

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU



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Orthodoxy Results In Doxology

by Reverend John E. McKenzie

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

(Romans 12:1 ESV)

Orthodoxy results in doxology. The word ‘orthodoxy’ comes from the Greek words *orthos* and *doxa*. It means correct theological doctrine. The word ‘doxology’ comes from the Greek words *doxa* and *logos*. It is a way of saying worship or praise. When someone says, “Orthodoxy results in doxology”, they are merely using catchy language to say, “Good theology will always lead to worship.”

Good theology shows the greatness of God. It shows the wonder of Jesus Christ. It shows the glory of God’s justice and mercy meeting in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Additionally, good theology enables us to see ourselves as we truly are. We are men and women made in God’s image. We are made to glorify God, yet our lives were turned inward and ugly through sin. Left to ourselves, we are enemies of God and deserve His wrath. But in Jesus, we are reconciled to God.

This good theology produces a humble posture in everyone that believes it. The greatness of God and our position as His creatures causes us to grow in reverence, admiration, and meekness. Additionally, it stirs us to worship. We glory in our marvelous God because He has made Himself known and draws near to us while drawing us near to Him. Since all good theology leads to worship, I would encourage you, West Hills Presbyterian Church, to approach all matters of doctrine “devotionally.” We study to grow in our relationship with God and not merely to know correct principles. My hope and prayer for West Hills Presbyterian Church is that we will know Christ deeply and make Him known as we read our Bibles and our theology books. Good theology make us love Jesus more and offer our lives as living sacrifices to our God. It’s a matter of the heart. Let us worship Him together.

September Session Summary

In September, the Session and Diaconate continued their study of RC Sproul's book "What is Reformed Theology?", Chapter 6. The nominating period for Ruling Elder and Deacon concluded on September 13. The men who were nominated will be examined by the Session. Officer training will be completed, and then those men who are qualified will be identified to the congregation and a date for the officer election will be set. The Session approved the date of October 25 for the baptism of Chris and Stephanie Bruffey's infant daughter, as well as the date of December 6 at 5:30 PM for the annual Christmas concert. We also granted Mrs. Faye Poston a paid leave of absence while she cares for her husband Buddy during his illness. Approval was given for employment of a temporary secretary, and the Session is very grateful to Mrs. Linda Mowles, Mrs. Debbie Kinnard, and Mrs. Harriott Mitchell for their support in the church office. The church also received a request from West Hills Elementary School for permission to use the FAC as a temporary shelter and pickup area if an emergency evacuation of the school was required. This permission was given. If you desire to read the complete Session minutes, you will find them available in the church office.



Shoes for Stinnett School Children in Stinnett, KY.

Christmas is coming and once again we have been asked to supply shoes, and socks for the neediest children. Last year we supplied these items for 80 children. This year the number has increased to 88. It will only be shoes and socks this year. We are excited to

see how God is going to supply their needs through your generosity. More information on what, who and how will be made available in each circle and Adult Sunday School Class. A sign up will also be in the Narthex November 1st and 8th.

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 these items or if you would like more information contact Kim Townley at 323-1570.



Get involved in the Mission Of Hope Christmas Outreach

West Hills Presbyterian will be visiting its “adopted school”, Stinnett Elementary School, in Leslie County, Kentucky for our 12th annual MOH Christmas outreach program. We will be delivering toys, clothes, and health/hygiene items to 370 students on Monday, December 14th. 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 88 pairs of shoes and also gift bags for the teachers.

How you can help:

- Pray for this Christmas Outreach
- Volunteer to go on the trip.
- Buy shoes and/or coats for one of our students.
- Help us pack the truck.
- Help at the Mission Of Hope warehouse throughout the Christmas campaign. They will be reaching 27 schools and 12,000 children.

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

WHPC “Stinnett Trip Team” now being assembled. If you would like to be one of the 16 people who will have the blessing of delivering the toys, coats, shoes and Gospel message to the Students at Stinnett Elementary School on December 14th, 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 15th through Sunday, December 6th, 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.

Please, no glass containers or microwaveable items; do not wrap the items.

The items we are collecting must be new and might include:

- Clothing: any size - coats, jeans, shirts, blouses, matching sweat suits, socks, underwear, hats, gloves
- Hygiene: family size - toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo
- Toys (\$10 value and above) suggestions: books, dolls, board games, footballs, basketballs, fishing rods, etc.
- Food: (16 oz) corn, green beans, fruit; saltines; (18 oz) stew, chili, dinner entrees; oatmeal; peanut butter; (10.5 oz) soup; (7 oz) tuna; (2 lb) dried beans; (5 lb) sugar, flour, cornmeal.

For questions concerning donations, please contact the MOH office at 865-584-7571 or visit their website at:

<http://www.missionofhope.org/christmas.html>



Mercy Committee Update!!

