



The Moral Principles of Truth

Recently, during some summer reading I came across this passage written by John Chrysostom who served as the archbishop of Constantinople in 407 A.D. I think it speaks for itself.

“When we live according to the moral principles of our faith, those around us may respond in three possible ways.

First, they may be so impressed by the example our goodness, and so envious of the joy which it brings, that they want to join us and become like us. That is the response we earnestly desire.

Second, they may be indifferent to us, because they are so bound up with their own selfish cares and concerns; although their eyes may perceive our way of life, their hearts are blind, so we are unable to stir them.

Third, they may react against us, feeling threatened by our example and even angry with us; thus they will cling even more firmly to their material possession and selfish ambitions, and slander us at every opportunity. Naturally, we dread this third type of reaction, because we want to live in peace with our neighbors, regardless of

their personal beliefs and values. But if no one reacts to us in this way, we must wonder whether we are truly fulfilling the commandments of Christ.”

During this pandemic we are all faced with many challenges. We have had to change the way we do a lot of things.

I believe that God provides us with creativity and resilience to meet the challenges of the day and transform those challenges into opportunities. We, the Body of Christ, can still be a witness to our world. In fact, we must be even more disciplined in our conduct and character so that we are good and positive witnesses for Christ. If the world has ever needed Christ and the hope of the Gospel, it is right now. How will you live out your faith to be a good witness in these days?

I love you all,

Chris

WORSHIP COMMITTEE



How to be a Happy & Useful Christian:

JULY 2020

Store this thought away until we are no longer in the "Year of Covid": Be regular and punctual in attending as many of the services of your church as you possibly can.

Hebrews 10:25 | Luke 4:16 | Psalms 122:1

2 Timothy 3:16

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE The BIBLE is Sufficient for Salvation

The United Methodist Church affirms John Wesley's stance that the Bible is sufficient for salvation and is the only book that holds salvation for Christians. Like Wesley, we are compelled not to follow those biblical teachings that fail the test of prophetic standards of justice, the teachings of Jesus and centrality to salvation.

For example, because prophets condemned unjust social structures, because Jesus broke dehumanizing social and religious barriers, and because Wesley adamantly rejected slavery and promoted the leadership of women, biblical mandates, such as for slaves to obey masters and women to be subordinate to men, are not essential to the Gospel.



Thank you for the outpouring of generosity for our ZOE orphans! Since June, 28 new orphans have been sponsored. This brings our total year to date to 116 lives changed forever. We still have 109 more to be sponsored before the end of 2020! If you would like more information about the ZOE empowerment program you can reach out to Debbie Breit at 252-202-1042 or by email: education@duckchurch.org



Circle of Friends Bible Study will remain on hiatus until September. Please stay tuned for the new study opportunities.

Ruthie's Kitchen

Gail Leanord would like to open Ruthie's Kitchen in September if COVID-19 conditions will allow. I am holding off picking a date for DUMC to host a dinner until we see how things go. Safety and well being is top priority. I will keep you updated.
Thank You,

Sherman



Thank you to everyone that helped out at the Beach Food Pantry from June 29th to July 2nd! We are scheduled to help out again in August, Monday the 10th through Friday August 14th,

from 2 to 4 PM. Please call Morag if you are available to help, 252-255-1436. Even though we are not able to get together in person yet, I am grateful that we will have the opportunity to have a "zoom" meeting in September. Betty Corbin will arrange the meeting, she has everybody's email and she will email you the details. We will be meeting on Thursday, September 3rd, in the morning. Please keep yourselves healthy, and know you are all in my prayers every day.

"Trust in the Lord with all your Heart." *Proverbs 3:5.*

Love and Peace,
Jackie

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August BIRTHDAYS!

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| 8/1- Ginger Jones | 8/20- Marianna Brook |
| 8/2 - Kathy Batenic | 8/21- Morag Nocher |
| Marie Shelton | 8/22- Carol Ann Dintiman |
| Fran Thompson | 8/23- Sharon Byrum |
| 8/4 - Debbie Breit | Leslie Geiberger |
| 8/7 - Bonny Blanchard | 8/24- Joyce Rabat |
| Bonnie Hines | 8/28- Ashley Beardsley |
| 8/12- Lynn Usher | 8/30- Meredith Guns |
| 8/13- Kristine Kiousis | 8/31- Barbara Hedberg |
| 8/16- Joan Van Zee | Janet Smith |
| 8/18- Brooke Naser | |
| Rosalie Schwarz | |

Happy Birthday to All Y'all!

If your birthday is this month but not listed, please call the church office to be included next year.



