

Rescue the Wandering  
James 5:19-20

## 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:**

Sunday	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	Sunday School Worship Service Evening Service
Tuesday	10:30 A.M. 6:00 P. M.	LadiesøMorning Bible Study MenøDiscussions that Matter
Wednesday	7:00 A.M.	Reading Calvin
Thursday	7:15 P.M.	LadiesøEvening Bible Study
Next Sunday	12:30 P.M.	Fellowship Luncheon

**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!*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Week!** Please make plans to join us for our quarterly Church Fellowship Luncheon following next Sunday morning's worship service. This is a wonderful time to visit and even introduce others to our church family. As a guideline we suggest that you bring a dish that is three times more than your family will eat but you are certainly welcome to bring more and we will labor together to send your dishes home empty.

Join us for worship this evening at 5:00 p.m. We will sing hymns, pray, and hear God's Word. We meet in the Fellowship Hall so please come in the back doors.

The Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m. at the church in the Olivet Sunday school classroom.

Men, you are invited to join us this Tuesday at TGI Fridays at 6:00 p.m. We meet as men to encourage the practice of talking about things that matter most—we seek to cultivate a fellowship where talking about the things of God is the norm. The discussion this week will be on the subject of providence and everyday life. A room is reserved and you are welcome to order a meal, a snack, or just a beverage. Friday's provides the room at no cost and you eat and drink at your own expense.

Reading Calvin is a Wednesday morning men's group that meets to discuss sections of Calvin's institutes, slowly making our way through the four books. We meet at Drake Reality at 7:00 a.m. and you are invited to join us as we discuss good theology. Coffee will be ready.

We invite you to come join the Ladies' evening Bible Study. We will meet at Jane Simmons' home, 3007 Oak Knob, on Thursday at 7:15 pm. The study will be the Heidelberg Catechism. See Caitlyn Covey for your study guide.

The date for the Spring Bible Conference has been set for March 18-20. This year Rev. Todd Pruitt will be our speaker and his topic will be The Foundations of Worldviews—a look at Genesis 1-3.

Please take a look at the literature rack in the narthex. We have added a number of new booklets for your use personally or as outreach literature.

Nominations for Church Officers will be open from January 31, until February 7. Nomination forms are available as you exit the sanctuary. As you continue to prayerfully consider the nomination process here is some additional information about the role of the Session taken from chapter 12 of the Book of Church Order.

The church Session is charged with maintaining the spiritual government of the church, for which purpose it has power:

- a. To inquire into the knowledge, principles and Christian conduct of the church members under its care; to censure those found delinquent; to see that parents do not neglect to present their children for Baptism; to receive members into the communion of the Church; to remove them for just cause; to grant letters of dismissal to other churches, which when given to parents, shall always include the names of their non-communing, baptized children;
- b. To examine, ordain, and install ruling elders and deacons on their election by the church, and to require these officers to devote themselves to their work; to examine the records of the proceedings of the deacons; to approve and adopt the budget;
- c. To approve actions of special importance affecting church property;
- d. To call congregational meetings when necessary; to establish and control Sunday schools and Bible classes with special reference to the children of the church; to establish and control all special groups in the church such as Men in the Church, Women in the Church and special Bible study groups; to promote world missions; to promote obedience to the Great Commission in its totality at home and abroad; to order collections for pious uses;
- e. To exercise, in accordance with the Directory for Worship, authority over the time and place of the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments, over all other religious services, over the music in the services, and over the uses to which the church building and associated properties may be put; to take the oversight of the singing in the public worship of God; to ensure that the Word of God is preached only by such men as are sufficiently qualified (BCO 4-4, 53-2, 1 Timothy 2:11-12); to assemble the people for worship when there is no minister; to determine the best measures for promoting the spiritual interests of the church and congregation;
- f. To observe and carry out the lawful injunctions of the higher courts; and to appoint representatives to the higher courts, who shall, on their return, make report of their diligence.