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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

WE TAKE ONE STEP FORWARD AND TWO STEPS BACK

How are you doing with this coronavirus pandemic? I have to admit that I have been struggling with what to do. Is it cool to take the family out to eat? Can we go hang out at a park? Is worship allowed in the building? Who can I hug and shake hands with or do we have to act like Yankees and don't touch anybody?

Ok, that last question may have gone a little too far. I know some people from up north who enjoy hand shakes and hugs so it is not a strictly Southern thing. I do miss my hand shakes and hugs though. So much uncertainty and nobody seems to have answers to our questions. At least, nobody has answers we like to hear.

This is why we need God now more than ever. God always has the answer for us yesterday, today, and forever! We should make a note so we can remember this.

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address changes so we can
keep our records up to date.

What Kind of Church is First Christian Church?

First Christian Church is a non-denominational Elders-led Church located in Greenwood, SC. We are part of the movement to restore the simplicity of New Testament Christianity. We believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God, that He lived a sinless life, offered His life for ours on the Cross, and rose on the third day to live forever. We believe that salvation comes through simple obedience to the plan of salvation that is laid out in the pages of the New Testament.



Core Beliefs

A common misconception is that all churches believe and preach the same thing. Unfortunately that isn't the case. In a world that is greatly divided spiritually it is very important to know just exactly what a church believes and practices. We welcome the opportunity to sit with you and discuss these core beliefs in depth.

We believe...

1. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God who died for our sins and arose from the dead. **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**
2. That the Bible is the inspired Word of God - "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path".
2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105
3. That every person has worth as a creation of God but "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" **Romans 3:23**
4. That forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust and obey Christ as Savior and Lord. **John 3:16**
5. That we are saved by grace through faith in Christ. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
6. That the Church is the body of Christ on earth and exists to save the lost and edify the saved.
Ephesians 4:1-16
7. That Jesus Christ will one day return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. **1 Thes 4:13-18**
8. That those accepting Christ must repent of sin, confess their faith and be baptized into Him.
Romans 10:9, Acts 2:38

For more information about baptism, see our Baptism FAQ located on our website

Biblical Foundation



"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12 (NIV)

Weekly Prayer Emphasis and Core 52 Scripture Readings

In a society where the church is no longer enjoying the benefits of being the home team, it is critical that we make sure our spiritual health is good. The best way to ensure a spiritually healthy life is to talk to God everyday through prayer and let Him speak to us through the Bible. To help us with our spiritual health, I am providing a weekly prayer emphasis along with scripture readings based on Mark Moore's book "Core 52." In his book, he provides 52 passages that make up a core of Bible knowledge for Christians. By reading these passages, we can raise our Biblical IQ and strengthen our foundation that will help us withstand the storms of life that come our way.

Week of June 7:

- Prayer Emphasis: Those going on vacation
- Core 52:
 - + Read Mark 15
 - + Memorize Matthew 16:24-25
 - + Meditate on 1 Kings 12:7; Psalm 22; Galatians 2:20

The word "Meditate" basically means to reflect on the passage and dig deep to find the application for your life.

Week of June 14:

- Prayer Emphasis: Summer Camps
- Core 52:
 - + Read Acts 9:1-31
 - + Memorize Matthew 22:14
 - + Meditate on Joshua 24:15; Romans 8:29-30; 2 Peter 3:9

Week of June 21:

- Prayer Emphasis: VBS
- Core 52:
 - + Read Revelation 12-13
 - + Memorize Matthew 25:41
 - + Meditate on Ephesians 6:12; Hebrews 1:14; Revelation

20:10

Mark Moore's book "Core 52" provides other material to help with the weekly scripture readings. For those who are interested, contact Earl for more information.

Week of June 28:

- Prayer Emphasis: Other church activities
- Core 52:
 - + Read Acts 10-11
 - + Memorize Matthew 28:18-20
 - + Meditate on Mark 16:15-16; John 20:21-23; 2 Corinthians 5:20

"Pray for FCC"

For 2020, we want to cover our church in prayer on a weekly basis. Along with the many prayers that go up on our behalf, I am declaring every Tuesday to be a day for us to offer up special prayers specifically for our church. Please join us by praying at some point every Tuesday!

PRUNE FOR PRODUCTIVITY

(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

Both through His actions and His teachings, Jesus demonstrated that He expected His followers to be fruitful and productive. He was unequivocal on this.

