

FOOTPRINTS



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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

WHERE DID SUMMER GO?

Can you believe that school is starting at the end of this month? Whether the students are physically in the building or learning from home, school is coming back and that means summer is almost over. Seems like this summer has been a little shorter than usual because of the many obstacles presented thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been a good summer, but it was also a weird summer.

The good news is that we still have a few weeks left for our Whatever Wednesdays and with a 5th Sunday this month, we have another Youth Sunday that will be good for all of us! Those moments will help our younger generation grow in service for the Lord while helping the rest of us remain flexible as we see different faces in the front during morning Worship. The more exposure they have, the stronger they will be in the future.

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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 August 2:

- Prayer Emphasis: Students
- Core 52:
 - + Read Exodus 20
 - + Memorize Mark 12:29-31
 - + Meditate on Deuteronomy 6:4-5, 10:12; Luke 10:26-27

Week of August 9:

- Prayer Emphasis: Teachers
- Core 52:
 - + Read Matthew 2; Luke 2
 - + Memorize John 1:14
 - + Meditate on John 1:18, 14:6; Acts 4:12

Week of August 16:

- Prayer Emphasis: School Administration
- Core 52:
 - + Read 1 Corinthians 13
 - + Memorize John 3:16
 - + Meditate on Romans 5:8, 8:38-39; 1 John 3:16-17

Week of August 23:

- Prayer Emphasis: Parents of Students
- Core 52:
 - + Read Exodus 40
 - + Memorize John 4:24
 - + Meditate on Acts 2:42; Romans 12:1-2; Heb 10:24-25

Week of August 30:

- Prayer Emphasis: School Volunteers
- Core 52:
 - + Read Exodus 12-13
 - + Memorize John 6:53
 - + Meditate on Matthew 26:26-28; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

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

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.

"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!

SETTLE DISPUTES QUICKLY

(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

So much time and productivity are lost because business disputes are allowed to drag on unsettled. This is true of both intracompany and intercompany disputes. A good manager will have and enforce a policy that calls for immediate face-to-face resolution of disputes within the company, as well as guidelines for resolving all disputes outside the company as soon as possible. To allow them to linger, grow, and fester is always counterproductive. Advantage is almost never gained through delay.

Jesus said, "Agree with your adversary quickly" (Matt 5:25). He indicated that if legal proceedings are approaching, the parties should try to come to an agreement before the dispute reaches court. Disputes within a company are usually more harmful than those between companies. Employees battling one another damage both individual and team effectiveness and the bad blood usually spills over and infects a wide circle of other employees. Managers should remember another of Jesus' statements from the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matt 5:9). One attribute of an effective executive is the ability to be a peacemaker, to be a catalyst for reconciliation. An executive who can give the kind of leadership that promotes a peaceful company will be a successful executive. This doesn't mean that healthy competition between individual employees or groups of employees should be squelched, but the competition should promote productivity and progress, not destroy them.

Some executives promote a management style that is conspiratorial in nature and that pits employee against employee. I have never known this style to produce either a happy or an exceptionally productive work environment. As always, Jesus' way is the best way. Sometimes, in order to be a peacemaker and to settle disputes quickly, managers may have to dismiss one or both involved in a dispute. When differences are irreconcilable, even when confronted openly and honestly, it may be necessary for someone to leave the company so as not to have a contentious workplace. If this is the case, so be it. Just be sure that all those involved have had a fair hearing. If the dispute is dealt with quickly, the negative fallout should be minimal. In disputes with parties outside the company, the same imperatives apply.

