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Grace and Peace to you

The Power of Liturgy

As we began considering the distinctives of Reformed worship, I stated in the last article that Reformed theology generates its own forms of worship, which reflect its theological distinctives. Next, we will consider the power exerted by the forms used in worship. It should not be taken lightly.

Some of the college students coming to the University of Tennessee this semester will be looking for new church homes. What is the single largest determining factor for where they will attend? Is it proximity to the dorm? Is it the number of other UT students present? It is something else? All of those factors come up with college students, but "worship style" seems to always be at the top of the list.

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The power exerted by the forms used in worship should not be underestimated. Imagine Suzy moves to UT, and she grew up worshiping at First Presbyterian Church of Paintsville, OH. First Pres. of Paintsville is "high church," is heavily liturgical, and borrows a lot from the Episcopalian Book of Common Prayer. Also, Bobby moves to UT, and he grew up worshiping at The Journey (Presbyterian Church) of Fondren, KY. The Journey is very informal, incorporates a wide range of cool practices from the medieval church, is more "led by the Spirit," and uses practices found in lots of Charismatic churches. Additionally, Jenny moves to UT, and she is an active member at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Keaton, TN. Covenant Presbyterian Church organized their worship service after First Baptist Church in downtown Keaton because FBC had really grown in numbers since they changed up their worship. Suzy, Bobby, and Jenny love their home churches. It is safe to assume that they will struggle to find a Presbyterian church that worships just like they did "back home." Where will they likely attend and join? It is most likely Suzy will join an Episcopal church close to the campus, Bobby will attend a Charismatic/Emergent Church that meets at the local theater on Sundays, and Jenny will join one of the local 'big program' Baptist churches on the edge of the suburbs. Furthermore, each of them will likely join those same types of churches once they graduate from college. Why? They will leave the Presbyterian Church because of the forms used in worship.

The power exerted by the forms used in worship is substantial. I have known committed, conservative Presbyterians, whose faith grew in churches with 'contemporary' services, join other denominations when they moved to another area. Why would they do that since they believed the Presbyterian Church was the most faithful to the Bible? Well, they had excellent, conservative, evangelistic, biblical Presbyterian churches in their new location, but they were 'traditional' in their worship. Likewise, I have known this to happen when Presbyterians were discipled in a 'traditional' church and move to an area with only 'contemporary' Presbyterian churches. Biblical truth wasn't the determining factor for where they attended church. The forms of worship were.

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Back To School Lock-In 2016

September 23: 6:00PM – September 24: 9:00AM
Grades: 1st -5th (2016/2017 school year)
Cost: $5.00
An overnight adventure of pizza, games, music, movies, and devotions. Be there!! Adult & H.S Chaperones encouraged.

Lunch with Mr. Mitch:

If your child is interested in having a lunch visit with Mr. Mitch, please contact him with their schedule and any other particulars. He would love to visit them at their school. You may e-mail him at: mitchwhpc@gmail.com

Wednesday Evening Table Hosts For Community Children:

We still are in need of table hosts every Wednesday evening, we need 4 adults (2 per table) to monitor the children who eat dinner at the church without their parents in attendance. There will typically be 4-5 children at each table. Time is from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Wednesday Evening Nursery Caregivers:

We are still looking for 5 caregivers for the Wednesday evening nursery. 6:15-7:30pm.

Good News Club Volunteers Needed

Can you serve on Thursdays from 1:45pm-4:00pm during the school year? Please join us for our 12th year of ministry at West Hills Elementary School. Our first Club meeting is September 8, 2016. Fifteen 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. The club utilizes teaching materials published by Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Elementary Students Activity Schedules:

Mr. Mitch would like to attend at least one of your child's special activities this Fall. This could be a game, concert, recital, school assembly or something else that falls into the activity category. He has even been known to attend Girl Scout programs. Please make him aware of their schedules.

Sunday, September 11th
Sunday School Kick-Off
&
Church Picnic

You're invited to help us "Kick-Off" the new Sunday school year. Activities begin at 9:30am in the FAC with refreshments and an introduction to the classes and the teachers. This year's theme is "Study to Show Thyself Approved". Immediately following the worship service, join us in the FAC for fellowship and a lunch, catered by Calhoun's. All who plan to attend the lunch must sign-up in the church foyer or call the church office by September 4th. Please also plan to bring a dessert to share.

****** The Deadline for the newsletter** is the 15th of every month at noon. You may submit your article to 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. *****

September 2016

				1 WIC Night Circle 6:45pm Mark McNeil Sharon Chadwell	**2** Janet Mullins	**3** Prayer Gathering 10am
4 Sunday School 9:30am **Worship 10:50am** WM Council Mtg Prayer Gathering 6pm **Lewis Kinnard**	**5** Monday Night CareGroup 6:30pm	**6**	**7** Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	**8** Good News Club 1:45pm	**9** Bob Hedrick	**10** Prayer Gathering 10am
11 Sunday School 9:30am ***Communion/ Worship 10:50am** Sunday School Kick-off & Picnic,9:30am & 12:30pm Prayer Gathering 6pm Cheryl Sowder	**12** Monday Night CareGroup 6:30pm Session/Deacon Mtg. 7pm	**13** WIC Day Circle 10am Don Jackson	**14** Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Taylor Vos	**15** Good News Club 1:45pm	**16** G.A.P. 11am	**17** Prayer Gathering 10am
18 Sunday School 9:30am **Worship 10:50am** Prayer Gathering 6pm	**19** Monday Night CareGroup 6:30pm Blue Star Moms 6:30pm	**20** Bob Mills	**21** Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Becky Armstrong	**22** Good News Club 1:45pm	**23** Robert Thio	**24** Prayer Gathering 10am
25 Sunday School 9:30am **Worship 10:50am** Prayer Gathering 6pm	**26** Monday Night CareGroup 6:30pm Monday Moms Group 10:00am	**27**	**28** Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	**29** Good News Club 1:45pm Gaylan Lane	**30** Emilee Frincke Ron McCord	**Communion is the second Sunday of every month.**

.Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know your date. 865-693-2130.

