

Covenant Corner - September

Monthly Spotlights



A Note About the Sermon Series

Nehemiah 8:8 They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

We do not know how the Holy Spirit works, but we know the Holy Spirit works through the preached Word. We know there is somewhat of a mystery here, but we are to come and submit ourselves weekly to morning and evening worship to hear the preached Word. Currently, the morning worship service sermon series is the gospel of Matthew and the evening worship service is the letter of Paul to the Philippians.



Wednesday Night Children's Ministry



Ministry Meals at CPC

Our Wednesday Night Children's Ministry is an exciting opportunity for families with children! Every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 pm, children engage in different activities, parents fellowship with each other, and a meal is provided. The children are learning the First Catechism, which introduces and simplifies the doctrines of God, Redemption, and the Church as found in the Westminster Shorter Catechism. For more information, contact Marcus Dorsey: marcus@covenantpres.net

Meals are great for bringing people together and at various times throughout the year we gather with church family, friends, and visitors for a Sunday meal following worship. Our fellowship times always promote good food and conversation, from the youngest babe to the oldest adult. ALL are welcome!

Our next ministry meal will be Sunday, 11/19.



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Adult Sunday School Classes

J. Gresham Machen is not a household name these days but in the 1920's and 30's he was regularly featured in the New York Times as a controversial figure in the Presbyterian church. Machen was a professor at Princeton Seminary and was concerned with the impact that German Biblical scholarship was having on the church. In 1923, Machen wrote *Christianity and Liberalism* as an effort to show that the effects of this "Modernism" was not to weaken Biblical Christianity but to create another religion. Liberalism completely detached itself from the basic, historic tenets of the faith.

On the 100th anniversary of its publication we will study this modern theological classic. It has been said that this book "could have been written last Thursday" because the effects of the Liberalism project have been fully realized in our day. "Many are calling for a reevaluation of biblical views on sexual attraction, the sanctity of life, ethnic diversity, or even what it means to be a man or a woman. Although the topics have changed, the motivation for liberalism today isn't all that different from that scathing critique of the church Machen confronted 100 years ago." (from christianityandliberalism.com)



Christianity & Liberalism



Westminster Larger Catechism

The *Westminster Larger Catechism* is—together with the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter Catechism—one of the great faith documents of the Reformation. The Westminster Standards were produced during a dramatic period of history, the English Civil Wars. The Westminster Divines wanted to reform the English church. Their model was the Church of Scotland, which had stripped away most of the so-called 'High Church' liturgy that had been retained in England.

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Ironically, though the English Puritans prevailed in the English Civil Wars, the Westminster Standards were never implemented in England because Oliver Cromwell was wary of the Presbyterians in Parliament. However, the Church of Scotland adopted them eagerly. It was the Scots immigrants to the United States who brought the Confession and the two catechisms to America.

In this coming quarter, we will be studying the last section of the Westminster Larger Catechism, which deals with prayer.

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