

The Trinity Times

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (PCA) OF SHERWOOD, AR

The Pastor's Page

God Made YOU Good

In the vulnerability and wonder of Psalm 139 we hear David say, *“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”* (139:13–14) Do

you believe that you are wonderfully made by God? Do you believe that you are who you are supposed to be because God has made you that way?

We will believe that God has made us good and live with fear and wonder at what he has made, only if we believe that God himself is good. Our God is a good and wise Creator. He is an intentional and purposeful Creator. Which means he was very intentional and purposeful when he made you the way that you are – with your unique strengths and weaknesses. The Creator did not have to make you or me the way that he did, but he did so out of his love and goodness. God does not make mistakes. He always knows what he is doing and has a purpose for every moment of your life as he does for everyone that you know. Ephesians 2:10 says, *“...we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”* Do you hear how purposeful God is? We are created on purpose, with purpose and for purpose. Though we will never stop fighting sin and growing in the likeness of Jesus, we are exactly who we are supposed to be.

Thoughts like this were conveyed with humor and power by Dr. Kathy Koch in her talk “How God Made Us Good” during the Colson Center’s Wilberforce Weekend. **We are going to watch this talk, along with several others, on Saturday, October 23 at the church.** The speakers are engaging, and the topic is critically important for us to remember. We need to understand and rejoice in *who we are* and *why we are* as human beings. It effects the way we think about everyone and everything else around us.

I know fall activities are picking up, and we all have to make hard choices on how and where to spend the allotted days. We have good responsibilities to the church, our families, workplace, and communities that must be planned and carried out for the love of God and neighbor. We have the same number of hours every day and every week, so we must consider how to fill those hours with what is most important to us. What will encourage and equip us to faithfulness and maturity in Christ? I encourage you to block off as much time as you can for this seminar. My days are filled with a lot of reading, writing, listening, and studying, and I think these talks are some of the most edifying

Article Submissions

Articles for the November Newsletter are due Sunday, October 24th.

Articles can be emailed to:
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I've heard all year. It will feed your heart and mind, and send you with gratitude to God for is grace in creating and restoring his image-bearers.

Our God is good and faithful with each new day and in every season. He loves you and his church, and he knows the plans he has for each one of you as part of His church. Believe this. Hold fast to Christ and the saving message of the gospel. Stay on the ancient path, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.

In the Potter's hands,

Brad

Stewardship Report | August

GENERAL FUND	Month	Year
Budget	\$15,596	\$124,769
Gifts Received	\$22,730	\$109,607
Total Expenses	\$13,090	\$125,679
Gain/(Loss)	\$9,640	(\$16,072)
MISSIONS FUND	Month	Year
Budget	\$1,600	\$12,800
Gifts Received	\$1,705	\$16,735
Total Expenses	\$1,600	\$12,800
Gain/(Loss)	\$105	\$3,935

Fellowship Focus

Fellowship Lunch Assignments

Our small groups will rotate responsibilities for preparation of our monthly Fellowship Lunches. Duties include setting up tables and chairs; providing ice; and making tea, lemonade, and coffee. The schedule for 2021 is:

October 10th | Heidelberg

November 14th | Westminster

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Reformation Day Party

Sunday, October 31st at 4:00 P.M.

Thanksgiving Fellowship Lunch

Sunday, November 14th at 12:00 P.M.

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12th at 12:00 P.M.

If you have an idea for a fellowship event, please contact Ron Plate, Melissa Gorter, or Heath Warbritton.

Saturday Seminar

To say that we live in a time of cultural confusion is an understatement. Families, communities and so much of what God has made good, true, and beautiful seem to be eroding at an alarming rate. It is difficult to find credible and helpful information that is not full of despair, anger, and division. How do we make sense of the world around us? How do we make decisions and engage others in a way that is gracious, truthful, and glorifying to God?

The Colson Center exists to give Christians the clarity, confidence, and courage to play their part in God's restoration of all things. They provide online audio and visual resources along with annual events and courses to aid Christians in understanding the times and engaging the world from a solidly Biblical and Christ-centered worldview. Wilberforce Weekend is the Colson Center's premier Christian worldview conference. It is held in person with all material available online shortly following the conference. In 2021, the theme for the Wilberforce Weekend was The Imago Dei – exploring what it truly means to live in the image of God.

