

Relief Is Coming
2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

We gather today to hear God speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we gather to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In this 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:

Sunday	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Service Choir Practice Evening Service
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Men's Steak Dinner
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Reading Calvin Dust to Glory
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacons

If you are visiting today, 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

March 5, 2017

Remember to save Saturday, March 25 for our church-wide work day. The deacons are asking members to contact them regarding items needing repair or attention. We will gather around 9 a.m. to hand out assignments. Please plan to join us even if you can come for only an hour or two.

Our church is hosting Tyler OPC and First Presbyterian on April 2 at 5 p.m. for our evening service. The Women's Ministry is requesting the help of all Fifth Street families as we plan to ensure that we have enough food for the reception following the service. We would like to ask that each family (as able) bring both a sweet and a savory snack. If your family will not be available to attend the service that evening, you may leave your snacks in the kitchen on Sunday morning, April 2.

Conversations with Men is giving way for a much needed Men's Steak Dinner this Tuesday. The grill will be ready at 6 p.m. for steak or your meat of choice. Baked potatoes, salad and bread will be provided.

Beginning in April Pastor Simmons will be teaching the mixed adult Sunday School class and will begin a survey of the Old Testament Books. In June we will take a break from the Old Testament Survey and combine this class with the Junior and Senior High Class for a study of the Westminster Confession of Faith to be taught by members of your Session.

We are again glad to offer a very excellent summer camp for young people going into 4th grade through entering 12th grade. The camp dates are June 19-24, 2017 in Leakey, TX. For more information please take a look at this link: <http://opcsouthwest.org/summer-youth-camp/> If you are interested please notify the church office.

We give thanks to God for His kindness at the birth of Evay Lea Joyce, born February 27 at 6:28 p.m.!

As you pray please remember:

- Lee Hinrichsen
- Joe and Beverly Kanewske
- Sonya's Recovery
- Robert Hale—MTW/Wycliff, West Africa
- Cornerstone Assistance of Tyler
- Lakewood Presbyterian of Dallas (PCA)

God Is a Consuming Fire (Heb. 12:29) The prophet places the matter before our eyes in a fine manner. For so it goes when the ungodly are suddenly found out, are visited and laid hold upon in their troubles. Then they want to flee from the sight of this wrath or the revelation of the righteous judgment of God. But they cannot flee and utter that exclamation (Hos. 10:8): Ye mountains, cover us, and ye hills, fall on us! But in vain, for they are forced to endure this Day and the eternal revelation. Then begin fear, flight, and unbearable horror, which causes them to burn with this unspeakable internal fire; for the external fire is nothing in comparison with this internal fire....

This chief and unbearable punishment God will inflict with His mere appearance, that is, with the revelation of His wrath, as he says here: "Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of Thine anger," and 2 Thess. 1-9: "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power," and Ps. 34:17: "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil." Indeed, this is the punishment which no one understands but the damned, who feel it, so that it is horrible even to think of the words of this verse, so very fittingly do they depict it. And I recall no other passage of the Old Testament which so clearly sets forth the misery of damnation. The fiery oven is ignited merely by the unbearable appearance of God and endures eternally. For the Day of Judgment will last for a moment only but will stand throughout eternity and will thereafter never come to an end. Constantly the damned will be judged, constantly they will suffer pain, and constantly they will be a fiery oven, that is, they will be tortured within by supreme distress and tribulation. Not as though the ungodly see God and His appearance as the godly will see Him; but they will feel the power of His presence, which they will not be able to bear and yet will be forced to bear.

—Martin Luther