

Doing Good and Living Free as God's Servant's

1 Peter 2:13-17

I. Living Obediently vv. 13-15

A. Obedience is about loving God.

...submitting to God by submitting to those He ordains.

B. Obedience is about loving my neighbor.

...silencing the foolish and adorning the gospel.

II. Living with Freedom vv. 16-17

A. Freedom and serving God.

B. Freedom and fearing God.

“Freedom.” Martin Luther explained the concept freedom in his characteristic pithy style: “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all” The Christian is free from enslavement that promotes evil; instead he uses his freedom to serve his God and to love his fellow man. The more he demonstrates his willingness to serve, the more he experiences true freedom (compare James 1:25; 2:12). The Christian conducts himself in public life as God’s elect. He is free, without any fear, as long as he serves God in absolute obedience.—Kistemaker p. 102

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.	Sunday School Morning Worship
Wednesday	5:30 P.M. 6:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.	WEDFEST Classes Choir Practice

Offering counters this week are Chris Wiesinger and John Orbaugh.

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

Gary Hopkins Small Group will not meet this evening!

Our Wednesday Adult Classes:

Peacemakers: In this class you are invited to learn how to turn conflict into an opportunity to live out the gospel and show others the love of Christí seeking to "draw continually on the goodness and power of Jesus Christ, and bring His love, mercy, forgiveness, strength and wisdom to the conflicts of daily life". Led by Gary Hopkins and John Orbaugh.

Highlights of Hebrews: An overview of the book of Hebrews in 12 lessons. The first six lessons will include an introduction and overview, Jesusø Superiority as Savior and High Priest (2 parts), Jesusø Superiority to Moses (2 parts), and Jesusø High Priesthood. The studies will last about 40 minutes allowing for a time of corporate prayer after the study. This study is led by Pastor Simmons.

General Assembly, Presbytery, Session, and Deacons' Meetings

General Assembly meets this year in Houston (June 17-20), and while it might not qualify for a õgood vacationö it would qualify as good education. Presbyterianism is better understood when the work of the courts are observed and you are welcome to attend the meetings of all our courts (Assembly, Presbytery, and Session) as well as our Deacons Meetings. These meetings are open for observation and you would be welcome at any of them.

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, February 16, for the purpose of the election of Trustees. Current trustees are Lloyd Howerton, Fletcher Smith, Joe Kanewske, and Glen Milham. We would like to add another three trustees to this body. If you are interested in recommending someone for this office please email the pastor or leave a message with the office.

Prayer Focus for the week:

Bill Turman recovering at home

Heather Marshall & Rebecca Wiesingerô *With Child*

Paul Fisher MTWô Mexico; Gideonsø ministry

Dan Smith RUFô Tyler; Ryan Anderson RUFô TCU

The conference this coming weekend

Budget Report for 2013 in Summary

Budget	395,911
Total Income (budget and designated)	396,439
Designated Income (for use outside budget)	25,607
Undesignated Income (used to meet 2013 budget) (93.7% of budget)	370,831
Budget Expenses (90.7% of budget)	359,065

—Income toward meeting the 2013 budget was at 93.7% and Expenses at 90.7%. We thank God for His provision which allowed us to provide for our local expenses and meet all our obligations to missions and ministries outside of our church.

Copies of the complete 2013 budget report and the 2014 budget will be ready in a week or two.

The Gospel and Sexual Brokenness Conference

We are delighted to be hosting Dan Wilson Ph.D. of Harvest USA for this conference this coming weekend, February 8-9. Please take a look at the enclosed announcement and invite some of your friends. This is an area of struggle that is too seldom talked aboutí it is likely that some of your friends would find the lectures a great blessing.

WEDFEST Sign-up

Name: _____

	Meals (5:30 p.m.)	Menu
_____	12 and older - \$4.00	Loaded baked potato
_____	Ages 3-11 - \$2.00	Soup and crackers
_____	Up to 2 years ó No Charge	Garden salad
	<i>Family maximum of - 10.00</i>	Fresh seasonal fruit

Please place this in the offering plate or call the church office by Monday to make your reservation.