Announcements & Prayer Needs:

All women are invited to the Women's Ministry Fall Retreat on October 22nd. The retreat will be held at Ijams Nature Center and Sandy Hartley, PCA Women's Ministry Regional Advisor, will be speaking.

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.

Like to Sing? We invite anyone who likes to sing to join our sanctuary choir. The choir meets on Wednesday nights 6:30pm for practice. If you can't make practice, come on Sunday mornings to the choir room at 10:20am. We welcome you to join us!

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"

July 2016 Financial Report

Income

Actual Income for July: $37,077.81
Actual Income for Year-to date: $217,022.18

Expense

Actual Expense for July: $43,070.54
Actual Expense Year-to-date: $285,941.83

Summary

Current Month Expenses Exceeds Income by: $5,992.73
Year-to-date Expenses Exceeds Year-to-date Income by: $68,919.65

Foreign Missions Committee

The Foreign Missions Committee would like to acknowledge, and is grateful for, a significant contribution designated to Foreign Missions in the month of June, 2016.

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

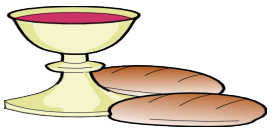
WHPC Active Duty Military Personnel

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

(7-17-16 through 8-14-16)

Average Attendance - 142

Average Visitors Attendance - 9



COMMUNION

Communion is normally served during worship hour on the second Sunday of each month. **This month Communion will be served on September 11th.**

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: September 14-November 9
Wednesday mornings, 10AM-noon
WHERE: WHPC

THE GOSPEL OF MARK
The Jesus We're Aching For
A STUDY BY LISA HARPER

- Discover how Jesus' ministry impacts us today
- Understand Jesus' power and compassion
- Experience the healing of your heart's ache for something more
- Acknowledge Jesus' authority, following wherever He leads

- Each class includes a video segment and a discussion time.
- A study book with questions may be purchased for $13 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).

Chapter 8 – Lessons from Lazarus (ALL THINGS)

"Now a man named Lazarus was sick…So the sisters sent word to Jesus,
'Lord, the one you love is sick.'" John 11:1, 3

Ladies,

What lessons did we learn from this account of Lazarus' death and resurrection? What did we learn about Mary and Martha? What did we learn about the disciples? What did we learn about the group of mourners? What did we learn about the eye witnesses? What did we learn about Jesus? This chapter was rich with lessons and applications. Let me just point out a few.

1. We learned that Jesus gave Mary and Martha an opportunity to trust Him and to know Him in a deeper way. By delaying his coming to Bethany, Jesus performed an even greater miracle. God's delays mean that He will be right on time.

2. We learned that Jesus gave the disciples an opportunity to walk in the light of Christ and thereby extinguish their fear of dying. Jesus is the Light and we have no fear of anything when we're walking in His light.

3. We learned that Jesus gave the mourners an opportunity to see Him mourning. Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus. Why did Jesus weep when He knew that He was about to raise Lazarus from the dead? Because we have a High Priest that weeps with us and that weeps for the way it could have been had sin not entered the world through Adam and Eve. Jesus is our compassionate High Priest who understands our weeping.

4. We learned that Jesus gave the eye witnesses the opportunity to believe on Him. Many believed in Him verse 45 of John 11 says. Jesus' purpose in using our trials and tragedies is to bring people to Christ for salvation. However, there were some eye witnesses who rejected that opportunity. The angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner who comes to Christ. What a glorious rejoicing went on in heaven that day!

5. We learned that Jesus is **I AM**. He is God Almighty. He is the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Him, though he die, yet shall he live. Nothing is impossible with Him. "And we know that for those who love God **all things** work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

Are you in a trial? If so, you have an opportunity to:

- Trust Jesus and to know Him in a deeper way. **His ways and timing are perfect.**
- Walk in His light and extinguish your fears. **Jesus is the Light and the Prince of Peace.**
- Experience the compassion of your Savior as you weep. **He is our great High Priest.**
- Believe in Him for salvation if you've never done that, or be the vessel He wants to use in the salvation of another. **He is Savior.**
- Know God as He is – the I AM – and to know that **ALL THINGS** (not just *some* things) do work together for good.

Grateful for Him and you, Julie Moore

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The famous Southern Presbyterian minister, J. L. Girardeau, complained that many of the French Huguenots coming to the USA in the nineteenth century ended up joining Episcopalian churches instead of Presbyterian churches. Girardeau believed that the forms used in worship were to blame. The worship of the American Episcopal Church was more akin to the liturgy of the French Reformed church than the non-liturgical worship of the American Presbyterians of that day.

The power exerted by the forms used in worship is substantial. It should not be taken lightly. As Terry Johnson says, "We may face the defection of *a whole generation* if we do not achieve a greater uniformity of worship." The forms used in Reformed, Calvinistic, Presbyterian churches express the doctrine of Reformed, Calvinistic, Presbyterian churches. If those forms are neglected, they will be forgotten. As we move forward with this new series of articles, I hope to impress upon you the weightiness of this matter so we will be attentive to the explanation of why we do what we do. Grace and peace be upon you.

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. Rev. John McKenzie

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