EAT WITH THE TROOPS

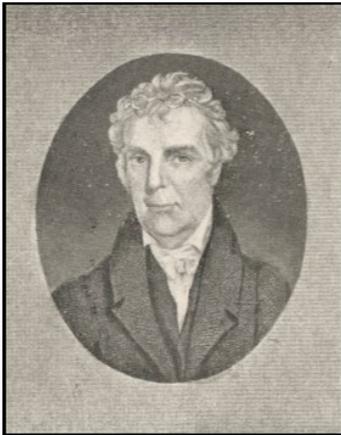
(Taken from "The Management Methods of Jesus")

When you consider how many things of paramount importance were conveyed by Jesus to His disciples while they were eating, it is impossible not to note the significance of food and mealtimes in the building of His organization. Sharing meals together creates a special atmosphere for building relationships. The Last Supper is the most obvious Biblical example of this, but it is not the only one. On many occasions, mealtime was special in Jesus' work. Managers neglect these lessons to their detriment. There is a temptation to have lunch at your desk in order to move more paper or to eat with your peers for fun and fellowship. There is nothing wrong with that. But meals with those who work for you should be included too.

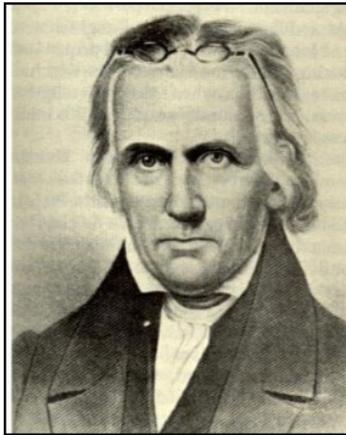
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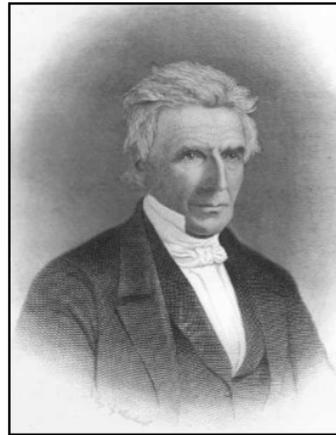
Mentoring today for a better tomorrow



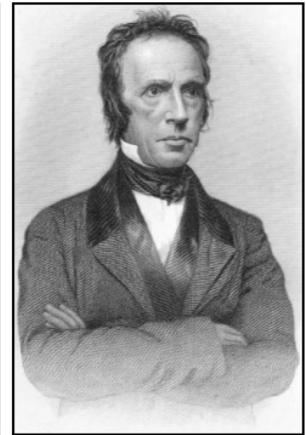
Barton Stone



Thomas Campbell



Alexander Campbell



Walter Scott

REFLECTIONS ON THE RESTORATION

"Walter Scott (1796 - 1861) Part 2"

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

Early Career continued from last month:

Scott biographer William Baxter gives this account of Scott and Forrester: Differing as they did, they were, nevertheless, both lovers of the truth, and the frequent and close examinations which they made of the Scriptures resulted in convincing Mr. Scott that human standards in religion were, like their authors, imperfect; and in impressing him deeply with the conviction that the word of God was the only true and sure guide. Often, after the labors of the day had closed in the school-room, they would prosecute their examinations of the Scriptures far into the night, not in the spirit of controversy, however, but with an earnest desire to know the will of God, and a determination to follow wherever his word, the expression of his will should lead.

Scott was convinced of the biblical mandate for immersion baptism and was baptized by Forrester (who was also pastor of a church). Through Forrester's library, Scott was able to interact with and be influenced by many of the same men who had affected Campbell. He read works by Glas and Sandeman, and from the latter saw that "it is within the power of every man to believe the gospel and obey its commands to his own salvation" based on the evidence presented. He read John Locke, who said that Christianity is a revelation that the human mind can grasp because it is reasonable. Scott developed the same ideals as Campbell by way of the same sources.

4. The next Spring Forrester's wife gave Scott a pamphlet on baptism written by Henry Errett, from NY. This pamphlet was instrumental in leading Scott to connect baptism with forgiveness of sins.

5. Scott decided that he had to make a trip to New York to gain further instruction from the church there but that trip was a huge disappointment and he returned to Pittsburgh to teach. The pamphlet had led Scott to expect an aggressive, growing church, much interested in evangelism. Instead he found a conservative, cautious, and stagnant body stubbornly defending the tenets of the Haldanes and unwilling to go with him upon further explorations in the direction of more radical reform. How was it that this church, which outwardly seemed to be thoroughly scriptural, was so sadly lacking in the spirit which had characterized the New Testament church?

