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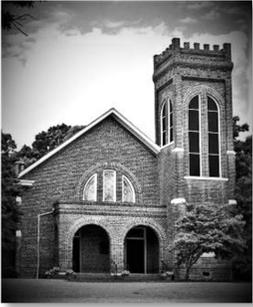
## ***A Word From the Pastor's Study***

This month as we begin a new sermon series through the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Gospel of John one of the things we will take note of is the way Jesus prays to the Father. He prays as one who *knows Him*. Now, this may seem like a ludicrously obvious thing to say, but let us think on that for a moment. Christ is days away from undergoing the torments of the Cross. God the Father has from the foundation of the world ordained this moment in time. Yet, this doesn't change the fact that Jesus still has to go through with the very human pain & anguish of a Roman execution after being tossed to the side and denied by the very people He came to save.

In a word what we see in this prayer is confidence; confidence in the certainty of the promise of the Father to the Son. This surety in the word by the Word gives for Christian

men and women the vision of what it looks like to fully rest & trust in all of what has been promised to us by the Creator of the Heavens & the Earth.

Knowledge of God means first of all having knowledge of oneself. It is only because God has opened our eyes to see our sin and our need for a savior that we can grow in our appreciation of what Christ has done for us at Calvary. In this same vein this knowledge of the Father by the Son is what enriches this prayer. It is because Christ intimately knows the First Person of the holy Trinity that we can see Him voluntarily in love for His Father and His Sheep give all of Himself into the hands of the Great Judge at Golgotha. Because He knows what God promised; that through His substitution & sacrifice the glory which was His, would be His again, & shared with His sheep.



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### Sunday Preaching Schedule

|         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| June 3  | John 17:6-8                      |
| June 10 | Guest Minister, Rev. Mark Miller |
| June 17 | John 17:9-12                     |
| June 24 | John 17:13-16                    |

### Bible Reading Plan for Month

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| June 3- June 9   | 1 Cor. 1-4   |
| June 10- June 16 | 1 Cor. 5-9   |
| June 17- June 23 | 1 Cor. 10-14 |
| June 24- June 30 | 1 Cor. 15-16 |

### Important Dates for June

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Deacon Meeting        | June 3         |
| The Lord's Supper     | June 3         |
| General Synod Meeting | June 5-7       |
| Mugs and Muffins      | June 10        |
| Pulpit Swap           | June 10        |
| Quest Camp            | June 11-15     |
| Session Meeting       | June 14        |
| Horizon Camp          | June 18-23     |
| Appalachia Mission    | June 30-July 6 |

### Larger Catechism Question

#### **WLC Question #101**

**Q.** What is the Preface to the Ten Commandments?

**A.** The preface to the Ten Commandments is contained in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.* Wherein God manifests His sovereignty, as being Jehovah, the eternal, immutable, and almighty God; having his being in and of himself, and giving being to all his words and works: and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people; who, as he brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivers us from our spiritual thralldom: and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments.

### 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 Sebastien and Patti Benicourt. They are new on the field in France after having to move on from Turkey. They ask for prayers for their new living arrangements and new ministry opportunities, in Christ.



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## Youth Corner Announcements

Vacation Bible School will be held on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>; from 5:45pm-8:45pm.

Our VBS theme this year is “Camp Moose on the Loose”.

- Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mackenzie! (on the 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lily! (on the 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Nathan! (on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday Ethan! (on the 30<sup>th</sup>)

Operation Christmas Child shoebox items for the month of June are **hairbrushes, combs, and hair accessories**. Please place donations in the box upstairs beside the bulletin board!

*“If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.” - John 12:26*

## Session Report

The session met Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda was Rev. Glaser's pastor's report for April, new Elder Shepherding lists, future worship plans, approved new organizational by-laws for the Missions and Outreach Committee, and held prayer for several situations in the life of the congregation.

## Deacon's Report

The Deacon's met May 6<sup>th</sup> before Mugs and Muffins. They discussed the new shed, our new cabinets in the fellowship hall, a men's meal over the summer, a new toilet for the women's bathroom, Appalachia policy, and other current work projects on hold and in planning.

## Christian Education Report

In May, the Christian Ed Meeting was postponed due to illness. However, informal discussions were held about the graduation supper and service, the plans for VBS, and Appalachia. Also we talked about the plans for summer conferences and other matters.

## Wednesday Prayer Meeting

In June at 6:30pm we will continue our Bible Study through the book of Revelation. This month we will continue to look through the letters of Christ to the 7 Churches. We warmly welcome all members, family, and friends to come!

**Childcare is available!**



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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 Catawba Presbytery, and the nation and people of Australia.

### **Prayer Needs:**

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

## Devotional Verses

"I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it."

– 2 John 1:4-6

## Psalm of the Month

"Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity! *It is* like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. *It is* like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing— Life forevermore."

### **Psalm 133:1-3**

## Quote of the Month

"[Ministers] preach a revelation, this is our distinctive character. We have nothing to do with plausible conjectures or probable opinions, we do not proclaim doctrines which appear to be true, but we are bound to preach just what we have received, and we preach it as beyond all doubt or cavil."

-- James Henley Thornwell