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## *A Word From the Pastor's Study*

Something that we are talking about on Wednesday Nights is how the Apostle Paul will use the endings of his epistles to teach the people of God how to treat one another. Kind of like the long lists of names at the beginning of Matthew or 1 Chronicles some parts of the Bible can be overlooked, and that is true for Paul's "shopping lists" at the end of his letters.

As an example last evening we looked at 1 Corinthians 16. In the beginning of that chapter Paul gives some commands concerning the taking up of offerings. In a few short sentences there we see the Apostle, in the midst of this request to have a collection, showing the church why they are to understand their material blessings to be given by God for the betterment of their brothers and sisters in Christ, much like we heard in our sermon from Acts 4:32-37. Paul will then use this discussion to defend the First Day of the Week as the Christian Sabbath, not by browbeating the people, but by encouraging them to see how the

4<sup>th</sup> Commandment has moved from the last day of the week in the old covenant to the first day in the new covenant.

After these calls to fiduciary faithful service Paul will then commend to the Corinthian church the care of two men who are serving as Ministers. Paul, by the way he writes, softly asks the people to be in prayer for their brother Timothy who is a bit anxious, and lacking in self-confidence. His pastoral concern emanates off the page and shows us, by way of example, the way we're to love one another in grace & seek their good.

One of the things we can take from this portion of Scripture is the richness of God's Holy Book on every page and how the children of the Lord can benefit from every vowel, consonant, and word found in the Bible. We do warmly invite you to come and join us on Wednesday evening for our devotional time and prayer as we gather together for growth in the knowledge of our salvation.



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## Sunday Preaching Schedule

February 3 Acts 5:12-16  
February 10 Acts 5:17-32  
February 17 Acts 5:33-42  
February 24 Acts 6:1-7

## Bible Reading Plan for Month

February 3-February 9 Colossians 1-4  
February 10-16 Hosea 1-6  
February 17-23 Hosea 7-13  
February 24-Mar. 2 Titus 1-3

## Important Dates for February

Deacon's Meeting February 3  
Lord's Supper February 3  
Session Meeting February 7  
Valentine's Party February 9  
Catawba Women's Retreat Feb. 22-24

## Larger Catechism Question

### **WLC Question Q#196**

#### **Q. 196. What Does the Conclusion Of the Lord's Prayer Teach Us?**

A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, (which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*) teacheth us to enforce our petitions with arguments, which are to be taken, not from any worthiness in ourselves, or in any other creature, but from God; and with our prayers to join praises, ascribing to God alone eternal sovereignty, omnipotence, and glorious excellency; in regard whereof, as he is able and willing to help us, so we by faith are emboldened to plead with him that he would, and quietly to rely upon him, that he will fulfil our requests. And, to testify this our desire and assurance, we say, *Amen.*

## Missionary of the Month

Christ's Church is a missionary church, seeking to grow the Kingdom by the means of grace. This month we would like to highlight the work of World Witness as an agency. Please continue to keep everyone at Central Services who support our missions work in prayer!



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## Youth Corner Announcements

Our annual Valentine party will be on Saturday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>** at **11am**. This is for youth of all ages. Lunch will be provided. There will be a list of youth given next week. If you have any questions please let Julia Callister know!

- Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Catherine!

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

John 3:16

## Session Report

The session met on January 10<sup>th</sup> for their regular stated meeting. Issues on the table were deacon projects, several pastoral needs in the church, and plans for the 2019 ARP General Synod.

Prayer was held for all.

## Deacon's Report

The deacons met on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. An update was given on the fence for the play area and discussed other ideas for a new playground. They approved new flooring for the manse, and discussed other weather-delayed projects.

## Christian Education Report

Christian Education had their regular meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>. We discussed the plans for VBS for 2019, issues related to attendance at Sabbath School, Wednesday nights, and Sunday evening bible study, ideas for the library, and welcoming our new youth leader, Julia Callister, to the committee.

## Wednesday Prayer Meeting

On Wednesday's we are currently reading portions of Scripture, which may not be as well-known as others, for a time of devotion and refreshing. We invite you to join with us at 6:30pm!

## Sunday Evening Bible Study

Our bible study continued to meet at the end of the Lord's Day at the beginning of February. We continue in our look at the book of Revelation and will be in ch's 20-21 this month. As we come to a close soon in Revelation we are looking for ideas as to where to go next. ☺

We welcome all to come and join us!



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## Monthly Prayer Requests

We will continue to be in prayer for a presbytery and nation that we will covenant to prayer for through this month. We are going to highlight Mississippi Valley Presbytery, and the nation and people of Armenia.

### **Prayer Needs:**

Dollie Douglas, Hayes Faulkner, Janice Patterson, Patrick Patterson, Winifred Callister, Peggy Wells, Theodore McClure, Garland Davidson, Geneva Smith, Bible Release Time, Appalachia mission and the children of Sneedville, TN, Good News Club, Rose Knight, Kenneth Moses, Holly Keyes, Sarah Faulkner, John Bailey, and Samantha Johnson. Spiritual warfare, the President, end to abortion, missionaries, church planters, and all our friends and family.

## Devotional Verses

Exodus 2:23-25

*And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.*

## Psalm of the Month

“O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield. The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless those who fear the LORD, both small and great. May the LORD give you increase more and more, You and your children. *May you be blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.*”

– Psalm 115:9-15

## Communion Schedule for 2019

February 3, 2019

April 21, 2019

June 2, 2019

August 4, 2019

October 6, 2019

December 22, 2019