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Grace and Peace to you



Reformed Worship Isn't A Joke

In our meditation on Reformed worship, we considered that Reformed theology expresses itself through distinctly Reformed worship. Additionally, we contemplated the emotive power of forms of worship. Now, we will consider a foundational question surrounding Reformed worship. The question is, "Are the forms of worship used in the Reformed tradition being taken seriously?"

One gifted thinker advised, "Don't ever take a fence down until you know the reason why it was put up." Yet, Presbyterians today are quick to dismiss the forms, practices and principles of worship used by former generations. Some Presbyterians nowadays put value on "creativity" in worship and unfamiliar practices that "touch the heart." They use such practices because they are emotive. However, doing so requires them to ignore the historically rooted "regulative principle" (which simply means only worshipping God as He prescribes in the Bible). There is so much breadth in the Presbyterian church today that each minister and church is free to do whatever is right in their own eyes.

In contrast to this ahistorical and untheological approach to worship, the historically Reformed and Presbyterian church has *sola scriptura* as a foundational principle. The worship practices of the "Reformed tradition" are based upon a history of biblical interpretation about worship. There has been consensus among Reformed churches and ministers for 400 years about what the Bible teaches and requires.

However, some well-respected Presbyterian theologians disregard this tradition without sensing the need to seriously interact with it. Those of us who value the Reformed tradition are troubled. We believe Jesus has been leading the church into "all truth" since the beginning (cf. John 16:13). The leaders of the Reformed tradition were excellent Bible teachers. If our generation wants to worship in a way that is Biblically sound and historically meaningful, we will need to take a harder look at the Reformed tradition of worship. I hope to do that through these articles in the coming months.

I heavily relied upon Terry Johnson's 'Leading in Worship' for the content and form of this article. For a more thorough reading on this matter, I suggest reading the source material: Johnson, Terry. Leading in Worship: A Sourcebook for Presbyterian Students and Ministers Drawing upon the Biblical and Historic Forms of the Reformed Tradition. Oak Ridge, TN: Covenant Foundation, 1996. pp. 1-14.

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20th Anniversary of the WHPC Fall Family Festival

**Friday, October 28th
6:30-8:30p.m.**

Your presence is needed to support WHPC's largest community event. Our 20th Annual Fall Family Festival is Friday, October 28th from 6:30-8:30pm.

Families in the community look forward to this every year, and we are excited to be able to host such an exciting event. The **ONLY** way this is possible is when every able bodied WHPC member and friend makes a commitment to serve at this event.

I am asking all of you to consider how you can actively support the Fall Festival this year with a couple hours of service on October 28th. I promise you that it will be a blessing! – Mitch Townley.

Volunteers Needed! Be a Game Booth Attendant

Basketball
Tic/Tac/Toss
Target Shoot
Hayride Driver

Pumpkin
Horseshoe Safari
Nerf Shooter
Inflatable Moonwalk

Goliath Target
Dart Toss
Face Painting
and others!!

Be an Activity Attendant

Face Painting / Gospel Bracelet
Name Necklace

Cook/Serve in the Snack Shack

Hot dogs, drinks, chips, baked goods

Help Set Up Booths/Tables on Friday Morning

We will begin at 9:30am and finish by noon.

Distribute Flyers in your Neighborhood and/or at Schools

Please contact your child's school about how we can get some flyers handed out and/or an announcement in their school newsletter. See Mitch for flyers.

Donate Candy/Baked Goods

A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the church foyer
Approximately 40 volunteers are needed.





Be a part of the WHPC Good News Club Prayer Team.

Our 12th year of conducting an After School Good News Bible Club, at West Hills Elementary began on Thursday, September 8th. Thirteen WHPC volunteers lead the Bible Club activities which include: small group prayer and scripture memory time, music, Bible lesson, scripture memory review games, a missionary story, and snacks. At each club, we have time of prayer for the children to share prayer requests and items of praise. A prayer and praise report is then emailed to all members of the Good News Club prayer team to lift up in prayer during the week. Would you be interested in being a part of this team? No training is needed but a sincere commitment is required. Please contact our Church Secretary, Faye Poston, if interested.

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Be An Angel...



Attend the next
Ladies Meeting.

See you there!

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

We meet every Wednesday, 10:00am, in room 106. We are studying "The Gospel of Mark, The Jesus We're Aching For", a study by Lisa Harper.

Please join us for the gospel, fellowship, and prayer.

Each class has a video segment and discussion time. A study book with questions may be purchased for \$13. For more information call Suzanne Fowler (584-2483) or Dannel Harb (584-3554).



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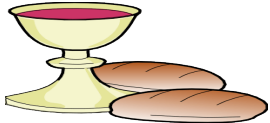
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30 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm	31 Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm Monday Moms Group 10:00am			Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know your date. 865-693-2031.	Communion is the second Sunday of every month.		

Announcements & Prayer Needs:

Church Wide Workday, October 22nd. The Deacons will be having the annual Fall workday on Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00am to Noon. All help can be used and will be appreciated (UT football off-week). Any questions please see one of the Deacons.

