



# Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

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### Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Karl Barth (1886 – 1968) is the Swiss born Protestant theologian lauded by even the Catholic Pope as the most significant thinker in the church since Thomas Aquinas. Barth teamed up with Dietrich Bonhoeffer to oppose the "German Christians" movement that supported Hitler in the early 1930s. By his refusal to sign an oath of loyalty to Hitler and instead calling for allegiance to Christ above all powers, Barth was dismissed from his teaching position at a German university. He returned to his native Switzerland where over the next 30 years he wrote his famous 13 volume *Church Dogmatics*.



Most interesting is what Barth explained as foundational to his work. Whether preaching, writing, or reading Scripture, Barth gave **prayer** the highest priority. He said: "the first and basic act of theological work is prayer" and that theology "can be performed only in the act of prayer." When preaching to the inmates of the Basel prison, Barth said, "The prayers I gave were to my mind as essential as the sermons themselves." In studying the Bible, Barth remarked, "We cannot read and understand Holy Scripture without prayer, that is, without invoking the grace of God." "If Scripture is to speak to us as the living Word of God, 'prayer must have the last word.'"

Barth is renowned as a world-class intellectual, and is even read with appreciation by non-believers. He is known for incisive comments like: the Church "is directed every day, indeed every hour, to begin again at the beginning" and "To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." His desire to stay faithful to the revelation of God in Christ influenced all he did. The following well known story is all the more significant.

Several years before his death, Barth came to the United States for a series of lectures. At one of these, after a very impressive lecture, a student asked a typically American question. He said, "Dr. Barth, what is the greatest thought that has ever passed through your mind?" The aging professor paused for a long time as he obviously thought about his answer. Then he said with great simplicity: "Jesus loves me! This I know For the Bible tells me so". We never get beyond the basics of Christ in us—learning deeper and deeper prayer and walking more and more in the love of Jesus. LH

### PRAYERS AND PRAISES

- Our brothers/sisters in Africa: Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Local Churches to partner in Tommy's "Next Right Step" Ministry
- Pregnancy of Danielle Wood
- Remember Adam in upcoming medical tests
- Healing help for many with seasonal respiratory sickness
- Lord's encouraging strength on our teachers & administrators
- Grace from Lord and Godspeed for Jim McAlister's writing project
- Lord's help for our local, state, & national leaders
- Health for Dawn Costello's uncle who has cancer
- Comfort for Kathleen's mother Doris with cancer and pneumonia
- Strength & insight for Ann Vander Linden in counseling ministry
- Lord's presence with Kathleen's uncle battling cancer
- Lord's encouragement for Schumann Brewer
- Please bless parents with children wisdom, strength & love
- Lord's grace for Shannon's Arkansas family and friend with cancer
- Right placement & growth for new converts in Frank's prison work
- Health for Doug's grandmother & Sam's mother
- Lord's pursuit of FH loved ones not knowing Jesus
- Leah's sister Fran for complete mental, spiritual & physical healing
- Lord help those with arthritic pain in our number
- Lord bless Colby with local Christian fellowship
- Lord send your healing help on our families
- May we have ears to hear and eyes to see Your Ways

Some Quotes from scientists at recent Faith & Science conference in Austin, TX:

"Humanity's most fine tuned work (the gravity wave telescope) is exceeded by the fine tuning of the universe by 10 to the 97th power." (Hugh Ross)

"Science is a very limited form of inquiry, asking very specific questions of very particular data. How then can it be used to answer the big questions of life when it is by nature a limited enterprise? There are, of course, some who think science gives us Truth, but science by its very nature is limited to the little questions. So when I would teach my student's in Biology at Air Force Academy over the past 30 years, I would tell them: "I don't teach you the Truth--only truth with a little 't'. What you get in my class is our current day mythology, and by the time you become middle aged much of what I teach you will be revised or proven false."

"On God's regular-everyday type of work: If the sun just came up one time--we would still be talking about how marvelous it was. As it is, we get used to the regular and constant providence of God."

Poems—Following are several poems for reflection on our walk in Christ.  
All but one are by Thomas Troeger who presently teaches preaching at Yale.

Temptation by Bonnie Thurston

It comes without horns,  
warts, gnashing teeth,  
barbed tail or cloven hoof,  
but nicely dressed  
in a business suit  
of subtle, pecuniary green.  
It has well cut hair,  
is clean shaven  
("ruggedly handsome"),  
smells of expensive after shave.

It appeals in a slightly twisted say  
to my best instincts,  
gently prods me to over  
or under estimate them.  
It comes as something good  
gone a bit awry,  
something beautiful  
that has drifted off center.

It smiles ever so warmly,  
Says in an educated,  
Carefully cultivated voice,  
"It doesn't *really* matter much,  
take only one, small bite."