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The Mercy Committee of the women in the Church exists to provide food for those in our church family who are sick or bereaved. I am writing to provide an update on how this Mercy Committee (not to be confused with the Deacon's Mercy Fund) will function. In order to better serve the needs of our church and distribute the ministry work more efficiently, we will once again be forming teams. However, we will now be working on a team rotation system rather than a monthly system.

Once there is a need for a meal, the Mercy Chair will get the appropriate details and report to a Mercy Team Captain. The Captain will then contact her team and make arrangements to provide and deliver the meal. The teams will rotate with each individual need.

We will continue to help those who come home from the hospital, experience a death in the family, suffer a long term-illness, or need an occasional meal. Below is a list of teams and team captains, to help facilitate the needs for meals.

Please let me know if you are unable to help or want your name taken off the list.

Thank you for your time and help in supporting our church family.

Jill Rhyne, Mercy Chair

<p>Group 1 Diane McNeil, Captain Tami Defenderfer Jenny Gonzalez Kristin Trindle Alice Redman</p>	<p>Group 2 Claudette Starr, Captain Barbara Slover Marcia Bartlett Sue McMillan Nancy Miller</p>	<p>Group 3 Suzanne Fowler, Captain Marsha Rhyne Julie Moore Susan Joiner Stephanie Bruffey</p>	<p>Group 4 Dougal Moore, Captain Nancy Zimmerman Jama Overton Rhonda Acree Michelle McKenzie Janice Richardson</p>
<p>Group 5 Cheryl Sowder, Captain Sharon Bowles Mary Stevens Charlotte Anderton Beth Grant Ria Tyler</p>	<p>Group 6 Pat Stogner, Captain Judy Booth Lila Dean Christine McClure Irene Price</p>	<p>Group 7 Jill Rhyne, Captain Harriot Mitchell Joni Maples Carolyn Brakebill Becky Glass Barbara Eldridge</p>	<p>Group 8 Ellen Smith, Captain Emilee Frincke Karen Townley Debbie Kinnard Carol Coffin</p>
<p>Group 9 Anne Moor, Captain Dannell Harb Ruth Caldwell Laurice McCord Margaret Rodgers</p>	<p>Group 10 Emily Cimino, Captain Les Mitchell Shannon Voss Geraldine Fish Jessica Sneed</p>	<p>Group 11 Janet Mullins, Captain Nancy Crocker Kane McAfee Tavia Hofferbert Mimi Morrison Betty Mills</p>	<p>Group 12 Linda Mowles, Captain Kristen Allender Betty Emery Kathleen Parsley Margaret Duggan Becky Stokes</p>

Beginning in January 2016

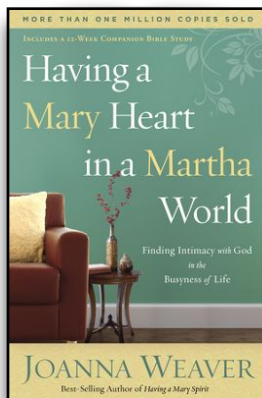
Day & Night Circle Study

led by Julie Moore

“Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World”

Deadline for book orders is November 10th. Signup sheet available in the church foyer and at Circle meetings. Cost is approximately \$10.00 depending upon final shipping cost. Please pay when you pick up your book. Make checks payable to WHPC.

If you prefer to download the book to your personal device, an eBook is also available from many online suppliers for \$10.00.



Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World By Joanna Weaver

For more information about Joanna Weaver, please go to <http://www.yearinbethany.com>

For a downloadable workbook to enrich your study, go to <http://www.yearinbethany.com/Having-a-Mary-Heart.html>

The life of a woman today isn't really all that different from that of Mary and Martha in the New Testament. Like Mary, you long to sit at the Lord's feet...but the daily demands of a busy world just won't leave you alone. Like Martha, you love Jesus and really want to serve him...yet you struggle with weariness, resentment, and feelings of inadequacy. Then comes Jesus, right into the midst of your busy Mary/Martha life---and he extends the same invitation he issued long ago to the two sisters of Bethany. Tenderly he invites you to choose "the better part"---a joyful life of "living-room" intimacy with him that flows naturally into "kitchen service" for him.

How can you make that choice? Now updated with a new 12 week companion Bible study, Weaver shows how all of us---Marys and Marthas alike---can draw closer to our Lord, deepening our devotion, strengthening our service, and doing both with less stress and greater joy.



