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Grace and Peace to you



Worship Is a Matter of Supreme Importance

As we consider the matter of Reformed and Presbyterian worship, we have seen that Reformed theology expresses itself in a distinctive form. Additionally, we have considered the practical and theological importance of the forms of worship of the Reformed tradition. If we want to see a revitalization of worship in Presbyterian churches we must recommit to the supreme importance of worship in the life of the church.

This should not be a controversial thing for those tracing their church lineage back to John Calvin. Worship was not a secondary issue for Reformed and Presbyterian folks. It was the central issue. As Carlos M.N. Eire has said, "The central focus of Reformed Protestantism was its interpretation of worship." During the Reformation, John Calvin wrote a tract about the need for reformation. Calvin identified the two defining items of Christianity that make "the whole substance of Christianity." Those two items are "a knowledge first, of the right way to worship God; and secondly of the source from which salvation is to be sought." Calvin defined worship as the central matter for Christians.

We see the centrality of worship plainly when we consider the history of Reformed and Presbyterian churches. The 100 year battle between the Scots and the Puritans against the monarchy and Episcopal Church was primarily over worship. Many Scots and Puritans were persecuted and died over the issue of worship. They were willing to die over worship issues because the "eternal gospel" proclaimed from heaven is "Fear God, and give Him glory...and worship Him" (Revelation 14:6-7).

Once again, worship must be the ultimate priority of the church. Worshiping God rightly must again be the Church's chief concern. We are unbiblical and betray our Reformed and Presbyterian heritage if worship does not receive our first priority, most attention, greatest efforts, and most precise thoughts. Times may have changed but God stays the same. Let us give God his due by making worship of the Lord the most important thing in all the activities of West Hills Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John E. McKenzie

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Get involved in the Mission of Hope Christmas Outreach

West Hills Presbyterian will be visiting its “adopted school”: Stinnett Elementary School, in Leslie County, KY., for our 13th annual MOH Christmas outreach program. We will be delivering toys, clothes, and health/hygiene items to 370 students on Monday, December 12th. We will also be sharing a Gospel message with the students during an assembly. The items we deliver will be collected by Mission of Hope. We will, however, need to provide 90 pairs of shoes for students and also gift bags for the teachers.

How you can help:

1. Pray for this Christmas Outreach
2. Volunteer to go on the trip.
3. Buy shoes for a student via our Sunday School Shoe Collection



Look for a Mission of Hope display in the foyer for more information.

Shoes for Stinnett School Children in Stinnett, KY.

Christmas is coming and once again we have been asked to supply shoes, and socks for 90 of the neediest children. We are excited to see how God is going to supply their needs through your generosity. More information will be made available in each Circle and Adult Sunday School Class. A sign up will also be in the Narthex November 6th and 13th.

Bring your purchased shoes and socks to room 107. A table will be set up for that purpose. There is no need to wrap your item. Put the socks in the shoebox and tape the supplied label to the box. **The deadline is December 9th. All shoes must be in room 107 so that they can be taken to Kentucky on the Mission of Hope truck.** If you would rather donate money to buy shoes, the suggested cost per pair is \$25. Please make a check out to WHPC with the memo of “Stinnett Shoes” and bring to the church office.



[WHPC “Stinnett Trip Team” now being assembled.](#)

If you would like to be one of the 16 people who have the blessing of delivering the toys, shoes and Gospel message to the Students at Stinnett Elementary School on December 11-12, please contact Mitch Townley as soon as possible.

West Hills Presbyterian to Serve
As A “Mission of Hope”
Collection Site



WHPC is serving as a collection site for Mission of Hope’s Toy, Clothing, and Food drive to support their Christmas Outreach program to Appalachian schools. During the 3 week period of Sunday, November 13th through Sunday, December 4th, there will be blue containers located in the foyer, Mission Hall and Family Activity Center. Our goal is to fill the containers with unwrapped, new toys, new clothing, hygiene items, and non-perishable food products. This is a great opportunity to reach out to those in need. Please encourage your family and friends to do so as well. The items we are collecting must be new items.

Are we missing your email
address?

Have you been getting emails from the church about ministry needs and happenings and prayer requests?? If not, that is because we do not have your email address. If you would like to be added our “e-minder” list please send an email with the word “add” in the subject line to: churchofficewhpc@gmail.com.



