

Heaven as the End of Discipleship & Outreach
Matthew 25:31-46

**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.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
	6:30 P.M.	Small Group w/Compton
Wednesday	5:30 P.M.	WEDFEST
	6:30 P.M.	Classes
	7:30 P.M.	Choir Practice

***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 we begin our Wednesday programs (WEDFEST) and would like to encourage your participation. At the present we have not found a cook for the meals so we would like to invite you to bring your own meal and join us between 5:30 and 6:30 for a time of fellowship before the classes begin at 6:30. We will provide drinks and the delight of our company. There will be two adult classes offered: **Peacemakers**, led by Gary Hopkins and John Orbaugh, and **No Apology Necessary** (*a layman's guide to apologetics—talking about Jesus to people who have questions*), led by Pastor Simmons.

Beginning next week you are encouraged to attend a four part Sunday School series on the topic of how we know the Bible is God's Word. This is, how the Scriptures that God gave came to be recognized as the Bible we have today. We hope to make this a clear and faithful explanation of how we got our Bible and why we can trust it to be the very Word of God. The four topics are as follows.

Lesson One: How did the bible become biblical (the church and the canon) By Pastor Simmons

Lesson Two: The authority of the Bible and the Apostolic authority By Randy Compton

Lesson Three: The Manuscripts and the question of PROOF By Pastor Simmons

Lesson four: The Battle for the Bible again! By Randy Compton

Pastor Simmons will be scheduling a communicant's class for children whose parents believe they may be ready to be admitted to the Lord's Table. If you are interested please speak with the Pastor.

We are in need of a few who would be willing to help with leading and assisting with the Children's Worship Training (CWT). If you think you might be a good fit please talk with Wade Skinner about what CWT looks like and how you might fit in to this ministry to our younger children during the last half of our worship service.

Copies of [A Defense of Six-Day Creation](#) by G. I. Williamson can be picked up on the tables in Narthex and Hallway for those who do not have access to this great article on our Facebook page. It is a well written article by one of the giants of the faith of our day.

The nursery is in need of additional volunteers. If you are willing to be worked into a rotation please speak with Rosie Abernathy or call the church office and leave a message for Rosie, she will get back with you. This is one of the unsung but important ministries of our church where we hope to have parents involved along with members from various stations of life. It is, in fact, one of the ways we are able to fulfill the vow we made at the baptism of our covenant children. Our hope is that the rotation would require no more than once every six weeks. Husband and wife teams will be welcomed as well as grandparents, parents, adults without children, and you. If you are willing to help please let Rosie know and she will get the process rolling of having you included in this ministry.

The September Ushers are Gary Hopkins (Cap.) Robert Lewis, Harold Durham, Richard Ball and Bill Turman. The offering counters are Bill and Ken Turman.

Prayer focus for this week:

Jim Wroughton MTW

Dan Smith---RUF, Tyler (at Fall Conference this weekend)

Scott Mitchell RUF, Lehigh

Nathaniel Adawonu New Harvest Missions International
RTS Houston

Christ the King PCA Norman OK

Christy Stennis-Ball Red Cross in CO.

We welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Dunkan Rankin

Dr. Rankin was raised in a Southern Presbyterian and is a graduate of Clemson University in Ceramic Engineering. After finishing at Clemson, he worked and did Ph.D. studies in the area of nuclear waste storage in glassy materials, but in God's providence was redirected to the gospel ministry in the Presbyterian Church in America. After completing a Master of Divinity at Covenant Theological Seminary and Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) in Jackson, Mississippi, he took his Ph.D. at the New College of the University of Edinburgh.

After completing his education he was appointed to the Department of Systematic Theology at RTS where he served 10 years, teaching courses in dogmatic and historical theology. Since leaving RTS he has pastored a couple of churches and is presently Associate Pastor at Christ Church of Katy TX, where he is the discipleship pastor. Dr. Rankin also teaches at Reformation Bible College and the Houston RTS campus.