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Parson's Perspective

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Scripture Points to Christ

The primary focus of Scripture is one of the revelation of Christ. According to Barth, there is no other source of revelation beside Jesus Christ as witnessed in Scripture. This point is best made in Barth's own words:

*It is not right human thoughts about God that form the content of the Bible, but right divine thoughts about us. The Bible tells us not how we should talk with God, but what God says to us. Not how we find the way to God, but how God has sought and found the way to us. Not the right relation in which we must place ourselves, but the covenant which God has made with all who are Abraham's spiritual children and which has been sealed once and for all in Jesus Christ. It is this that is within the Bible. The Word of God is within the Bible. "Excerpts From Barth," *Theology Today*, 43,3, 1986(417).*

In the Barmen Confession of which Barth was the principal author there is a similar emphasis. The first article points to Jesus Christ as attested in the Scriptures as the one Word of God then it rejects any other source of proclamation. In the second article it declares God's claim on the whole of life and then it rejects that there should be areas of life that do not belong to Jesus Christ. In Barth's theology, Revelation occurred in space and time, in the person of Jesus Christ. The Confession of 1967(9.27) reflects this same view:

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.

The Gospel of John (1:1) reads "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." We have the revelation of the incarnate, risen and ever-present Word of God available as we read Scripture.

Pastor Bob

This Month in the Church

Wednesday, April 1 - 1:30 p.m. Esther and Martha Mary Circes will meet at the church and business will take place separately and the groups will continue for a Bible Study led by Karen Henderson. Refreshments following.

Thursday, April 2 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Deacons' Offering)

Friday, April 3 - 2:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 5 - 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service—Pastor Getty will be giving the Easter Sunrise Message "Then Comes the Morning" Following the service everyone is invited to An Easter Breakfast in the Community Room. There will be breakfast casserole, fresh fruit and muffins, with juice and other beverages.

No Adult Class today

10:45 a.m. Easter Worship
Pastor Hays—"Where's Jesus?"

Monday, April 6 - Church Closed

Thursday, April 9—Life Line Screenings

2:00 p.m. Birthday Party at Bristol Health Care

Sunday, April 12 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class
10:45 a.m. Worship followed by a Special Congregation Meeting to elect Tom Patterson as Ruling Elder to the Class of 2015 to replace Juliet Getty

Communion (Deacons' Offerig)

Tuesday, April 14 - 3:15 p.m. Member Care Mtg.

Wednesday, April 15 - 1:45 p.m. P.W.C.T.
Mtg. 1:45 p.m. at the home of Audrey Tysen

3:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, April 16 - 10:30 a.m. Communion
At Bristol Health Care

2:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 19 -9:30 a.m. Adult Class

Monday, April 20 - 3:00 p.m.
Partners for Peace at the Glenn Center
(See information in this newsletter)

Saturday, April 25 - 9:30 a.m. PW Spring Gathering at the First Presbyterian Church Granville (See Special article in this newsletter)

Sunday, April 26 - 9:30 a.m. Adult Class

Wednesday, April 29 - 1:30 p.m.
PW Fifth Wednesday (See special article in this newsletter)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 12 - Helen Heinmiller
20 - Sharon Weaver
23 - Kitty Neely
26 - Mike Milam
30 - Janet Marsh



Scripture Texts for Sunday Worship, April 2015

April 2 7:00 p.m.	<u>Maundy Thursday</u> John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Pastor Bob: "Wash One Another's Feet"
April 3 2:00 p.m.	<u>Good Friday</u> Selected Readings from the Gospel of Mark As soon as Jesus began witnessing to the appearing of God's kingdom in the world, his death was the inevitable outcome for the way he lived his life.
April 5 7:00 a.m.	The Resurrection of the Lord – First Service of Easter – 7:00 a.m. Mark 16:1-8 Pastor Bob: "Then Comes the Morning"
April 5	The Resurrection of the Lord – Easter Sunday – 10:45 a.m. Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8 Pastor Rick: "Where's Jesus?"
April 12	Second Sunday of Easter Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31 Pastor Rick: "Unlock the Doors" The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.
April 19	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48 Pastor Rick: "Talk of the Town"
April 26	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24 ; John 10:11-18 Pastor Rick: "Signed by the Spirit"

I do want the choir to know how much I enjoyed both the singing and the fellowship and the wonderful personalities among the group.

Also, please post my address, phone and e-mail for the choir and the church membership. Laura and I are looking forward to opening the cards together!

Glenn Peterson
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PW SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 25, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church, Granville, Ohio

Registration at 9:30 a.m., program at 10:00 a.m.