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



As I am writing this, the Wee Ones are enjoying day #2 of CIY Mix at Ekklesia Christian Church in Conway, SC. I was hanging out with them last night and memories returned of taking my oldest son Eli to the Middle School event in Orlando when we were living in New Smyrna Beach while I was attending Florida Christian College. It is hard to believe that Wil and Michaela are old enough for this!

CIY has been part of our lives for several years, and they continue to provide an exciting high quality program each year. I remember when I was attending in the 1990s and one year, I got the chance to lead a "D-Group" when our group was there. CIY stands for Christ in Youth and the idea is that they are helping the teens focus on their relationship with God through high energy sessions and deep, meaningful discussions in groups. They have a great program that has produced many Kingdom Workers through the years. Along with the churches that have strong youth groups, CIY is working hard to raise up the next generation for Kingdom purposes. That is what we are working on at our church too.

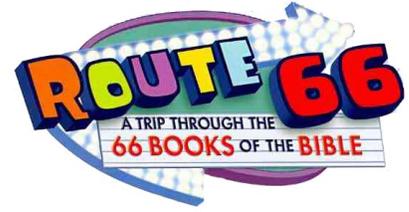
Along with having a Youth Sunday every 5th Sunday where the younger generation leads the church during the Morning Worship service, we encourage them to be part of our service every week. They help with leading the singing and they read scripture too. They also participate in praying for meals and write newsletter articles so they can begin working on their skills. Along with having them work alongside the rest of us, we also bring them into the Midweek Bible Study so they can spend time studying the Bible with the adults. They still have a separate Sunday School class in order to have age appropriate learning, but the Wednesday Bible Study provides a special time for the generations to bond together while growing stronger in their knowledge of the Bible.

During the class, they are often called upon to read Scripture and pray. They are encouraged to contribute to the discussions and there are many times when they offer some great food for thought. Ever since we began including them in the class, they have grown in their ability to work with the older generation and now they are comfortable having conversations with adults that involve the Bible and other church related topics. This has laid the foundation for mentoring which is the next step in the process.

As the adults and youth get to know each other every week, they are forming friendships that can move deeper below the surface and when they get ready to serve in the church, the adults can mentor them without having to spend so much time breaking the ice. The basic concept of mentoring is to become friends first and then work together so the younger one can learn from the older one. That is what Jesus did with the Disciples and the Apostle Paul told Titus to teach this to those on the island of Crete as he planted the churches.

The Minor Prophets: Obadiah

(Several sources used each month)



Who wrote the book?

In this, the shortest book of the Old Testament, it seems the prophet Obadiah considered each word a high-priced commodity. Apparently, he was unable to afford any words describing himself or his family in any way. Therefore, while twelve other men named Obadiah appear in Scripture, OT scholars cannot identify with certainty any of them as the author of this book. Though the ultimate identity of this prophet is shrouded in mystery, Obadiah's emphasis on Jerusalem throughout this prophecy of judgment on the foreign nation of Edom, allows us at least to presume that Obadiah came from somewhere near the holy city in the southern kingdom of Judah. Dating the book of Obadiah accurately is nearly impossible due to the scant historical information contained in the book. While several options have been proposed by scholars, the best argument places Obadiah in the 840s BC, making him the earliest writing prophet, a few years prior to Joel, and a contemporary of Elisha. The biggest piece of evidence for this early date comes from Obadiah 1:10–14, which indicates an Edomite invasion of Jerusalem. While Edom was too weak a nation to ever invade Judah on its own, Edom no doubt participated with other nations when the winds of change blew in its favor.

In the 840s, when Edom rebelled against King Jehoram of Judah, the Philistines and the Arabians also invaded Jerusalem (2 Kings 8:20–22; 2 Chronicles 21:16–17). While 2 Chronicles does not indicate the Edomites' participation in the invasion, Obadiah 1:10–14 pictures the violent behavior that the Edomites carried out on their neighbors, waiting on nearby roads to cut down those fleeing from the invaders within Jerusalem.