If All You Want , Lord, is My Heart

If all you want , Lord, is my heart  
my heart is yours alone—  
providing I may set apart  
my mind to be my own.

If all you want , Lord, is my mind,  
my mind belongs to you,  
but let my heart remain inclined  
to do what it would do.

If heart and mind would both suffice,  
while I kept strength and soul,  
at least I would not sacrifice  
completely my control.

But since, O God, you want them all  
to shape with your own hand,  
I pray for grace to heed your call  
to live your first command.

Forever in the Heart There Springs

Forever in the heart there springs  
a hunger never touched by things,  
and if unmet, this inward need  
goes prowling as incessant greed:  
we reach and reach for more and more  
while with each gain we still seem poor.  
We work to earn what can't be bought;  
Through prayer and faith it must be sought.

True Bread of Heaven, Life Divine,  
Eternal Manna, Holy Sign,  
our need of you incites our quest,  
your presence brings our search to rest:  
the hollow, hungry heart is filled  
and all its grasping motions stilled,  
our quenchless thirst is satisfied,  
and every need and want supplied.  
Let Christ be praised forevermore  
who makes us rich when we are poor,  
who sees the tattered, begging soul  
beneath the cloak of class and role,  
who hears the heart's unspoken groan  
and meets our need as if his own,  
to whom all thirst and hunger yield,  
the bread whose taste is truth revealed.

How Long, O Lord, How Long?

How long, O Lord, how long?  
The ancient cry is ours.  
We wait in grief and ask how long  
Before we feel your powers.

And why, O Lord, and why?  
We ask with every age  
and throw against your distant sky  
the force of grief and rage.

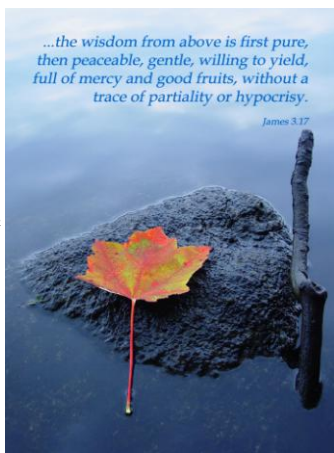
The cross, O Lord, the cross!  
We think upon your son:  
you know the weight and edge of loss  
your tears and ours are one.

Your hand, O Lord, your hand!  
We need your hand to hold,  
to walk this dark, uncharted land  
where solid meanings fold.

The Word of God Was from the Start

The word of God was from the start.  
The word drove seas and land apart.  
The word made rocks and living things.  
The word raised up and brought down kings.  
The word became a child of earth.  
The word arrived through human birth.  
The word like us was blood and bone.  
The word knew life as we have known.

The word of God was human-sized,  
The word by most unrecognized.  
The word by others was received.  
The word gave life when they believed.  
The word had first made flesh from sod,  
The word-made-flesh turned flesh toward God.  
The word is working on flesh still.  
The word is spelling out God's will.  
The word shall be our life and light.  
The word shall be our power and might.  
The word above all wealth is priced.  
The word by name is Jesus Christ.



**2010 Calendar**

EACH TUESDAY 6:30 am @ the church, Men's Ministry  
EACH WED. 5:00 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study  
November 14 5:00 pm Young Couples (Breakfast Foods)  
November 19-21 Fall Women's Retreat @ the Boyd's Lakehouse

**CLASSES AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE @ FOREST HOME:**

Classes begin at 9 am. Worship begins at 10 am.

Grades and ages break down as follow:  
Pre-K – Kindergarten  
1<sup>st</sup> grade – 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
5<sup>th</sup> grade and up

**FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Our fall women's retreat will be Friday-Sunday, November 19-21 at the Boyds' lake house. Please plan on coming--it will be a great opportunity to grow closer, encourage one another, and learn more of God's Word.

See Lisa for more info.

| DATE   | NURSERY<br>(Infants to 2 yrs old)<br>During sermon only | LORD'S SUPPER<br>PREPARATION | WEDNESDAY NIGHT<br>DINNER PREP |
|--------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Nov 14 | Morgan Pantall  | Nov Boyds                    | Nov 17 Linda/Lois              |
| Nov 21 | Pat Gil   | Dec/Jan Christys             | Nov 24 Ocie/Shannon            |
| Nov 28 | Michelle Jordan   | Feb/Mar Allens               | Dec 1 Pat/Karen                |
| Dec 5  | Linda Boyd  | Apr/May Grimensteins         | Dec 8 Sarah/Kathleen           |
| Dec 12 | Leah Hickerson  | (Sub-Grimensteins)           | Dec 15 Lisa/Dawn               |
| Dec 19 | Kacy Pantall  | See Jim G. with questions.   | Dec 22 Linda/Lois              |
| Dec 26 | Alethea Goodman   |                              | Dec 29 Ocie/Shannon            |