Leicester Evangelical Presbyterian Church

# The Steeple



September 2025

#### Wednesday's Word: A Weekly Devotional

From Paul Tripp PaulTripp.com

#### Always Christian, Sometimes Atheist

I have said many times that I believe that the first four words of the Bible, "In the beginning, God," are the four most important words in the Bible. Since the Bible is the Word of God, written by the almighty Creator and reigning King of the universe, then perhaps these are the four most important words ever written and, therefore, worthy of our careful examination and application.

This may sound unnecessarily obvious because if you are a Christian, of course you believe that God exists! But it's worth stating the obvious again: the most important thing for your mind to contemplate and your heart to meditate on is the existence of God.

The way you approach your spouse, children, parents, neighbors, boss, co-workers, employees, career, education, daily household tasks, finances, body, fitness, nutrition, sexuality, the joys and disappointments of life, your identity, meaning and purpose will all somehow be shaped by your view of the existence of God.

Or perhaps more accurately, how you *live* your everyday life *in light of* the existence of God.

If I could sit with you and watch the video of your last six weeks—in the 10,000 mundane moments of everyday life would we conclude that you live by faith, that you believe God exists and that he rewards those who seek him, and that you want to please him with everything you think, say, and do? (Hebrews 11:6)

If we were to watch the video of Paul Tripp's last six weeks, I confess that the conclusion to that answer would be, "Yes... but not always."

There is nothing more important, more central, more heart-engaging, and more formative than my belief in and my relationship with my Savior and Lord. It is not only the center of my worldview, but he is the source of all of my hope in this life and in the life to come.

If you would watch my video, you would see how my belief in and relationship with God motivates and directs me every day. I love him with all my heart, and everything I do is shaped by the worship of him... but not always.

We can call it **practical atheism.** No, I'm not talking about a philosophical or theological rejection of the existence of God. Put simply, there are moments when we think, desire, speak, or act as if God doesn't exist.

We may not have any inconsistencies in our theology of God's existence, yet we all have functional inconsistencies in the way we live out that theology in the places, situations, and relationships of our daily lives.

Practical atheism is not first a function of the mind; at its root is a struggle of the heart. This is cap-

tured by one verse of that wonderful old hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it prone to leave the God I love: here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

We all need to confess this struggle and to cry out for protecting, rescuing, and enabling grace so that we who profess to have given our lives over to belief in the existence, glory, power, and grace of the God of the Bible would have fewer and fewer moments in our lives where we insert ourselves in the center and act as if he doesn't exist.

Where are you susceptible to acting, reacting, or responding as if God didn't exist? May we have hearts ready to confess our moments of practical atheism as God, in his convicting grace, reveals them to us.

A Prayer for Today: God, I admit that even though my theology can be correct, my functional, daily life can often reflect a practical atheism. The way I live can often reflect a lack of trust in you, and a heart of selfishness that puts me at the center of the universe.

Please forgive me, Lord, and help me to walk in a way that Continued on page 3

## From the Pastor's Heart:

As many of you know, I practiced as a Nouthetic (Biblical) Family and Marriage Counselor for over 8 years



Pastor David Missel

before God called me to pursue the ministry of a Pastor. Over this time, the vast majority of my clients attended church and came from different backgrounds, denominations and circumstances that caused them to seek help managing life's challenges from a biblical perspective.

As Christians none of us are exempt from experiencing the pressures, temptations, hardships and other circumstances that would prevent us from living a godly life in the midst of a corrupt, sinful and godless society.

Recently, Carole and I were invited to attend the wedding of the youngest of three children whose parents I had the privilege of counseling at the beginning of their marriage. Over the years, we stayed in touch with this family and encouraged them in their spiritual journey, as they desired to raise a family that would honor God in every area of their lives. It was a blessing to see how this family continues to keep God's plan for living, based on biblical truths that were, and continue to be, ingrained in their thinking and their choices.

I mention these things because I recently read two devotionals by Dr. David Jeremiah that encouraged its readers to obtain godly wisdom; something all of us need, to live a life for God's glory. The following are the devotionals.

#### The following two articles are by Dr. David Jeremiah

#### **SEEKING GODLY WISDOM**

Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom for the future.