Why is Obadiah so important?

The majority of the book pronounces judgment on the foreign nation of Edom, making Obadiah one of only three prophets who pronounced judgment primarily on other nations (Nahum and Habakkuk are the others). While others of the prophetic books contain passages of judgment against Edom and other nations, Obadiah's singular focus points to a significant, albeit difficult, truth about humanity's relationship with God: when people remove themselves from or place themselves in opposition to God's people, they can expect judgment, rather than restoration, at the end of life.

What's the big idea?

Obadiah's name, meaning "worshipper of Yahweh," offers an interesting counterpoint to the message of judgment he pronounced on Edom, Judah's neighbor to the southeast. As a worshipper of Yahweh, Obadiah placed himself in a position of humility before the Lord; he embraced his lowly place before the almighty God. That God sent a man named "worshipper of Yahweh" to the people of Edom was no mistake. Edom had been found guilty of pride before the Lord (1:3). They had thought themselves greater than they actually were; great enough to mock, steal from, and even harm God's chosen people. But the "Lord GOD," a name Obadiah used to stress God's sovereign power over the nations, will not stand idly by and let His people suffer forever (1:1). Through Obadiah, God reminded Edom of their poor treatment of His people (1:12–14) and promised redemption, not to the Edomites but to the people of Judah (1:17–18). The nation of Edom, which eventually disappeared into history, remains one of the prime examples of the truth found in Proverbs 16:18: "Pride goes before destruction, / And a haughty spirit before stumbling."



This month's Church myth: "Running out of food means the church event failed"

Awkward moments in the church are part of the growing process especially when a church is not used to having people show up. No matter what event is happening, there is always a chance for something to go differently than originally planned, and that is when we have an opportunity for improvement. For example, if a meal is planned and more people show up than what was planned, there can be a shortage of food. Those who work hard at providing for the meal often panic when the food runs out before the people get fed. That can be awkward and scary, but it does not mean the event failed. This month's myth focuses on the idea that somehow the event was tarnished because the plates were not as full as they should have been, but the lack of food is often a good problem when it means more people are showing up.

More people showing up means that the event is gaining popularity and this is when we have a decision to make. We can either continue with the awkward moments or adjust our thinking when we plan for the meals. Instead of trying to control the portions or accusing those who were first in line of taking too much food for themselves, we should adjust our expectations and bring more food than we usually provide. Even if the number of people are basically the same, there could still be a shortage of food if the children are growing up and needing bigger portions. Again, this is not a bad thing because it means that our children are still part of the church!

I will gladly work on providing more food if it means we have more people showing up and our children growing up because that means our church is moving in the right direction! A little extra planning on the front end of the event can prevent the awkward moments of running out of food. Even if it means having to figure out what to do with the leftovers, it is still better to have more than enough than to have people leave without getting a meal.

The same goes for spiritual meals too. Every week, our people show up ready for a meal so we need to make sure we provide for them. Sunday School teachers have to be prepared to teach, the music team should be ready to help people worship through singing, the person giving the communion meditation has the responsibility to focus on the emblems so the people can partake in a manner that glorifies the Lord, and the preacher needs to bring the meat through the Bible as he preaches the sermon.

If one person fails to provide for the spiritual meal, there could be awkward moments because of the shortage of spiritual food. Whether the food is physical or spiritual, we should adjust our thinking so we can provide more than enough so the people can be well fed.

Change (Karena Mason)

Change is inevitable. In our lifetime, we are guaranteed to face a great deal of variations. What was once familiar and comfortable can quickly change into an unfamiliar situation. Life can change in the blink of an eye; especially when we least expect it. Though change can some-times feel distressing, it aids greatly in our personal growth. When God brings forth new seasons of life, we ought to take the opportunity to learn and to grow both spiritually, and mentally.

