



Faith Messenger

Of Angels and Men...

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 18

6:00pm - *“Question the Confession?”*

Sunday, May 22

9:45am - *Sunday school for adults and children*

10:45am - *Morning Worship*
- *Session meeting to follow morning worship*

But now I want to carry you on and ask all your attention to this second point for OUR ADMIRATION. I want you to admire, dear Friends, the fact that though angels fell, the saints of God are made to stand. The angels sinned fatally, but the saints of God “cannot sin, for they are born of God.” You know the sense in which the Apostle means that—not that we do not all sin, but that we do not so sin as to depart from the living God, give up our allegiance to Him—and cease to be His loving children. No. “He keeps himself,” says the Scripture, “and that wicked one touches him not.” But what a wonder it is! I tell you, when the tales of God’s people shall be written and the records of the saints shall be read by the Light of Glory, we shall be miracles of Grace

Mark your calendars now!

Come join the family of Faith on Sunday, May 29, as we say farewell to our dear friends the Bell family.

*Bring your own lunch (dessert will be provided) and join us after worship at **Wade Park** for a time of fellowship and fun!*

to ourselves and to one another! “Oh,” we shall say, “I had almost gone, but the hand of Grace interposed and snatched me from slipping over the awful precipice. My mind almost consented to that sin and yet I was able to cry out, ‘How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?’ There was great stress of weather and my poor boat was almost on the rocks, but still, though I grazed the bottom, yet I did not make shipwreck.”

“Oh, if I had been left at that moment,” one will say, “what would have become of me? Though I had tasted of the heavenly gift and the powers of the world to come, yet had I been left to myself at that hour, I would have so fallen that I could never again have been brought to repentance! But I was kept—preserved by as great a miracle as if a spark should fall into the sea and yet burn on, or a straw should be blown into a heated furnace and should not be consumed, or a moth should be trodden on by a giant and yet remain uncrushed—“Kept alive with death so near, I to God the glory give.” To think that men should stand where angels fall! We are, by Sovereign Grace, called to be as near to God as the angels ever were—and in some respects we are nearer! We are the bodyguard of Christ, His chosen ones with whom He communes. We are the table companions of our Lord—we eat of His bread and drink of His cup—and are made partakers with Him. We are lifted up to be one with Him and are made to be “members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. Yet God’s eternal unbounded power keeps us in the day of temptation and leads us so that if we go through the rivers we are not drowned, and when we pass through the fires we are not burned. O, the splendor of triumphant Grace! Neither the glory of our calling, nor the unworthiness of our original, shall cause us to be traitors. We shall neither perish through pride nor lust, but the new nature within us shall overcome all sin and abide faithful to the end.

- From Charles Spurgeon, “*Fallen Angels a Lesson to Fallen Men*”, sermon 1820

!!ATTENTION: MEN OF FAITH, PCA!!

Saturday, May 21, was our monthly scheduled Men’s Fellowship Breakfast. Due to scheduling conflicts we are forced to cancel this month’s breakfast. If you have ANY questions please contact Pastor Justin @ (903) 517-6315!

WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

- Question 13 -

What hath God especially decreed concerning angels and men?

- Answer -

God, by an eternal and immutable decree, out of his mere love, for the praise of his glorious grace, to be manifested in due time, hath elected some angels to glory; and in Christ hath chosen some men to eternal life, and the means thereof: and also, according to his sovereign power, and the unsearchable counsel of his own will, (whereby he extends or withholds favor as he pleases,) hath passed by and foreordained the rest to dishonor and wrath, to be for their sin inflicted, to the praise of the glory of his justice.

“Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory...”

— Romans 9:21-23

Prayer and Praise

1. *Praise!* for **Toby**, 2 year old relative of Marlyne Perimon, who is now home and recovering well after being admitted to the hospital with a high fever which led to seizures.
2. *Continued prayer* for **Jake and Dave Broadway** and their ongoing health concerns, and for their children, Mac & Tracy, as they lovingly minister to their aging parents.

3. *Prayer* for Tracey Jones’ friend, **Stacey Cook**, who is struggling with major pain and other issues following bypass surgery.

M’Cheyne Weekly Scripture Readings

<u>Private (Morning)</u>		<u>Family (Evening)</u>
5/18	Numbers 27 / Psalms 70-71	Isaiab 17-18/ 1 Peter 5
5/19	Numbers 28 / Psalms 72	Isaiab 19-20 / 2 Peter 1
5/20	Numbers 29/ Psalms 73	Isaiab 21 / 2 Peter 2
5/21	Numbers 30 / Psalms 74	Isaiab 22 / 2 Peter 3
5/22	Numbers 31 / Psalms 75-76	Isaiab 23 / 1 John 1
5/23	Numbers 32 / Psalms 77	Isaiab 24 / 1 John 2
5/24	Numbers 33 / Psalms 78	Isaiab 25 / 1 John 3