

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 3

- ✓ Evensong service: Logos Auditorium, 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, January 5

Wednesday, January 6

Thursday, January 7

Friday, January 8

NEW NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Christ Church service time for January 10 & 17: 9:30 am. On January 24, we will resume the two-service schedule: 8:30 and 10:30 am.
- ✓ Winter Feast: Friday, January 22, 6:00-8:30pm, SEL.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES NEWS & EVENTS

Contact Matt Gray- 883-7903 (o), 596-9787 (c)

- ✓ Weekly meeting: Finished for the semester.
- ✓ College Girls Inductive Bible Studies: Cancelled for Christmas Break.
- ✓ NSA/UI/WSU Men's Bible Studies: Cancelled for Christmas Break.
- ✓ UI Guys' Study: Cancelled for Christmas Break.

CHRIST CHURCH

Lord's Day Service - 2nd Sunday of Christmas - January 3, 2010

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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.

For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house (Hebrews 3:3).

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

✓ PRAYER OF PRAISE

✓ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Come, All Ye Faithful.....243 (251)

CONFESSION - *God Cleanses His People*

EXHORTATION

SCRIPTURE READING OF CONFESSION

Congregation is invited to kneel if able

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil (Proverbs 1:33).

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

Are infants also to be baptized?..... Q. 74 (75)

Yes, because they, as well as their parents are included in the covenant and belong to the people of God. Since both redemption from sin through the blood of Christ and the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit are promised to these children no less than to their parents, infants are also by baptism, as a sign of the covenant, to be incorporated into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers. This was done in the Old Covenant by circumcision. In the New Covenant baptism has been instituted to take its place.

✓ *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past.....374 (298-99)*

CONSECRATION - *God Equips & Prepares His People*

✓ READING THE UNIVERSAL WORD

This week: Zechariah 2:8-13 & 2 John 4-11

Next week: Isaiah 60:1-12 & Matthew 2:1-12

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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Bill Church
Dale Courtney
John Grauke
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John Howell

Ed Iverson
Mike Lawyer
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Jim Nance

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

*Through Every Age, Eternal God.....***266** (248-49, vs. 1-4)

OPENING PRAYER

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39).

THANKSGIVING

Therefore I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing praises to Your name (2 Samuel 22:50).

PETITIONS

Therefore I prayed to the LORD, and said O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand (Deuteronomy 9:26).

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

✓ *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen.....***234-235** (4-5)

PREACHING OF THE PARTICULAR WORD

Text: Rev. 3:2; Phil. 3:16

Message: State of the Church 2010

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

MEDITATION

*Offertory.....***251 v. 3** (248-49 v. 5-6)

✓ *Angels We Have Heard on High.....***230** (254)

COMMUNION - God Nourishes His People

THE BREAD & WINE

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.....***241** (252)

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.....***236-237** (220-23)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— **AMEN**

COMMISSIONING - God Blesses & Sends His People

The congregation may raise hands

✓ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Savior of the Nations, Come.....***225 v 5** (225 v. 5)

CHARGE & BLESSING

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 (Eph. 3:20-21).

**MISSIONS UPDATE
BERNIE AND MARY MILLER**

Your prayers have been a big encouragement and as 2009 comes to a close we ask you to pray for the thousands of young people who will be attending a huge missionary conference next week. Urbana 2009 is quickly approaching. From December 27 to 31 in St. Louis more than 20,000 college students will participate in this exciting missions' conference. Ten missionaries from GEM will meet with students during the conference, and begin dialogue with potential GEM workers. I will be involved in much of the follow-up next month.

Pray specifically for good connection with at least 400 attendees. We can help pursue the missionary calling God is giving them.

Check out this new website to learn about what Greater Europe Mission in doing in Europe today and possible ways these young people can get involved in missions – www.everynationonelocation.com .

“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman . . .” Gal. 4:4

Celebrating Jesus' birth with you,
Bernie and Mary

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

THANKSGIVING — FOR...