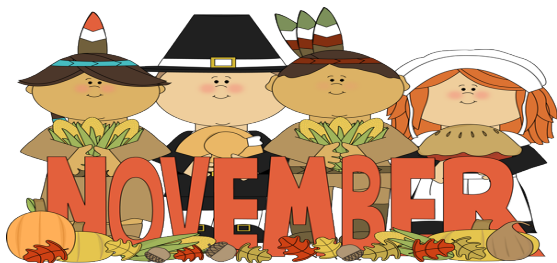
In mid-November, we will have envelopes on the foyer table for those who would like to give to the Ministerial Relief Fund Offering. You can also give online at: www.pcarbi.org or

mail a check to: Ministerial Relief PCA Foundation
1700 N. Brown Rd., Ste 106
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

DO NOT SEND ENVELOPE TO WHPC!




Gifts to the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund (administered by PCA Retirement & Benefits, Inc.) are tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

**** The Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of every month at noon. You may submit your article to the church office or email at churchofficewhpc@gmail.com. Include your name with your submission. We reserve the right to edit for style, content and length. ****



November 2016

		<p>1</p>  <p>Tavia Hofferbert</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm</p>  <p>Ruble Smith</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good News Club 1:45pm Women's Night Circle 6:45pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Prayer Gathering 10am</p>  <p>Harriott Mitchell</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am WM Council Mtg Prayer Gathering 6pm  Luke Fish</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Women's Day Circle 10am</p>  <p>Diane McNeil</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Good News Club 1:45pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Prayer Gathering 10am</p>  <p>Ethan Bailey</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am *Communion/ Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm  Henry Hurst Rhonda Acree</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm Session/Deacon Mtg. 7pm</p>  <p>Everett Allender</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Barbara Eldridge</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Good News Club 1:45pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>G.A.P. 11am</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Prayer Gathering 10am</p>  <p>Robert Genung</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm Blue Star Moms 6:30pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Church Office Closed</p>  <p>Fay Hontz</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Zachary Gonzalez</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Prayer Gathering 10am</p>

27	28	29	30				
Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm	Monday Moms 10am Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm  Pat Stogner Josiah Cimino	 Chad Steed Olivia Fish	Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm  Devin Cimino			Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know your date. 865-693-2031.	Communion is the second Sunday of every month.

**West Hills Presbyterian Church, PCA
2016**

November

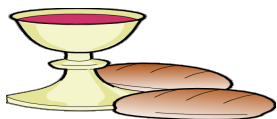
Announcements & Prayer Needs:

Our Deepest Sympathy to Lila Dean and family. Ray Dean went to be with his Lord, Monday, September 19, 2016. A Graveside service was held, Friday, September 23, 2016, at Highland Memorial Cemetery with receiving of friends at WHPC afterwards.

The Deacons have planted grass seed along the walkways and in various areas near the church entrance. We are watering often during this drought and we ask that everyone please stay off these areas until we have established the new grass.

Please remember that the church office needs to approve all note cards, articles, pamphlets, flyers, announcements, etc. before they are put on the foyer table, church bulletin board, or wall/door signs holders.

The 2016 Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board across from the elevator. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary, please sign your name on the designated date and note if you are giving the flowers "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one. The cost is \$50. Please make your payment to the church marked "Flowers".



COMMUNION

Communion is normally served during worship hour on the second Sunday of each month. **This month Communion will be served on November 13th.**

Please Pray For: WHPC Family & Friends

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte Anderton
Nancy Crocker
Lila Dean
Margaret Duggan
Betty Emery
Al & Beth Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Henry McIlwaine
Bob & Betty Mills
Bill & Mimi Morrison
Tammy Owsley & Logan
Irene Price
Alice Redman
Keith & Cheryl Sowder
Claudette Starr
Robert Thio
Mary Zitzman
Our Elders & Deacons
Our Church
Our Missionaries
Our nation/President

WHPC Active Duty Military Personnel

Eric Abercrombie
Jamie Morris wife of Rob Morris
Kevin Bell
Gabe Green

(9-18-16 through 10-9-16)

Average Attendance - 150

Average Visitors Attendance - 10

September 2016 Financial Report

Income

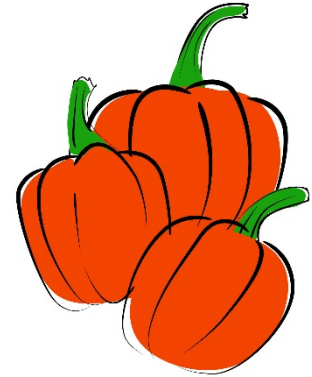
Actual Income for September: \$22,230.70
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$270,249.58

