

October 11, 2009

For Your Information ...

Guests! We are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our hope that worship is an encouragement to you and that you will have opportunity to return soon. Give us an opportunity to meet you today and introduce ourselves by staying around for coffee in the foyer after the service. Also, please assist us by **filling out the Guest Pad** when it is passed during worship.

Welcome Station: Located in the foyer, our Welcome Station is designed to assist you in understanding the ministry of Redeemer. Please help yourself to the purple guest packets, The Continuing Vision of Redeemer Presbyterian Church document, our newsletter, the Kerygma (pronounced ke-rîg'me), and other materials.

Redeemer Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of South Texas Presbytery. For more information about Redeemer Church visit: www.redeemersa.org. For more information about the Presbyterian Church in America visit: www.pcanet.org.

Community Groups: Community Groups are fellowships of twelve to twenty people meeting every other week in homes throughout San Antonio. They are the first place where we hope our people turn for applying the gospel to their lives. To find out how you can join a community group, please contact Brandon Eggar at 930-4480.

Book Table: The books found here are designed to assist you in understanding the Christian life. If you want to purchase a book, please fill out the envelope with money enclosed. Sermon CDs are also available; simply sign up at the table. Make all checks payable to Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Sunday Schedule

9:15-9:25 a.m. **Prayer**
9:30-10:55 a.m. **Worship**
11:15 a.m. **Christian Education**

Nurseries

Redeemer offers fully staffed nurseries for children ages 3 months to 3 years of age. Redeemer encourages parents to utilize our *Training in the Pews* children's worship time during each service to better prepare your children, ages 3-5, for worship. All nurseries are at the Northeast end of the McAllister Fine Arts Center.

Little Bitty Babies: 3-7 months
The Crawlers: 8-12 months
Cruisers & Climbers: 13-18 months
Younger Toddler: 19-27 months
Older Toddler: 28-36 months
Training the Pews: 3 - 5 years

Christian Education

Toddler I (age 2)
Toddler II (age 3)
Pre K- K (age 4-5)
Primary I (ages 6-7)
Primary II (ages 8-9)
Junior (ages 10-11)
Jr. High Youth (6th-8th grades)
Sr. High Youth (9th-12th grades)
Pastor's Forum (All ages)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Redeemer Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2009

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

In consideration of other worshippers, please program all communication devices to silent mode. Parents, nurseries are available during the worship service for children ages 3 months to 3 years. Babies and toddlers are also welcome in the auditorium. The balcony is available for nursing mothers; you may enter the balcony through the side door upstairs. The service is broadcast in the lobby area immediately outside the auditorium for the convenience of parents whose children become restless during worship.

Reflection & Preparation

"Anyone aware of the alarming state of American evangelicalism's celebrity-driven church culture would not have to try hard to draw parallels with the church in Corinth. The "big name" pastors, as we sometimes call them, thanks to the Christian conference circuit, book publishing, the internet, and so on, tempt many evangelicals to cannibalize each other in the spirit of following "Paul" or "Apollos". In today's terms, these could be men like John Piper, Tim Keller, Mark Dever, C. J. Mahaney, Mark Driscoll, Rob Bell, R.C. Sproul, Tony Evans, or whomever people would rather download and listen to instead of their own pastor. ...The problem is not the wonderful ways God uses these men. The problem is with us, the people holding these great preachers and teachers of our time too highly and using them to attack other Christians who might not believe whatever we consider to be the "right" interpretation of what "the gospel" says the church should be doing in the world." Anthony Bradley

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Justin G. Clement

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs

Minister: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

People: But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Minister: After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

***Hymn of Adoration**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be -
2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his
3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where
4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make
hold, the King of glo - ry waits; the
char - iot is hu - mil - i - ty, his
Christ the Rul - er is con - fessed! O
it a tem - ple, set a - part from
King of kings is draw - ing near, the
king - ly crown is ho - li - ness, his
hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to
earth - ly use for heav'n's em - ploy, a -
Sav - ior of the world is here.
scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
whom this King in tri - umph comes!
dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

Words by Georg Weissel; Music from Psalmodia Evangelica

***Prayer of Invocation**

Mr. Gibbs

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism[‡], Q. #60

Minister: How are you right with God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

[‡] The Heidelberg Catechism originated in Germany in 1562 under the authority of Elector Frederick III, who ruled the most important German province, the Palatinate, from his castle in Heidelberg. He commissioned the preparation of a new catechism for guiding ministers and teachers in instructing people in the Christian faith.

