

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

February 10, 2019

Worship Leader: Elder Scott Warren
Greeters: Crickmore
Deacon in Charge: Peter Benedict
Ushers: Robert Hurlburt, Kevin Hilinski
Audio: Mark Popovitch
Nursery: 9:30: Monique Barr
10:30 (*Worship*): Anita Hilinski, Kevin Hilinski
Toddler Time: Sue Owens, Elisabeth Craig
Coffee Clean-up: Peter Benedict
Evening Audio: *Shepherding Groups-*
Evening Nursery: *No Evening Service*

February 17, 2019

Worship Leader: Elder Brian Wilson
Greeters: Ohlund
Deacon in Charge: Walter Mayo
Ushers: Jeff Hofmann, Christopher Caples
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30: Anita Hilinski
10:30 (*Worship*): Ryan Mayhew, Vanessa Mayhew
Toddler Time: Wendy Harmon, Elaina Hauser
Coffee Clean-up: Sam Edwards
Evening Audio: Chaz Owens
Evening Nursery: Chloe Sundet

This Week at Church

Monday	1:00 PM	Ladies' Prayer Meeting at Ohlunds
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Pastor's Bible Study
	1:30 PM	Children's Music Class (sign up to attend)
	6:30 PM	Pioneer Club & Youth Group
Thursday	7:00 PM	Midweek Recharge!
		Happy Valentine's Day!
	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

LADIES' TEA & TESTIMONY

Ladies: Our next Tea & Testimony will be on Saturday, February 23rd from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM. Our speaker will be Shelley Snyder. There will be a Q & A segment to the afternoon to help us get to know Shelley better. If you have a question you would like Shelley to answer please submit it to the church office at office@coventrypca.church. This is a great time to bring a friend to church to experience fellowship with other Christian women in a really nice way, so feel free to invite a friend along for tea! If you would like to attend and need child care please email the church office so that we will be prepared with staffing.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDIES

The Wednesday afternoon Bible Study will be studying Mark 5:1-20.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Each Lord's Day we have the great opportunity and calling to enter public worship, both in the morning and evening—to express praise to God through prayer, song, sacrament, confession, giving, and the hearing of God's Word. Certainly, central to worship is the proclamation of the gospel and the Word of Truth. To that end, I want to make you aware of the preaching plan for morning and evening worship from February through June.

Beginning this month, during the morning service, we are beginning a series through the Gospel of Matthew (background and introductory material to Matthew is available in the narthex). In the evening service, starting February 17 we will begin focusing on the biblical theme of *Union with Christ* (about 7 weeks) followed by the theme of the believers *Sanctification* (about 8 weeks). These two subjects are paramount in understanding our identity in Christ and the way in which we grow in the grace of Christ. We encourage you to join us for worship and for the hearing of God's Word—for His Word is truth (Jn.17:17).

SENDING LOVE PACKAGES

There is a ministry located in Butler, IL called Love Packages, check it out @

www.lovepackages.org which accepts Bibles, Christian literature (devotionals, studies, Sunday school lessons, CDs and magazines etc. - no VHS, cassettes however) and sends boxes of materials to Christians around the world who do not have the abundance that we enjoy here in the USA.

Please do not throw those tracts, devotionals etc. into the trash or recycle bin! Please join me in donating your used literature and CDs to this wonderful organization. There will be a box labeled in Fellowship Hall. Any questions, contact Carey Hurlburt.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES RESUMING ON THURSDAYS

Please join us for prayer, encouraging fellowship, and valuable time in the Word of God as we study it to know Him and apply His truth to our lives in this time of "already and not yet." We are praying for women of all age groups to come together with a holy hunger that only the word of God can satisfy. Sign up for child care or books at office@coventrypca.church.

10:00 AM group will be studying the book of *Hebrews* using *Hoping for Something Better* by Nancy Guthrie.

6:30 PM group will be using Pastor Will's sermon outlines and application questions to study in the book of **Matthew**.