FAITH and WORKS

We know the arguments here and have probably had a bible study or heard a sermon about faith and works.... and grace.

I recently read a biography of Martin Luther and learned a great deal. (I grew up Catholic in rural South Dakota and have a dear aunt who is a nun - Sister Suzanne. You can imagine that we didn't talk about Martin Luther.) One of the things I learned was that 500 years ago Martin Luther translated the bible into common German so that regular folks could finally read the bible for themselves.

Martin wrote a preface to each book and the one he wrote for Romans is regarded as a masterpiece - here it is: "Faith is a divine work in us which changes us and makes us to be born anew of God.... Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that the believer would stake his life on it a thousand times. This knowledge of and confidence in God's grace makes men glad and bold and happy dealing with God and all

creatures. And this is the work which the Holy Spirit performed in faith. Because of it, without compulsion, a person is ready and glad to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything out of love and praise to God who has shown him this grace. Thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate heat and light from fire."

I think Martin's message is when the Holy Spirit convicts you, serving others grows out of your faith. It's not that you have to serve others in your community, you can't help not doing it! That's pretty divinely cool!

Thank you all for supporting DUMC ministries through this pandemic. John Park is continuing his great work leading Caring Hands and numerous people are working at the Beach Food Pantry, etc. Planning is starting now for changes to Room In the Inn and Food for Thought in the fall. Please pray for those involved to make good decisions and safe plans for the future as we move through unknown territory.

Jim Cotter
Serve Chair



CHECK OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUTH GROUP THIS MONTH:

THIS MONTH, YOUTH GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO MEET OUTDOORS UNTIL THE GOVERNOR DECIDES THAT IT'S SAFE TO BE INDOORS FOR LARGER GROUPS. WE'LL BE SWITCHING AROUND LOCATIONS, SO PAY ATTENTION TO WEEKLY EMAILS AND REMIND UPDATES. IF THE WEATHER CAUSES US TO CANCEL, AMY WILL SEND OUT A MESSAGE ON SUNDAY BY 4 PM.

- AUGUST 2ND** DO SOMETHING DAY {TIME TBD}
- AUGUST 16TH**..... NO YOUTH GROUP {GET READY FOR SCHOOL!}
- AUGUST 9TH** TOP SECRET MISSION
- AUGUST 23RD** FLOOR IS LAVA, 6-8PM

AUGUST 9TH - TOP SECRET MISSION 6-8ISH PM (CUE SPY THEME MUSIC)

THIS IS YOUR MISSION, IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT. OUR TOP SECRET MISSION IS CHANGING A LITTLE THIS YEAR, BUT IT WILL STILL BE FUN! YOU WILL RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BY TEXT AND EMAIL.



AUGUST 23RD - FLOOR IS LAVA 6-8 PM

YOU'VE SEEN IT ON NETFLIX. MAYBE YOU'VE PLAYED IT DURING QUARANTINE. NOW, WE'RE BRINGING IT TO YOUTH GROUP! ON AUGUST 23RD, WE'RE ALL GOING TO NEED TO DETOX A LITTLE FROM OUR FIRST WEEK OF REMOTE SCHOOL. SO, JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND COMPETITION!



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Prayer Requests

Please call the church office if you do not have e-mail and would like to receive notices of prayer requests.

To Communicate ~

Call us at 252-261-1525

Monday through Thursday or

Email anytime at:

office@duckchurch.org

Quick note: please contact the church office if you are unable to get the virtual worship service.... *God Bless.*

Office Hours:



Monday through Thursday – 9:00 to 5:00 PM

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The deadline for the September Duck Call is August 15th. Thanks.



The Lucast Family would like to thank the members of the Caring Hands for all their hard work to install a fence in the back yard. Our therapy dog, "Lily" now has a safe place to lounge and we are very grateful. It was a long, tedious and just plain hot process to get everything put in place. We also want to thank you for allowing Adam and Zechariah to help with the project. We appreciate you!

Debby Lucast



Al and Janet Have a New Permanent Address
Al and Janet Smith are settled in their new home and look forward to hearing from their Duck Church friends and family. You may contact them at: 7336 SW 140th Avenue, Dunnellon, FL 34432. Their phone number is 252-489-4125. God Bless their new life... we will miss you.

Blood Drive

The next community blood drive will be August 4th & 5th, On Tuesday, August 4th from 10AM to 4PM and Wednesday, August 5th from 12noon to 6PM. Blood Drive will be held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. The last 2 day drive in June brought in 204 much-needed pints of blood. To reserve a time to give contact

redcrossblood.org



The Care Ministry contact person for the month of August is Cynthia Ahrens: Her number is 717-424-7895
Be well in Christ.