***Song of Praise**

Be Exalted, O God

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, among the peoples.

I will sing praises to Thee among the nations.

For Thy steadfast love is great, is great to the heavens,

And Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

Let Thy glory be over all the earth.

Words and music by Brent Chambers

Scripture Warning

The Rev. Brandon S. Eggar

Minister: For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."
Galatians 3:10-11

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Father, we confess that we are satiated and bored: Creation has bored us. Work has bored us. Family has bored us. Friends have bored us. Our homes bore us. Television bores us. Redemption has bored us. Truth has bored us. You have bored us. No generation in history has ever had so much to entertain it. We are jaded and cynical. We think the world is our servant, so we are not thankful when things go well for us, and we are not patient when they do not. We believe every desire should be satisfied, so we are not delighted when they are, and we are not humbled when they are not. We laugh, but do not know joy. We are captivated, but are never really awed. We celebrate, but we do not worship. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Amaze us with grace—incarnate, blood-stained, resurrected, Messianic grace—the Glory of God in Christ.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

John 3:16-17

Minister: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*Song of Renewal

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ- teous - ness
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
3. When from the dust of death I rise
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee,
5. O let the dead now hear thy voice;

my beau - ty are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst
for who aught to my charge shall lay? Ful -
to claim my man - sion in the skies, ev'n
whose bound - less mer - cy hath for me; for
now bid thy ban - ished ones re - joice; their

flam - ing worlds, in these ar - rayed, with
ly ab - solved through these I am from
then this shall be all my plea, Je -
me a full a - tone - ment made, an
beau - ty this, their glo - rious dress, Je -

joy shall I lift up my head.
sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
sus hath lived, hath died, for me.
ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.
sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

Words by John Wesley; Music by William Gardiner

Scripture Reading

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Basse

Psalm 107:1-9

Luke 9:44-51

Reader: The Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Prayers for Redeemer Church,
San Antonio & the World**

Mr. Eggar

***The Greeting of Peace**

Children, ages **three through five**, are dismissed through the side door to your right when facing the stage to *TRAINING IN THE PEWS*. After the sermon, parents will meet their children in the back of the auditorium so that the children can join their families for communion.

Minister: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Sermon

Mr. Gibbs

“The Spiritual Church”

Continuing the Series: The Church In the City

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; 16-23

A Word About Communion at Redeemer:

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion (also called The Lord’s Supper or The Eucharist, which means ‘thanksgiving’) is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink wine. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is indeed good, right, and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

All:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly is the Fa - ther, Ho-ly is the Son,
 Ho-ly is the Spir - it; Bless-ed Three in One. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly,
 Ho-ly is the Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Ho-ly is the Lord.

Music by Franz Schubert; Arranged by Tom Fettke

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

If seated in the front outer sections, please exit toward the center aisles to partake, returning to your seat by the outer aisles. If seated in the front center section, upon usher's direction starting from back row, exit to the aisle closest to you. Please use the outer aisles to return to your seats. If seated in the back section, upon usher's direction, please exit your row to the left and return to your row from the right. Please use our communion time to sing and/or meditate as communion is being served. Redeemer serves wine for communion. The outer circle of the tray contains grape juice for those desiring it. After partaking, place your cup in the baskets provided on the aisles.

During the distribution of the elements, an elder or pastor of Redeemer is available to pray with you at the rear of the auditorium if you so desire.

Prayers for Those Not Communing

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen. **Prayer of Searching for Truth**

Lord, Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen. **Prayer of Believing on Jesus**

Lord, Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen. **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin**

Songs of Communion

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners!
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness!
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row!
4. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him,

Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
Let me hide my self in him;
While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me,
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing,
e - ven when my heart is break - ing,
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness,

he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
I am his, and he is mine.

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!
Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing,
he is with me to the end.

Words by J. Wilbur Chapman; Music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Always Thou Lovedst Me

I sought the Lord and afterward I knew,
He moved my soul, to seek Him, seeking me.
It was not I that found O Savior true;
No, I was found of Thee.

Chorus: I find, I walk, I love,
But oh, the whole of love
Is but my answer Lord, to Thee!
For Thou wert long beforehand with my soul,
Always, Thou lovedst me.
Always, Thou lovedst me.