One great change that can come into our lives is a desire for mission work. It may seem scary and unobtainable at first, but when God calls us into the mission field, we must GO! These experiences can, and will, irrevocably change us. In my opinion, the transformation within us that mission work brings forth is one of the greatest kinds! When we take part in any form of mission work, God moves in us and through us in order to bless His people. We can choose to be willing and able vessels for His works! When we let God use us freely, He blesses us and transforms us beyond measure. And oh, what a blessing it is to be changed by our Lord and Savior!

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you." –Deuteronomy 31:6

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:

Underwater creatures and birds were created by God on the fifth day (Gen 1:20-23)

Winners: Steve Skinner/Wil Winfrey/Phillis Jackson



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: Michael Winfrey

This month's question:

How many men and women were in the temple to watch Samson entertain them?

Faithful Love



"I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy."

Hosea 2:19

As our Lord Jesus taught, He often told stories, parables, to illustrate the truths He wanted to communicate. Perhaps you know the story of "The Lost Son" (Luke 15:11-32). This story might more fittingly be called "The Forgiving Father." In the story, one of a father's two sons asks for his inheritance and leaves home to spend everything on a good time in the big city, so to speak.

The story includes many little touches from the culture of Jesus' time, details that deepen the story's meaning and multiply its impact. Whole books have been written to explain and expand on these. In light of Hosea 2:19, though, one of these details stands out as key: the father's unwavering, persistent love. Jesus tells us that as the son, eventually destitute, broken, and desperate, turns toward home, the father eagerly welcomes him:

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him." Luke 15:20

Did you catch it? The father was watching. Every day, he stood at the end of the driveway, staring down the road his son had taken as he left. Every day, the father watched and waited. Who knows how many days, how many weeks, how many months it took! But the father kept watching, kept waiting, kept loving. How like our gracious heavenly Father! In wisdom, He knows that true repentance cannot be forced. So He waits. He watches. He counts on the words of faithful love He has whispered to our hearts in the past to echo through our souls once again. He relies on His precious promises to rekindle our longing to be home with Him and all the family. The Bible reminds us:

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself." 2 Timothy 2:13

Our Heavenly Father does not force repentance or faith upon us. Instead, He waits; He watches for our return. And He receives us in mercy—no matter how long it's been since we were last home.

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

Life Lessons (Written by Andy Rooney)

I've learned....

That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

TRYING TO GROW THE CHURCH - PART 3 (Earl Winfrey, from a 2017 blog post)

The Twilight Zone is probably one of the most intriguing sci-fi shows that has ever been created. In fact, some have gone so far as to say that it is the original sci-fi show that started many others. Well, I am a fan mainly because my dad let me watch some episodes, and I got hooked on the twists and turns similar to that of a roller coaster when watching it. Rod Serling is a genius when writing, and he seems to have some kind of moral that goes with every episode.

In this particular episode that inspired me to write, there was a couple on their way to New York. Their car broke down in a small town somewhere in Ohio, and they decided to go to the diner while waiting for the mechanic to work on it. In the diner, there was a napkin holder that had a mystical figure on top that would give answers to questions when you insert a penny. Think "Magic 8 ball" and you know what I am talking about. It is a novelty, but the couple got concerned because the answers were too close to truth for it to be a coincidence. The man got sucked in and started to believe that it could predict the future, so he continued to ask questions. Eventually, the toy convinced the man that it was not safe to leave town, so he made up his mind to stay where he was. His girlfriend was scared and wanted to leave because if the toy was really predicting the future, she did not want any part of it.

Eventually, the girlfriend convinced the man that the toy was not predicting the future, and they needed to leave. The mechanic got the car fixed, and they were on their way. As they were leaving the diner to pick up the car, there was another couple coming in looking like they haven't slept in weeks. They go to the toy, insert a penny and ask if they could leave town. Out of frustration, the guy said, "Looks like we will never be able to leave town." Sometimes fear can convince you to listen to that which you know is unreasonable.

I'm sure that most of us can relate to this kind of situation. The church meets to discuss something, but there is always a person or people who will say something that will stop the entire process dead in its tracks. It could be something as little as spending money to replace the carpet that nobody likes or something as elaborate as an entire building that is needed for growth. The problem is that the vocal minority can often control the room, and that can paralyze a church and kill a project.