Proverbs 19:20 (RSV)

Automaker Henry Ford asked electrical genius Charlie Steinmetz to build the generator for his factory. One day the generators ground to a halt, and the repairmen couldn't find the problem. So Ford called Steinmetz, who tinkered with the machines for a few hours and then threw the switch. The generators whirred to life. Then Ford got a bill for \$10,000. from Steinmetz. Flabbergasted, the rather tightfished carmaker inquired why the bill was so high, when it took so little time. Steinmetz's reply: "For tinkering with the generators, \$10. For knowing where to tinker, \$9,990." Ford paid the bill.

Obtaining wisdom and godly advice is priceless and hard to find in today's society. There are plenty of people who want to give their opinion, but the Bible is the ultimate guidebook on wisdom. One place you might not have thought of is your local church. Most churches offer mentoring programs, counseling, and the chance to meet one-on-one with the pastor.

Take this into consideration the next time you are making big decisions or are confused about an issue. Proverbs 15:23 says, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed" (NIV).

As your pastor, I remind you that the Bible provides all the wisdom we need, to know how we can live a life that conforms to God's plan for living. As our minds are transformed by the renewing of God's truth, we can be set free from those habits, desires, anxieties and passions that ensnare us and learn how to live the abundant life Jesus promised to those who live to glorify Him.

If you would like help in discovering how you can live the life Jesus provides, please let me know and together, we can explore this life-changing reality.

I'm there for you, Pastor David

#### **OUR GIGANTIC SECRET**

These things I have spoken unto you, that My joy may remainin you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:11

The Bible shows that joy is present in all of the major events of the Christian life. There is joy in salvation, in baptism, when we read the Word of God, and in prayer. In fact, Christian joy is so unique that the Bible teaches us that it comes even at times of discouragement - even when we are dying.

G. K. Chesterton wrote that "joy is the gigantic secret of the Christian." I believe he's right. This kind of joy is not known anyplace else in the world except in the life of a person who knows Jesus Christ in a personal way.

Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you,, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:11). The center of joy for the Christian is Christ. The joy is Christ's joy. It is simply the life of the Lord Jesus Christ being lived out in an individual. Christian joy is letting Christ live His life out through you so that you become what He is. There are other kinds of joy found in other places in the world, but there is no place where you can find Christian joy except in Christ.

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honors you as real and very much involved in the daily part of my entire life. I need you to help me walk with you as the center of all things.

In Jesus' name, amen.

#### **Reflection Questions**

- 1. How often would you say that you proactively spend time thinking about the existence of God? Why did you answer the way you did?
- 2. Why are the details of your daily life shaped by your view of the existence of God, whether you realize it or not? Do your relationships with other people communicate consistently with your stated theology? If not, why not?
- 3. If someone could sit and watch a video of the last six weeks of your life, would that person who is watching conclude that you live by faith, that you believe God exists and that he rewards those who seek him, and that you want to please him with everything you think, say, and do? How does this question expose your deep need for God's grace?
- 4. When you evaluate your life and relationships, where might you be inserting yourself in a place that rightfully and only belongs to God?
- 5. Take some time to pray and ask God to give you an accurate picture of his supremacy in your life. Then take a moment to praise him for who he is and how he has worked in both history and your personal life. Ask for forgiveness in the areas where you've placed yourself at the center, and ask him to take his rightful place on the throne of your life.

Submitted by Leo Richardson

#### God and Nature - 2025 #2 ON CAMERA: SCRIPTURE IN CREATION

#### A Match Made in Heaven

By Cheryl Grey Bostrom https://godandnature.asa3.org/bostrom-252.html

I caught the tryst on camera a few years back, mere days past summer's solstice: a secret encounter, in a pairing so mismatched, few ornithologists or botanists suspect it ever happens at all.

Nor did I, until I stumbled on the dawn scene in our asparagus bed, then a mass of six-foot ferns riddled with shy, green, solitary blossoms no more than a quarter-inch long. There, before heat or bees arrived, a female Anna's hummingbird flitted from flower to flower, sipping. Usurping breeze and insects, the bird pollinated the tiny blooms in return.

The interaction was so intimate, I felt myself an intruder. Yet so surprising, I couldn't look away.



Photo by Cheryl G. Bostrom

"All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things."

-Psalm 104:27-28

Consider the blossoms, after all. Nearly colorless, their nectar meager, they're wallflowers in spring's flashy dance of beckoning blooms.

And the bird? A thrumming wonder, its demands incessant, its preference for brilliant cups of nourishment unrivalled—and, given the bird's oversized hippocampus, remembered. This beauty knew where lusher food flourished.