ONE BODY, ONE SPRIT

We commit ourselves to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

At the Spring Gathering, we will celebrate the special community of women known as Presbyterian Women. Martha Pool, former moderator of PW in our Presbytery and Synod of the Covenant Representative to the Churchwide Coordinating Team, will talk of Radical Hospitality. Martha will help us find ways to experience and share God's RADICAL HOSPITALITY using a new PW resource, "Practicing God's Radical Hospitality: Exploring Difference, Change and Leadership Through the Spiritual Discipline of Hospitality." The Rev. Dr. Jeannie Harsh will lead the afternoon worship.

In addition, we will elect and install new leaders, present Women of Faith Awards, give an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women and commission those attending the Churchwide Gathering in Minneapolis in June. Don't miss it.

If you would like to attend, please let Audrey Tysen know by Friday, April 17. Cost if \$10 (includes lunch).



PW Activities in April

Wed., April 1, at 1:30 p.m. – Circle Meetings

Esther Circle and Martha Mary Circle will meet together at the church. Business will take place separately, but then the groups will combine for a Bible Study led by Karen Henderson. Following will be refreshments hosted by Irene Noble and Jean Frank. If anyone needs transportation, contact Irene Noble 941-4059.

Thurs., April 9, at 2:00 p.m. – Birthday Party at Bristol Health Care
Esther Circle will bring a program, cards, and LOVE to the residents.

Wed., April 15, 1:45 p.m., PWCT Meeting, at the home of Audrey Tysen.

Sat., April 25, Spring Gathering. Presbyterian Women of Scioto Valley will gather at First Presbyterian Church in Granville, Ohio. Registration begins at 9:30. "Radical Hospitality" is the topic. (More information in separate article)

Wed., April 29, Fifth Wednesday Connections, 1:30 p.m. at the church (see more information in separate article).

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

April 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2015</h1>						
			1 8 a.m. Sleeve-Tuggers 1:30 p.m. Circle Mtgs.	2 Choir 3:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7 p.m. Deacons' Off.	3 2:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	4
5 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Serv. & Breakfast No Adult Class 10:45 a.m. Worship	6 Church Closed	7	8 8 a.m. Sleeve-Tuggers	9 Lifeline Testing 2:00 p.m. PW Birthday Party 3:45 Choir	10	11
12 9:30 Adult Class 10:45 Worship Communion/Deacons' Off. Cong. Mtg.	13	14 3:15 p.m. Member Care Mtg.	15 8 a.m. Sleeve-Tugg. 1:45 p.m. P.W.C.T. 3 p.m. Session Mtg.	16 10:30 a.m. Communion Bristol Health Care Worship Com. Mtg. 2:00 p.m.	17	18
19 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45 a.m.	20 Partners for Peace 3 p.m. Glenn Ctr. Bristol Village	21	22 8 a.m. Sleeve-Tuggers	23	24	25 PW Spring Gathering 9:30 First Church Granville
26 9:30 a.m. Adult Class 10:45 a.m. Worship	27	28	29 8 a.m. Sleeve Tuggers 1:30 p.m. PW Fifth Wed.	30		

It all started when I was 8 years old. My Mother gave me two trolley tokens, 20 cents for dinner and put me on the streetcar to go to the Tuesday Boy's Club at the large Presbyterian Church in downtown Pittsburgh. Dr. Clarence McCartney was the Pastor.

Since the Church had a large gym and two bowling alleys, when you arrived you, could either play basketball, bowl or do craft work before dinner. After dinner, we had a devotional period with bible study followed by more sports or working on crafts of all sorts. Started home before 8:00 P.M. That went on for years.

Also, the Church had a boys summer camp in Somerfield Pa. So that is where I went for the month of July every year. Lots of fun but with Bible study and memory verses to learn during rest time after lunch. It also included a test on Bible scripture on Sunday afternoon. I had two counselors (Ernie Toth and Harry Coleman) who looked after me over the years. They even came to visit me in my home after I was in bed for a month with a fractured skull. Both became ministers and had a great spiritual influence on me. Eventually I, too, became a counselor and, hopefully, helped other kids along the way.

Shortly after Jean and I were married in 1950, I became an Elder in the Brighton Road Presbyterian Church.. That started me being on Session for years and years in different churches. It also forced me to attend Presbytery meetings since I thought it was important to have the same Elder attend Presbytery regularly in order to know what was going on. After many years, I came to the conclusion that the Presbyterian Church has one of the best unions around. It is run by Ministers for the Ministers and the average church member has little influence in the process.

