

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

### PRELUDE

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

### WELCOME!

Matt Lievens

*Pew pads are located along the inside aisle. Please take a moment to let us know that you were with us this morning and to tell us how we can help you today.*

### OUR HISTORIC FAITH

*Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 42*

*Q110. What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?*

**A. He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes cheating and swindling our neighbor by schemes made to appear legitimate, such as: inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandising; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition he forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.** Ex. 22:1; 1 Cor. 5:9-10; 6:9-10 Mic. 6:9-11; Luke 3:14; James 5:1-6; Deut. 25:13-16; Ps. 15:5; Prov. 11:1; 12:22; Ezek. 45:9-12; Luke 6:35; Luke 12:15; Eph. 5:5; Prov. 21:20; 23:20-21; Luke 16:10-13

*Q111. What does God require of you in this commandment?*

**A. That I do whatever I can for my neighbor's good, that I treat others as I would like them to treat me, and that I work faithfully so that I may share with those in need.** Isa. 58:5-10; Matt. 7:12; Gal. 6:9-10; Eph. 4:28

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### WORSHIP IN SONG

*In the Beauty of Holiness*

*I Need Thee Ev’ry Hour*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*(by a member of Grace)*

Heavenly Father, I have disobeyed you by taking what does not belong to me, and hoarding that which I presume to be my own. Instead of trusting that you will give me what I need, I plot to seize whatever I can and insist that I deserve anything I want. When people in my life don’t give me what I think I ought to have, I have used deception, bribery, blackmail, or force to pry it from them. I have built my happiness on how much I can obtain and keep for myself. I try to justify my greed, saying, “I’ve earned what I have; it is owed to me”—and this, too, is false. Time after time I have schemed and stolen to increase my gain. All the while I have ignored the real and pressing needs of the people around me, in order to focus my resources solely on my own prosperity. I have even gone as far as to convince myself that your creation, which rightfully belongs to you alone, is my own possession; that I, and not you, have ownership of what you have entrusted to me. Please forgive me for believing such a foolish notion. Forgive me for worshiping the created instead of you, the Creator. Forgive me for pursuing my own glory instead of yours; for seeking my own gain instead of others’. Forgive me for hurting others as I attempt to glorify myself. I cannot produce the change that needs to occur within me; only you can. Lord, make me new, and teach me to obey you.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Do not despair, sinner! As the psalmist David sang: “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our

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iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love to those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following are being received through their profession of faith: Marc and Debbie Parrell, Tara Kercheval, Tom and Jean Klinkert, Coulson and Mimi Mucher, Tim and Tammy Irvin, Alan Cables, Keaton Sapp, Ransom McClain, Grayson Lievens, Tristan Irvin, Chris Schaeffer, and Ethan DeBoer

### Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The following are being received into the church through baptism: Jason Kercheval, Bryan Pardue, Jacob Pardue, Lucas Parker Hicks (son of Alan and Lauren Hicks), and Reagan Kercheval (daughter of Jason and Tara Kercheval)

### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Great God of Wonders*

***Following the Offering, children will be dismissed. Nursery is available for children two years and under. Children three years of age through fifth grade may go to Children’s Church.***

## RENEWAL

### GREETING ONE ANOTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,*

*And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Genesis 25:19-34**

### SERMON

Pastor Randy Edwards

*“The Gospel According to Jacob: First in the Eyes of Whom?”*

## RESPONSE

### SONG FOR REFLECTION

*There is a Fountain*

### BENEDICTION

## WHY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

Many benefits of a vital congregation are available to anyone who becomes involved, members or not. But there is a rationale for formal membership: Church in the NT usually meant a specific local church like that at Ephesus or Corinth. Did people actually join local churches formally, or was it an informal association? Five indications:

1. *The biblical metaphors used to describe local churches.* Flock, temple, body, and household are used specifically of local churches (Acts 20, Eph 2, 1Cor 12, 1Tim 3). Each of these metaphors has a clear distinction of who is part of the church, and who isn’t.
2. *The meaning of “the whole church”.* In 1Cor 14:23, Paul says “if the whole church comes together in one place...” How would the leaders know if the “whole church” was there if no formal relationship was established?
3. *The instructions for pastoral oversight and spiritual leadership.* Pastors (overseers and shepherds) were to care for “all the flock” (Acts 20:28. cf. 1Tim 3, Acts 20, Phil 1:1, Titus 1). Leaders of the citywide churches must have had some listing of believers. Since leaders were accountable for the souls of the flock under their care (Heb 13:17), they must have had some commitment for care.
4. *The meaning of the word “join”.* After the fiery end of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:13, no non-Christians “dared join them [the church], but the people esteemed them highly.” The Greek word for join has strong connotations of commitment. The same word is used to speak of sexual relationships (1Cor 6:16) and joining to the Lord (1Cor 6:17).
5. *The instructions for church discipline.* Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Corinthians 5 talk about putting a person out of the church (“remove” NASB, “expel” NIV) and treating him like an unbeliever. Since unbelievers were welcome at worship, removal must have indicated a distinct formal association. “In the New Testament there is no such person as a Christian who is not a church member. Conversion was described as ‘the Lord adding to the church’ (Acts 2:47). There was no spiritual drifting” (Douglas Millar).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CARPETS CLEANED THIS WEEK!** we need help taking down and setting up for Sunday Worship and Family Promise. Please let the deacons know if you are available to help!