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 October 9th.**

August 2016 Financial Report

Income

Actual Income for August: \$30,996.70
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$248,018.88

Expense

Actual Expense for August: \$38,044.14
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$323,985.97

Summary

Current Month Expenses Exceeds Income by: **\$7,047.44**
Year-to-date Expenses Exceeds Year-to-date Income by: **\$75,967.09**

Please Pray For: WHPC Family & Friends

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte Anderton
Nancy Crocker
Ray 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

(8-21-16 through 9-11-16)

Average Attendance - 152

Average Visitors Attendance - 10



The logo for West Hills Presbyterian Women's Ministry features the word "Women's" in a large, elegant, cursive script. Above it, "West Hills Presbyterian" is written in a smaller, simple font. Below "Women's", the word "MINISTRY" is written in a bold, all-caps, serif font. The text is framed by decorative flourishes and scrollwork.

Ladies,

Please join us for our **Fall Retreat on Saturday, October 22 at Ijams Nature Center** (2915 Island Home Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920 - (865) 577-4717).

Danishes will be available as ladies are arriving at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin at 10 a.m. with lunch being served around noon. We will worship, fellowship and learn together surrounded by the Lord's creation resplendent with beautiful Fall color! There are many trails for you to walk and prayerfully reflect upon the teaching and the Lord's beauty. The program will end approximately at 3 p.m.

Sandy Hartley, the PCA Women's Regional Advisor for our presbytery, will be our speaker. She has been a speaker at many conferences across our region and as far away as Colombia. She has a passion for discipleship and will help each one of us to understand the role our Lord has given us.



"My dream is that more PCA women especially will know and understand the doctrines of our faith and want to pass them onto the next generation. The training we offer women is basic biblical womanhood from a complementarian view. Older PCA women need to teach and train the younger women in these truths as the worldview is offering a totally different perspective. Titus 2 discipleship ministry is a must in our churches to continue the next generations teaching them to think biblically based on scripture and live covenantally." ~ Sandy Hartley

Please join us. There is no charge for members but to be sure we have enough food and materials, you must RSVP to whpcwomensministry@gmail.com or signup in the foyer. Parking is limited so please plan to carpool or hop a seat on the church bus. The bus departs from the church parking lot at 9 a.m.

Blessings,

Tami Defenderfer

Circle Study Summary of Chapter 9 – Martha’s Teachable Heart

“If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples.
And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31-32

GOD ISN'T GRADING YOU; GOD IS IN THE PROCESS OF GRADUATING YOU

As we were discussing our lesson in the Night Circle, Linda Mowles brought up a good analogy concerning a teachable heart. Jesus used a similar illustration in the parable of the sower in Matthew 13. Just as the condition of the soil is important for growing crops, so is the condition of our hearts for us to be teachable.

What is the condition of the “soil” of your heart today?

- Is it resistant to God’s Spirit like the red clay of East Tennessee soil?
- Are there weeds of sin or bitterness or rebellion that need to be pulled before they take root?
- Is it lacking nutrients because of the lack of God’s Word?
- Are there rocks that need to be removed to keep from stumbling?
- Or is it rich and loamy, ready to receive the seed that God wants to plant in it?

Joanna Weaver offered a great little quiz to discern the condition of our teachable hearts. It served to show us where we’re succeeding and where we need some additional work.

But God is not **GRADING** us; He is in the process of **GRADUATING** us to a deeper level with Him. That can only happen when our hearts are teachable and ready for receiving all that He has for us.

So if the soil of your heart needs conditioning, ask the Master Gardener to help you. He knows just what is needed in your heart to make it the rich soil to receive all that He has for you.

Grateful for Him and you!

Julie Moore

ALL HANDS ON DECK--It's CUBA TIME!!!

The Foreign Mission Committee is once again excited to be sending a FULL TEAM to Cuba this fall, led by God under the direction of Garry Chin. The team is already gearing up and has completed their first two days of prayer and preparation. The Lord is moving mightily as HE surrounds and fortifies those whom He has called.

You, too are invited to share in this mission in the following ways.

1. Begin to support the team: Garry Chin, David & Susan & JD Joiner, Barbara Slover, and Betty Wilson.
 - a. Pray for them fervently.
 - b. Speak with them often, asking about progress and giving encouragement.
 - c. Pray that Visas will be granted in a timely manner.
 - d. Pray that airline schedules will be released soon and be affordable.
 - e. Pray that the financial needs of the team will be met. If possible, support them individually as your finances allow.
2. Pray for our Cuban family
 - a. Pray for translators and for those who prepare for our arrival.
 - b. Pray for suitable accommodations.
 - c. Pray for those with whom the Gospel will be shared.
3. Donate specific items the team can carry to Cuba as love gifts to the church. A list of acceptable items has been placed in the foyer, and a donation box is available in the mission hallway. Deadline for donations is October 9th, after worship service.

Come be part of this mission, used by God to **"equip [us] with everything good that [we] may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever."** Hebrews13:21

**** **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. ****

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