



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are two Ladies Bible Studies this spring.

- The Tuesday morning Bible study meets each week at 10:30am. A study of the book of James will be led by Margaret Axtell at the home of Oleta Brinton, 400W. Third St, (903-595-5578). Study books are available but not required. See Oleta if you would like to purchase a book.
- The Thursday evening study meets at 7:00 p.m., is led by Caitlin Covey, and meets at the home of Jane Simmons. For more information about this study speak with Caitlin.

## **Help from the Heidelberg Catechism concerning prayer:**

Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

*Because it is the chief part of thankfulness which God requires of us, and because God will give His grace and Holy Spirit only to those who earnestly and without ceasing ask them of Him, and render thanks unto Him for them. HC 116*

What belongs to such prayer which is acceptable to God and which He will hear?

*First, that with our whole heart we call only upon the one true God, who has revealed Himself to us in His Word, for all that He has commanded us to ask of Him; second, that we thoroughly know our need and misery, so as to humble ourselves in the presence of His divine majesty; third, that we be firmly assured that notwithstanding our unworthiness He will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly hear our prayer, as He has promised us in His Word. HC 117*

## **As you pray please also pray for:**

Ben and Hope Ferrell & Glen and Jamie Milham  
Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School with Chris Wiesinger  
The Session of Fifth Street Presbyterian Church  
Heritage PCA, Edmond OK and Pastor John Butler  
Rick Boxô MTW, Columbia: church planter and country director  
Scott Mitchellô RUF, Lehigh & Dan Smithô RUF, Tyler  
Gideons and the Bible distribution in Tyler

**The Evening Service:** We will meet in the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. this evening. We sing, pray, hear God's Word, and enjoy fellowship together, we meet every Sunday and have a meal together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

## **Signified and Sealed in the Lord's Supper**

*The following is taken from Louis Berkhof's "Manual of Christian Doctrine". Berkhof has pressed a great deal into a few sentences and it is written in such a way that it may take a few slow readings before the text's fruit ripens in the mind—but it is well worth the contemplation as preparation for the Lord's Table.*

Sacraments always represent one or more spiritual truths by means of outward signs. The sign in the Lord's Supper includes not only the visible elements of bread and wine, but also the appropriation of these by eating and drinking. Several things are signified in the Lord's supper: (a) It is symbolical representation of the Lord's death. (b) It symbolizes the believer's participation in the crucified Christ. (c) It represents the effect of the spiritual eating and drinking as giving life, strength, and joy to the soul. And (d) It is a symbol of the union of believers with one another as members of the mystical body of Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper is not only a sign but also a seal. These two aspects of the sacrament are closely related. The sacrament as a sign or with all that it signifies constitutes a seal. The seal is attached to the thing signified and is a pledge of its realization. (a) It seals to the participant the great love of Christ revealed in His self-surrender to a bitter and shameful death. (b) It gives the believing partaker of the sacrament the assurance that all the promises of the covenant and all the riches of the gospel offer are his. (c) It even assures the believing participant that the blessings of salvation are his in actual possession. And (d) it is a badge of profession on the part of those who partake of the sacrament in faith. They profess their faith in Christ as their Savior, and their allegiance to Him as their King, and solemnly pledge a life of obedience to His divine commandments.