Questions? See Cecelia Clark (828-231-5971) or Patricia Ohlund (860-334-8093)

CARING FAMILIES SUPPORT

Caring Families is an organization that PCC supports which provides women and men facing an unintended pregnancy with compassion and hope, to make life affirming decisions. They do not receive any government funding and are only able to run through donations. They are currently trying to pay off their mobile unit which has \$25,000 left on the loan. If you are able and feel called to support this wonderful organization you can go to their website at www.carefamilies.com, click on Who We Are at the top of the page, then click on Mobile Unit in the box to the right then scroll down to where it says Donate Here. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

CHILD PROTECTION PLAN TRAINING

PCC is instituting a new Child Protection Plan which includes a revised nursery manual, online Child Protection training, and background checks. All teachers, substitutes, Toddler Time and Nursery volunteers, and Pioneers staff will be required to (1) attend a brief classroom training session, (2) complete the online training video, and (3) conduct a basic background check afterwards. Background checks are basic online forms, and will not require any interviews or fingerprinting. Volunteers ages 14-17 will not be required to have a background check. The training sessions will take place immediately following the worship service in the library, and will take about 30 minutes to complete. After you attend the training session, you will be emailed a link to the online Child Protection training and background check form. The next training session will take place on **February 17th** and the last one on February 24th (if needed). Please contact Howard Craig with your questions at howard.j.craig@gmail.com or 860-449-3582.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word
The Genealogy – God's Mercy, Judgement,
and Faithfulness
Matthew 1:1-17

Main Preaching Point: In light of the promises and character of God, see the value of your own life story within the grand narrative of God's redemptive story

- *Biblos Geneseos*—The Book of Genesis: The Most Important Beginning (v.1a)
- Fulfillment of Two Great Old Testament Promises—A son who be the forever-King & a seed who would be a blessing to all nations: A time (forever-king) & space (blessing-to -all) promise (v.1b)
- Abraham to David—God's Great Mercy (v.2-6)
- Solomon to the Exile—God's Divine Judgment (v.7-11)
- Exile to the Christ—God's Faithfulness (v.12-17)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: Matthew 1:1-17

Title: The Genealogy—God's mercy, judgment, & faithfulness

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

Biblos Geneseos—The Book of Genesis: The Most Important Beginning (v.1a)

2. According to v.1, as well as the message, how is the opening to Matthew's gospel unique and significant?

- What does it mean that Jesus is called the "Christ"? Explain.

3. In recent history there has been a significant upsurge and interest in researching personal history, family trees, and genealogies. Why do you think this is? Does it reveal anything important about human nature or man's pursuit for meaning?

Fulfillment of Two Great Old Testament Promises—A son who be the forever-King & a seed who would be a blessing to all nations: A time (forever-king) & space (blessing-to -all) promise (v.1b)

3. In v.1, Matthew notes that Jesus is the "the son of David, the son of Abraham"? How does this reference create a close relationship between the Old and New Testament? Explain.

- What was the promise to David (read 2 Samuel 7:1-13)? How does Jesus Christ fulfill that promise?
- What was the promise to Abraham (read Genesis 12:1-7; Galatians 3:16)? How does Jesus Christ fulfill that promise?
- According to the sermon, how do the promises to David and Abraham express a vertical and horizontal emphasis? Explain.

4. Consider your personal life-story: How do these promises effect *you*—how do they make a difference in *your* life?

Abraham to David—God's Great Mercy (v.2-6)

5. Read v.2-6. According to the text and sermon, how do the particular names (and those not named) reveal the character of God's mercy? What does it reveal about God's character and purposes that the genealogy of Christ includes characters such as Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba?

- How do these verses give the reader hope? How does this genealogy 'preach the gospel'?

Solomon to the Exile—God's Divine Judgment (v.7-11)

6. Read v.7-11. How do these verses reveal the character of God's judgment? Why did the exile/deportation to Babylon (v.11) take place, and how does this support God's divine judgment?

Exile to the Christ—God's Faithfulness (v.12-17)

7. Read v.12-17. What happened in this period of God's unfolding plan of redemption? How does it reveal the character of God's faithfulness?

8. In considering your own personal life-story, why is it important to understand our own (story) in light of the larger story of God's redemptive purposes? Jesus is the son of David who is the forever-king, and he is the son of Abraham who is the Savior to all nations—why should we see our story in light of his? Explain.