**NAMETAGS HAVE BEEN UPDATED:** Please use your nametags to help those who are visiting and those who've been here a long time and keep forgetting.

**ADULT BIBLE COMMUNITY** meets today in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:15. We are Exploring Christianity through the Gospel of Mark.

**FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING:** Please note on your calendars that we are hosting Family Promise on **October 23-29**. In 2012, we are scheduled to host: Feb 5-12, Apr 8-15, and June 10-17.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:** There is a sign-up poster for the set-up and take-down for Family Promise in the church lobby. It includes next week's set up as well as the weeks we have coming up in the next 6 months. If you or your family can stay after church for about 20 minutes we can accomplish our set-up easily and quickly. You can choose to set up the bedrooms or the living/dining area for our guests. Hopefully this will streamline and simplify the process for our set-up and ensure we have help for take-down on the following Saturday. Questions, please see Lori Dell'Arena.

**ROBINWOOD THANKSGIVING FEAST** is scheduled for November 13. Mark your calendars and stoke those ovens as we visit and serve our friends at Robinwood.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** We rehearse every other week and our next rehearsal is October 24 from 8-9pm at the building. For more information or to sign up please contact Michael Kuehn (eventhieves@gmail.com).

**MISSIONS DESSERT** at the Baums' 7:00 pm on Sunday, October 23. Rebecca Angle is going to Spain with World Harvest Mission in the next year. Please come and show our support of her as she shares her heart for missions.

**WORLD HARVEST SUDAN** Matt Lievens, Brady Lievens, and Steve Angle will be traveling to Southern Sudan from October 17-28. Please remember to pray for this team.

**NOVEMBER 6TH IS NATIONAL ORPHAN SUNDAY.** The mission committee would like to raise awareness regarding the care and needs of orphans world wide and allow the congregation of Grace to be involved. We will kick off a children's vitamin drive on November 6th which will run for the entire month of November. Hard chewable vitamins are needed to supplement the feeding programs provided by Vision Trust International. Keep this in mind as you shop over the next few weeks and be prepared to help. Boxes will be placed in the foyer to collect the vitamins.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITIES** continue from 6 to 7:30 pm each Wednesday this fall. Join us for Women's Bible Study, MS Youth, Primary AGE activities, and Pre-K Groups. Nursery is provided.

**SYNERGY** is celebrating fall with ORANGE DAY TODAY wear orange and look for orange treats! Moms and Dads feel free to wear orange (and take a treat) too!

**CORRECTION:** The LIT group (4th and 5th graders) will have puppet show practice on Wednesday, Nov 2 after the Wednesday night dinner, not on Wed. Oct. 19th.

**SYNERGY PRESCHOOL CARNIVAL** is coming. All of our preschool friends and family are invited to come to a preschool carnival hosted by our elementary kids on Saturday, November 5th from 4 to 6 pm. We will have games, food, rides and prizes. Last year's carnival was tons of fun. You won't want to miss it!

**SHOWER/SIP-N-SEE** for Sara Masi Sexton in celebration of Baby Solomon (born October 11). He came early (it was supposed to be a normal shower!!) The floating shower will be held at the home of Suzan Banks from 2pm-4pm on Saturday, October 29.

**LADIES' PRAYER MEETING:** Please join us for a women's prayer/bible study. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 6pm throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Baum 336-210-6899.

**HIGH SCHOOL D-GROUP** meets TONIGHT from 6-8pm at Maison d'Eduoard (aka Pastor Randy's). Bring your Bible and some money to contribute to the food fund.

**PIZZA AND GAME NIGHT** for middleschoolers at the Plybons' home on October 21 from 6-8:30pm bring \$3 for pizza, your favorite board game, and a friend!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The High School Fall Retreat is scheduled for October 28-30 at the Vineyard. Cost is \$125 for the weekend. Early registration is due TODAY. Please mark your calendars; you don't want to miss this weekend.

**REDEEMER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Redeemer School will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:15-10:30 AM. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our philosophy and TK-8 curriculum as well as take a tour and receive information about enrollment. Please contact the school at 336-724-9460 to RSVP or to request more information.

**CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY NEEDS** volunteers in all areas. Please contact Vicki Jones for more information or a no-obligation tour at 724-7875, ext 1043 or email: volunteer@crisiscontrol.org.