What can you do when fear takes over the room? Unfortunately, there is not much you can do until you find the source of that fear and why it exists. If the fear is based on something real, you can work at correcting the issue that is causing people to react. That is easy enough especially if it is a money thing, or a timing thing. Those are easy to spot and the answer is obvious. You either show that the money is available or will be available or you wait for the right time to make it happen. However, if the fear is based on assumptions or the unknown such as "This could happen" or "What if this ends up happening" or something else like it, we have to be wise in how we handle the people who are afraid.

While it is silly to allow fear of the unknown to take over, it is not a good idea to fight those who have that fear. Instead, we should figure out a way to make sure that they realize that there is nothing to fear but fear itself. This can happen as long as you take the time to work with the people who are afraid instead of leaving them to continue being anxious over what is happening. The girlfriend on the Twilight Zone episode got the point across to the man by talking to him and reasoning with him. He finally came to his senses, but it took time and a conversation. In the same way, we need to take the time to have a conversation with those who are afraid so we can move forward with whatever project is on the horizon.



“Whatever Wednesdays” are back! We are replacing our midweek Bible Study with various events designed to be visitor-friendly. Be sure to check out the bulletin for information on the events and invite your friends to hang out with us for the summer!

GOTTA GO BACK, BACK, BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN! (Michaela Winfrey)

Thursday, July 16, 2020 was a big day for me and Wil. Why? Because we got our placement tests done for Greenwood Christian School, and got a tour of the place. We are going to be starting school on August, 19 2020, and we are very excited! When I first heard of the place, I thought, “Wow! I wonder what it is like to go to school there.” I never thought that in the 5 years that we have been here, that this would be the first place we go to for school.

While we are on the subject, you probably don’t know what the meaning of that title is. I will tell you, it is a part of my favorite musicals, Grease. Grease is an amazing movie, and the title is from Grease 2. Well, that’s all for my article! See ya in September!

Going to school (Wil Winfrey)

It’s August and that means school is back and so is football. School is going to be different for us this year because we are no longer being homeschooled. We are going to Greenwood Christian School for the 6th grade. That means we will have to leave the house at 7am, and be picked up around 3 in the afternoon. I guess we will have to miss our mid-morning TV breaks! Ha-ha! Another change for us is that we will need to learn from several different teachers instead of being taught by our mother. I am a little anxious and excited at the same time because this will be a brand new experience for us.

The good part about attending school is being able to make new friends and be part of school sports and stuff. It is kind of hard to be part of a team when you are the only other student at the school. LOL! Anyway, this new adventure for us reminds me of when we moved to South Carolina. I had to say goodbye to my friends from the old church and had no idea how it would be here in Greenwood. Looking back, I can see how God took care of us along the way and that makes me smile because I know that He will be with us when we walk through the doors of GCS on August 19.

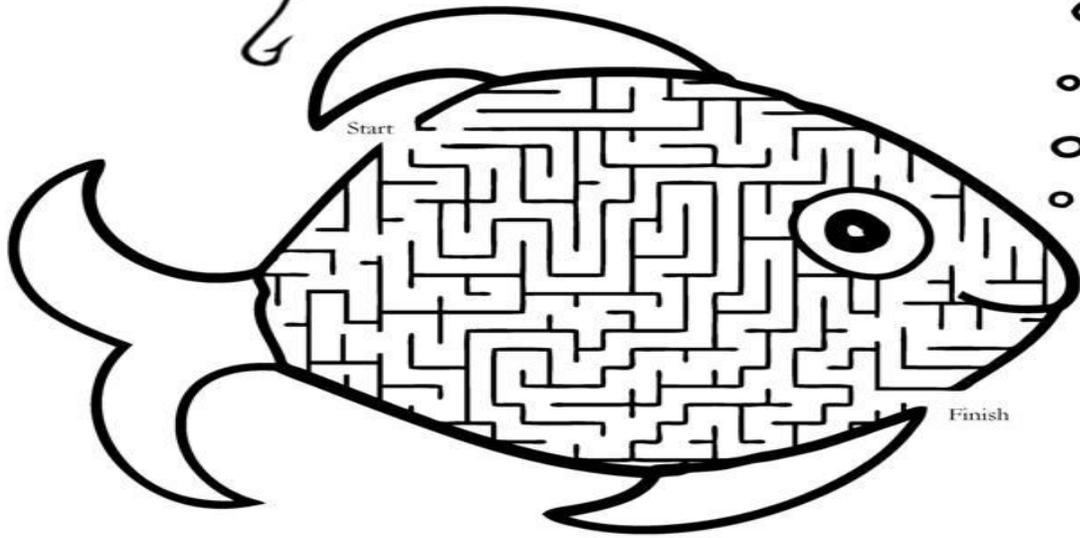
FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Every 2nd Friday, 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!

