

# August Guest Preaching Series

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this unique sermon series —  
a different preacher  
each Sunday!!!



## August 1

*Authentic Christianity*  
2 Peter 2:1-12

## August 8

*David Strengthened Himself*  
1 Samuel 30:6

## August 15

*Cursing & Blessing*  
Exodus 20:7

## August 22

TBA

## August 29

*And the Walls Came Tumbling Down*  
Isaiah 9:13

To preach and teach biblical TRUTH and to  
live that TRUTH in love.  
~ WCPC's Mission Statement ~

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# Understanding The TIMES

1 Chronicles 12:32

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## What is God Revealing to the Church?

*"If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out,  
how will you compete with horses? If you stumble in the safe  
country, how will you manage the thickets by the Jordan?"*

(Jeremiah 12:5)

For more than a year, Westsiders' have wrestled with the question, "What's God revealed to you about yourself during the 2020 shut-down?" The question still baffles some, others simply have moved on and yet some hear God speak through the storm! People are listening! Perchance is it time the church is put to the task, "What has God shown us about the church, generally and specifically?" This is what I think God is saying, "**Your faith is real... but untested.**" It's time the church heed Jeremiah's, not so subtle, warning. Let's examine the church.

### An Honest Look at the Church

The local church needs to *examine* herself. Is it possible, the collective-congregational faith, though commendable, is drifting towards a shipped-wrecked faith akin to the church in Ephesus (Revelation 2:2-4)? The church in Ephesus was mightily blessed. The people prospered. They were making a difference in the Kingdom of God, "Yet..." (v.4). If the passage is unfamiliar or you need a refresher, STOP. Set the *TIMES* aside and read Revelation 2:1-7. Although, their deeds were commendable, their attachment (love) to Christ was drifting towards the stuff the world recommends. When Christ is the Church's First Love, people prosper and nations flourish.

### An Honest Look at Your Faith

What's God revealed to you about yourself? The Church? Join me in weighing our faith. Self-Examination is not simple. If we learned anything the last 18 months I fear, we've become experts at removing splinters and missing the timbers (Luke 6:41-42). Paul thinks the issue is so important that he concludes his letters to the Church in Corinth with a warning, "Test yourselves to see..." (2 Cor. 13:5). How can we see clearly if we are not willing, or unable, to examine ourselves? Oswald Chambers writes, "*The only way to have spiritual understanding is through obedience.*" No one ever receives a word from God without immediately being put to the test over it. We disobey and then wonder why we don't go on spiritually. Furthermore, the Spirit of Christ exhumes the spirit of self-vindication; He makes us sensitive to things we never thought of before. Even at the risk of being thought fanatical when God speaks, obey (John 7:17). We're made to worship, together, in the Body of Christ, the church (1 Peter 1:13-25). See you Sunday.

~Vaya con Dios, Pastor Harry



## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### **\*Please pray for:**

**Kimberly** (daughter, Ann M), recovering from hip replacement surgery, pray that she will regain feeling in her foot

**Brian** (nephew, Ida M), recovering from a serious riding lawnmower accident

**Maria S**, for strength and courage

The **safety of our troops** as they withdraw from Afghanistan and that their interpreters and families will be allowed to come to the US

Our **WCPC Nominating Committee** as it begins to finalize a slate of nominees for the September election

### **\*Continue to Pray for:**

Those recovering from surgery: **Daryl K, Mark S, Ronda V, Lloyd H.** (brother, Ida M)

Those with ongoing health issues: **Dorothy A, Kathleen B, Tom B**

Those grieving the death of loved ones: **Kevin & Wanda F, Leroy T & family**

Those battling cancer: **Kristie C** (nephew's wife/Don L)

### **\*Those serving in the military:**

**Nicolas B** (IS2 (IW)/Navy, Hawaii); **Josh L** (E-5/Air Force, now in the States after 3 years in England); **Mark V** (Major/Army)

### **Our loving condolences to :**

...**Kevin & Wanda F** in the death of Wanda's sister, Deborah.

...**Leroy T & family** in the death of Leroy's aunt and his cousin, Debbie (killed while crossing a street)

#### 2021 Session (Elders)

Gary B, Kevin F, Ida M, Steve N,  
Maria S & Ken Y

#### 2021 Diaconate (Deacons)

Ann M, Toni M & Judy T

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2021

### **August**

- 01 - Communion Sunday
- 08 - Back-to-School Ice Cream Social
- 10 - Deacons' Meeting
- 12-13 - Presbytery del Cristo/Heights CPC
- 24 - Session Meeting

### **Weekly Meetings**

Thursdays

#### **\*Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**

*Week's RR, 7:00 AM*

*Contact: Ken, 220-2968*

#### **\*Barricklow Covenant Group**

*7-8:30 PM*

*Contact: Gary B, 415-4446*

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### **Bulletin Board...**

#### **\*Happy July Birthdays to...**

- Tom V - July 1
- Ken Y - July 3
- Kevin F - July 6
- Tom B - July 11
- Ann M - July 16
- Susan V - July 18
- Pat F - July 19



#### **\*Happy August Birthdays to...**

- Kristen P - Aug. 1
- Tom B - Aug. 7
- Judy T - Aug. 8
- Jacson C - Aug. 16
- Dottie A - Aug. 22
- TJ P - Aug. 22
- Steve N - Aug. 23
- Gary S - Aug. 24



## *Westside Happenings*

### **\*Cumberland Chapel in August...**

will feature "Messages from Fish Camp," a selection of Bible stories that were shared with kids (and adults alike!) over the course of our almost 24-year history of summer outings on the Jemez River. Pastor Harry: "I think you will enjoy them as much as we have over the years." So, for those who watch us online, gather the family, 10:30 AM, on our Facebook page (Google: Westside Cumberland Presbyterian Church for the link.)

### **\*Back-to-School Ice Cream**

**Social**...Sunday, August 8, immediately following worship, hosted by the Westside Youth Summer Sunday School Class.

**\*Presbytery del Cristo**...will be meeting in-person for the first time since Westside hosted it in March of 2020! The host church for August (12-13) is our sister-church Heights CPC, 8600 Academy NE in ABQ. YOU ARE INVITED and encouraged to attend Thursday evening's worship service, 7 PM. YOU WILL BE BLESSED! In the meantime, please pray for a safe, productive and Spirit-led week.

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\*There's a provision on website to designate General, Benevolence, or Building Fund.

## *Cumberland Pres News*

The Cumberland Presbyterian  
Children's Home



Founder's Day Celebration

"On August 20, we (the CP Children's Home) will celebrate our history and honor our more than a century of service on Founder's Day. On August 20, 1904, the state of Kentucky, recognized the generosity of Miss Victoria Jackson, who gifted us her home in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the purpose of caring for children and widows in need of support. And, with their acknowledgement our agency was born. For us, Founder's Day is about more than recognizing our start, it's also about honoring all of those who have helped us transform lives. Our legacy has been shaped by our countless residents and staff [and the generosity of countless leaders and donors]."

*Editor's Note: Westside has been a monthly contributor to the CP Children's Home (now located in Denton, TX) since almost the inception of our church in 1997. To find out more about the ministry and needs of the Children's Home, go to their website:*

[www.cpch.org/school](http://www.cpch.org/school)