Thou did reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not, on the storm vexed sea.
'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,
As Thou, dear Lord, on me (Chorus 2x)

Words anonymous; tune by Jonathan Card

Isaiah 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves, they will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus:

For I am the Lord your God (*I am the Lord your God*),
I am the Lord your God. (*I am,*)
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Repeat)

I am the Lord; (*do not fear*).

I am the Lord; (*do not fear*).

I am the Lord; (*do not fear*).

I am the Lord; (*do not fear*).

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine. (*Repeat chorus*)

Music anonymous

The Offering

Hymn of Blessing

O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
On Thee, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing holy, holy, holy, to the great God Triune.

On Thee, at the creation, the light first had its birth;
On Thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On Thee, our Lord, victorious, the Spirit sent from heav'n,
And thus on Thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

Thou art a port protected from storms that round us rise;
A garden intersected with streams of paradise;
Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry dreary sand;
From Thee, like Pisgah's mountain, we view our promised land.

Today on weary nations the heav'nly manna falls;
To holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,
Where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams,
And living water flowing, with soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining from this, our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blessed.
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;
The church her voice upraises to Thee, blessed Three in One.

To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;
The church her voice upraises to Thee, blessed Three in One.

Words by Christopher Wadsworth; Music by Christopher Miner

***Benediction**

Mr. Gibbs

Minister: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. You may go in peace.

Postlude

**The Congregation Stands*

*Senior Pastor: Rev. Thomas C. Gibbs
Associate Pastor: Rev. Brandon S. Eggar
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Victor R. Martinez
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Brent M. Watkins*

*Musicians: Brent Watkins, piano; Jonathan Card, guitar;
Zach Ellis, guitar; Jim Dante, flute; Michael Shay, trombone;
Song Leaders: Jonathan Card, Carrie Alley*

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REDEEMER Highlights.....October 11, 2009

This Week

Today	11:15 a.m.	"Jesus Shaped Evangelism: Meals, Parties and the Unexpected" CE Class: Part 2 of a 5-week class will be led by Victor Martinez, and held in the Band Hall, Rm. 121.
Today	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Middle School Community Groups: Girls will be at the Randolph's (417 Canterbury Hill, 78209) for CG, while the boys will be at the Beham's (265 W. Wildwood, 78212).
Tonight	6:00-7:15 p.m.	Intro to Christian Theology: At the Church office.
Tuesday	9:30-10:00 a.m.	Women's Tuesday Prayer: Meet to pray at First Baptist Church downtown in Webb Hall, Rm. 207. Contact Jeannie Martinez at 367-8854 for more information. Please sign up in the bulletin flyer if you will need childcare during that time.
Wednesday	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Women's Morning Bible Study: Studying the book of Mark with study guide by Tim Keller. At Alamo Heights United Methodist (825 E. Basse), Rm. S107.
Thursday	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Study: Studying the book of Mark with study guide by Tim Keller. At Mary Williams' home, 536 Castano Ave, 78209.

Upcoming Events

October 19	9:30 a.m.	Play Group: Explore the Pumpkin Patch at Love Creek Orchards in Medina TX (www.lovecreekorchards.com). Meet to caravan at the HEB on the corner of Wurzbach and I-10 at 9:30 am. Contact Kristen Eller at robandkristen@hotmail.com or 834-8010 for more information.
October 20	7:00-8:30 p.m.	World Missions Dessert: Come hear from Tim and Kristy Holliday, as they share about their work with BEAMM down in the valley. All are welcome to attend. At the Bright's home, 211 Brightwood Place, 78209. Please contact Elizabeth Bright with questions at 826-3100 or elizabethbright@mac.com .
October 25	3:00 pm-'til dark	Redeemer Fall Festival in the Hill country near Boerne. Fajita supper \$5/person for ages 5 and up. Kids under 5 eat free. See bulletin flyer for more details and to sign up.
October 30-31		Men's Fall Retreat: Men will meet at the Fitch Ranch in Boerne around 5:00 pm on Friday evening for a BBQ dinner. Devotions Friday night and Saturday morning will be on, "Dealing with God's Absence: Testimonials and Discussion of Life's Challenges and God's Responses." Speakers will be Jeff Judson, Bowman Williams, and John Fitch. RSVP early to help our planners and volunteers by emailing heather@redeemersa.org . Cost is \$20. Contact John Browning, (713) 560-6211, Henry Sauer, 310-6542 or Jason Smith, 273-9373 if you have questions.
November 6-8	7:00 p.m.	Christianity and Contemporary Culture Conference: Denis Haack, founder of Ransom Fellowship Ministries, will speak on the topic, "Flickers of Grace in a Darkened Room: Movies and the Things that Matter Most." In Marion Hall at Incarnate Word University, 4301 Broadway, 78209. Admission and childcare are free, but please register.

