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GOOD NEWS

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Last week (July 19) I mentioned several different forms of ethical systems in my sermon. I mention the ethic of the

greatest good for the greatest number and how that system fails. I mentioned that our culture seems to live and die by this ethic. I said that the problem with this system is that it assumes that a few know what's best for the many.

Additionally, I mentioned the system of ethics based on majority rule and offered why that system fails, also.

The one ethical system that passes the tests is the system of moral absolutes. Perhaps you remember me illustrating this one with the problem that those hiding Jews in WWII faced. Rahab the harlot faced that dilemma when she hid the 2 spies in Joshua's day. Rahab is singled out as a person of great faith in Hebrews 11. What Rahab did served no value to her; in fact, her "lie" actually put her in harm's way.

In the late 1950s, then Congressman Lyndon Johnson had an IRS rule written into the tax code that specifically forbids churches from political speech. The issue of whether or not a church or pastor can address "political" issues is a tax issue not an issue of law.

Prior to the 1950s the church led in the fight for child labor laws, women's suffrage, race relations, prohibition, and numerous other "political"... I mean moral issues.

Just a little food for thought.

*Grace and Truth,
John*

2015 VBS



Children's Ministries



Watch for Signs of Bullying

Bullying is a top concern for many children and parents. An estimated 160,000 kids miss school each day due to bullying behavior.

Although most adults watch for signs of physical bullying, it's actually the least common form. More often, kids experience verbal bullying, such as jeers, insults, and taunts. Relational (or social) bullying in particular—when victims are shunned or ostracized from a group—can have a powerful negative effect on a child. This is the most common form used by female bullies.

Here are five signs that relational bullying may be taking place:

1. The spread of rumors or gossip
2. The deliberate exclusion or isolation of a child by a group
3. The use of verbal taunts or harassment (repetitive, deliberate attempts at cruelty that clearly make the target uncomfortable)
4. The use of hostile body language or non-verbal expressions, such as aggressive staring, rolled eyes, or derogatory gestures
5. Phone calls, emails, or social media posts which are abusive in nature (cyberbullying).

Nip Bullying in the Bud

To reduce the likelihood of bullying behavior in your kids:

- Enhance their self-image by finding and building on their strengths.
- Be a role model, showing respect and proper conflict management.
- Talk with them about how God expects us to treat other people.
- Discuss how Jesus handled disagreements.
- Help them practice empathy through service to others.
- Offer positive reinforcement when you notice them acting in kindness.
- When you observe mean behavior from them, talk with them about it.



TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Packed and Prepared

Place these items in a backpack: a yellow construction paper banana with the fruit of the Spirit (from Galatians 5:22-23) written on it, a hand weight, a cell phone, a gold construction paper heart, and a box of bandages.

Ask: What are some things we put in our backpacks when we get ready for school? Allow time for responses.

Say: Let's look at some of the most important things to take with us to school. Pull out the paper banana. The fruit of the Spirit, which are important to practice in the classroom and on the playground. Pull out the weight. Strong faith muscles that come from exercising our trust in God. Hold up the phone. The know-ledge that we can call on God in prayer any time. Hold up the heart. Hearts that are kept pure by resisting temptation. Pull out the bandages. The readiness to be kind to everyone—even bullies—just as Jesus would.

Close with a prayer of blessing for your kids in the new school year.

POWERSOURCE - ASK GOD:

1. To guide your child's interactions with other children.
2. To help you model for your family how to treat others the way you want to be treated.
3. To help you notice the signs if your child is being bullied or being a bully.

“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.” —Matthew 7:12

*Tina Hodgson,
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Missions

On August 24 we have an extra opportunity to give directly to a Mission opportunity the Bishop has put before us: DISCIPLE BIBLE OUTREACH MINISTRIES. This is a program that has been in our Conference and the Western NC Conference for several years.

