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## The Re-Source

a weekly communication of events at GCF

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I'm sitting here at my desk trying to figure out what to greet you with. Many things race through my mind including quotes, quips, anecdotes, scripture, even a favorite hymn trots by. But what I really want to convey cannot be adequately expressed through those mediums. It falls short of giving holy things the proper glory due them.

When Jesus Christ gets a hold of your life and starts fashioning it and molding it into the design that He originally intended, there are times when deep cries unto deep so deeply that the only reasonable response is...silence.

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" ~Psalm 139:23,24*

Before His feet in Silence,

~Traci

### Weekly Devotional

Pastor Charlie Handren

Last week, meditating on Titus 2:11-15, I wrote of the relationship between the grace of God and self-denial, and I said that I'd return this week to deal with the words "renounce, live, and wait" (2:12-13). However, as I prayerfully re-read the context again, I noticed another key idea in the preceding verses that really impacts what Paul says in 2:11-15.

In chapter one Paul lays out the requirements for elders (1:5-9) and then highlights the reasons why these particular qualifications matter. On the one hand, there are insubordinate false teachers in the church who are leading people astray and thus the church desperately needs elders who can "give instruction in sound doctrine and also rebuke those who contradict it" (1:9). On the other hand, these teachers "profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work" (1:16). I take the word "detestable" to mean that they were indulging

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in some kind of fleshly practices so that their false teaching, as it always does, eventuated in disobedience to God. This ruined them for any good work, that is, any work that is pleasing and acceptable to the Father.

Therefore, Paul exhorts Titus in 2:1 to "teach what accords with sound doctrine," that is, to promote a lifestyle that fits with truth. Paul then gives him specific instructions as to how to guide various groups of people "so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior" (2:10). This is a crucial idea.

Whatever the particulars of a Christian lifestyle ought to be-denying ourselves certain things that we may live to other things as we wait for the Lord-the point of our lifestyle is to make the true teaching of God our Savior look gorgeous! Our right behavior in Christ is neither to be a cause for pride in the secret places of our hearts nor a weapon to be used against others as though we're better than them. After all, it's only by the grace of God that we can do anything good. Rather, our behavior in Christ is to be an adornment on the true teaching of God our Savior, making it as attractive as possible to a lost and dying world. This is why we ought to "renounce, live, and wait," which I do think I'll say more about next week!

For now, let's allow these two truths to sink all the more deeply into our hearts and habits: we can only obey by the grace of God and the reason we should obey is to make the teaching of this gracious God to be as beautiful as it can possibly be. May the beautification of God become our sole desire!

## Men's & Women's Ministries

Pastor Charlie & Kim Handren

**Men's Ministry:** Join the men of Glory of Christ as they continue their study of R. C. Sproul's "What is Reformed Theology?" on Saturday, April 3rd from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at the church office. The discussion will be led by Pastor Charlie.

**Women's Ministry:** Join the women of Glory of Christ as they continue their study of the book of Revelation on Tuesday, March 16th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Handren's home. The discussion will be led by Kim Handren.

**Women's Prayer Meeting:** This is a great opportunity to gather with other women for prayer and fellowship. Held on Thursdays at the home of Andre and Marie Dumas at 9am. Childcare is available. Please contact Kim Handren at [khandren1@msn.com](mailto:khandren1@msn.com) or Marie Dumas at [adumas@q.com](mailto:adumas@q.com) with any questions.

**Both:** If you are interested in one-on-one discipleship, please contact Pastor Charlie at [charlie@gcfmn.org](mailto:charlie@gcfmn.org) or Kim at [khandren1@msn.com](mailto:khandren1@msn.com) and they will connect you with someone who is equipped to disciple

others.

## Family Discipleship

Pastor Kevin Feder

**Young Adults:** The next Young Adult Gathering is a service project scheduled for Saturday, March 13th at 12:30 pm at the church office. We will be going to Big Lake to clean an apartment for two brothers who are currently struggling with some physical limitations. Dress to clean. We should return to the office by 3:30 or 4:00 pm. Please pray for the possibility of connections to be made with these individuals. If you want to help out by being a driver please contact Pastor Kevin.

Our regular mid-week meeting will be at 6:30pm on March 17th at Handke.

**Youth Baptism Notice:** If you are a parent who is interested in pursuing baptism with your son or daughter there will be an orientation meeting on Tuesday, March 30th from 7:00pm-8:30pm at the Church office. This meeting is for parents or mentors only! Contact Pastor Kevin with any questions.

**Parenting Classes:** Have you ever wondered about how Glory of Christ views some of the fundamental differences between Christian parenting and worldly parenting? Please come to a parenting class covering vision and training objectives for children ages 0-5 on Saturday, March 13th from 9:30 until noon. Refreshments will be provided, childcare will not be provided.

A parenting class is scheduled for Saturday, March 20th from 9:30 am until noon at the church office. The class will cover vision, training objectives, and practical tips for children ages 6-11 years old. The class will be led by Pastor Kevin Feder and Larry and Joanne Czynscon. Larry and Joanne are seasoned parents who have raised 4 children and they have graciously offered to answer any questions that you might have for them during the second part of the meeting. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare will not be provided.

**Binders for Sermons:** We encourage parents to make use of binders that will be available beginning on Sunday. The binders will contain sheets that are age appropriate and designed to help our children engage with the sermon. A two-dollar donation is asked if you take a binder. Make sure to look for a one-page address to parents describing our thoughts on the importance of training the next generation to listen and engage with sound biblical preaching.