In the powerful and profound fifteenth chapter of John, we read these words of Jesus: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

As managers entrusted with the health of an enterprise, we must constantly cut and prune. People, departments, and branches that are not productive must be cut away. This should never be done in a casual manner. The people involved should always be seen as important and valuable, but they must be evaluated by their productivity. Just as Jesus said that the unfruitful fig tree and the unfruitful branches of the vine should be done away with, the unproductive parts of businesses (And churches) must be phased out and closed down. Equally important is Jesus' lesson that every branch that bears fruit must be pruned to enable it to bear more fruit. The history of business is replete with enterprises that enjoyed great initial success but then grew complacent. They were content with past glories, and they eventually collapsed, victims of management that didn't continue to "prune" for even greater productivity.

DON'T TRY TO SERVE TWO MASTERS

(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

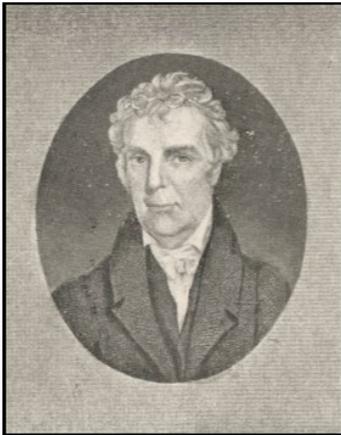
When considering the various jobs to be done and the available personnel to do them, executives are often tempted to "split up" an individual by assigning him or her to two or more supervisors as well as two or more job tasks. This is easy to do on an organizational chart. The reality is, however, that such an arrangement almost never works and almost always results in bruised feelings, intramural squabbling, and poor performances. At least one of the tasks, sometimes both, will be done at less than the optimum level, and there is a good chance you will have at least three unhappy employees on your hands.

In Matthew 6:24 Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms: "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other." It has taken us a long time to learn this lesson in our company. All too often, in a misguided effort to hold personnel costs down or to find a viable position for an otherwise inviable employee, we have made the mistake of assigning someone to several tasks and to multiple supervisors. It's exactly like Jesus said: The employee is invariably more successful in one part of the assignment than in the other and, enjoying that success, gravitates more and more to it and to the praise of his or her supervisor in that area. The other supervisor, knowing he is getting short shrift and seeing that task not getting done properly, becomes more and more unhappy. No one is happy. The job is done poorly - if at all.

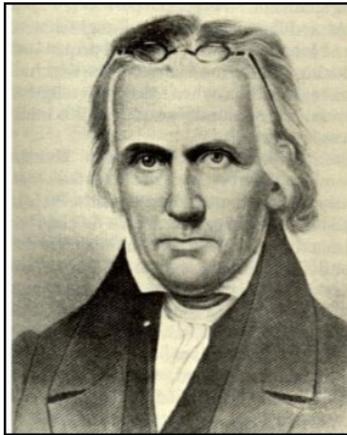
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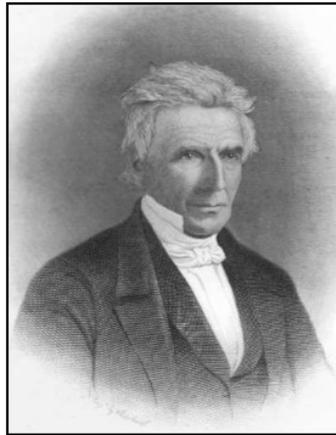
Mentoring today for a better tomorrow



Barton Stone



Thomas Campbell



Alexander Campbell



Walter Scott

REFLECTIONS ON THE RESTORATION

"Alexander Campbell (1788-1866) Part 2"

(Taken from Earl's Restoration History class for the local church)

Closed Communion:

1. During the spring of 1809, Alexander's church held their semi-annual communion service.

* The elders of the local congregation held pre-communion examinations in order to determine who was eligible to partake of communion. Upon passing the exam, the member would receive a token to exchange for the emblems during the service.

* 800 members were approved for communion

2. Alexander struggled with his doubts about closed communion and his respect for his father.

3. He finally decided not to take communion after waiting until the end of the line to withdraw.

4. Alexander counts that day as the point where he left the Presbyterian Church although he did not physically remove himself. He never told anyone at the church about his doubts, and he finished his University session in May, 1809. He took a tutoring job in a nearby community for about five weeks in June and July while waiting for a ship to sail to America. In America, his father had already withdrawn from the Presbyterian Church by the time the rest of the family joined him. Alexander was relieved to find this out.

