

SERMON NOTES ♦ OCTOBER 5, 2008
Topsy-Turvy Trust

SERMON TEXTS

Psalm 146:3-7 (ESV)

³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Genesis 12:1-2 (NLT)

¹The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ²I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others..."

Matthew 25:14-30 (ESV)

¹⁴For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

SERMON OUTLINE

I. In what do you trust?

II. For what are you called?

III. With what do you invest?

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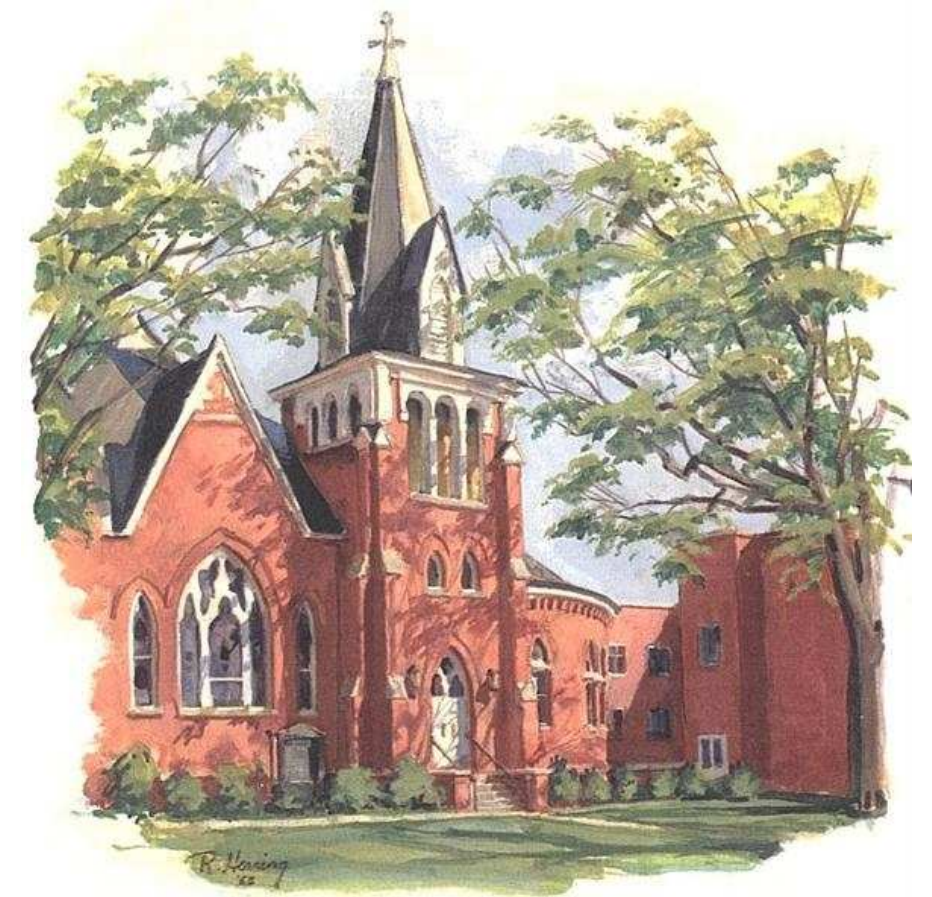
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October 5, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M. ♦ World Communion Sunday

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP..... Clay Brown

Welcome and Announcements
Invocation

PRELUDE: *Andante*..... Mendelssohn

Joanne Daykin, Organist

*THE DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*.....34

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all
creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OPENING SENTENCES: Psalm 105:1-2..... Tyler Domske

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name.

People: Make his deeds known among the peoples!

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,

People: Tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

*HYMN: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*.....111

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*..... Fred Coates

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me*..... Arr. Scott Chancel Choir

*Response: *For the Life You Have Given*.....684

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Psalms 146:3-7; Genesis 12:1-2; Matthew 25:14-30

Topsy-Turvy Trust..... Clay Brown

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Post-Communion Prayer

*GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Invitation

Charge and Benediction

Response: *The Lord's Prayer*.....740

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: *Fugue in G*..... Mendelssohn

* Those who are able will please stand.

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Faulkenberry and Mr. Homer Bass by Rick and Martha Faulkenberry.

