

Sharing in Christ Suffering
1 Peter 4:12-14

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week at a glance:

Today	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:30 P.M. 4:00 P.M-8:00 P.M.	Sunday School Morning Worship Choir Practice Church Picnic
Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Deacon Meeting

Visitors: *We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!*

I. **Expecting Suffering**
It is not strange that those who love Christ suffer because of those who hate Christ.

II. **Rejoicing When Suffering**
Our identity with Christ that occasions our suffering is also the cause of our Joy.

III. **Blessed In Suffering**
God has a good word for those who suffer because of the bad words of the wicked.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Mark Your Calendar: For the month of May and June, the Hopkinsø small group will be meeting the second and fourth Sundays, due to several conflicts with our regular meeting dates.

Don't forget the church picnic is this afternoon from 4-8 pm. at Pine Cove. There are maps on the table in the narthex. The deacons will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs, and will furnish all the fixens, drinks and chips. You are asked to bring a covered dish, dessert, etc. There will No pool this year, but lots of games, food and fellowship, we hope to see you there.

All Ladies of Fifth Street are Invited to Join Us. The Esther Circle Luncheon will be held at Traditions Restaurant on South Broadway Tuesday, May 13, at 11:00 a.m. This will be our last Circle meeting until September. For more information contact Linda Smith.

WIC IS COMING TO FIFTH STREET: All ladies are invited to an organizational brunch on Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Oleta Brinton, 400 W. Third St. The purpose of the meeting is to establish WIC (Women in the Church), discuss its philosophy, and to elect officers. We hope all ladies will attend whether or not you decide to become a member.

Hospitality Starts at the Front Door. There are all kinds of reasons people visit our church. Some people have checked us out on the internet and are looking for a church just like us while others see the building and just decide to come for a visit. But whatever the providence that brings them here, we want them to feel welcome. So we are looking for couples or individuals who would be willing to serve as greeters and help these guest feel welcomed. If you are interested speak with Mike or Susan Parks.

Prayer focus for this week:

Charlie Burch, Bill Pitts, Glen and Jamie Milham
Ben and Hope Ferrell
Denton PCA
Middle Elementary Class & Louann Lewis and Karen Hopkins
Jim Wroughtonô MTW
Dan Smithô RUF, Tyler
Nathaniel Adawonuô NHMI, Togo
Christian Menø Job corps, Tyler

Thanks to our **April Ushers:** Jessie Martin (Cap.) Milford Brinton, Joe Kanewske. **The May Ushers:** Gary Hopkins (Cap.), Robert Lewis, Harold Durham, Richard Ball & Bill Turman. The offering counters this week are Milford Brinton and Chris Wiesinger

Thank you, to all those who helped with the meals, set-up, and clean up this year at our WEDFEST meals. Your faithfulness in service was very much appreciated. WEDFEST will not meet again until the Fall, when we hope again to provide an opportunity of fellowship, encouragement, and teaching.

Today's Text

As we look today at 1 Peter 4:12-14 we cannot help but be drawn to the nature of God who is both good and all-powerful. And in looking at the question of pain and suffering in light of who God is we are not driven to doubt but to the bigness of God who works in ways that are above our ways. We begin our questions not with ðwhy?ö but with Whatí What is God? The Catechism answer is: öGod is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth. Starting here, with an affirmation such as this, we are able to work through our questions with a confidence in God and assureace that no matter what He decrees it is for the good of them that love Him, (Romans 8:28).

After the service a Ruling Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary if you wish to speak or pray with someone.