

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY following the worship service. We will be reporting on the 2011 budget and plans that we have for 2012.

HIGH SCHOOL D-GROUP TONIGHT at the Edwards' from 6-8pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITIES continue each week through the Winter from 6-7:30 pm with activities for: Middle School, Primary Ages, Preschool, and Women's Bible Study; nursery is provided.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING: Mark your calendars; we are hosting the following weeks of the first half of 2012: Feb 5-12, Apr 8-15, and June 10-17.

MISSIONS SUNDAY: Mark your calendars for February 18-19.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED: GPC will be hosting a seven week study on the meaning of Christianity beginning in mid-February and continuing through the end of March. This study is an excellent introduction or re-introduction to the basic tenets of Christianity. This is an open study to any who are interested in learning more. If you are interested in participating or have questions, please let Pastor Randy know.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME NIGHT at the Plybons, Friday, Jan. 20 at 6:30. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

SMALL GROUPS studying Romans 5-8 meeting at the Plybons, Sundays 6:00-7:30, and you're invited. Call Jim or Claudia for more information 996-0785.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In the event of bad weather, please be sure to check WXII, the church website, or any of our social network updates.

REDEEMER SCHOOL PRIORITY ENROLLMENT: January 31st is the deadline for priority applications for enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year. Reduced member tuition rates, scholarships and tuition assistance funds may also be available. If you are interested in your TK-8th grade child enjoying a personal and enriching learning experience, please check out our website (www.redeemerschool.org) or call (724-9460) for more information.

REDEEMER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE TOUR: on Wednesday, January 18, from 9:15-10:30 AM. Please call 724-9460 to RSVP or for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Kyle Smith (1/15); Jack Goode (1/15); Haley Adams (1/15); Terri Norman (1/16); Paige DeBoer (1/21).

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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	Mark Pardue Maddie Pardue	Jim & Claudia Plybon	Jan 3/4yr Joe DellArena and Debbie Potts K-2 nd Janice Lievens, Carter and Grayson Lievens
Jan 22	Mike & Jen Rhoades	Katie Sanders Jessica Moore	3 rd -5 th Dave and Danielle Wiebking
Jan 29	Stanley & Kem Schaeffer	Chad & Beth Sapp	Feb 3/4yr Amelia Trant & Pinkney Greene K-2 nd Clay & Nicole Howard 3 rd -5 th Ted & Amy Mead
Feb 5	Mike Trant Charity Potts	Gary & Alice Wall	

Ushers

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

Greeters

January: Bechtolds
February: Mainharts
March: Jewells

Elder Prayer Rotation

January: Doug Jewell
February: Matt Lievens

Rapid Visitation

January: Claudia Plybon
February: Mimi Mucher

Deacon

Today	Jan 22	Jan 29
Karl Freeman	Chad Sapp	Jim Dougherty

Worship Team

Michael Kuehn, Zach DeBoer, Kristin Dougherty,
Lori Dell'Arena, John DeBoer, Cheryl Voss

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 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				
	2012 General Fund Budget \$346,722				
	January 10	Budget	Contributions	Expenses	Needed to meet expenses
	MTD	\$ 28,894	\$ 9,309	\$ 5,374	\$ 19,585
	YTD	\$ 28,894	\$ 9,309	\$ 5,374	\$ 19,585
	Building		Missions		
	MTD	\$ 50	MTD	\$	949
	YTD	\$ 50	YTD	\$	949

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We long to see the grace of God magnified as he transforms us into: a community that worships, a community that witnesses, and a community that walks in love.

January 15, 2012

The inward corruption to which Jesus refers in the scathing denunciation in Mt. 23 is not the corruption of deliberate and calculated insincerity. It is the corruption of a sincere and sincerely practiced religion, which is ultimately a supreme manifestation of religious pride.... The frightening picture opened up here is that when one recognizes obvious sin one has hardly begun to reckon seriously with this adversary. The open and blatant sinner, the oppressor or the harlot, is indeed a sinner. But it is not here that the genuine depth of sin is revealed, not even if the oppressor be ever so grasping or the harlot ever so shameless. It is in religious persons that the depths are to be seen.

Geoffrey Bromiley, "Sin" in *ISBE*

The drafting cover stories, the refusal to inquire into our motives, the filing of our own lies under the heading of finesse, the phony understandings and uses of religion—all these moves do corrupt. As Butler contends, they introduce falseness into the heart of our lives. At the same time, they testify to our almost desperate desire to keep up appearances, even within our own psyche. We want to keep up at least our *image* of the image of God.

Cornelius Plantinga, *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be*

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.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE

O Help My Unbelief

WELCOME!

Doug Jewell

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 3

Q7. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

A. No. God created them good and in his own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love him with all their heart, and live with him in eternal happiness for his praise and glory.

Gen. 1:31; Gen. 1:26-27; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Ps. 8

Q7. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are born sinners, corrupt from conception on.

Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12, 18-19; Ps. 51:5

Q8. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. Yes, unless we are born again, by the Spirit of God.

Gen. 6:5; 8:21; Job 14:4; Isa. 53:6; John 3:3-5

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

*God Be Merciful to Me
Isaiah 43*

CONFESSION OF SIN

(by a member of Grace)

Heavenly Father, please forgive me. You made me, but I want to be my own. I was made to reflect your glory, but I pursue my own fame. I was made in love, but I neglect and ignore you. I make excuses, complain, and attack others because I don't know how to fix what is broken in me and in others. Instead of submitting to your righteousness and reflecting your image, I worry and fret about whether I am right enough or excusable. And all the while I comfort myself with the lie that I am living up to your standards. In reality, I am miserable. I am a sinner inside and out. Please rescue me from my addictions to comfort and being right so that I might receive the comfort and rightness only you can provide.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

from 1 John 1:8

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

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.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:13-3:6

Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.

²¹ "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. ²² And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the

wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins."

²³ One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵ He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶ In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

²⁷ Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

3 Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ² Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³ Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

⁴ Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶ Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

SERMON

Pastor Randy Edwards

The Gospel of Mark: The Righteous, the Restorers, the Resters, and the Stubborn

RESPONSE

SONGS OF RESPONSE

*Jesus Paid it All
Jude 24,25*

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