

Week of 3/24/2025

Words of Encouragement

"God clearly takes the initiative and saves sinners through the gift of faith, and their salvation does not in any way hinge on their good works. The obedience and suffering of Jesus are the sole foundation of salvation in the covenant of grace. At the same time, however, God also prepares good works in advance so that saved sinners should walk in them. In other words, in the covenant of works, Adam is supposed to secure eternal life by his own obedience. In the covenant of grace, Christ obtains eternal life for His people through His obedience and suffering. We do not produce good works to be saved. Rather, we produce good works because we are saved. Paul makes this clear when he writes: 'But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code' (Rom. 7:6, emphasis added). Our freedom from the law comes from our justification by faith in Christ, which enables us to live out our sanctification and perform the good works prepared for us."

-J.V. Fesko

Calendar

- Sunday: 9:45 AM Prayer Time for the Lost at the church
- Sunday: 10:30 AM Worship Service

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Prayer Requests

- Misty Fowler Please pray for my friend, Kaye, who was recently diagnosed with a life threatening illness. She is a believer and is married with 4 children. Please pray for discernment, strength, guidance, and wisdom.
- Chet Peterson Please pray for my friend, Denny, at work who is dealing with some ongoing mental health issues. Please pray for guidance and strength as he continues to seek the Lord during this time.
- UPDATE: Chet Peterson Please pray for him and the team that are traveling to Southeast Asia in April. He is still in need of some financial support. Please pray for the Lord to provide.
- UPDATE: Please continue to pray for Ed Snipes as they navigate treatment of the seizures.

Upcoming Nursery Workers

- 3/30/2025: Ronna Snipes and Ava Kate Snipes
- 4/6/2025: Nickie Sacco and Velina Netherton
- 4/13/2025: Keagan and Sarah Monteith
- 4/20/2025: Misty Fowler and Ava Kate Snipes
- 3/16/2025: Helen Coomer and Meghan Larose
- 3/23/2025: Chet and Bre Peterson

Pray for the Unreached

Kimir People in Sudan

Population: 191,000 | Primary religion: Islam | Percent Evangelical Christian: 0.00%

Pray for rising literacy levels and better employment opportunities. Gospel recordings are available in the Tama language, and some of the Kimr speak Arabic, which has several good resources available. Pray the Kimr, especially the youth, would gain access to gospel recordings and videos. Pray for people to help them in education and in being able to manage their natural resources.

Scripture Reading

Consider reading John 8 in preparation for this week's sermon.