Please consider joining us on **Saturday, October 23**, for a Wilberforce Weekend "Watch Party" at the church. We will watch several of the plenary speakers from the weekend talk about the image of God created, fallen and restored. The first session will start at **9:00 A.M.** and we will conclude around **2:30 P.M.** Lunch and childcare will be provided.

If you have any questions, please talk to Brad.

Missions Moment

Union Rescue Mission

The Union Rescue Mission focuses on the 4 R's of RESCUE:

Redemption – The Mission stands on 2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” Everyone who come to the mission has opportunity for a new start.

Recovery – The URM has worked hard over the years to build a program designed to take individuals just as they are and heavily invest in them. We provide room and board, substance abuse prevention, anger management, education, therapy, counseling, medical, dental, vision, mock interviews, job placement, and accountability groups.

Restoration – The URM believes that God will restore health and heal the brokenness experienced by those we have the privilege of caring for as they choose to pursue recovery.

Respond – This is our part as a church! Faithful partnership in prayer and service.

There are so many opportunities for the church to share God's redeeming and restoring love with men, women, and children through Union Rescue Mission. Opportunities include:

- Special initiatives and community outreach
- Sock and Underwear drive
- Bible studies in our guest areas
- Church mentoring
- Monthly financial support
- Volunteering throughout the Mission

For more information, you can call 501-370-0808.



URM Fall Fundraiser:

Strike Out Domestic Violence
Saturday, October 9, 2021 • Maumelle Bowling Center
\$35/person or \$200 for team of 6

Help us Strike Out Domestic Violence in Central Arkansas by joining us for a fun day of bowling and our always-popular silent auction! Get your team together! For more information, email us at info@urmissionlr.org.

Celebrating This Month

Birthdays

October 7

Laramie Nicholson

October 8

Joy Denley

Glenn VanEnk

October 14

Piper Childress

October 30

Diane Buck

Anniversaries

October 2

Josh and Brandi Childress

In The Nature of True Virtue, one of the most profound treatises on social ethics ever written, Jonathan Edwards lays out how sin destroys the social fabric. He argues that human society is deeply fragmented when anything but God is our highest love...

If we get our very identity, our sense of worth, from our political position, then politics is not really about politics, it is about us. Through our cause we are getting a self, our worth. That means we must despise and demonize the opposition. If we get our identity from our ethnicity or socioeconomic status, then we have to feel superior to those of other classes and races. If you are profoundly proud of being an open-minded, tolerant soul, you will be extremely indignant toward people you think are bigots. If you are a very moral person, you will feel very superior to people you think are licentious. And so on.

The more we love and identify deeply with our family, our class, our race, or our religion, the harder it is to not feel superior or even hostile to other religions, races, etc. So racism, classism, and sexism are not matters of ignorance or a lack of education. The real culture war is taking place inside our own disordered hearts, wracked by inordinate desires for things that control us, that lead us to feel superior and exclude those without them, and that fail to satisfy us even when we get them.

...Edwards concludes that only if God is our summum bonum, our ultimate good and life center, will we find our heart drawn out not only to people of all families, races, and classes, but to the whole world in general.

– Tim Keller, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*

The Annotated Hymnal

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” by William Kethe

This is often called “The Old Hundredth” because it is based on Psalm 100. It is probably the oldest hymn of praise in the English language. William Kethe, a Scotsman, was a minister of the Church of England. But during the reign of Queen Mary, which was a reign of terror for many English Protestants, Kethe fled to Germany and then to Geneva, Switzerland. In Geneva he was influenced by John Calvin. There he assisted in the translation of the Geneva Bible and helped to produce a complete English version of the metrical psalms. From this Psalter, now more than four hundred years old, “The Old Hundredth” is taken. The hymn was first published in London in 1561, shortly after Queen Elizabeth I came to the throne.

The music was written by John Calvin’s choir director, and the hymn has never been set to any other but the original tune.

Scriptures: Psalm 100:1–4; John 10:11; Hebrews 13:15

Themes: Praise, Worship, Joy

*All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.*

*The Lord, you know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.*

*O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.*

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