

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Come Help Us Celebrate: The children of Pat and Ken Turman invite you to join family and friends for a reception to honor their parents in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary next Saturday, July 11, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm held in the fellowship hall.

We have a selection of booklets on various topics including gospel booklets available for you on the tables in the narthex. Please take any of these materials that you can make use of personally or in your ministry to others.

For the next few months we will be making use of the Heidelberg Catechism's explanation of the Apostles' Creed for our affirmation of faith. We hope you will find it helpful in your understanding of the rich truths expressed in this creed and that it will enrich your worship.

The church choir will be back in the choir loft next Lord's Day after a much needed summer break.

The offering counters this week are: Chris Wiesinger and Milford Brinton.

All church game night on Saturday, July 18, beginning at 5:30. We will have pizza, chips, and drinks for dinner followed by large and small group games for everyone. Bring a friend and come prepared to have fun! Please let Matt LaRoy or Hazel Hebert know you are coming so they can plan for the meal. *A donation basket will be available to help cover the cost of the food.*

The Powledge Bible Study continues as a ministry of our church along with Tyler Presbyterian and Christ the King Presbyterian of Longview. Phil Hodson is teaching this Monday and your ongoing prayers for the teachers and the inmates is much appreciated.

Some help in understanding The Lord's Table

Concerning The Sacraments: Belgic Confession, Article 33

We believe that our good God, mindful of our crudeness and weakness, has ordained sacraments for us to seal his promises in us, to pledge his good will and grace toward us, and also to nourish and sustain our faith. He has added these to the Word of the gospel to represent better to our external senses both what he enables us to understand by his Word and what he does inwardly in our hearts, confirming in us the salvation he imparts to us.

For they are visible signs and seals of something internal and invisible, by means of which God works in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. So they are not empty and hollow signs to fool and deceive us, for their truth is Jesus Christ, without whom they would be nothing. Moreover, we are satisfied with the number of sacraments that Christ our Master has ordained for us. There are only two: the sacrament of baptism and the Holy Supper of Jesus Christ.

Concerning The Lord's Supper: Heidelberg Catechism 75-76

Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and to drink of this cup in remembrance of Him, and has joined therewith these promises: first, that His body was offered and broken on the cross for me and His blood shed for me, as certainly as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup communicated to me; and further, that with His crucified body and shed blood He Himself feeds and nourishes my soul to everlasting life, as certainly as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, which are given me as certain tokens of the body and blood of Christ.

To eat the crucified body and drink the shed blood of Christ means not only to embrace with a believing heart all the sufferings and death of Christ, and thereby to obtain the forgiveness of sins and life eternal; but moreover, also, to be so united more and more to His sacred body by the Holy Spirit, who dwells both in Christ and in us, that, although He is in heaven and we on earth, we are nevertheless flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone, and live and are governed forever by one Spirit, as members of the same body are governed by one soul.