How astonishing that the two met at all.

Pacific Northwest naturalist and photographer Cheryl Grey Bostrom is the author of five books, including the multiple-award-winning novels SUGAR BIRDS and LEANING ON AIR. Cheryl lives with her veterinarian husband in rural Washington State.

Submitted by George Briggs

#### **What God Did**

It was a Tuesday evening. The next day was the first Wednesday of the month when the senior citizen group has their monthly lunch and meeting. I sometimes have the opportunity of saying grace before the meal. So on Tuesday evening I was thinking about this and wanted to add something meaningful. In Psalms somewhere, there is a verse about God not leaving people when they are old and gray. I started looking through the Psalms. I tried the concordance, looked at different psalms (37, 79, 139, and others), but did not find what I wanted.

Then I put the Bible away, saying to myself, "Maybe God will show me sometime." I went to the kitchen to make my tea and while the tea was steeping, I decided to check my email. There was an email from Leo about the upcoming Sunday's Song of Exaltation.

I opened the email and THERE IT WAS!

A song based on Psalm 71:18. Even in my old age, Even when my hair is gray, O God, do not forsake me.

Excitedly I went into Paul's room and said, "Do you know what God did?"

I also called Leo and Sharon to share with them what God had done. Part of my prayer the next day included words something like, "God created us before we were born and now that we are older and gray, God will not forsake

Thank You, God, for caring and speaking to us.

us."

Written by Carol Griffen

#### Even in My Old Age (Psalm 71)

by Aaron Shust

#### Song of Exaltation

I have trusted in You Ever since I was young My only hope

I have leaned upon You Before the day of my birth My only hope

It was You who took me from my mother's womb

Even in my old age
Even when my hair is gray,
O God Do not forsake me
Even in my old age
Even when my strength is gone,
O God Do not forsake

From the heart of the earth You have redeemed my soul Who is like You, God?

You take me down to the depths But You revive me again Who is like You, God?

It was You who took me from my mother's womb

Even in my old age Even when my hair is gray, O God Do not forsake me Even in my old age Even when my strength is gone,

O God Do not forsake

Until I have proclaimed Your strength Until I have proclaimed Your power To another generation To a people yet to come

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I have trusted in You Ever since I was young My only hope

Even in my old age Even when my hair is gray, O God Do not forsake me

Even in my old age Even when my strength is gone,

O God Do not forsake me O God, do not forsake me O God, do not forsake

To listen to the entire song go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leaDNylMvuo

#### Berean Class Start-up will begin on September 7, 2025

We will be watching and discussing "The Literary Art of Genesis" produced by the The Gospel Coalition. Their description: "Rediscover the Literary Genius of the Book of Genesis and Learn the Tools and Techniques to Read the Art of the Whole Bible". This was curated from a video series by John Higgins in partnership with "The Bible is Art".

In this first video, we discuss the nature of genius. In the processes we look at individual works of genius including Caravaggio's Narcissus, Plato's Republic, and the Gospel of Matthew.

Sunday class runs from 9:40 - 10: 20 p.m. All teens and adults are welcome.



Photo by George Briggs

This is an interesting picture of a lupine leaf. The leaflets have collected raindrops and gravity has collected them to the center where they look like a jewel — "God collects us!"

Submitted by George Briggs



Fatu Thoronka

Please continue to pray for Fatu Thoronka, our EduNations Sponsored Student, and the rest of the students and teachers at Sierra Leon, as they start the 2025-2026 school year.



## "Music Sunday Worship Service" on September 28, 2025 starting a 10 a.m.



LEPC will worship at the York United Presbyterian Church for a joint "Music Sunday Worship Service" on September 28, 2025, starting a 10 a.m.

There will also be an ecumenical choir. If you would like to participate in the choir, please contact the York UP Music Minister, David Tilley, at tilleyda@aol.com. He will see that you get the music before hand in order to practice. There will be one combined choir practice on September 27th at 9 a.m. at the York UP Church.

Those who may need a ride to the worship service, please contact Leo Richardson: grichardson001@rochester.rr.com or 585-382-3153.