Making Contact

Administrative.....Harriet Peavy, Heather Shimek, 930-4480
Book Table/ Media Brandon Eggar 930-4480
Children's Ministries.....Jill Higey, 930-4480
Clerk of the Session.....Brandon Eggar, 930-4480
Community Life & MembershipBrandon Eggar, 930-4480
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Men's Ministries.....Jeff Judson, 822-1292; Henry Sauer, 310-6542
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Mission, Cultural Engagement & OutreachVictor Martinez, 930-4480
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Pastoral Care.....Tom Gibbs, 930-4480
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Serving Today

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Justin Talarico, Tobin Walker, Brandon Woods, Ben Bingham
Greeters: Chris Specia (Capt), Greg & Rachel Chaney, Jeff & Karen Cigrang, Heather Card, Ruth Anderson
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Nicky & Jeff Sewell
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, Nathan Anderson, Jason Higey
Nursery Greeter: Georgianna Hildebrand
Itty Bitty Babies (9:30): Cristian & Meredith Moza
Younger Toddlers: Steve & Carolyn Browne
Older Toddlers: Jeremy & Angel Whitley
Training in the Pews: Jason & Jill Higey, Neecia Eggar
Cookies: Marian Castleberry, Cara McVicar

Serving Next Week

Worship Set-up/Take Down: Henry Sauer, Manny Alaniz, Mike Davis, Rob Bondurant, Ben Bingham
Greeters: Chris Specia, Rick & Susan Basse, Ben & Ann Bingham,
Communion Set-up/Take Down: Sara Ames, Evie McVicar
Nursery Set-up/Take Down: Lisa Shay, The Basse Family
Nursery Greeter: Trisha Hadler
Itty Bitty Babies (9:30): Andy & Kim Scott
Younger Toddlers: Jessica & Nicole Castano
Older Toddlers: Deborah Briggs, Rachel George
Training in the Pews: Ralph & Debbie Shay, Royce & Lauren Itschner
Cookies: Linda Zeigler

Redeemer Staff

Tom Gibbs, Senior Pastor
Brandon Eggar, Associate Pastor
Victor Martinez, Assistant Pastor
Justin Clement, RUF Pastor at Trinity
Brent Watkins, Music Ministries Director
Jill Higey, Children's Ministries Director
Matt Beham, Youth Director
Harriet Peavy, Office Administrator
Heather Shimek, Assistant Administrator

Stewardship Corner

Actual Giving (YTD)	\$608,100
Budgeted Expenses (YTD)	\$685,459
Actual Expenses (YTD)	\$659,266
Actual Ahead (Behind)	(\$ 51,166)

YTD includes all activity for the fiscal year, which begins January 1.

Community Groups

Manny Alaniz--558-4714,
Joao Chaves--323-5341
& Victor Martinez--509-7716
Josh Alley--862-8305
& Jonathan Card--467-5792
Wes Bright--826-3100
& Charlie Hargis--829-0900
John Browning--829-4176
& Tom Gibbs--930-4974
Brandon Eggar--542-4012
& Jason Smith--257-0677
John Fitch--824-5973
& Henry Sauer--832-9892
Bob George--822-2016
Craig Goedecke--824-8423,
Dean Hobbs--832-8707,
& James Sedgwick--954-2696
Jason Higey--354-7444
& Bernard Hildebrand--833-7616
Charley Hollimon--829-5760
& Jason Register--829-0747
Jeff Judson--822-5901
& Larry Rickels--826-2628

Please visit www.redeemersa.org
to find a community group near you.

“The Spiritual Church”

¹ But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? ⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ...¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." ²¹ So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future- all are yours, ²³ and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; 16-23

Main Idea: Quarrelling among the Corinthians of yesterday and Christians of today is a poisonous pastime with deadly results (16-17). In these verses, Paul rebukes us for falling prey to this “fleshly” temptation, and reveals the way of escape. The Church is God’s unique creation in Jesus Christ, made alive in the Spirit. **For this reason, we ought to take care of what God is building (the Church) so that we can fulfill our calling in the world.**

1) Common Purpose (4-9)

2) Common Source of Growth (7)

3) Common Inheritance (18-23)