman, Feb 18-25, and pray for their church plans as they work to make their church more handicap accessible.

V Healing for Tim and Deaun Zasadny's nephew William.

REQUESTS FROM JANUARY 17, 2009

V Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Bangladesh.

V The President of the United States, that his office would be established in righteousness.

V Healing for Andy Fountain, Craig and Enid's son.

V Bruce Menadier and family at the death of his father Howard.

V Carol Williams and family at the death of her mother.

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

V Upcoming marriages of CJ Bowen to Lisa Jackson (3/13/10), Drew Hicks to Samantha Ricketts (6/5/10), Paden Blythe to Jasmine Ewert (6/5/10), Eric Mabry to Hannah Benton.

V Pray for the Greyfriars' Hall students.

V Complete healing for Billy Amos, Evangeline Anderson, Betty Appel, Fran Atwood, Paige Atwood, Arie DeWinkle, Julie Garfield, Emmaline Handel, Lizzie Klier, Fred Kohl, Chris LaMoreaux, Lisa Leidenfrost, Brady, Erin, and Sherry McIntosh, Brian Nuttbrock, Beza Qualls, Kalkidan Qualls, Lisa Qualls, Don Quist, Cecily Rathbun, Michelle Roise, Daniel Rosendahl, Nancy Rust, Morgan Schlect, Nesradine

Schumaker, Layla Shaw, Andrew Stafford, Tovia Sumpster, Bessie Wilson.

V Colleen McGarry, who is working with Servant Group, Int'l. in northern Iraq.

V The Christ Church and Trinity Reformed Church expectant mothers: January- Ruth Hill; February-Amber Myers, Jenny Story, Ashley Antkowiak; March-Lindsey Tollefson, Katie Grauke, Alberta Arrick, Beth Peterson; April-Rachel Jankovic, Mary Dowers; May-Kristen Telling, Emily Bartlett, Alexis Stevenson, Brooke Newman; June-Melissa Breese, Bess Blakey; July-Annie Rench, Laura Whear, Heidi Jones.

V 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.: May-Natali Rose (Greenfield); June-Elizabeth Nieuwsma.

V Ian Bloomsburg, as he serves in the U.S. Army in New York; Mike Fenimore as he serves in Germany; Kelly VanNuland, Sam Kimmell in the U.S. Navy in Spain; Daniel Klier in the Marines; Nate Atwood; Chilton Williams in the Navy on the USS Enterprise.

V The unmarried men and women in the church.

V CRF, *Credenda*, Canon Press, and the church mission plants.

V Education: NSA, Logos School, Montrose Academy, ACCS, Pullman Christian School, UI, WSU, LCSC.

V Eddie Gray, Jr., James Denham, Heather Casebolt Teston, Neil (Ray) Crawford, Emily Peterson, Jerry Langreder, Andrea Nunez.

V Repentance of sin and salvation for Jon LaMoreaux and Daniel Miller.

V Pray for Douglas Wilson and the Christ Church elders as they seek to serve God in leading the church.

V Parents as they educate their children.

STANDING PRAYER REQUESTS — PRAY FOR...

V Cultural stability, that we might live quiet and peaceable lives.

V State and local authorities as well as UI/WSU/NSA Presidents.

V The Bakwe' in the Ivory Coast and for stability and peace in the country.

V 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.

SOME THOUGHTS ON LIFE TOGETHER

INTRODUCTION:

As you may observe by looking around you, we are now worshipping together in one service, instead of the two services we have had for the last year and half. This was not a decision made lightly, and part of the decision depended upon us having a message dedicated to the various issues surrounding this kind of logistical dilemma. So here we are.

THE TEXT:

“And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.” (Acts 6:1-7).

SUMMARY OF THE TEXT:

First, notice that their problem was caused by growth (v. 1), and their solution to it resulted in growth (v. 7). Growth brings about growth problems (v. 1), in this case a particular group being overlooked. Consider how ordinary and how predictable such a problem would be. The apostles responded with a proposal to delegate responsibility for this particular problem (vv. 2-3). They, for their part, were going to keep their focus on the ministry, that which was causing the growth (v. 4). And so the congregation chose seven godly men (with Hellenistic names, note), and they were set before the apostles, who ordained them (vv. 5-6). The end result of this godly solution to a dispute was godly growth (v. 7). The early church did not float through the book of Acts, never quite touching down. They were real people, with real irritations, and, we may assume, with real comebacks that could have set off a real quarrel.

GROWTH AND GROWTH:

The initial thoughts are taken from this text, but we are also going to assemble some biblical principles from elsewhere. First, we must distinguish growth problems from wasting disease problems. Growth is good compared to the dull as dishwater ministry of the scribes (Matt. 7:29; Acts 13:45). Growth is not an automatic good, but it can be a great good. So we also need to distinguish growth blessings from growth curses. Not everything that grows is good. Cancer grows. Morning glory grows. False teaching grows (2 Tim. 4:3; 2 Tim. 2:17). And when growth problems occur, they don't solve

themselves (Acts 6:3). When godly leadership of one sort causes a difficulty, godly leadership of another sort is needed to address it.

ORGANIZED SOLUTIONS:

A balance must be maintained between focussing on the main thing, and solving the distracting problem (Acts 6: 4, 3). Giving ourselves to one or the other is foolish. This is why a godly approach must be applied both to the spiritual side of the ministry and the practical side of the ministry. In this place, the men they appointed to address their practical problem were “full of the Holy Spirit.” They didn’t appoint the impractical sky-pilots to the spiritual stuff and then appoint “realistic” worldly men to the practical side of things. Godly principles apply to everything, everywhere, and they must be applied by men who understand this.

BASIC ORIENTATION:

Koinonia fellowship is the work of the Holy Spirit. As we gather to worship God, He knits us together, and we glorify Him together. This can be intimidating to outsiders, and we should not try to make that go away (Acts 5:12-14; 1 Cor. 14:25). At the same time, in the growth of God’s community, a clear priority should be placed on welcoming visitors and outsiders (Dt. 26:11). There is a real difference between the clannish and sectarian exclusion of outsiders and the scary prospect of real community. This is why our deacons, for example, have set aside two rows for visitors.

SEATING, PARKING, AND THE HELLENISTIC WIDOWS:

And a balance needs to be maintained between provision for those you are responsible for (1 Tim. 5:8) and adaptability in the light of larger concerns (Heb. 13:17)—and the needs that those who are responsible for those larger concerns have. So if the deacons ask you to do something, an appropriate response would *not* be, “This ain’t Russia, pal.”

THE WHOLE POINT:

And last, but also first, the task before us in establishing a worship service is to worship God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear (Heb. 12: 28-29). Just as we want to sing songs that God wants to hear, and not those which we want to sing, so also we want a service that is acceptable to Him in the first place, and our convenience occupying a subordinate place. This does not mean that two services dishonor Him (it depends, right?), but simply means that given our particular circumstances at this point in time, we should be largely focussed on what would glorify God the most. Then we labor to make that happen. We want to do this across the board—with the fellowship, with the music, with the energy, with Word and sacraments.