

Whose Battle is it Anyway?

Joshua 10:1-14

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:

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| Today | 9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. | Sunday School Worship Service Church Luncheon Joint Evening Service |
| Wednesday | 7:00 A.M. | Men's Calvin Discussion |
| Thursday | 7:00 P.M. 7:15 P.M. | Deacons Meeting Ladies Bible Study |
| Saturday | 10:30 A.M. | Bristol Café 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

Evening Service: We meet this evening at 6:00 pm at Tyler Presbyterian Church for our joint worship service. Mr. Lowell Ivy will be speaking. Refreshments will follow.

An Exploring Church Membership Class is scheduled to begin next Sunday during the Sunday School hour (9:30 a.m.). The class is taught by Pastor Simmons and is designed to introduce the doctrines, ministry, and life of our church. The class lasts for three weeks and is offered for both those interested in joining Fifth Street Presbyterian Church as well as those who would just like to find out more about who we are. If you are interested please speak with the pastor.

Ladies' Daytime Bible Study Begins. We hope you can plan to attend the daytime Bible study which will resume on Tuesday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Oleta Brinton, (400 W. Third St.). The study of Carol Ruvolo's book "Faith at Work" will continue at section Two with Hazel Hebert leading the class. If you need a book please contact Oleta Brinton at 903-595-5578.

The Ladies' evening Bible Study meets each Thursday at 7:15 pm at the Covey's home. The study will be Nancy Guthrie's "The Son of God".

Ladies' Ministry Event: Have you always wanted to visit Paris, the Eiffel Tower, or the Louvre? If so, come to Fifth Street's Bistro Café, this Saturday, 10:30 to 12:00 for a delightful time of fellowship and a French menu. Krista Wallace of Christian Women's Job Core will speak and our own Jennifer Hitt, a graduate of this program will be sharing her testimony. Be sure to invite your friends.

We welcome to our pulpit today Mr. Lowell Ivy, a recent graduate of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and an intern at Covenant Community OPC Church of Greenville. Lowell is here with his wife Mae and their two children Geneva and Titus. Lowell came to faith in Christ while in prison and has a helpful perspective on ministry to men in prison and how the church can reach out to include men and women when they are released. Lowell will be teaching a combined Sunday School class, preaching in our morning service, and preaching at our joint service at Tyler Presbyterian Church.

A request for help. We have for some time been running a request in the bulletin asking for help in the nursery. We would very much like to have a schedule where our workers would not be out of the service more than once every few months. As it is now, a few are carrying the burden. We ask again for your consideration of this ministry. We need to provide this option for our younger covenant members and ask you to consider helping. You can determine how often you work, but we ask your consideration of at least once every two months. Ladies ages 18-110 are needed. If you have questions or wish to be included please contact Rosie Abernathy (903) 235-4324. Training is provided and we offer free background checks for all workers. Thank you for considering this ministry to our children and assistance to others working in the nursery.
Pastor Simmons

We have a selection of booklets on various topics including gospel booklets available on the tables in the narthex. Also, if you are in need of a Bible you are welcome to take one of the pew Bibles as well.

Concerning the Sacrament of the Lord's Table:

We believe and confess that our Savior Jesus Christ has ordained and instituted the sacrament of the Holy Supper to nourish and sustain those who are already born again and incorporated into his family: his church. This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits. At that table he makes us enjoy himself as much as the merits of his suffering and death, as he nourishes, strengthens, and comforts our poor, desolate souls by the eating of his flesh, and relieves and renews them by the drinking of his blood. *And*, by the use of this holy sacrament we are moved to a fervent love of God and our neighbors.

And though the sacraments and thing signified are joined together, not all receive both of them. The wicked person certainly takes the sacrament, to his condemnation, but does not receive the truth of the sacrament, just as Judas and Simon the Sorcerer both indeed received the sacrament, but not Christ, who was signified by it. He is communicated only to believers.

Finally, with humility and reverence we receive the holy sacrament in the gathering of God's people, as we engage together, with thanksgiving, in a holy remembrance of the death of Christ our Savior, and as we thus confess our faith and Christian religion.

Taken from Article 35 of the Belgic Confession