



Faith Messenger

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 11

6:00pm - "Question the Confession?"

Thursday, May 12

11:00am - Heritage House Bible Study Ministry

Sunday, May 15

9:45am - Sunday school for adults and children

10:45am - Morning Worship
Mother's Day Fellowship
Luncheon after worship service

Why?

One question you learn to EXPECT as a parent - no matter what the topic, the situation, or the child – is the question “Why?”

“Why can’t I stay up late tonight?” “Why does hair grow on your chin and not on your head?” “Why can’t I have ice cream on top of my mashed potatoes?” The opportunity for inquiry is ENDLESS – as is (it seems) the energy to fuel those questions within the mind of anyone within the age of those who still wonder about eating ice cream on mashed potatoes.

The truth is, that same desire doesn’t go away with our changing tastes in food and bed times. The burning question at the heart of man – in most any situation – is the question “Why?” It tugs at our heart and our minds for one simple reason: when we can’t answer it, we are forced into admitting our own limitations – an uncomfortable place for our prideful human spirits. “Why did that have to happen that way? “Why hasn’t God done what I’ve asked him to do in all of those hours of prayer?”

Such questions demonstrate their foundation in pride when turned around and viewed from the perspective of another. “Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: *Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements-- surely you know!”* (Job 38:1-5a)

It’s a humbling place that we come to when we acknowledge the total sovereignty of God over our lives and, in fact, over all of His creation. Never the less, this is exactly the answer that the Scriptures give us as the ULTIMATE response to all of our “Why” questions: Things have happened and continue to happen as they do purely for the glory of God alone. “*Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.*” (Job 40:2)

Why do things happen as they do? Because God is God.

WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

- Question 12 -

What are the decrees of God?

- Answer -

God’s decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his will, whereby, from all eternity, he hath, for his own glory, unchangeably foreordained whatsoever comes to pass in time, especially concerning angels and men.

“*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*”

— Romans 11:33

Prayer and Praise

1. *Prayer* for Valerie's grandmother, **Betty Rhea**, who was admitted to the hospital in Tulsa with food poisoning.
2. *Continued prayer* for **Jake Broadway** who is seriously struggling with the effects of dementia.

3. *Praise!* for Larann Denison's mother, **Katy VanDeaver**, as we see the Lord answering prayer as her health continues to improve!
4. *Prayer* for those affected by the recent storms in our area.

!!ATTENTION: MEN OF FAITH, PCA!!

Sunday, May 15, is our annual *Mother's Day Fellowship Luncheon*. If you signed up to do your part in preparing the meal for the ladies and have ANY questions concerning the meal, please contact Pastor Justin @ (903) 517-6315!

M'Cheyne Weekly Scripture Readings

<u>Private (Morning)</u>		<u>Family (Evening)</u>
5/11	<i>Numbers 20 / Psalms 58-59</i>	<i>Isaiab 9:8-10:4 / James 3</i>
5/12	<i>Numbers 21 / Psalms 60-61</i>	<i>Isaiab 10:5-34 / James 4</i>
5/13	<i>Numbers 22 / Psalms 62-63</i>	<i>Isaiab 11-12 / James 5</i>
5/14	<i>Numbers 23 / Psalms 64-65</i>	<i>Isaiab 13 / 1 Peter 1</i>
5/15	<i>Numbers 24 / Psalms 66-67</i>	<i>Isaiab 14 / 1 Peter 2</i>
5/16	<i>Numbers 25 / Psalms 68</i>	<i>Isaiab 15 / 1 Peter 3</i>
5/17	<i>Numbers 26 / Psalms 69</i>	<i>Isaiab 16 / 1 Peter 4</i>