Final Words:

"Alexander Campbell died on March 4, 1866. His wife comforted him with the following: 'The blessed Savior will go with you through the valley of the shadow of death.' He replied: 'That he will! That he will!' These were his last words." - Robert Richardson

(After we cover Walter Scott, we will show how the 4 founding fathers came together in unity)

CAN YOU THINK OF 5 PEOPLE YOU CAN REACH?

When I served as a youth sponsor several years ago, we had something called a "High Five" card which had blanks for us to write 5 names of people we could invite to church. This is a good idea for us today. Who are the five people in your life? Can you pray for them now?



BACK PORCH CONVERSATIONS



On Easter Sunday, we sat in our living room and watched a couple of churches online so we could worship as a family. Since I already preached my sermon the previous Thursday and recorded it, I was free to listen to other sermons and be fed. We watched my friend Jimmy play the guitar for his church and listened to Tom preach their sermon. After their service ended, we tuned in for the online service of Ekklesia Christian Church in Conway SC.

That church is still in its infancy and yet the Lord has already blessed it beyond measure. During the service, they announced that they were going to try to do something that has never been done before. Because of the coronavirus, IDES fell behind on the meals they provide for a mission in Haiti, and they needed 260,000 meals to catch up. Since Ekklesia served as a base of operations when that area was hit by storms, IDES reached out to them and asked if they would be interested in doing something great for the Lord. Challenge accepted!

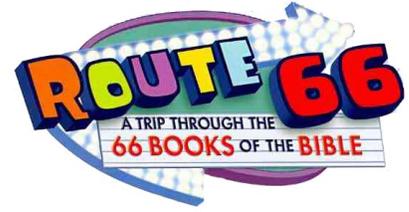
They spent a little over a month gathering the materials and getting the word out so everybody who could help would know when it was happening. I saw this as a great opportunity for our family to stretch ourselves and do something that is bigger than ourselves. We represented our church and stepped up to help. There were several other small churches sending people to help because this was something that needed to be done. This is how the church is supposed to work. When there is something too big for one church to handle on its own, the other churches should be stepping up to help. We all worked together and the Lord blessed our efforts. 260,000 meals were packed and they finished early!

The meals and some dresses that were collected for the girls are on a shipping container on its way to Haiti. The people there will be blessed with a much needed gift while we have been blessed by focusing on something other than what we are going to do this summer as the church. It was also a nice distraction from the pandemic that has everybody on edge. The best way to cope with the situation we have is to keep ourselves busy doing the Lord's work and then we won't be so scared of what is ultimately out of our control. No matter how careful we are with our health, there is still a chance that we could end up getting sick. That is a result of living in a fallen world so while we take care of ourselves and try to improve our immune systems, we should make sure our spirit is not suffering.

It is so easy to forget about spiritual care when we are so focused on our physical bodies. Helping with the meals was a great way to give our spiritual immune system a boost so we don't get sick while our routines are working their way back to normal. It is a proven fact that if we spend more time serving the Lord, there will be less time for us to get into something destructive that can land us in a heap of trouble.

The Minor Prophets: Joel

(Several sources used each month)



Who wrote the book?

We know little of the prophet Joel beyond a few personal details contained in the book itself. He identified himself as the son of Pethuel, preached to the people of Judah, and expressed a great deal of interest in Jerusalem. Joel also made several comments on the priests and the temple, indicating a familiarity with the center of worship in Judah (Joel 1:13–14; 2:14, 17). Joel often drew upon natural imagery—the sun and the moon, the grass and the locusts—and in general seemed to understand the reality that truth must have an impact on us in the real world.

Dating the writing of the book of Joel remains one of the most difficult tasks for Old Testament scholars because unlike most prophetic writers, Joel gave no explicit indication of his time period. In particular, Joel refrained from mentioning the current ruling kings. One of the most compelling arguments for dating the writing of the book of Joel explains this omission by suggesting the prophecy occurred in the aftermath of Judah's only ruling queen, Athaliah (d. 835 BC). Her young grandson, Joash, succeeded Athaliah upon her death. But because Joash was too young to rule, the priest Jehoida ruled in his place until he came of age. So if Joel prophesied during this caretaking period, it would make sense that he mentioned no official king. The book of Joel also makes ample mention of priests, temple rituals, and nations, such as Phoenicia, Philistia, Egypt, and Edom, that were prominent in the late ninth century BC. All of this points to a date of approximately 835 BC or soon after, making Joel one of the earliest writing prophets, as well as a contemporary of the prophet Elisha.