- ✓ The ministry of the Word and sacraments.
- ✓ The ministry of Trinity Church of Wenatchee, WA and for Gene Helsel.
- ✓ The marriage of Justin and Emily Spencer.
- ✓ The marriage of Timothy and Anna Van den Broek.
- ✓ The marriage of Skyler and Chelsey Hoeft.
- ✓ The ministry of Bernie and Mary Miller.
- ✓ The birth of Caspian Paul Jacobs to Jody and Nancy.
- ✓ The birth of Anastasia Marie Nuttbrock to Brian and Katie.

NEW REQUESTS, PRAY FOR:

- ✓ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Iraq.
- ✓ The United States Supreme Court.
- ✓ Emmanuel Baptist Church: Pastor Mark Bradley took a position as the director at a college in Vancouver, so pray for God's blessing in his new job. Prayer for the Associate Pastors that are filling in the pulpit as they dust settles before they begin searching for a new pastor. Of course be praying for the congregation during this transition period and pray that God would give the church wisdom when they begin searching for a new pastor.

REQUESTS FROM DECEMBER 27, 2009

- ✓ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Pakistan.
- ✓ The President of the United States, that his office would be established in righteousness.
- ✓ Grace Bible Church and Pastor Ron McMurray.

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✓ Colleen McGarry, who is working with Servant Group, Int'l in northern Iraq.
- ✓ The Christ Church and Trinity Reformed Church expectant mothers: December-Jennifer Bunch; January- Heather Wilson, 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.
- ✓ 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.: December-Hannah Griffith; January-Christine Creason; May-Natali Rose (Greenfield); June-Elizabeth Nieuwsma.

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ The unmarried men and women in the church.
- ✓ CRF, *Credenda*, Canon Press, and the church mission plants.
- ✓ Education: NSA, Logos School, Montrose Academy, ACCS, Pullman Christian School, UI, WSU, LCSC.
- ✓ Eddie Gray, Jr., James Denham, Heather Casebolt Teston, Neil (Ray) Crawford, Emily Peterson, Jerry Langreder.
- ✓ Repentance of sin and salvation for Jon LaMoreaux and Daniel Miller.
- ✓ 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 Jordan Leithart to Jamie VanTill (1/9/10), Brad Belschner to Sara Field (1/23/10), Isaiah Eyre to Leia Thomas(5/22/10), Drew Hicks to Samantha Ricketts (6/5/10), Paden Blythe to Jasmine Ewert (6/5/10), Eric Mabry to Hannah Benton, CJ Bowen to Lisa Jackson (3/13/10).
- ✓ Pray for the Greyfriars' Hall students.
- ✓ Complete healing for Billy Amos, Evangeline Anderson, Betty Appel, Fran Atwood, Paige Atwood, Arie DeWinkle, Julie Garfield, Emmaline Handel, Lizzie Klier, Fred Kohl, 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 Sumpter, Bessie Wilson.

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.

State of the Church 2010

INTRODUCTION:

This is a season for personal inventories, and for resolutions. This is appropriate and fitting . . . unless one of your resolutions needs to be to rely less on resolutions and more on actually doing something. Assuming your resolutions help you get things done, you don't want to lose ground here in order to gain ground there. Sanctification is accumulative—one virtue should not displace another.

THE TEXT:

“Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God” (Rev. 3:2) “Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing” (Phil. 3:16).

SUMMARY OF THE TEXT:

Our first text is taken from the admonition given to the church at Sardis, and it is a pretty stern rebuke. The church there had a reputation for being alive, but was dead (v. 1). It became apparent in the next verse that they were not completely dead (v. 2), but the remaining life there was about to die. There were just a few embers in what had been a roaring fire, and those needed to be blown back into a blaze. “Strengthen the things that remain” means that they needed to get back to first principles, they needed to go back to the word they had first received (v. 3). In the words of the admonition to the church at Ephesus, they needed to return to their first love.

