

Vacation Bible School is June 26-30. Questions: Naomi Petko and Lori Leo, Directors. Please register your children ages 5 to 11 online via the link in the emailed announcement.

Life First Baby Bottle Campaign: Please pick up a baby bottle from the hall table and fill it with change, cash, or check (to "Life First"). Support preborn babies and give hope to their moms and dads. The campaign will end on Father's Day. Questions: Susan Kruchten, gandskruchten@gmail.com.

Life First Abortion Recovery Classes: Life First is offering Abortion Recovery classes. See Lisa Bentley for more information.

Ridgehaven: The Ridgehaven Service Project is set for July 24-29 for rising 6th to 12th graders. Questions: Pastor Matt Bowles.

Food Pantry Donations: The Deacons are continuing to collect non-perishable food items and general items for those in need in our community. Please put items in the ACTS bin in the hallway.

Child Safety Watch: The outside Child Safety Watch was created to help us keep an eye on the children after church while they are outside the building. This is a blessing to the many young families in our church. Since there is not an enclosed play area, it is very helpful to have extra eyes on the parking lot/lawn/driveway. Please consider serving in this way, using the emailed signup link.

Men's Breakfast meets on 4th Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. at the church building, for a potluck meal and study of *The Bruised Reed* by Richard Sibbes.

Women's Bible Studies are now on summer break.

Multiple small groups meet 1-2 times per month for teaching, prayer, and fellowship. Please speak to anyone on the session if you are interested in joining one.

Tuesday Nights: We have a potluck dinner at 6:30 (check your email for the weekly signup) followed by singing, prayer, and teaching at 7:00. Please come!

Opportunities to Serve: Help is always needed in various areas of ministry at SRPC. Please consider offering your time.

* The livestream ends during this hymn.

MEDITATION

“Let our hearts admit, ‘I am poor and weak. Satan is too subtle, too cunning, too powerful; he watches constantly for advantages over my soul. The world presses in upon me with all sorts of pressures, pleas, and pretences. My own corruption is violent, tumultuous, enticing, and entangling. As it conceives sin, it wars within me and against me. Occasions and opportunities for temptation are innumerable. No wonder I do not know how deeply involved I have been with sin. Therefore, on God alone will I rely for my keeping. I will continually look to Him.’”

– John Owen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SIN

O Triune God, know our thoughts and weigh our every motive. Our hearts are open and laid bare in Your sight.

Hear us as we confess our sins and iniquities.

We have fallen far short of the glory for which You have created us.

We have cast aside Your instruction.

We have elevated our thoughts above Your thoughts and our ways above Your ways.

We continually go astray and wander from Your paths.

Forgive us, O our God. Turn Your face toward us and be gracious to us. Bring us closer to You that we would love You more deeply, walk with You more carefully, and serve You more fervently.

Through Christ Who loved us and gave Himself for us, we pray.
Amen.

Personal Confession

This time of silence is provided for private, personal confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

-- Revelation 1:5b-6 (ESV)

SERMON NOTES

5/21/2023 Pastor Michael Mang

Title: “The Theology of Ephesians: The Sovereignty of God”
Text: Ephesians 4:1-6
Theme: Everything serves God’s eternal plan. Nothing happens contrary to the eternal purpose of God. Even the sin and wrath of man subserves God’s administration of His will. The LORD our God causes all things to work together for the good of His people because He alone controls all things.

I. The Doctrine of God in Ephesians

- A. God is triune.
- B. God has an _____.
- C. God is _____ and _____ all things.

SERMON NOTES

II. Applications

- A. _____ that happens in your life leads to the great _____ which is the _____ of God and the _____ of Christ.
- B. As you _____ to God’s sovereign _____ of all things, only then do you start to exercise the _____ kind of control and direction in your own life.
- C. Our _____ sovereignty and control are _____ out under the endorsement of _____.
- D. The _____ plan of God has _____ at its center.



Questions for Discussion at Home can be found 1) by following the QR Code on your phone to where it’s listed below the bulletin, 2) as a handout on the table at the back, or 3) on the church’s website:
<https://www.spriggsroad.org/SRPCwp/category/bulletins/>