

WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give when the offering comes by. We simply desire that you will experience God's presence.

Connection Cards are a great way to let us know who you are and how we can serve you--just drop them in the offering basket or at the Info Hub in the lobby.

THIS WEEK

- S** 9:30 & 11:30 AM **HP** Worship Gatherings
- 9:30 & 11:30 AM **HP** Summit View Kids (0-5th grade)
- 11:30 AM **HP** Tribe (MS) Youth
- 6 PM Anchor (YA)
- M** 10 AM **HP** Women's Dance Fitness
- 7 PM **HP** No Journey Through the Bible
- 8 PM **HP** Men's Open Gym
- T** 9:30 AM **HP** Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 PM **HP** Women's Book Study
- 6:30 PM **HP** New DivorceCare begins
- 7:00 PM **HP** Financial Peace Class
- W** 9:30 AM **HP** Women's Bible Studies
- 9:30 AM **HP** Men's Bible Study
- 7 PM **HP** Oasis Women's Study
- 7 PM **HP** Tribe (MS) Youth
- 7 PM **HP** Refuge (HS) Youth
- TH** 7 PM **HP** Women's Dance Fitness
- 7:30 PM **HP** Men's Intercept
- 8:15 PM **HP** Men's Basketball (35+)
- SA** 8 AM **HP** Men's Hike (Horsetail Falls)
- 11:30 AM **HP** High School Ski Bus

COMING SOON

FEBRUARY

- 26 **HP** Women's Knit/Crochet group
- 26 **HP** Money Wise Class for Parents #2
- 26 **HP** Love Vancouver leader meeting

MARCH

- 2 **HP** MOMS
- 3-5 Beacon High School Camp
- 4 **F** Driven Men's Acappella Concert
- 11 **HP** Spring Work Day
- 15 Refuge (HS) Core Night
- 16 **HP** MOMS
- 17 **HP** Great Date Experience Marriage Event
- 18 Homeless Outreach
- 24-26 Women's Retreat
- 26 **HP** Money Wise Parent Class
- 29 **HP** Spring Break Groceries

Find more info at summitview.net or call office, (360) 260-8300.

HP Located at Heritage Park Campus

F Located at Felida Campus

FINANCES

Sunday, Feb. 12	HP	Felida	Total
Weekly Budget	\$26,332.86	\$8,777.62	\$35,110.47
Weekly Offering	\$21,310.14	\$5,506.00	\$26,816.14
Over / Under	-\$5,022.72	-\$3,271.62	-\$8,294.33

Combined Campus	Income	Expenses	Over/Under
YTD Actuals (Sept. - Jan.)	\$934,698.26	\$788,513.37	\$146,184.89

Singleness, Sex and the Gospel

Defining Our Reality

In the culture...

Rampant sexual immorality

Continually skyrocketing _____

Degradation of marriage

Confusion of gender

Destructive _____ industries

So, Why Do We Need to Define the Relationship?

- We want the _____ to captivate our families.

- We are involved in a spiritual war. I Peter 5:8

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

- We want the gospel to be _____ in our marriages. Ephesians 5:31-32
- We want the gospel to be _____ in our sexuality. Genesis 1:27-31; 2:24-25
- We want the gospel to _____ to all families. Genesis 12:3

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Revelation 7:9-10

- We want to make disciples of all nations. Matthew 28:19-20
- We want to make disciples of succeeding generations. Psalms 78:1-8

What Will We Do?

- Let's listen to God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4
- The Word is the ultimate source of authority. Isaiah 66:1-5
- We are accountable before God to _____ the Word. 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Colossians 3:16
- We are accountable before God to obey the Word. Jeremiah 7:21-23; James 1:22-25
- Let's lean on God's _____. Titus 2:11-14
- His grace _____ our past. I Corinthians 6:9-11; Colossians 2:13-15
- Let's live for God's glory. I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

The Gospel and Understanding Singleness

- Both singleness and marriage are _____. 1 Corinthians 7:17-24; 32-35; Genesis 2:24

Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion. 1 Corinthians 7:6-9

- Biblically, marriage is expected. 1 Timothy 5:14; Genesis 1-3
- Biblically, singleness is _____.
- Both singleness and marriage portray the gospel.
 - Marriage portrays...
 - Christ's _____ love for the church.
 - The church's _____ obedience to Christ.
 - Singleness portrays...
 - The Christian's ultimate _____ in Christ. Isaiah 54:5; Revelation 19:7-8; 1 Corinthians 7:35
- Both singleness and marriage are God's gifts. 1 Corinthians 7:7,17; 12:4-6

Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. 1 Corinthians 7:20

So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God. 1 Corinthians 7:24

Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. 1 Corinthians 7:27

- Four reasons to delight in singleness:
 - Delight in singleness because of the _____ we are in. 1 Corinthians 7:25-30
 - Delight in singleness because of the _____ we are on.

The disciples said to him, "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry." But he said to them, "Not everyone can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let the one who is able to receive this receive it." Matthew 19:10-12

- Delight in singleness because we want undistracted affections. 1 Corinthians 7:32-25; 1 Corinthians 6:13-18
- Delight in singleness because we want undivided devotion. 1 Corinthians 7:35; Isaiah 58:10-11

Why is Sexuality so Important?

- This issue shapes our _____ of God.
- This issue impacts our understanding of the gospel.
- This issue reflects our _____ in Scripture.
- This issue affects our conduct in the church.
- This issue determines our _____ in the home.
 - How we love our spouse
 - How we train our children
 - How we thrive as singles

The Gospel and Sex

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

- The word good in Genesis is *towb* (tove).
- Everything God created was *towb*
 - Food, sleep, human body, skin, touch, smell, taste, all of these are good.
 - This says something about God.
 - He is not an old crotchety man...“no fun for you.”
 - God is a God of joy
 - Sex is God’s idea
 - He created sex
 - He created our bodies
 - He made it pleasurable
- People argue the Bible has too many commands...
 - The first command to Adam and Eve was to have sex.

Be fruitful and multiply Genesis 1:28
- We were sexual before _____ . Genesis 1-3
- We need to understand sex is _____ .

- What is sex?
 - Our culture would define sex as recreational play between two consenting adults (a low view of sex).
 - The Bible defines sex as two people becoming “ _____ ” (a high view of sex).

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

- Echâd – the idea behind this word is _____ together at the deepest level.
- The binding of two people into one entity.
- It is not the wedding vows that make this happen; it is the consummation of those vows by sexual union.
- Sex upon the wedding night is the covenant sealer.

- Sex is...
 - Body and soul.
 - Physical and spiritual.
 - If sex is “one flesh,” then every time you have a sexual partner it’s like you tear a part of you away. If you do that enough times it starts to hollow you out.
 - We need a _____ view of sex.
 - Marriage is the only _____ that can adequately hold the nuclear power that is sex.
 - A _____ relationship, “I will be faithful to you until death do us part” is the only way in which the fullness of God’s design for sex can be both received and expressed the way He intended.
 - Every time a married couple has sex they _____ becoming “one flesh.”
 - Sex is God’s gift to mankind and should be celebrated only in the confines of marriage between a man and a woman. Within the institution of marriage sex is appropriate, beautiful and should be engaged in without shame, guilt or fear.
- Sex is _____ not mechanical. Proverbs 5:3-10

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

- Sex is _____.

But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Malachi 2:14

Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself

alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love. Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress? Proverbs 5:15-20

- Sex is _____ . Genesis 1:28; Song of Solomon 2:13
- Sex is _____ .

In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Ephesians 5:28-31

The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 1 Corinthians 7:3-4

- Sex is _____ ; it involves the body, mind and soul. There is no such things as "it's just sex."
 - God made Adam and Eve physically (out of dust/rib), emotional (able to have deep philosophical thought), and spiritual (with a soul).