It is a worthwhile program with a mission to develop and strengthen Bible study ministries in local churches and in outreach settings, especially prisons, which will transform lives, make disciples and empower Christians for outreach ministry.

It was birthed in 1995, through graduates of DISCIPLE at Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church in Greensboro, NC. They established a DISCIPLE Bible Study at Forsyth Correctional Center in Winston-Salem. This first study gave birth to the DISCIPLE Prison Ministry of North Carolina and since then the ministry has experienced tremendous growth. Since 1999, DISCIPLE Bible Study has been taught in 70 different correctional institutions in North Carolina and more than 300 lay and clergy persons have been trained as prison volunteers.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers and consider a contribution on "Disciple Bible Outreach Ministries" Sunday!

Missions Committee

Thank You!

Dear Scholarship Committee,
I would like to take this time to thank you for your consideration and award of the Louise "Bubbles" Daniels Memorial Scholarship.

My family and I greatly appreciate this scholarship.

*Sincerely,
John LaRose
Mari Beth & Blake LaRose*

Dear Committee,
Thank you very much for this scholarship. I'm honored to have received it, and I'm truly thankful to have been given this opportunity! While I can't express my full gratitude in words, I still thank you from the bottom of my heart!

*Thanks again,
Andrew O'Dell*

Dear Mount Olivet Church Family,
I want to express my sincere appreciation for the scholarship I was awarded. I am very appreciative of the church's generosity and plan to work very hard at Virginia Tech this year. Thank you very much again for this will be a big help.

*Sincerely,
William Brown*

Missions Camp 2015

Missions begin with Relationships



August Nursery Volunteers

August 2	Wendie Paramore 216-6626	Wynne Hopkins 475-1006
August 9	Jackie Hart 473-6579	Lynnette Crews 473-3295
August 16	Rita Shaffer 473-6630	Paula Donaghy 480-1844
August 23	Denise Trevino 305-8210	Martha Howell 475-1117
August 30	Charlotte White 475-1864	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595

Thank you for volunteering to serve our children in the church nursery. Your time is appreciated! If you cannot serve during your scheduled time, please make arrangements to swap with someone on the schedule. The nursery can always use more volunteers. If you are willing to serve, please contact me!

Elizabeth Gallop elizabethgallop@yahoo.com 423-0484



Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our youth ministry with your prayers and finances over the last few months, as we prepared to go to Huntington, West Virginia on a mission trip. We could not have done it without you, and our trip truly was an incredible time in the life of our leaders and students who attended the trip. We had the opportunity to minister to at-risk children in the area through a daily Vacation Bible School and two chapel services throughout the week, partnered with Huntington City Mission by providing daycare for another group of children, worked on a landscaping project, and helped in a local food bank that prepares food to nearly 115,000 individuals annually.

Our students have been changed by the people they met and the experiences that they had, and have come back closer to God and to one another. I am so thankful for the memories that I have of our students as they served the Lord this week. While it was hard for many of us to say “goodbye” to the VBS children and come back home, I am so thankful that we serve a God Who never leaves or forsakes His children and that when we left, He did not. He was faithful to us in so many ways throughout our week, and I am humbled by the impact He had on our group, and on the people we were there to serve.

Drew Peyton

FALL RETREAT INFORMATION:

We will be going to Camp Willow Run from September 4th (Right after school gets out for early dismissal) to September 6th. This will be a great time for fellowship, discipleship, and growth as a group as we study the Bible and have fun in a camp setting. There are a limited number of spots available, and the trip will be \$40 per student. Register before August 23rd by paying \$40 and filling out the medical statement provided by the camp, as well as the “Mount Olivet Cove Youth Ministry Contact Information & Trip Permission” Form. There will be another meeting towards the beginning of August for those students who are attending this trip. We have copies of Camp Willow Run’s medical release form in the church office, or you can find this online at the following link: http://campwillowrun.org/formdownloads/cwr_medical_statement.pdf

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Monday: Drew’s day off, no events

Tuesday: High School Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 pm

This Bible study is open to all rising 9th-12th grade students, as well as 2015 high school graduates. We will meet at my house, (202 Devon Street, Manteo), as we discuss topics that are of interest to our students, study the Scriptures and pray together.