Expense

Actual Expense for September: \$36,628.32
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$360,614.29

Summary

Current Month Expenses Exceeds Income by: **\$14,397.62**
Year-to-date Expenses Exceeds Year-to-date Income by: **\$90,364.71**



Session Minutes Summary

In July, a request was received from Mr. Maynard Nordmoe for use of the church sanctuary and FAC on Saturday, November 19. Ruling Elder Mowles was asked to contact Mr. Nordmoe to gain more information about the specific activities planned. Mr. Mowles did so, and reported to the Session at its August 8 meeting that the activities would be associated with a family and friends celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Nordmoe's 50th wedding anniversary. Session approved the request.

Mr. DJ Cimino was elected as our delegate to the July meeting of Tennessee Valley Presbytery, and he attended that meeting along with Pastor McKenzie.

Session approved opening a period of nomination for new officers. Mrs. Dannel Harb had sent a question regarding what she and the women's Bible study meeting on Wednesdays should do if there was a request that would necessitate use of the facilities before 1:00 PM on Wednesdays, specifically in the event of a requested funeral service. The session moved that "the church office facilitate requests in a manner that would avoid conflict with on-going programs". In practice, Pastor McKenzie, as the most likely person to be contacted regarding the need for use of the facilities for a funeral/memorial service, will either make the decision or take it to the Session. Our intent is to avoid or minimize disruption of the Wednesday Bible study.

In August, there was a request that a letter of thanks be drafted and sent to an individual from one of the women's Bible studies who had given a "love gift". It was noted that the financial secretary customarily sends a note to the donor recognizing their gift, so no separate letter from the Session was thought necessary.

Session approved, in August, that the Christian Education Committee would review all topics and curriculum being taught at WHPC, regardless of format, and that 30 days would be required for the review. A list of preferred sources of published materials and bookstores was also promulgated, including PCA Bookstore, WTS Bookstore, P&R Publishers, Banner of Truth, Reformation Trust, Lignonier Ministries, Christian Focus, etc. It was also recommended, and approved, that WHPC only use material already published and reviewed as teaching curriculum, and not any self-produced material.

In September, Mrs. Kati Hurst requested time to present the Session with a potential opportunity for WHPC to work with Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Tennessee. This opportunity would primarily include provision of

some form of snack after their regular Tuesday meetings. We suggested that Mrs. Hurst contact Lee Ledbetter, RUF International at UT, to discuss possible opportunities with the international students.

The Christian Education Committee brought a motion to approve revisions to the "Policy on Requirements for Teachers at WHPC", including a proposed teacher meet with the CE committee, adhere to the Westminster Standards and the Larger Catechism, and be approved by the Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Session held a called meeting on September 19 to review the roll for inactive and/or missing members, and intends to contact as many as possible to ascertain their intent with regard to their membership at WHPC.

Several shepherding matters of a sensitive nature have also been discussed and bathed in prayer by your Session, and we know that the Lord hears our prayers and answers according to His will. Please pray for all of your officers as we seek to serve the Lord and this body of believers here at WHPC.

A note from your Finance Committee: please make it a matter of prayer that the Lord will move all of us to exercise stewardship of our resources in support of this church. As you can see from the Financial Report, giving to the General Fund of the church is significantly below the level needed to support the on-going operation of West Hills Presbyterian Church.

October Circle Summary
Chapter 10 - Mary's Extravagant Love

"Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume." John 12:3

A pound – about 11 ½ ounces in those days. Not very much, but it filled the house with its fragrance. Do you feel you have little to give to God? Give Him what you have and watch Him "fill the house" with it.

Expensive ointment - In verse 5 Judas gives us an idea of what the ointment was worth—about a year's salary. How much does your family make in a year? Would you be willing to give that to Jesus? To pour it out at His feet because of your love for Him? How much would you pay for an hour of prayer? How much would you pay for one sin to be forgiven? What is your salvation and inheritance worth to you? Jesus' extravagant love for us and His bodily sacrifice on the cross paid the price for our rich inheritance. We don't have to monetarily pay for these blessings. But God does ask us to take up our cross and follow Him. There is a cost.

Pure nard – not a mixture but pure. Do you give God your best? Is what you give Him pure?