There are 3 significant times in our lives that I know God looked after us. First, I stayed in the Naval reserve after World War II as a seaman. When the Korean War came along I received orders to report to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Since I had gone to college after World War II, I decided to apply for a Commission. My orders were canceled pending the granting or not of the Commission. I received the Commission but never received any further orders calling me up to report. So I retired 23 years later as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy.

Another time occurred when we were looking for our second house. We found a beautiful two story red brick colonial house on a road that went through a golf course. It was built by a member of our church. But it was way too much money. So we looked at another lot with another builder in the same general area. However, one Sunday I was ushering in the balcony of our church. It just so happened that the builder of our dream home was also in the balcony on that day. So after church I asked him what he thought of the other builder. He asked why I was talking to him. I told him your place is too expensive. He told me to take Jean out to look at the house that afternoon and call him in the morning. He thought we could work something out. I did and we lived in the house for 40 years.

The third time occurred when we decided to move to Bristol Village. Like many people we couldn't sell our home after nearly 2 years. However, our Real Estate Agent told us that they worked with a firm that would buy our home if we agreed to accept their appraisal and pay an appropriate fee. We thought their appraisal was fair. So we agreed and paid the fee. We got our money out of the house and moved to Bristol Village. The firm finally sold our home about a year later for \$ 50,000 less than their appraised amount.

What is next? I don't know. But I believe God will continue to look after us as he has in the past. In the meantime, we will try to help as many people as we can.

OUR SESSION AT WORK

Our Session is charged with responsibility for the church in both spiritual and corporate matters. It consists of twelve elected and installed ruling elders divided into three classes of four elders each. Each year one-third of the elders complete their three-year term of service and are replaced by four newly elected and installed elders. Our co-pastors take turns moderating our session meetings which take place at 3:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Our Session met twice in March. The March 4th special meeting was used to assign elders as moderators of, or session liaisons for, the ten committees established to facilitate carrying out the Session's duties. These committees also include congregational members who are willing to work on them. Corporate officers and the Clerk of Session were also elected at that meeting. A chart listing all Session members and their committee and/or officer assignments is being prepared and will be available soon.

At the March 18th regular meeting, financial and committee reports were made, discussed, and acted upon where appropriate. Our goal is to include a brief report on some of the issues considered and actions taken by the Session in each month's *Courier*.

At the March 18th meeting, Evangelism and Mission reported that plans are being made to include occasional minutes for local mission in the Sunday worship services in order to give us a deeper understanding of the work of local agencies we help support. Member Care outlined some proposed guidelines for managing the recently created Member Care Fund. The nominating subcommittee of the Personnel committee reported that it is nominating Tom Patterson to complete the remaining year of Juliet Getty's term. His name will be presented to the congregation for possible election on April 12th. Technology and Communications reported that they are in the process of considering plans to restructure and secure help in managing the church's website.

Please feel free to ask Session members any questions you may have about these items or to make suggestions concerning any issues you feel we should be addressing.

FIFTH WEDNESDAY CONVERSATIONS

**April 29, 1:30 PM
at the church**

HUMAN TRAFFICKING - A 32 BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY

**Major Timothy A Dickerson
Pike County Sheriff's Office - speaker**

Major Dickerson has been asked to speak to us on the problem of human trafficking, particularly as we see it in Pike County.

"Human trafficking is defined as when an individual is forced or coerced into forced sex or labor and is an estimated \$32 billion a year industry"

Source: U.S. Department of State

We have scheduled this informative meeting so that we and others can all be aware of this terrible crime. We have also invited persons who work with various churches, government and non profit agencies of Pike County as well as law enforcement agencies in Pike County and the public. A public awareness of this problem is vital to the elimination of it. We hope you will plan to be there.

Fifth Wednesday meetings are sponsored by our PW in an effort to become aware of what services and helps are available for people in Pike County.

On April 20 the Partners for Peace is sponsoring a talk given by Stephen Donahue, of the Friends Committee on Legislation, a group who has worked with Presbyterian groups regarding issues of peace and justice. He will give us a glimpse of what is happening in Congress and how FCNL is working with Congress. We will meet in the Rehearsal Room in the Glenn Center at 3:00 on Monday, April 20! All are welcome!

PIKE GARDENERS UNLIMITED CHANGES AND CONTINUES . . .

In January of 2011, First Presbyterian Church, Waverly began a growing mission in and for our community. Our own Pike County community garden, Pike Gardeners Unlimited was established. Its purpose has been to help Pike County residents grow, harvest, prepare and preserve their own healthy food.

PGU grew into a garden offering forty 10' x 25' gardening plots to individual gardeners. Unfortunately thievery became a problem we could not overcome. So, our Steering Committee made plans to search for another location.