Thursday: Cove Open 1:30-3:30

Join us at the Cove for a time of fellowship and fun, open to all rising 6th-12th grade students and 2015 high school graduates!

Friday: Middle School Bible Study, 4:00-5:30 pm

This Bible study is open to all rising 6th-8th grade students. We will meet at the Cove for a time of fellowship and Spiritual growth through Biblical teaching on a middle school level. If your child needs a ride to or from the Cove for this event, please let Drew know!

Saturday: Various activities

We won’t have anything consistent scheduled on Saturdays, but we may have an isolated event or two. TBA

Sunday: Off-campus Trips

We will go on a weekly trip with the students where we go off campus to do something fun. I will teach a quick devotion at each event so this would be a good event for our students to invite their friends.

SUNDAY NIGHTS IN AUGUST:

(Times and locations TBA)

August 2nd – Sandcastle Building Competition/ Beach night

August 9th – Alpine Tower

August 16th – Karaoke Night

August 23rd – Bonfire

August 30th- N/A, school starts on the 24th

Music Ministry



“Immeasurably More”

Songs and lyrics often touch my heart in very meaningful ways. The lyrics I have posted below remind us that no matter what we say, pray, hope or dream; our God is more. He is so much mightier than we can ever imagine. I hope that the words below will touch your heart as well.

“More than all we ask, than all we seek,
All our hopes and dreams; You are immeasurably more
Than we can know, than we can pray.
All our words can say, You are immeasurably more.

There’s nothing greater than your love;
You’re more than we can imagine.
There’s nothing sweeter on this earth;
You’re more than we can imagine.

Our hearts respond to who You are.
It’s You, O Lord, that we adore.
You are more, You are more,
You’re more than we can imagine”

-Rend Collective & Chris Tomlin

I also want to once again thank all who donated toward the purchase of our Baby Grand Piano. We have been utilizing it in a beautiful way during both our contemporary and traditional services. It has been a great blessing to everyone in the praise team, choir, and congregation.

Everest Vacation Bible School sure was a blast this year! It was great to see all the smiling faces each morning. Worship Arts Camp starts August 3rd and runs through the 7th. This will be a great time for our children in 1st through 5th grade to learn the many different ways that art, song, dance, etc. can be used as worship.



Ephesians 5:19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,

Our chancel choir leads worship each Sunday morning for the 11:00 AM service. We would

love to have you join us! If you are interested in singing with the choir, we meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir room. We could use a few more men!



The Resounding Praise team leads worship for the 8:30 AM service each

Sunday. If you are interested in joining then stop in at a rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM or contact me for more information. We would love to see you there.



If you are in 6 – 12th grade and are looking for a great time to worship with your peers then come and join us.

REMINDER: For the rest of August we will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM! We would love to have you share your talents with the Youth Praise team and the church.

Blessings,
Nathan Schierer

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
Saying goodbye is hard to do. This summer has been a fantastic opportunity for me to grow in ministry with all of you. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the ways that you have allowed me to be with you during some of the hardest times in life this summer. I thank you for the moments of joy that you have shared with me. That is what ministry is about, sharing the joys and pains of life with one another. That is what it means to be the body of Christ. After all as 1 Corinthians 12:27 says, “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” While I will miss being here, I know that you have helped to shape me in ways that will leave me changed for a long time to come. Thank you for an amazing summer. I will continue praying for you, as I hope you will continue to pray for me.

May the peace of Christ be with you,
Rick Sullivan

Ladies Night

with Robin York

Come share an appetizer and have ‘Anchors’ of fun!