The book focuses its prophetic judgment on the southern kingdom of Judah with frequent references to Zion and the temple worship (Joel 1:13–14; 2:23, 32; 3:16, 21). Joel's familiarity with this area and the worship in the temple suggests that he lived in Judah, possibly even in the city of Jerusalem itself.

Why is Joel so important?

The book of Joel's importance to the canon of Scripture stems from its being the first to develop an oft-mentioned biblical idea: the day of the Lord. While Obadiah mentioned the terrifying event first (Obadiah 15), Joel's book gives some of the most striking and specific details in all of Scripture about the day of the Lord—days cloaked in darkness, armies that conquer like consuming fire, and the moon turning to blood. Rooted in such vibrant and physical imagery, this time of ultimate judgment, still future for us today (2 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10), makes clear the seriousness of God's judgment on sin.

Using what was at that time the well-known locust plague in Judah, Joel capitalized on a recent tragedy to dispense the Lord's message of judgment and the hope of repentance. In referring to the terrible locust plague, Joel was able to speak into the lives of his listeners and imprint the message of judgment into their minds, like a brand sears the flesh of an animal.

One commentator notes that the day of the Lord, which is a reference not to a single day only but to a period of judgment and restoration, consists of three basic features: (1) The judgment of God's people, (2) The judgment of foreign nations, (3) The purification and restoration of God's people through intense suffering. We find each of these elements in the book of Joel, as it offers one of the most complete pictures in Scripture of this ultimately redemptive event.



This month's Church myth: "Small Churches cannot do much for missions"

When the conversation turns to missions, there is a tendency for the smaller churches to excuse themselves because they think that supporting the local soup kitchen is enough. Well, it is a great thing to support local missions, but we have been called to reach more than our community. In Acts 1, Jesus says that the Apostles were His witnesses for Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and all the ends of the earth. How are they going to reach the entire world? That is where we come in. It is up to each of us to reach the entire world for Christ, but if you are a smaller church, how can you make this happen?

This month's myth is a common belief that has kept many Christians from being productive in areas outside of their zip code. Small churches cannot do much for missions as long as they look at it like they are not allowed to work with other churches.

This is the way to make it happen. If your church is small, find another church that is doing something and help them out. It's not hard to do as long as you have the right heart. Unfortunately, there are too many churches involved in battles over the flock when they should be working together to grow the church. If they spent as much energy on reaching the lost as they do on trying to keep members from leaving, the church would be so much bigger than it is right now. When you approach a church to see if you can help them out with a mission project or something like that, don't ask for anything in return. Just show up to work and let that church get the credit. After all, it is their project. You are there to help, not steal the spotlight.

Just think about how much the church could accomplish if nobody cared about who got the credit. Instead of trying to make a big deal out of what you are doing, just do whatever you can and let God make a big deal out of you. If the smaller churches reach out and help the larger churches with mission projects, those larger churches may not seem so strange anymore. Part of the problem is that some people cannot get beyond the size of the church in order to see the heart of the people. Other people think that the larger church does not need any help so they just circle the wagons and stay in their cozy little boxes waiting for something to happen.

Let's not carry on as if we are helpless just because we are small. There is plenty of work out there for us to help with if we could just open our eyes to the possibility that we don't have to be in charge of the project to participate. I am confident that projects that require more than one church exist and they could be closer than we think.

The Suffering of David (Karena Mason)

Throughout the Psalms, it is evident that David endured a great deal of pain and suffering. As you read his poetic writings, you can practically feel the anguish that he felt. The Psalms are comforting chapters to read when you are facing the trials of life, because you can see that David faced many hardships. He faced temptation, anger, and sadness, but through it all he still continued to praise The Lord. He did not let his adversities cause his relationship with God to weaken; in fact, it grew even stronger. In Psalm 22, David begins the chapter crying out to God, asking why he has forsaken him. He pleads with God and explains his sorrows, yet he still praises His name with great adoration. David knew that God did not want him to suffer; therefore he never lost hope in God's deliverance, grace, and love.