LAMPLIGHTER MINISTRIES

### Sunday Morning Reflections

with Dr. Mark Hamby

#### **Leaning Left**

June 22, 2025

Reflective Reading: Proverbs 3

Charles Blondin was the greatest tightwire walker in the world. He came up with the idea to walk a tightwire stretched from the US to Canada above Niagara Falls. Thousands gathered on each side as he headed out with his pole and crossed over to the Canadian side. Then he turned around and walked back to the American side. As the crowds cheered, he stood on an elevated stand and said, "How many believe that I could walk back across to Canada with a man on my shoulders?"

"We know you can" they shouted.

"Then may I have a volunteer?" Not one hand went up. So Blondin turned to his manager and asked, "Do you believe I can do this?"

His manager said, "Yes!" So he

climbed onto his shoulders, and they headed across the void for Canada. Suddenly, one of the guy wires snapped. The wire began to sway, and Blondin spoke these words:

"Unless you do exactly what I say, unless you become one with me and do exactly what I tell you, we are both going to die. If the wire sways to the right and your gut tells you to lean left but you feel me leaning right, you've got to go with me."

The manager surrendered every instinct he had to his client's words. And they made it.

What an illustration of our trust in God. Are you trusting in your own instincts? Proverbs 3 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding, but in all your ways, KNOW Him."

Are you currently in the midst of a difficult decision? Don't lean to your own understanding...focus on knowing Him, and he will direct your paths. If the Word of God is telling you to go to the right but your feelings are influencing you to lean left, go with God, and do not "lean" to your own understanding.

Sincerely, Mark Hamby M.S., M.Div., Th. M., D. Min.

Submitted by Carole Missel

### Taken from: Our Daily Verse

today@ourdailyverse.com

Let's rest in the assurance that God walks beside us through every challenge. We're never alone in our worries.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

#### Reflection:

**Fear.** It's a familiar adversary, a shadow that threatens to darken even the brightest of days. But in the face of this relentless foe, God speaks a promise that has the power to change everything: "Do not fear, for I am with you."

These words are more than just a comforting platitude; they're a declaration of divine presence and power. They remind us that no matter what we face, we are never alone. The God who commands the galaxies is always by our side, always for us, always ready to strengthen and uphold us.

When He says, "I am your God," it's a statement of unshakable commitment. It's His pledge to be our refuge when the storms rage, our help when we are helpless, our courage when fear looms large.

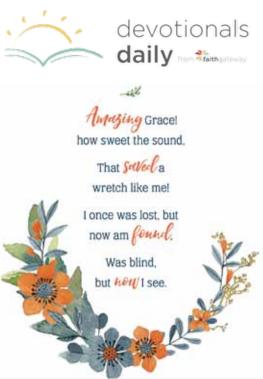
So today, whatever fears may be threatening to overwhelm you, remember: you are held by a God who is greater than them all. Take hold of His promise, and let it be your anchor in the midst of the tempest. You are loved, you are strengthened,

you are upheld by the mighty hand of God. And with Him, you can face anything.

#### Ask Yourself:

- What fears are trying to take root in your heart today?
- How can you actively remind yourself of God's promise to be with you and uphold you?

Submitted by Carole Missel



## Amazing Grace Inspiration comes from: 100 Favorite Hymns

by Stacy Edwards

What kind of music appeals to you?

My husband and I often say
that we are drawn to music sung by
people who lived the lyrics — for
instance, Willie Nelson singing about
being on the road again or Eric
Clapton longing to see someone in
Heaven. It's moving and believable
because they're authentically singing
about something they experienced.

John Newton knew what he was

talking about when he wrote the words to "Amazing Grace."

## We were all wretched, lost, and blind before Christ.

He knew where he had been and what he had done. Prior to becoming a Christian, Newton was the captain on a slave ship. It took a near-death experience, the faithful witness of his wife, and some literature on the life of Christ to result in his conversion. He then joined forces with William Wilberforce and became an abolitionist. His hymn shows that, like Paul before him (Romans 7:24), Newton was very much aware of his own wretchedness.

He lived his lyrics. While Newton's slave-trader-to-salvation story and Paul's murderer-to-missionary testimony are exceptional, the grace given to you or me is no less amazing. It is an absolute miracle that anyone would be saved. We were all wretched, lost, and blind before Christ. There is no one worthy of salvation, and that is why "Amazing Grace" has resonated with believers for over two hundred years.

#### Your grace, Lord, never ceases to amaze me.

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Submitted by Carole Missel

#### Wednesday's Word: A Weekly Devotional

From Paul Tripp PaulTripp.com

I love sports. I enjoy watching as a way to relax, but I am also captivated by the excitement, drama, and tension. Why do slam dunks, penalty kicks, buzzer beaters, hole-in-ones, and grand slams produce such a reaction in us?