Recent Prayer Requests: Helen McCullough; Liz Rader; Pat Culberson; Jamie Telinger; Beth Rafi; Lottie Massey; Ken Bernd's nephew, David Ortwein; Fred Hoke; Don Fair; Mary Voils Aven; Adrien Domske's grandfather, Bill Klingensmith; Gene and Judy Richardson; Tip McGee; Phil Loftin's brother-in-law, Dave Montgomery, Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown's father; Martha Andrews; EO3SW Laban Thompson; and those who have recently lost loved ones.

Presbyterian Men – Note Time Change: We would like to invite the men of the church to our monthly fellowship, October 19, 2008. We will begin our meeting with breakfast at 8:00 AM followed by a program. We will wrap up our meeting in time to attend the 9:00 Worship Service. If you have not attended a meeting recently and want to attend this Sunday, please plan to come. Let us know if you are attending by calling John Neely at 704 663 2592.

We are blessed to have Gene Vaughan to share his experiences with our group. Our program will be presented by Gene and will introduce us to the Wind Mill Farms in Wyoming. Gene has consulted with the companies building this alternative-energy wind farm. I am sure you will learn about his huge energy endeavor. We normally meet on the second Sunday of the month. However, our church will gather October 12 for a special Stewardship Dinner. We look forward to seeing you at both events.

The NC Presbyterian Historical Society will be meeting at the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese on Saturday, Oct. 11, with registration and coffee from 8:45-9:45. We will hear about the ancient Waldensian Church, which was a reformed church long before the Reformation and suffered much persecution. French-speaking Waldensian families from northern Italy founded Valdese in 1893 and became Presbyterian. We will visit their excellent museum and see their *botte* court and cooperative winery! All are welcome. Please register **by Monday, Oct. 6** on-line at www.ncphsociety.org, or by calling Earl Fitzgerald at 919-876-6665. The cost is \$17.50, including lunch. Hope to see you there!

Operation Christmas Child: We plan to pack shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project, immediately following the November 2 church supper. Operation Christmas Child delivers shoe boxes to needy children around the world. Begin shopping for items to fill the shoe boxes: **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, etc. **School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, markers, crayons, notepads, coloring books, etc. **Hygiene items:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, combs, washcloths, etc. Other items: hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights and batteries, socks, etc. **Please do not include these items:** Used items, war-related items, perishable items, liquids, medicines, or breakable items. Donation boxes will be available in the church office, parlor, and fellowship hall. You may find more information about the project at www.samaritanaspurse.org. In addition to packing the shoe boxes, we will enjoy "after dinner music" from the Logos choir (grades 1-6) and the PYF Band (grades 7-12).

Catechism Club: Catechism Club participants will meet with their adultmentors at 5:15 p.m. tonight in Room 322 for recitation of questions 1-28.

Calendar for October 5-12, 2008

Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion
	3:00 p.m. - Prayer Shawl Ministry in the library
	4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF (Grades 7-8)
	5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF (Grades 9-12)
	5:15 p.m. - Catechism Club with mentors
	7:00 p.m. - Officer Nominating Committee in library
Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
	7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates' home
Wednesday:	1:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
	4:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM <i>Cirrus Parade</i> Night
	6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club at Wendy's
	7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers home
	6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral
	6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
	7:00 a.m. - Bible Study in the Sanctuary
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. - Session and Budget & Finance Committee with Dave McKechnie in room 300
Sunday, 10/12	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship
	12:00 p.m. - "Blessed to Bless Others" Luncheon in the FH
	4:15 p.m. - Alpha PYF
	5:15 p.m. - Omega PYF
	5:30 p.m. - Catechism Club
	6:00 p.m. - Diaconate
	7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings

Blessed to Bless Others Luncheon

**Sunday, Oct. 12 ♦ Following 11:00 A.M. Worship ♦ Fellowship Hall
Catered Meal ♦ Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Dave McKechnie
Plan now to attend!**

Dave McKechnie is uniquely gifted and qualified to speak with us on stewardship matters. He is the Pastor Emeritus of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, where he led that congregation into remarkable growth in membership (4,500 members at his retirement) and ministry during his 25+ year tenure there. Even in retirement, he continues his ministry of service and stewardship, helping as interim pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX, to launch a \$10 million capital campaign for missions, ministry, and debt retirement for that congregation. He will preach both services and speak to us following the luncheon. You will enjoy the luncheon. It is catered and will be quite a treat for us. We are covering the cost of the luncheon with donations, so please give generously and cheerfully as the Lord leads.