We ought to strive to have the courage, and the admiration for The Lord, that David had. Even though he made a great deal of mistakes – just like the rest of us – he upheld his relationship with God through every trial he faced. As the world undergoes this global pandemic, many individuals have turned to fear and violence, choosing to turn on each other and on God. Instead, we must use this time to let God stretch us and mold us into stronger Christians, rather than falling prey to the world's negativity and hatred. It is challenging to confront our current struggles and not harbor feelings of negativity, impatience, and the like. However, God wants us to lean solely on Him and to give Him all the glory, especially through trying times such as these.

"Who is the King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!" – Psalm 24:10

A friend of the Winfreys, Karena Mason is a 23 year old who was born and raised in Franklin, NC. She attends Woodland Church of Christ with her family. She has a passion for mission work, and loves helping people in need. She is currently a junior at Western Carolina University, and is majoring in Communication.

Soup Kitchen Donations are Appreciated

We support our local soup kitchen once per month by supplying some of the food they need. If you would like to participate, be sure to check out the list of items needed on the communication station in the Fellowship Hall. Every can counts!

Bible Trivia Question (Send answers to Earl)

Answer to last month's question:

Amittai was the father of Jonah (Jonah 1:1)

Winners: Wil Winfrey/Steve Skinner/Michaela Winfrey



Be one of the first 3 people to answer correctly and you will be a winner!

Be one of #4-10 to answer and you will receive an honorable mention!

Honorable Mention: Phillis Jackson

This month's question:

How did Rahab let the invading Israelites identify her house?

Realistic Love

"I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD." Hosea 2:20

There are two kinds of people in the world—those who like surprises and those who don't. Into which category do you fall? Perhaps for you, that depends on the surprise.

Life can be full of happy surprises like birthday parties, double rainbows after a rainstorm, or an unexpected phone call from a long-lost friend.

Life also can include some not-so-happy surprises. The appearance of black mold in the basement. A credit card bill that's grown much larger than you thought. Your dog's decision to tear the sofa apart while you're away at work.

Hosea 2:20 describes a happy surprise, a very happy surprise. In this verse, God expresses the depth of his love and commitment to his people. His promise carries all the intensity of a wedding vow. What makes this commitment of faithful love so surprising?

The rest of this little book makes it clear that the people who first heard Hosea speak were pretty much unlovable! God's love for them was "old news." Despite all the blessings the nation had enjoyed from God's hand, the people went on living lives of spiritual apathy.

The Lord's anger at his people's sin was an anger born of passion and compassion. His heart longed for them to repent, to return to him before it was too late.

"What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away." Hosea 6:4

"Our sins are no big deal," the people told themselves. But the Lord through his prophets said something entirely different.

Isn't it easy to fall into the same apathy, the same nonchalance, in our relationship with our Lord? Our unfaithfulness does not surprise Jesus, of course. It saddens and dismays him, but even so, he never gives up on us. His love never fails.

The sad and not-so-surprising truth is that we are great sinners. The happy and very surprising truth is that we have a great Savior.

Devotion taken from "Whispers of God's Love: Devotions for Women"

Life Lessons (Written by Andy Rooney)

I've learned....

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

TRYING TO GROW THE CHURCH - PART 1 (Earl Winfrey, from a 2017 blog post)

It is the typical conversation between Ministers. How is your church doing? How many are showing up for Sunday morning? These questions are conversation starters that help us share how we are doing with the churches we are called to serve. However, there are times when I wonder if it would be better to remain silent. I love the fellow ministers in my circle of influence, but some of them can cause awkward moments with their replies.

When I am asked about my attendance, I have no reason to lie, so I tell them that we average 20 people each week (*Now we average 12*), and the response is almost the same every time. I usually get a pat on my shoulder and some encouraging words such as “Hang in there” and “It is hard to grow a church with 20 people,” but what those people fail to realize is that I am not discouraged, and I am proud of our 20 people who show up every week.

Are we too small to do “Church things” like the “bigger” churches do? Some people might think so, but they would be wrong.

At this point, you might be expecting me to create a list of items that prove how we are just as good of a church as the bigger churches. You might even be looking for some kind of statement about how we are better because we are smaller. I’m sorry to disappoint those who think that way, but comparing ourselves to our sister churches is a recipe for disaster.

Our church was not created to compete with other churches. We exist to evangelize and edify, to teach and to train, to mentor and to mobilize the people so they can grow closer to God through learning the Bible and serving the Lord.