November 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tavia Hofferbert	2 Monday Moms 10 am Ruble Smith	3	4 Ladies' Study 10 am Family Dinner 5:30 pm Programs 6:30 Choir 6:30	5 Good News Club 1:45 Night Circle 6:45 pm Harriot Mitchell	6	7 Prayer Gathering 10 am
8 *Communion WIC Council Meeting Diane McNeil	9 Monday Moms 10 am Deacon/Session Meeting 7 pm	10 Day Circle 10 am	11 Ladies' Study 10 am Family Dinner 5:30 pm Programs 6:30 Choir 6:30	12 Good News Club 1:45	13	14 Prayer Gathering 10 am Everett Allender Ben Dixon
15 Barbara Eldridge	16 Monday Moms 10 am	17	18 Ladies' Study 10 am Family Dinner 5:30 pm Programs 6:30 Choir 6:30 Ruth Joiner	19 Good News Club 1:45	20 G.A.P. 11 am	21 Prayer Gathering 10 am
22	23 Monday Moms 10 am	24 Fay Hontz	25 Ladies' Study 10 am	26 Happy Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	27	28 Prayer Gathering 10 am Pat Stogner
29 Chad Steed	30 Monday Moms 10 am	<p>*Communion is served on the second Sunday of the month. Also on the second Sunday is an opportunity to give to the Deacon's Mercy Fund. Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office at 693-2031 if we have errors or omissions.</p>				



Announcements & Prayer Needs

We express our sincere sympathy to Henry McIlwaine and family, upon the death of Henry's wife, Sandra McIlwaine, on Tuesday, October 13th. The service was held at West Hills Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 17th at noon, followed by the receiving of friends. The Reverend John E. McKenzie officiated.

Robert and Tami Defenderfer are happy to announce the birth of their grandson, Owen James on October 6th. His proud parents are Alex and Ashley Defenderfer and his rather skeptical brother is Eli.

Our new website is up and running!

Please check it out at www.whpca.net.

New Email Addresses for the Church Staff

Please use these email addresses for church related communication: John McKenzie: johnwhpc@gmail.com; Mitch Townley: mitchwhpc@gmail.com; Secretary, Doug White, Fred Fowler: churchofficewhpc@gmail.com.

The **RUF International Thanksgiving Dinner & Celebration** is on the evening of Sunday, November 22 at the home of Lee and Jen Leadbetter. Give them a helping hand this year by providing a dish or helping with the clean-up. You can also provide a student with transportation. Please go to [RUF Thanksgiving Food sign-up form](#), or contact them at (865) 292-3439, leeleadbetter@gmail.com to show your support for the work that they do! They are planning to host 75 or more so your help will be greatly appreciated!

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.

Linda Mowles has a blog! Visit her webpage and share in her ruminating at [THE RUMINANT SCRIBE – SNAPSHOTS OF GOD'S WORLD AND WORD](#) (lindamowles.com).

The deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of every month at noon. Please submit your article to Tami Defenderfer, tdefenderfer@gmail.com. You may also place your article in the mailbox marked with her name located in the church office. Include your name with your submission. We reserve the right to edit for style, content and length.

Please pray for:

WHPC Family & Friends

Clara Abercrombie
Nancy Crocker
Kermit & Ceola Davis
Ray Dean
Becky Glass
Al Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Kelly Keen
Kane McAfee
Henry McIlwaine
Archie & Sue McMillan
Bill Morrison
Tammy Owsley
Buddy Poston
Martha Phillips
Jean Russell's granddaughter,
Briella
Keith & Cheryl Sowder
Claudette Starr
Robert Thio
Mary Zitzman
Our Church
Our Elders & Deacons
Our Missionaries
Our Nation/President

WHPC Active Duty Military

Personnel

Eric Abercrombie
Jonathan Hamilton
Rob and wife, Jamie Morris
Kevin Bell
Edwin P. Davis, Jr.
Gabe Green
Jordan Wood
Scott LaPanne

Attendance for Sep 20 - Oct 11:

Average attendance: 138
Visitors: 7

Adult Sunday School Schedule

Women's Class	Young Adults	Harvesters
Sue Fowler, Julie Moore	Rev. John McKenzie	Doug White / Peyton Moore
Parlor	Ed. Wing #108	Ed. Wing #106
"By Faith Alone"	Gospel of Mark	Gospel of Mark

Children's Sunday School Schedule

3yrs-1st grade	2nd - 5th Grade	6th - 12th grades
Mitch Townley Room 101	Dannell Harb Room 205	Anne Moor / Shirley Hedrick Room 206

SEPTEMBER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Actual Income for September: \$22,001.36

Actual Income Year-to-date: \$323,218.60

EXPENSE

Actual Expenses for September: \$41,248.53

Actual Expenses Year-to-date: \$347,173.11

SUMMARY

September Income Exceeds September Expenses by: (\$19,247.17)

YTD Income over Expenses: (\$23,954.51)

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Mitch Townley, Director of Children's Ministry.....	M-R
Doug White, Coordinator of Discipleship & Outreach.....	T & R
Faye Poston, Secretary.....	M-F
Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary.....	M & R