## Worship Ministry

Steve Sheppard

**Easter Program:** We're planning to meet at the Prange's home for a rehearsal on March 29th at 6:30 PM for Easter Sunday (4/4). Just like we did at Christmas, we're including the Children, Youth and Adult musicians. (Yes, that includes singers.) I'd like to start rehearsing no later than 7:15 PM. More details to come.

## Sunday Worship Service

Come fellowship with us!

Our worship services start at 9am with an expository teaching from the Word of God. We offer an age appropriate Sunday School for younger children as well as an in depth sermon discussion following the service. The first Sunday of every month we celebrate the Lord's Supper by having an Agape Meal following the sermon. All are welcome to join us as we worship and bring glory to our Lord and Savior.

We meet at the Handke Family Center in Elk River on the corner of Main St and Proctor Ave. Please visit [our website](#) for more details.

## Scripture Memory

The elders at Glory of Christ invite you to join us as we memorize God's Word. We believe that memorizing Scripture together is one way to build true Christian fellowship within a church. A memory schedule is available online or you can pick one up on Sunday morning.

We are currently working through memorizing Romans chapter 8. The verses listed are in the ESV, but feel free to use a different translation.

*(11.22) Verse 1: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

*(11.29) Verse 2: "For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."*

*(12.6) Verse 3: "For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,"*

*(12.13) Verse 4: "in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."*

*(12.20) Verse 5: "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit."*

*(12.27) Verse 6: "To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."*

*(1.3) Verse 7: "For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot."*

*(1.10) Verse 8: "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."*

**(1.17) Review of Verses 1-8**

(1.20) Verse 9: "You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him."

(1.31) Verse 10: "But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

(2.7) Verse 11: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

**(2.14) Review of Verses 9-11**

(2.21) Verse 12: "So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh."

(2.28) Verse 13: "For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

(3.7) Verse 14: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

(3.14) Verse 15: "For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

**Next Week (3.21) Verse 16:** "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God"

## Missions & Outreach

**CAER:** [CAER Website](#) or (763) 441.1020

**Abba Crisis Pregnancy Resource Center:** (763) 441.7777

**Marie Sandvik Center:** Join us as we serve 'the least of these' in Minneapolis. This opportunity is offered the second Sunday of every month. Meet at Steve and Dawn Sheppard's home at 5:15pm and then drive to the center for an evening of ministry. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Steve at [steve@gcfmn.org](mailto:steve@gcfmn.org).

## Prayer & Fellowship Opportunities

**Sunday Service Prayer:** Join us every Sunday at 8:15am as we pray for the service.

**Women's Prayer Meeting:** This is a great opportunity to gather with other women for prayer and fellowship. Held on Thursdays at the home of Andre and Marie Dumas at 9am. Childcare is available. Please contact Kim Handren at [khandren1@msn.com](mailto:khandren1@msn.com) or Marie Dumas at [adumas@g.com](mailto:adumas@g.com) with any questions.

**Titus 2 Fellowship:** Ladies age 10 and older are invited to join us on Wednesday, March 24th from 6:30-8:30pm. We will be discussing Spring Cleaning & Organizing. Bring a notebook, pen and any special tips or checklists that have helped you through the years. Contact

Diane by phone (763.497.3274) or email ([dmryks@gmail.com](mailto:dmryks@gmail.com)) or Julie by phone (763.607.1253) or by email ([julie.springfield@comcast.net](mailto:julie.springfield@comcast.net)) with any questions.

**Small Group:** This group is going through the book "The Great Exchange" by Jerry Bridges. They are meeting at the home of Steve and Robin Kruse. Please let them know you'll be joining the group by contacting them at [robinkruse@charter.net](mailto:robinkruse@charter.net).

## School of Ministry

Pastor Charlie Handren

This fall Glory of Christ launched its School of Ministry by offering a "Certificate in Christian Ministry". The purpose of this Certificate is to equip non-vocational leaders with a college-level overview of the Bible, theology, and Christian ministry. It is designed for men, women, and young adults (aged 13-18) who have a passion to grow in their knowledge of the faith, who want to sharpen their ministry skills, or who want to explore the possibility of entering into vocational ministry at some time in the future. For more information about the School of Ministry or the Certificate, request a brochure from Pastor Charlie at [charlie@gcfmn.org](mailto:charlie@gcfmn.org).

**Last Session:** "The Doctrine of God the Holy Spirit," taught by John Anderson. Homework is due on March 27th, 2010.

**Current Session:** "The Doctrine of Humanity & Sin," taught by Mike Perry, will be held on March 27th, 2010 from 8 am - 12 pm at the church office.

**Upcoming Session:** "The Doctrine of Salvation," taught by Mike Perry, will be held on April 24th, 2010 from 8 am - 12 pm at the church office.

**Library:** We would like to begin building a library for our School of Ministry and thus we are soliciting donations of quality books or cash. If you are interested in donating either of these things please contact Pastor Charlie at [charlie@gcfmn.org](mailto:charlie@gcfmn.org).

## Reminders & Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars!

### THIS MONTH

**Young Adult Service Project:** Saturday, March 13th at 12:30pm.

**Young Adult Gathering:** Wednesday, March 17th at Handke, 6:30pm.

**Kruse Small Group:** Sunday, March 21st, 3pm at the Kruse's.

**Parenting Classes:** On Saturday, March 13th at 9:30am and

Saturday, March 20th at 9:15am at the church office.

**Titus 2 Fellowship:** Wednesday, March 24th at 6:30pm.

**School of Ministry:** Saturday, March 27th, 8am at the church office.

Please feel free to contact me at any time to let me know if you have an event or information that needs to be communicated to the body.

**To God Alone Be The Glory,**

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