Nowhere in the above description is there a requirement for us to be a certain number of people before we can start being a church. There is no growth rate we need to maintain and no master plan for expansion to accommodate the masses. I am not against strategies that help us grow the churches, but I do have a problem with those who view such strategies as the only way a church can survive.

Don’t get me wrong. I look forward to the day when we have to build a bigger building and hire more ministers, and Lord willing, we will see that happen while I am still here. However, that is not my purpose as a Minister. I exist as a Minister to move people closer to God.

How do I move them closer to God? I teach them the Bible.

Everything else I do can be considered an accessory because those tasks can help people stay connected to the church, but the main point of my part in the ministry is to teach the Word. Whether I am in front of 20 people or 20,000 people, my focus remains the same. I take what I learned from the Bible and pass the information along to those who want to learn. It may be a simple approach, but it works.

Sometimes, we miss the simple answer because we are too busy looking for the complex. When the church began in Acts 2, they were not concerned about half the stuff the American church is concerned about, and they were better for it. Perhaps we should learn from the Apostles and get back to the simple approach of teaching the Bible to those who want to learn.

It is so simple; it just might work!

SUMMER IS HERE! PART ONE (Michaela Winfrey)

Wow! I can't believe summer is already here! Summer is the hottest season of the year, and since South Carolina is closer to the equator than northern states, it will be HOT, HOT, HOT! While my brother Eli is up in Massena New York, he is loving the cool autumn-like breeze while we are here "enjoying" the hotness of it all. Anyways, stuff is opening back up while my mom has to go back to work. And yes, a big BOO to that! I've enjoyed quarantine so much, I kind of want it to come back. I loved how we watched almost every DVD on the big black shelf in our living room, and we streamed almost every movie on Disney Plus. As we are opening back up, I heard that my favorite amusement park, Six Flags over Georgia will be opening soon. It has some of the most popular roller-coasters like Goliath, Twisted Cyclone, Dare Devil Dive, Georgia Scorcher (my personal favorite), and many more.

Roller-coasters are really fun. My dad and brother like roller-coasters, but I think they are scary. I just feel "un-safe" in them. When I rode Goliath, my eyes were closed for the entire ride, but when I rode Georgia Scorcher, I kept my eyes wide open for the whole ride. When my eyes were closed, I could not see anything that was happening so I missed the fun that could have been experienced. However, when I kept my eyes open on the Georgia Scorcher, I had the time of my life! Sometimes you just need to experience life with eyes wide open.

MY TRIP TO HELP PACK MEALS (Wil Winfrey)

(Before meal packing) I am going to Ekklesia Christian Church, Conway, South Carolina to help prepare 260,000 meals for a mission in Haiti and I will be doing it for 3 hours, and I think it will be like when I packed food for Thanksgiving at Lilburn Christian church. (My Memoe and Papa's church) I'm not jumping for joy for being on my feet all day but I know it is for a good cause.

(After meal packing) It was fun, after the meal packing they said that we packed 87,264 of the 260,000 meals, and after that we had pizza and a worship service and then we came back home. It was kind of fun to have a change of scenery for worship, and I enjoyed getting to meet Jordan my new friend. I feel like I made a real difference for the kingdom of God. I can't wait to do this again sometime.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Every 2nd Saturday, we have a game night at the church. We start at 6:00pm and end when we are finished playing. Feel free to bring snacks to share and...

Invite your friends to come with you!



Father's Day

Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. Proverbs 4:1

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12



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FISHING	LOVE	DADDY	LAUGH	FATHER
TIE	DAY	HUGS	CAR	HOME
GIFT	GOLF	JOKE	SLIPPERS	GOD

FISHING LIKE DAD:

Give children a small fishing pole or a stick with a line and magnet at the end of the fishing line that children can hang over a half wall and the magnet on the end can attach to some item on a paper clip as the child will "catch" a fish. Each cut out paper "fish" will have an item named on that fish that the children can go to the teacher and "claim" their surprise, such as some piece of small candy, pencil, small toy, etc. If teacher desires, all the fish surprises can be Bible based such as Christian book mark, small book, mini Bible, etc.

HOLE IN ONE:

Let children use inexpensive plastic golf clubs and work in teams as a relay race, if desired, to get their plastic golf balls into a certain spot that the teacher designates. If children play in teams, then each team player can take a turn at moving their golf ball to the hole and then bring it back to the next team player.

