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**High Plains Fellowship, 7661 McLaughlin Rd. PMB
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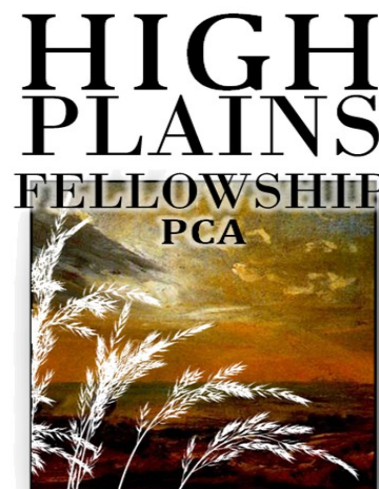
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Ministry Fund

| | Weekly | Year-to-date |
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| General Fund Required | \$2,423 | \$43,614 |
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HIGH PLAINS FELLOWSHIP PCA
 a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

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The Lord's Day
May 5, 2024
 10:00 a.m. Worship

Order
 of
 Worship

WELCOME! We're glad you're here to worship with us. Visitors - please fill out the Welcome Card located in the seat-back in front of you. Feel free to add prayer requests and place your Welcome Card in the offering plate or in the box located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. We look forward to seeing you again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE YEAR Philippians 3:13b-14
Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

PRELUDE

"No one Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 113
 Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

***INVOCATION**

***HYMNS OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE**

“When Morning Gilds The Sky” # 167

“O Lord, By Grace Delivered” # 626

READING OF THE LAW Psalm 45

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us.

Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 32:1,2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

***HYMN OF ASSURANCE** # 498

“Jesus! What A Friend For Sinners!”

CONFESSION OF FAITH p. 845

Apostles' Creed

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** # 731

PASTORAL PRAYER (followed by The Lord’s Prayer)

SERMON SCRIPTURES John 2:1-12

SERMON Pastor Wesley O'Neill

“Reveling and Revealing”

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** # 299 v1,2

“Look, Ye Saints, The Sight Is Glorious”

COMMUNION

***HYMN of COMMITMENT** # 299 v3,4

“Look, Ye Saints, The Sight Is Glorious”

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN OF BENEDICTION** #730

“May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love, With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above. Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess in sweet communion, joys which earth cannot afford.”

****Indicates congregation standing, if able.***

Our accompanist — Christine Brigham
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Each Lord’s Day sermon is posted on
highplainsfellowship.com/sermons

~ Announcements ~

~ **Children’s Sunday School:** (Preschool — 6th Grade) meets in the children’s room following the worship service.

~ **Adult Sunday School:** Today we continue the study on the devotional use of the New Trinity Hymnal. We will look at individual hymns and learn something about the author, the composer, the flow of thought, and draw out devotional thoughts for our personal and corporate use.

~ **Men’s Dinner Fellowship:** Will meet on Wednesday, 5/8 at 6:00. As usual, this is a bring your own entree, sides and drink.

~ **Note of Appreciation:** Marcia Veatch thanks the congregation for the bouquet that was sent for Floyd's funeral service. It was lovely and much appreciated.

Dear Friends,

What does it mean to be well educated? In the not-too-distant past it meant a rich understanding of all the disciplines. I've always been astounded at how deep and rich the education was of people like Leonardo Da Vinci and Isaac Newton and in the 20th century Winston Churchill. They were multi-disciplinary masters, and that was the goal of education in earlier years.

As knowledge has expanded exponentially, education has become more specialized and more compartmentalized. Now the needed emphasis on math and sciences is eclipsing the humanities with the result of ignoring or even despising the values and moral perspective that the humanities can bring to the sciences.

Eric Metaxas talks about this in a short article from Breakpoint that is well worth reading.

167 When Morning Guilds The Sky <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQUu7OWirR8>

626 O Lord By Grace Delivered can't find a video, but we've sung it several times

498 Jesus What A Friend For Sinners <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGLpMCZMcyI>

299 Look Ye Saints The Sight Is Glorious 1,2 then 3,4 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0I5SBknLg5Q>

Looking forward to seeing you this coming Lord's Day.

Pastor Wes

Man Does not Live by Math Alone

Education Is More than STEM

By: Eric Metaxas

C. S. Lewis once said that education without values makes us into "more clever devils." Here's why that's so.

We've all seen the studies showing that students in America are falling behind in STEM subjects—STEM is shorthand for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics—and many in education and government are freaking out. The STEM Education Coalition warns that 60 percent of employers are having a hard time finding qualified workers, and that of 65 education systems worldwide, American students rank only 27th in math and 20th in science.

“STEM education must be elevated as a national priority,” the group recommends. “Our nation’s future economic prosperity,” they say, “is closely linked with student success in the STEM fields.”

I agree. This is a serious matter. But what about our *moral* and *ethical* security? Many in academia and government in these budget-cutting times are joining the stampede to emphasize STEM education at the *expense* of the humanities. And one columnist has said that’s short-sighted. “Technical chops are just one ingredient needed for innovation and economic success, No matter how strong your math and science skills are, you still need to know how to learn, think and even write.” Studies show that subjects such as literature, philosophy, and ethics actually *improve* STEM performance! Truly, man does not live by math alone.

While STEM subjects are necessary to our *national* well-being, subjects such as history, philosophy, the arts, and, yes, theology—which, after all, used to be known as “the queen of the sciences”—are vital to our spiritual well-being. While the former can provide us with facts and information, the latter supply us with meaning and wisdom.

As my friend John Stonestreet said on The Point, “No country will benefit from a citizenry that’s technically skilled but unable to wrestle with life’s biggest questions. STEM may give us cheaper computer chips, but only the humanities can tell us what to do with them.”

Here are four great questions that our friend Chuck Colson said that *everyone* must ask: Where did I come from? What’s wrong with the world? Is there a solution? What is my purpose?

The sciences can tell us what *is*, but not what *should be*. Look—STEM is great, even vital, but science and technology can’t give us purpose, values, and real significance. Lewis warned that modern education was making us into “men without chests”—people who are all intellect and passion, but without the values necessary to regulate their desires.

So let me suggest that we supplement the gaps in our modern education system with a more “chest-focused” approach.

Of course, religious education at church and home is critical. But also get involved in your local private, and yes, even public schools. Make sure that students are being asked the *big* questions: What is true, beautiful, and good? You might want to consider a classical Christian school for your child if there’s one in your area.

And make sure your children are reading books—good books, classics appropriate to their age. And don’t forget biographies of people who mattered, who made a difference. I just happen to know someone who wrote a couple of good ones on Bonhoeffer and William Wilberforce!

And while you're at it, take your kids to a good art gallery.

Do you have college students? Check out their classes. Encourage your young engineer-to-be to take a philosophy course or one on Shakespeare!

Yes. By all means. Let's make sure our kids can do math and science. But may we never focus on STEM subjects to the exclusion of what makes education human: the humanities. The *ought*, not just the *is*.

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