The second text assumes that those reading the exhortation have been faithful, and the call is not to repentance. At the same time, there is no sense of “having arrived.” Paul does not consider himself as having “apprehended” but he continues to press on toward the goal (v. 13). The mark that he strives for is the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (v. 14). Anyone who is mature should think the same way, which shows us that maturity is not complacency (v. 15). Let us continue to do what got us here (v. 16). Let us live up to what we have already attained.

If we have wandered off the path, let us return to it. If we have stayed on the path, by the grace of God, let us keep on.

TIME AND OBEDIENCE:

In this world, time is not an automatic friend. We have just passed one of our culture's milestones for time, going from the year 2009 to the year 2010. This is good . . . or it is not. Time deepens wisdom, but it also hardens folly. Time is given so that we might have time to repent, but it also given so that we might be without excuse. Time allows the grain to ripen, and it allows the weeds to grow. Time allows the meat to roast in the oven, and is also what causes it to burn.

KEEPING THE GOSPEL:

God is triune, and reveals Himself to us as triune. The principle way He chose to do this is through the Incarnation of Jesus. In other words, the doctrine of the Trinity was made necessary by God's complete identification with us—which seems counterintuitive. How can the fact that the eternal Logos became a human being forever and ever lead us to the a complex doctrinal formulation that makes our heads hurt? Well, if it makes our heads hurt, then perhaps we are not as Trinitarian as we might like to believe. It is a given that the infinite God cannot be comprehended by finite minds. That much even unbelievers can know. But our glory is that this infinite God who cannot be comprehended took on human flesh forever, and has assumed a dwelling place among us. The relationship we have with Emmanuel, God with us, is not a relationship with a figure of speech. This is gospel; this is what God has done—a perfect man, living a perfect life on our behalf, and then offering up that life in blood sacrifice, so that we might be put right on the basis of His resurrection from the dead. Put right? Put right with what? With everything. . . . put right with ourselves, put right with the creation, put right with our neighbor, and put right with our God.

KEEPING THE GOSPEL FRESH:

This gospel, in its experienced reality, is transformative. It changes things, and, as it happens, it often changes things that didn't want to be changed. Over time, one of two things will happen. The first is that we persevere in staying on the path, just as we ought to have done. If this is the case, then we need to be encouraged to “keep on keeping on,” as we used to say. The other option is that we slide back into the ways of death, as the saints at Sardis did, all while keeping relics of the gospel around. We revert to the sin while keeping this very fine catechism. As time progresses, that catechism becomes a large pebble in our shoe, one that makes us walk funny. The way we deal with this is that we objectify the truth, putting it “out there,” giving credence to it “in its place.” Thinking that we have created a safe house for the truth to live in, we are actually killing it. The truth is meant to be lived, and if it isn't lived it isn't our truth. The truth is meant to be loved, and if it isn't loved it isn't our truth. Now truth is objective, but we must not objectify it. That is what Paul is talking about when he says that the letter kills but the Spirit gives life. Paul is not hostile to letters—he wrote “the letter kills” with letters. His words are objectively true, and by this we mean that they are not made true by our applause, and they are not falsified when we withhold our applause. But we objectify truth when we say, “Yeah, uh huh, I heard that before.” Or “I knew that once.” For those in this position, they must either come to their first love, or they must return to it.

KEEPING IT SIMPLE:

This year our congregation will be 35 years old. During that time, children born in the first years have grown up, married, and are bringing up children of their own in this same congregation. Things we knew and learned have been successfully passed on—let us continue to live up to what we have already attained. Some have joined the conversation part way, and feel like they are always catching up. Some other things we have drifted away from, and so let us return to the basic things, the simple things—love God and hate sin. Love His Word, despise the world, and learn to love the world. A fitting conclusion is provided by a couple songs—the old gospel song Sweet Jesus says, “Everybody talking about heaven ain't goin' there.” And as the song Denomination Blues puts it, “Ya gotta have Jesus, and that's all”