But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matthew 5:28

"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 1 Corinthians 6:13-14

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!
1 Corinthians 6:15

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?
2 Corinthians 6:14

- Sex is _____ .
 - Complementary gender. Genesis 2:18-24; Romans 1; Jude 7; 1 Timothy 1:8-11
 - Complementary kind. Leviticus 18:22-23

Gospel Boundaries in Sex for Human Flourishing

One flesh is the reason the gospel has boundaries for sex. These boundaries are for the good of humanity, the joy of creation and the glory of God. When understood and upheld, humanity flourishes.

- What you do to your body affects your _____. We are not one dimensional people. Our bodies are connected to our spirits.

Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." 1 Corinthians 6:16

Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 1 Corinthians 6:18

- Sex is not just physical, it doesn't just affect your body.
- The Greek word for sexual immorality is *porneia*.
- Your _____ drive is a good gift from a gracious God. Genesis 2:24-25; Proverbs 5:18-20; 1 Corinthians 7:3-5
- We must guard against _____ sexual love before its time. Song of Solomon 3:5; 8:4

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases. Song of Solomon 2:7

- No sex outside _____. Exodus 20:14; Leviticus:20:10; Proverbs 6:28-32; Matthew 19:17-18; Romans 13:9; Revelation 22:15

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Hebrews 13:4

- No sexual _____. Leviticus 19:29; Deuteronomy 23:18; Proverbs 6:25-26

Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." 1 Corinthians 6:16

- No homosexuality. Leviticus 18:22

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature... Romans 1:26

- No sex with _____. Leviticus 18:6; 1 Corinthians 5:1-2
- No sex with children. Matthew 18:5-6
- No sexual _____. Matthew 5:28; 2 Timothy 2:22
- No sexual _____. Romans 14:21; 1 Timothy 2:9-10

What about self-stimulated sex?

- It is individual (not relational).
- It encourages lustful wondering.
- It is _____ (not intimate).
- It is fruitless (not fruitful).
- It is _____ (not selfless).
- It involves physical isolation (not complex union).

The Gospel Celebration of Sex

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled...

Hebrews 13:4

Young men in Jewish culture were not able to read Song of Solomon until adulthood.

Song of Solomon is a poetic and erotic piece of the wisdom literature in the Bible. It is not symbolism for the rest of Scripture; this is the relationship between a man and his wife.

[HE] How beautiful and pleasant you are, O loved one, with all your delights! Your stature is like a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters. I say I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its fruit. Oh may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your breath like apples, and your mouth like the best wine. [SHE] It goes down smoothly for my beloved, gliding over lips and teeth. I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me.

Song of Solomon 7:6-10

Song of Solomon shows us the celebration of sexual love. It illustrates Genesis 2:24-25.

- _____ devotion to your spouse.
 - You are each others' only legitimate source of romance.
 - They only sought each other. Song of Solomon 3:1-4; 4:12-15
I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me. Song of Solomon 7:10
- Heated expectation...
 - The words
 - The foreplay
 - The giving of one's body

Sex within God's design has...

- Emotional satisfaction
- Spiritual satisfaction
- Intellectual satisfaction
- Physical satisfaction

Sex (God's way) is to know and to be known. This involves the mind, body, spirit and soul. Sex involves becoming one flesh.

Resources

Main Resources

- John Mark Comer, [Lovology](#)
- David Platt, [Family, Marriage, Sex, and The Gospel](#)

Additional resources

Singleness

- Barry Danylak, [Redeeming Singleness](#)
- Joshua Harris, [Boy Meets Girl](#)

Homosexuality

- Christopher Yuan and Angela Yuan, [Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God, A Broken Mother's Search for Hope](#)
- Wesley Hill, [Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Homosexuality](#)

Sex

- Danny Akin, [God on Sex](#)
- C.J. Mahaney, [Sex, Romance, and the Glory of God](#)

Marriage

- Mike Mason, [The Mystery of Marriage](#)
- Douglas Wilson, [Reforming Marriage](#)
- Lou Priolo, [The Complete Husband](#)
- Martha Peace, [Excellent Wife](#)

Sexuality

- John Piper and Wayne Grudem, [Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood](#)
- Daniel R. Heimbach, [True Sexual Morality](#)
- John Piper and Justin Taylor, [Sex and the Supremacy of Christ](#)

Notes



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