As a Philadelphian, I probably get too emotionally invested in our professional teams and their championship wins or losses. I'm a bit embarrassed to admit that I have said, "This is our year" or "We just won the league!"

Paul Tripp is not a paid member of any sports team, but there's something about sports that stirs our soul and makes us feel part of something bigger.

But it's not just sports. We'll flock to a museum to see paintings by a master artist. We'll watch people walk down a red carpet so we can admire hand-beaded gowns. We'll wait in line for an hour for the ultimate roller coaster that lasts less than a minute.

We'll dream up and drool over an upcoming feast. We're blown away by the hugeness of a mountain range and dazzled by a multihued sunset. We're tempted to climb Everest, traverse the oceans in an all-toosmall sailboat, or attempt a feat not yet accomplished by a fellow human. It's because we were created for glory. And because of our hardwiring, we'll work like crazy to achieve moments of glory in some area of our lives.

While other creatures and elements of creation are glorious, God hardwired only human beings to quest for glory. Groundhogs don't compete for who has made the most

beautiful underground den. My brother Tedd uses this illustration: penguins don't host an international Olympics and score one another as they dive off the ice into the frigid sea!

We were made for glory, but not the shadow glories of the created world. We were made for the one glory that is unparalleled—the glory of God.

In a fallen world, however, there is a powerful pressure to constrict your life to the shape and size of your life. There is a compelling tendency to forget who you are and what you were made for. There is a tendency to be shortsighted, myopic, and easily distracted. There is a tendency to settle for less when you have been created for more.

And when you lose sight of it, you have effectively denied your humanity.

## How are you doing with the glory of God in your everyday life?

- Is it giving direction to everything you think, say, and do?
- What is the big vision that you're working toward?
- What is the big dream you are investing in?
- What is your definition of the "good life"?
- When will you know that you have been successful?
- If you had it all, what would "all" look like?

I am afraid there are many people of faith who attend church each week, give regularly to God's work, know their Bible pretty well, and don't live overtly evil lives, but who aren't living with the glory of God as the primary motivation of their life.

Now, what in the world does that mean for a typical Wednesday morning?

Living for the glory of God doesn't mean abandoning your everyday life and pursuing something unrealistic. No, it's about a whole new way of approaching the situations, locations, vocations, and relationships of your current everyday life.

God invites you to so much more! God's grace invites you to be part of something far greater than your boldest and most expansive dream.

He calls us to live for a kingdom far greater than just our marriage, family, career, finances, hobbies, and passions. And where do we live for this greater kingdom? In our marriage, family, career, finances, hobbies, and passions!

His rescuing grace cuts a hole in our self-built glory prisons and invites us to step out into the glory of his kingdom in our everyday lives.

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

A Prayer for Today: God, by your grace, I want to invite you to cut a hole in my self-built glory prison so that I might step out into the glory of your kingdom in my everyday life. I struggle in many areas of my life, and I need you to help me live for your glory and kingdom in all that I do, say, and give. Make me the kind of person you want me to be, Lord.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Submitted by Leo Richardson

#### Monthly Celebrations September Birthdays

- 21 Gene Gregg
- 30 Sam Maggio, Jr.

#### **Anniversaries**

27 M/M George Briggs

As of 2022, the qualification for the Steeple Birthday/Anniversary List: LEPC Active Members & Shut-ins, their spouses (member or not), and their young children living at home, and all non-member regular worshipers at LEPC, and our Edunation's Child.

## Liturgists Signup for September

For those who want to read scripture during Sunday worship, please remember to sign the "Volunteer" list on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

May God Bless!

#### Please Pray for Israel

- Pray for Israelis to look to God —
  and to find Him! Please read and pray
  Ezekiel 36 over their nation.
- "And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26)
- Pray for broken hearts to be comforted and healed both Jewish and Arab.
- Pray for unity to grow and strengthen between Jewish and Arab believers.
- Pray for protection, deliverance, and salvation.
- Pray that they would not be overcome with evil, but that they would overcome evil with good, that God may be glorified.