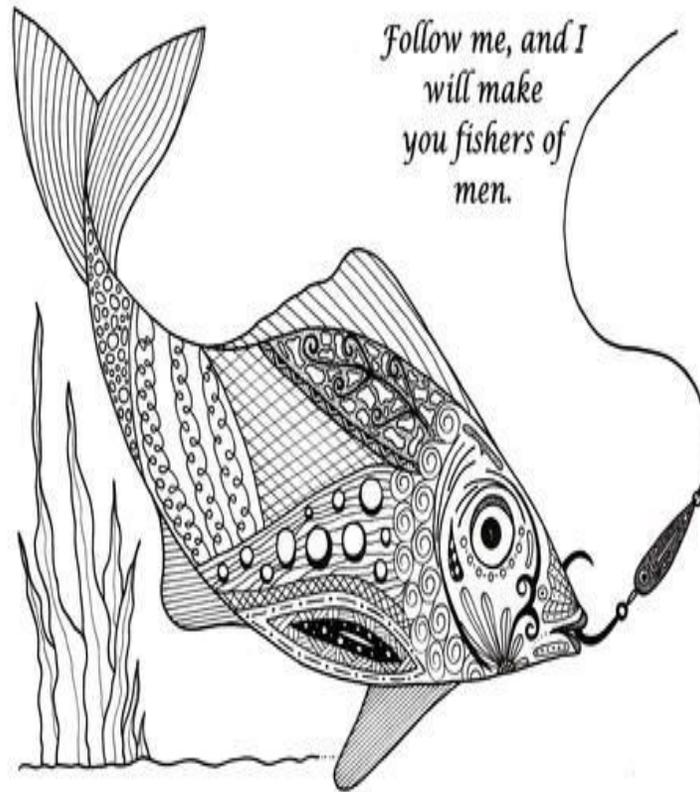


FISHERS of MEN



And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." **Mark 1:17**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST 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	Whatever Wednesdays will be announced in the bulletin	Mission of the Month: The Salvation Army (GWD)	Elders meet as needed. For questions, see Frank or Marvin	1 Luke 5:1-11
2	3 Genesis 2:5-14	4 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Psalm 46	5 (Ez 47:1-12) Whatever Wednesdays (5pm)	6 Isaiah 55	7 Rev 21:1-8	8 Rev 22:1-5
9	10 Matt 4:12-17	11 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Matt 4:18-25	12 (Matt 13:1-17) Whatever Wednesdays Begin (5pm)	13 Matt 13:18-30	14 (Matt 13:31-46) Game Night 6:00pm Bring Snacks	15 Matt 13:47-50
16	17 Mark 16:12-20	18 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Luke 24:13-31	19 (1 Cor 15:1-11) Bible Study Returns (6pm)	20 John 21:1-14	21 John 21:15-19	22 John 21:20-25
23 Fellowship Meal after Worship	24 Mark 16:14-20	25 <u>Pray for FCC</u> Luke 24:36-53	26 Acts 1	27 (Acts 2) Newsletter Submissions Due	28 Romans 6:1-4	29 Matt 28:16-20
30 Youth Sunday Chris Crawford Preaching	31 Mark 13:1-27			All events subject to change if needed		Weekly bulletin will have the most current information