RSVP via email to thodgson@mountolivetumc.org or call 252-473-2089 ext. 29 Cost - \$25 per guest

Mount Olivet UMC
August 14th
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Worship

August 2015

Altar Guild will be announced in Bulletin

Ushers/Greeter

8:30 Bob and Flossie Tugwell 473-5993

11:00 Charles and Joyce Edwards 473-3845

11:00 Greeter will be announced in Bulletin

Thanks to everyone who helps with Worship Committee activities.

Sarah Wise, Chair



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Clarence Lewis
- 2 Charlotte Dixon, Erick Henry, Janice Lucero,
"Chip" Roy O Phillips, Jr.
- 3 Courtney Hathaway, "Babs" Barbara Meekins
- 5 Clint Hepler, Lawson Lee
- 6 Ben Gallop, Toni Keller Perrone, Joanne Williams
- 7 Cathryn Daniels, Sarah Marshall Gallop,
Elizabeth Hopkins
- 8 "Sissy Campbell", Larry Franklin
- 9 Ana Brent, Parker Gregory, Reda Midgett
- 10 Todd Kretzschmar, Beverly Lafferty, Bill Ruffin,
"Jackie" Shannon
- 11 Colby Fry, Mary Jo Matthews, Edison Midgett,
Angel Wescott
- 12 Parker Midgett
- 13 June Bell, Lance Culpepper
- 15 Della Basnight, Jeffrey Garrison,
Alice McChesney
- 16 Amy Elizabeth Dixon
- 17 Kathryn Stewart
- 19 Trenton Rogers, Brennan Wescott
- 20 Kim Grissom, Susan Holton, Lee Tugwell
- 21 Dolores Isenhour
- 22 Tina Phronjia Bradley, Scott Finicum, Glen
Hopkins, Reuben Payne, David White
- 23 Joe Lafferty, Sarah Meekins, Cam Sellers, Tom
Tillett, Angela Twiford
- 24 James Daniels, Pam Jones,
Mackenzie Ulmer-Meekins
- 25 Kevin Brinkley, Adrian Pitts, Gabe Walker
- 28 Katherine Hopkins, Kathryn Snead,
Darnell Tillett
- 30 Jennifer Anderson, Morgan Davis, Nancy Murray
- 31 Jim Boyd

- 1 Pat & Carroll Harrell, 50 yrs.
- 2 John & Loretta Fertal, 46 yrs.
- 2 Jim & Nancy Gmitter, 46 yrs.
- 2 Stuart & Ramona Wescott, 44 yrs.
- 3 Jep & Carol Adams, 41 yrs.
- 3 Brandon & Stacey Gregory, 13 yrs.
- 3 Bill & Caroline Kebschull, 19 yrs.
- 3 Tucker & Christine Walker, 19 yrs.
- 4 Steve & Martha Howell, 36 yrs.
- 6 Heath & Erica Burkhart, 10 yrs,
- 7 Dan & Katherine Bottjen, 17 yrs.
- 7 Terry & Kathryn Gore, 5 yrs,
- 7 Mike & Emily Wilson, 11 yrs.
- 8 Carl & Ann Payne, 28 yrs.
- 9 Chip & Jen Phillips, 18 yrs.
- 10 Edgar & Michele Barnes, 30 yrs.
- 10 Kevin & Stephanie Phillips, 19 yrs.
- 11 Dick & Peggy Parker, 42 yrs.
- 12 Russell & Susie Fleming, 42 yrs.
- 15 Bill & Caroline Pearce, 45 yrs.
- 15 Bob & Flossie Tugwell, 45 yrs.
- 16 Jerry & Michele Cribb, 35 yrs.
- 16 Chris & Kathy Seawell, 45 yrs.
- 19 Erick & Susan Henry, 20 yrs.
- 19 Jeff & Peg Landreth, 43 yrs.
- 24 Gene & Peggy Snead, 57 yrs.
- 26 Earl & Rita Shearin, 38 yrs.
- 27 Todd & Lindsey Davis, 10 yrs.
- 28 Mark & Gloria Spence, 44 yrs.