**HELP FAMILY PROMISE of Forsyth County "Drive Out Homelessness"!** on October 29, 2011 and help Family Promise "Drive Out Homelessness"! This will be an evening of fun, beginning with Dinner, Silent Auction and culminating in our Reverse Car Raffle, where the last ticket remaining wins a 2012 Chevrolet Cruze! **Cost for tickets: Reverse Raffle:** \$100 includes one raffle ticket, Dinner and Silent Auction; **Dinner/Silent Auction:** \$20. You can purchase them online at <http://www.familypromiseforsyth.org/auction.html> or directly from Joe Dell'Arena.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Rick Young (10/17); Catherine Edwards (10/17); Carla Collins (10/19); Kim Baum (10/20)

## MORE INFORMATION ONLINE

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## OUR SUNDAY SERVANTS

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nursery Coordinator: Gail Adams • Nursery Scheduler: Christy Ogburn

Date	Walkers	2-year-olds	Children's Church
TODAY	Stanley & Kem Schaeffer	Gary & Alice Wall	<b>Oct</b> 3/4yr Amelia Trant & Pinkney Greene K-2nd Karl & Mary Freeman 3th-5th Dave & Danielle Wiebking
Oct 23	Judy Young Kelly Young	Ben & Suzan Banks	
Oct 30	Don & Randi Bechtold	Alan & Tammy Cables	<b>Nov</b> 3/4yr Mike Lis & Mona Underhill K-2nd Clay & Nicole Howard 3th-5th Ted & Amy Mead
Nov 6	David & Jackie Crowe	Erin Collins Bryan Pardue	

Ushers	Greeters
Hugh Smith	Ben Banks
Dave Collins	Doug Sonnenburg
Matt Lievens	Jim Dougherty

Elder Prayer Rotation	Rapid Visitation
October: Matt Lievens	October: Mimi Mucher
November: Don Bechtold	November: Amy Mead

Deacon		
<u>Today</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>	<u>Oct 30</u>
David Collins	Joe Dell'Arena	Karl Freeman

Worship Team
Zach DeBoer, Michael Kuehn, Zoo, Christine Vispoli, Catherine Edwards, Kim Lis, Jim Dougherty

**Our Church Officers**  
**Session:** Don Bechtold, Randy Edwards, Matt Lievens, Jim Plybon, Wynn Baum, and John DeBoer  
**Diaconate:** David Collins, Joe Dell'Arena, Jim Dougherty, Karl Freeman, and Chad Sapp.

### Church Staff and Contact Extensions

*The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9am until noon.*

Randy Edwards, Pastor/Teacher • ext. 11

Carla Collins, Accountant/Children's Ministry Coordinator/Preschool Director • ext. 12

Weekly Financial Summary	General Fund				
	2011 General Fund Budget \$323,870				
		budget	contributions	expenses	needed to meet expenses
	MTD Oct 11	\$ 26,990	\$ 22,991	\$ 7,813	\$ 3,999
	YTD	\$ 269,900	\$ 270,533	\$ 252,545	(\$ 633)
Building		Missions			
MTD Oct 11	\$ 0	MTD Oct 11	\$ 619		
YTD	\$ 480	YTD	\$ 5,690		



**For the grace of God that brings salvation  
has appeared to all men.**

## October 16, 2011

There was a young man, in Edinburgh, who wished to be a missionary. He was a wise young man; he thought—"If I am to be a missionary, there is no need for me to transport myself far away from home; I may as well be a missionary in Edinburgh." . . .

Well, this young man started, and determined to speak to the first person he met. He met one of those old fishwives; those of us who have seen them can never forget them, they are extraordinary women indeed. So, stepping up to her, he said, "Here you are, coming along with your burden on your back; let me ask you if you have got another burden, a spiritual burden?"

"What!" she asked; "do you mean that burden in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*? Because, if you do, young man, I got rid of that many years ago, probably before you were born. But I went a better way to work than the pilgrim did. The evangelist that John Bunyan talks about was one of your parsons that do not preach the gospel; for he said, 'Keep that light in thine eye, and run to the wicket-gate.' Why—man alive!—that was not the place for him to run to. He should have said, 'Do you see that cross? Run there at once!' But, instead of that, he sent the poor pilgrim to the wicket-gate first; and much good he got by going there! He got tumbling into the slough, and was like to have been killed by it."

But did not you," the young man asked, "go through any Slough of Despond?"

"Yes, I did; but I found it a great deal easier going through with my burden off than with it on my back."

Charles Spurgeon, "The Dumb Become Singers"

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

If you have a prayer request which you would like to have offered during the Pastoral Prayer, please speak with the pastor during the break.

**Elder Prayer:** If you would like prayer, Elders are available after the service to pray with you.

**Men's Prayer** each Friday Morning in the Fellowship Hall from 6-7:15 am.