OneforIsrael.org

#### Voice of the Martyr's:

icommitto pray.com

July 24, 2025 | Togo

## **Hundreds of Christians Displaced by Islamists**

Some 240 Christians have been displaced as Islamist militants have flooded into northern Togo from neighboring Burkina Faso. The terrorists, as they are locally called, have burned homes, clothing and Bibles and have stolen farm animals, causing many Christians to flee. The displaced believers are from near the towns of Sokode and Tchamba and are now living with other Christians. Front-line workers have provided some of them with replacement French Bibles, but others need Bibles in local languages. Togo, a country of just over 9 million people, is home to more than 40 different languages. Though the country is 45% Christian, Islamist groups are working to dominate the northern parts of the country.

July 31, 2025 | Nigeria

#### Christian Widow's Home Burned, Crops Destroyed

A Christian widow has been unable to support herself and her children as Islamists regularly destroy her crops. Islamist groups regularly attack villages in central and northern parts of the country, and attacks against Christian communities are especially violent, leaving behind many widows. Victoria Luka, a mother of five, lost her husband to an attack on Sept. 17, 2018, near Jos. Their village was destroyed and their house burnt to ash. Victoria was able to escape to a neighboring village with her children. Victoria is a farmer but has been unable to sell her produce because Islamists continue to destroy her crops, and she is unable to farm elsewhere because she cannot buy fertilizer or seeds. Victoria asks that we pray for God's provision for her and her children. She also requests prayer for her children to follow Christ themselves.

August 7, 2025 | Algeria

#### Stress of Persecution Impacts Health

Two Christians are struggling with health problems as they wait for their court cases to be resolved. Soon after Murad became a follower of Christ, he was active in telling others the Good News and eventually became a pastor. The Alge-

rian government took notice of his Christian activities, arresting him and charging him with numerous violations of religious laws. If he is convicted, Murad could face several years in prison. He has appealed his case to the Algerian Supreme Court, but the stress of his legal ordeal has created some serious health complications. A member of his congregation was also arrested, and his ongoing court case has also created health problems for him. Front-line workers ask for prayer for the health of these two Algerian Christians to improve. They also ask people to pray for resolution of the court cases that does not include prison time and will enable churches to operate freely within Algeria.





The new Church steps and sidewalk in front of the steps are finished and the new railing is in place! Thanks to our Session and all who worked to set this large project in motion, and all who helped research different companies to do the job! The front of the Church is now safe and inviting again! Praise God!

#### The Steeple Newsletter

is published monthly by the Leicester Evangelical Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of proclaiming that Jesus is Lord and that He is moving among his people here. Our intent is to keep the readers informed of church and local events, and provide information to stimulate and edify it's readers.

For those who would like a printed version of the church newsletters, we keep the last 2 months' issues in the brochure rack, on the wall to your right, as you exit the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall.

#### Submission Deadline: The 3rd Sunday of the month.

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**Staying Connected:** If anyone does not receive the Steeple Newsletter, participate in Prayer Chain Activations, receive church updates by e-mail, or has a change for the "Birthdays and Anniversaries" and wants to be included, please contact Leo Richardson.

#### **Pastor David Missel**

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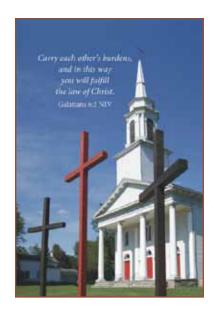
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## Prayer Shawl and Lap Robe Ministry

If you know of someone who has serious health problems and would find some encouragement, warmth and comfort from receiving a handmade shawl or lap robe, please contact Carole Missel.



Photo by Carole Missel



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#### Everyone is Welcome!

#### **Sunday morning Worship**

10:10 - 10:20 Prayer and Share 9:40 - 10:20 Berean Sunday School

Starts September 7

10:30 - Traditional worship

(Hymnals/piano)

Communion First Sunday of the

month

Dish-to-Pass Luncheon

2nd Sunday of the month after church



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#### **Our Mission**

The EPC exists to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus as a denomination of Presbyterian, Reformed, Evangelical, and Missional congregations.

#### **Our Vision**

To the glory of God, the EPC family aspires to embody and proclaim Jesus' love as a global movement of congregations engaged together in God's mission through transformation, multiplication, and effective biblical leadership.

#### **Our Motto**

In Essentials: Unity.
In Non-Essentials: Liberty.
In All Things: Charity.



Obviously this is a baby bird, but do you know what kind of bird it is? Let Sharon know what you think it is and no fair looking it up!