FATHER SAYS:

Play this game like SIMON SAYS and let a leader tell the children things to do, but children will only do what is asked if FATHER SAYS!! FATHER SAYS to tie your shoes, FATHER SAYS to pat your head, Jump up and down (oops.. FATHER DIDN'T SAY SO!)

TWIG CARD:

Gather twigs for children to place in a square form and tie the 4 corners together with string or yarn. Let children color a picture of themselves and write I LOVE YOU DAD, or THANK YOU DAD, etc and glue the paper behind the twig frame to give to the child's father or grand father.

FATHER'S TIE HEART:

Give children construction paper to cut out large traced heart. Let children draw and cut out a tie that will be the length of the heart from top to bottom and tape the tie to the middle and top of the heart. Let children decorate the tie and write words of love to their father, uncle, grandfather, etc. Children can write their own names and I LOVE YOU underneath the tie that has been taped to the top of the heart. Children can give this tie card to their special someone for Father's Day.

TOP TEN LIST FOR FATHERS:

Each child can be given a piece of construction and 10 numbers that are sticker numbers (can be found near a scrapbooking section of any store) for children to put a 10 at the top left side of paper, a 9 under that and continue down to number 1 sticker. Then children can write 10 special things about their father or another man who is very special to them. Children can decorate the edges of their poster list and give as a special card.

KEY HOLDER:

Give each child a piece of colorful poster board and some markers to decorate with special words about dad and title, KEYS TO A GREAT DAD (or Grandpa, or Special Uncle, etc) and then let children stick little "self stick" hangers to their poster board. Retail stores will have many of these for a low price. Let children decorate with happy face stickers or other positive reinforcement stickers such as GOOD JOB, GREAT, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, etc.

THANK YOU BOOKLET:

Children can be given supplies to make a small booklet of pages to thank dad for special things. If children desire, tools can be cut out and a different thank you written on each tool, such as a hammer, saw, nails, etc and each tool could be glued onto a page in the booklet and then given to dad after decorating and coloring!

COOKIE ART:

Each child could be given a very large sugar cookie or chocolate chip cookie to cover with frosting. Children can place a very inexpensive pair of plastic sunglasses on the cookie and use string licorice, etc for the mouth. Give cookie to their dad or someone special.

SING A SONG:

Let children sing words about Father to the tune of a song that they enjoy singing or to make up simple phrases or today's Bible verse and sing their own tunes. Children can divide into groups and practice for a couple of minutes and then share with the rest of the class! Make sure to have a tape recorder handy!!

SHARE A SNACK:

PUDDING IN A CUP snack would be delicious if children would like to put some pudding of their choice into a small styrofoam cup and sprinkle oreo cookie crumbs on top and a gummy worm, etc. Children could enjoy eating their own pudding cup and then also placing a lid on top and bringing it to their Father.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS - JUNE 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Prayer - 9:30am Coffee - 9:45am S.S. - 10am Worship - 11am	Daily Scriptures are given for us in anticipation of the sermon	Pray for FCC reminder to pray for our church every Tuesday	Midweek Bible Study for all ages (6:00pm)	Weekly Women's Bible Study (5:00pm)	Elders meet as needed. For questions, see Frank or Marvin	Weekly bulletin will have the most current information
Mission of the Month: Smith Family Translates	1 Isaiah 53	2 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Matt 27:45-56	3 Mark 15:33-41	4 2 Corinthians 5	5 Heb 4:15-5:10	6 Psalm 22
7	8 Isaiah 40:1-5	9 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Jer 31:1-14	10 Prov 3:1-12	11 Prov 23:15-25	12 John 10:1-21	13 (Psalm 23) Game Night 6:00pm Bring Snacks
14 Craft Day money due See Michael for details	15 Psalm 27	16 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Psalm 28	17 Psalm 29	18 Psalm 30	19 Psalm 31	20 Psalm 24
21 Father's Day	22 Psalm 32	23 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Psalm 33	24 Psalm 34	25 (Psalm 35) Newsletter Submissions Due	26 Psalm 36	27 (Psalm 25) Craft Day 3:00pm
28 Fellowship Meal after Worship	29 Jeremiah 31	30 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Psalm 79	All events subject to change if needed	Whatever Wednesdays coming in July!	Chris Crawford preaching July 5	