Anointed His feet – It was customary to anoint the head but Mary bows down to anoint His feet. Jesus said she is doing this for the day of my burial. Mary seized the opportunity. As we learn in Luke 23:56 and 24:1 when the women went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with spices and ointment, it was too late. Jesus had already risen. Do we seize every opportunity God gives us? Do we in humility and worship bow down to Christ anointing Him with all we have?

Wiped His feet with her hair – A woman's hair was her glory (1 Cor. 11:15). It was also a sign of softness, tenderness, and beauty. Are we ready to give our "glory" to the King of Kings?

Jesus didn't ask Mary to do this. But can our love be so extravagant that nothing is too much for our Savior? What can we voluntarily give to God?

This expensive ointment was probably Mary's dowry to the man she would marry. By pouring this ointment on Jesus' feet, she is in effect giving up her future, her hopes, and her dreams.

Are we willing to lay our future, our hopes, and our dreams at the Savior's feet?

How did Mary get to the place where she willingly offered all she had? By sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to Him (Luke 10:38-42). By witnessing the resurrection of her brother Lazarus (John 11). By knowing Jesus. Extravagant love flows from a heart that **knows** Him.

When I get to heaven and can converse with Mary myself I will probably find out all the details of what happened after this. Maybe a young man witnessed her love and fell in love with her because of her spiritual worth and was willing to marry her without a dowry. Maybe she remained single as a result of her sacrifice. There is a price for extravagant love.

But when I have that conversation with her, she may ask me, "Now tell me about your story of extravagant love for Jesus. What did you sacrifice?" What will my answer be?

I can only answer with this prayer: "Lord, I want my heart to overflow with extravagant love for you. I surrender all that I have at your feet. Thank you for your extravagant love for me."

Grateful for Him and you! Julie Moore

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

II Timothy 3:16

WHO: Women with a desire to study God's Word
 WHAT: Ongoing weekly Bible Study;
 Facilitator, Dannell Harb
 WHEN: January 11- March 22
 Wednesday mornings, 10AM-noon
 WHERE: WHPC, Room 106

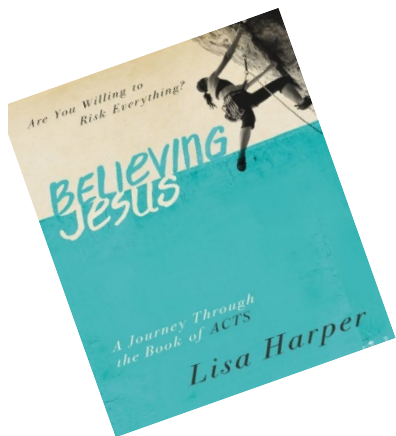


THE BOOK OF ACTS

Believing Jesus

A STUDY BY LISA HARPER

- Discover what it means to believe Jesus
- Learn how to shape our lives around that belief
- Determine how that belief needs to affect our choices
- Change the way we conduct ourselves with other Christians



- Each class includes a video segment and a discussion time.
- A study book with questions may be purchased for \$8 at the first class.
- A signup sheet will be located in the foyer.
- Bring a friend! Visitors always welcome!
- For more information, call Suzanne Fowler (584-2483) or Dannell Harb (584-3554).



Christmas Brunch
Saturday, December 3, 2016
10 am - 12 pm
FAC

Ladies, Please join us for our annual Christmas brunch. We will enjoy some delicious food, fellowship with one another and a Christmas message.

Penny Cole, will be our speaker. She has been a Bible Study Fellowship Teaching Leader for 15 years and now leads Wednesday Fellowship, a Bible study group at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. In 1987, she helped establish the first evening group of BSF at our own West Hills Presbyterian Church! She is married to Bill Cole (52 years) and has two grown children.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Mission to the World

30 Days of Prayer for World Missions

We at MTW covet your prayers for world missions. Your prayers are critical for the growth of the Church. We are thankful for your commitment to pray for our missionaries and ministries throughout the month of November, particularly for those in restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith. The calendar also highlights the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 6, giving you the opportunity to join the worldwide body of Christ in prayer for the persecuted Church. Calendars are available on the foyer table.



WHPC Staff/ Office Hours 9-3:30

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John E. McKenzie, PastorM-TH

Fred C. Fowler, Assistant Pastor to Seniors

Mitch Townley, Director of Children’s Ministry.....M-TH

Doug White, Coordinator of Discipleship & Outreach.....T&TH (Mornings)

Faye Poston, SecretaryM-TH (9-3:30) F (9-1)

Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary.....M-TH (Various hours)

Sarah Dockery, Choir Director