With agreement from the PGU Steering Committee, Skymer Bevens (program director at the Pike County Y.M.C.A) and Karen Henderson (Project Manager of PGU) discussed the possibility of moving the garden to the Y.M.C.A.

As was reported in the March 11th, 2015 edition of the NewsWatchman, the transfer of funds and equipment from the PGU to the Y.M.C.A has now been completed.

We are very grateful to Skymer Bevens and the Pike County Y.M.C.A for continuing this mission to our community. With their land, facilities and enthusiasm, the Y's focus on "youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility" will serve this community well for many generations to come.



The Worship Committee will be putting Easter Flowers in the Sanctuary for Easter. We will be accepting donations of \$7.00 per name to recognize someone **"In Memory Of"** or **"In Honor Of"**. A list will be included in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church by Monday March 30th.

In Memory Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Name _____

Date _____ Amount Paid _____

Yes _____ No _____ I want my Easter Flower

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

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Ministers for Community: Every Member

Co-Pastors: Richard Hays and Robert Getty

Secretary Barbara Patterson

Clerk of Session: Elaine Zingg

Choir Director: Karen Henderson

Organist: Patricia Penrose

Treasurer: Robert Neely

Ministers for Vision and Mission: Session

Class of 2015

Betsy Hall

Ann Oyer

Dick Roberts

Class of 2016

David Bell

Robert Neely

Irene Noble

Glenn Noble

Class of 2017

Jim Clark

Dimitry Sergay

Elaine Zingg

Charles

Van Person

Ministers for Member Care: Deacons

Evelyn Baker

Kitty Neely

Anne Young

Ministers Serving In Other Places

Pike County Outreach Council of Churches

Pike County Welfare House

Mark, Jenny, Keila Rosa & Anika Estela Hare — Papay, Haiti

Dendamrongsaat Church — Chiangrai, Thailand

Ministers Serving from Home

At Bristol Health Care

444 Cherry St., Waverly OH 4569

Jeanne Barron-105

Maryanna Cassady-14

Anna Dodge-111

Virginia Hartwell-102

The Gardens

Betty Jenkins-202, Ben Lane 202

At Home

Barratt Banta, Virginia Dixon, Janet and Oscar Marsh,

Marlene Voorhes

Other Places

Kitty McCollam and Max Russell

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

April 5 - Nel Huck
12 - Paula Hays
19 - Betsy Hall
26 -

APRIL GREETERS:

April 5 - Irene and Jim Clark
12 - Irene Noble & Elinor Hodder
19 - Wanda & Lew Stratton
26 - Evelyn & Gary Baker

APRIL USHERS:

April 5 - Bob Neely, Kitty Neely,
David Bell
12 - Lois Hardy, Wanda Stratton,
Ann Oyer
19 - Bud Hobday, Dimitry Sergay,
Ivan Sumey
26 - Ralph Strickland, Dimitry
Sergay

APRIL FLOWERS:

April 5 - Easter Flowers
12 -
19 -
26 -

APRIL COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

April - 5 Irene & Glenn Noble
12 No Coffee Hour due to
Communion
19 Cay & Dick Roberts
26 Wanda & Lew Stratton

APRIL COUNTERS:

April 5 - Bob Neely & Mike Milam
12 - Jim Clark & Kay Weir
19 - Betsy Hall & Nancy Seward
26 - David Bell & Anne Young

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AMEN CORNER

The Human One

I have heard some people complain that if Jesus was God as well as man, then His sufferings and death lose all value in their eyes, 'because it must have been so easy for Him'. Others may (very rightly) rebuke the ingratitude and ungraciousness of this objection; what staggers me is the misunderstanding it betrays. In one sense, of course, those who make it are right. They have even understated their own case. The perfect submission, the perfect suffering, the perfect death were not only easier to Jesus because He was God, but were possible only because He was God. But surely that is a very odd reason for not accepting them? The teacher is able to form the letters for the child because the teacher is grown-up and knows how to write. That, of course, makes it easier for the teacher; and only because it is easier for him can he help the child. If it rejected him because 'it's easy for grown-ups' and waited to learn writing from another child who could not write itself (and so had no 'unfair' advantage), it would not get on very quickly. If I am drowning in a rapid river, a man who still has one foot on the bank may give me a hand which saves my life. Ought I to shout back (between my gasps) 'No, it's not fair! You have an advantage! You're keeping one foot on the bank'? That advantage—call it 'unfair' if you like—is the only reason why he can be of any use to me. To what will you look for help if you will not look to that which is stronger than yourself?

C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, Book 2, The Perfect Penitent