

The Antioch UMC

Epistle

July, 2013

The Preachers' Part

Summer Travels

"Let's go to the lake!" It's July and the summer vacation season is in full swing. The warm weather is an ideal season to seek respite from the demands of work. With the children out of school, it's a good time for trips to the beach and the mountains. Living where we do, weekends at the lake are great opportunities to gather with friends for fellowship and renewal.

Jesus spent a lot of time hanging out at the lake - Lake Galilee. The "Sea of Galilee" is actually the largest freshwater lake in Israel. It's roughly twice the size of Lake Gaston. All four Gospels refer repeatedly to Jesus traveling to and from the lake. He even established the lakeshore town of Capernaum as his home while in itinerant ministry.

Traveling from place to place was essential to Jesus' ministry to people. He never stayed too long in one place. He did not want to be a burden on others, or to keep people away from their work for too long. He would arrive in town, or on the lake shore, or at the mountains. There he would love on people, teaching them and making them whole, healing body and spirit. Then he would take his leave and allow them to ponder his visit, reflect on his words and celebrate his deeds.

Our summer travel through the stories of unnamed people in search of the Familiar Faces takes a turn in July. We move from the Old Testament reports of God at work in the

unknown people and places, to a more familiar setting. Our adventures will be "closer to home," as we travel with Jesus around the lake.

Here's our July itinerary:

July 14 A Woman's Healing, Mark 5:21-34

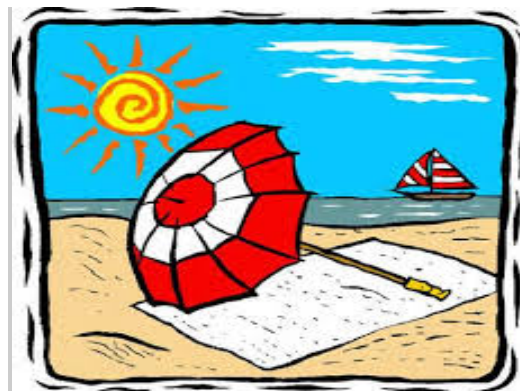
July 21 An Outsider's Challenge, Mat 15:21-28

July 28 A Sinner's Witness, Luke 7:36-50

Whether it's a local trip to the lake or a cross-country adventure, a weekend or an extended trip, getting away is good for replenishing our spirit. All of us need time to renew ourselves. While you are away, our ministries as the presence of Jesus continue. Please give to sustain the financial aspects of that ministry. Sharing your gifts for the common good is a vital aspect of Spirit-full discipleship.

Blessings,

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Children's Corner

A Call to Arms!

““Allow the children to come to me,” Jesus said; then he *hugged the children* and blessed them.” (from Mark 9:14-16, CEB) This is a call for arms that will nurture and teach our children.

On Sunday, September 1, we will start providing weekly “Children’s Church” for our 12-and-under children. They will be a part of the worshipping church as we Gather and Praise God. Following Children’s Time, they will be able to participate in Christian Education as a group using an established, multi-age curriculum.

YOU are called to arms

- To be in prayer for our children, their families and this ministry. This is critical and not to be taken lightly!
- To give one Sunday a month to co-lead the group. No teaching experience required! Each week a detailed lesson plan is provided, along with supplies. Prayerfully consider this opportunity.
- To financially support this new ministry by giving above and beyond your regular tithing. Memo a check or label an envelope “Children’s Ministry.”

“Jesus placed a little child among the Twelve and embraced him, saying, “Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me.” (from Mark 9:36-37, CEB)

Birthdays



Ronnie Overby	-	July 1
C. W. Dawson	-	July 17
Sarah Stallings	-	July 18
Edna Bagley	-	July 20
Lydia Hite Pearson	-	July 21
Alicia Clary	-	July 21
Marjorie Coleman	-	July 24
Will Arthur	-	July 28

There is a calendar up in the fellowship room - please put your **name** on the **day** of your birth so that we will have a current list. Thanks !

**Our On-Going and Upcoming Church Events -
NOT to be Missed !!!**

Food For Thought

“Food for Thought” is an open invitation each **Second Sunday** for everyone in attendance; to delve deeper into the meaning of the sermon and scripture. **Come ready with your questions and comments** and join in the discussion. Fellowship & Food are both Free !

News on the HOME front

For something a little different – this month Antioch UMC decided to honor all of our loved ones at Pine View with a poem.

"I CAN STILL MATTER"

As time passes on
I turn the next page
to discover a new me
while I continue to age.

I may no longer be
who I was long ago
but I still can matter -
that much I know.

With a new set of tools
I have gathered from time -
I keep looking forward
to more mountains to climb.

My best is not over
as the skeptics might say -
I just learn how to conquer
In a much wiser way.

So don't sell me short -
I am not nearly done.
I CAN STILL MATTER -
I've only just begun.

Tom Krause - Copyright 2012

We all had to say farewell to one of “our ladies” at Pine View. Mrs. Elizabeth Crowder is now comfortably at Home with her Lord. Her memory will remain in our hearts.

Please take a minute and send the residents at Pine View a little “thinking about you” note. Let’s see how many notes we can send in the next month !!

The address is:

Pine View Rest Home

621 Academy Lane

South Hill, VA 23970

Please keep the residents and staff of Pine View in your prayers.

Mission News

The numbers truly tell the story!! Antioch & Williams really did a great job this year in their participation in the Conference Mission needs. Do you think we can double each of these totals for next year? What a great feeling knowing that, by doing what God expects of us, WE made a difference in so many lives.

<u>Lunenburg Conference</u>			
Pounds of Food for			
Food Bank	120		9,763
Conference			
Offering	\$416		\$175,024
Number of UMCOR			
Kits	39		36,480
Total Missions			
Value	\$1,050		\$728,750

THANK you Earl for sharing your time and know-how with the people in South West Virginia who needed you. We know the Lord was leading you to

say **yes** when your Granddaughter asked you to be a part of the Mission Team from her church, again this year. We at Antioch felt blessed to hear about your trip and the way God touched you as you touched others. Thanks for sharing that heart-felt memory with us.

Local Mission Opportunity (shared by Martha Reed)

The Southside Gleaning Network of the Farmville District needs volunteers to help with gleaning and distribution of produce. We began gleaning this year in June. We have farmers in Nottoway and Charlotte Counties that grow food for us. We also glean at a farm in Halifax County. We will glean anywhere that there is produce that is still good and might go to waste. We distribute produce in 8 counties and often send food to Richmond, Lynchburg and Petersburg. If you are interested in helping the Southside Gleaning Network with gleaning or if you know of someone who needs food and you would like to help with distribution, please contact Martha Reed (434-294-3002 or martha.reed@southside.edu)

Church Notes

Directory

Please update your directory with the following change: **Ashley Grant** – 4911 Tall Timber Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612.

Do not forget to let Betsey know if you have corrections. Please take a second to, pick a name at random, call and check on one of our church family members. You never know when a “smile” on the other end of the phone will be just what is NEEDED.

Flowers – Thank you Frances for the Beautiful yellow roses on the alter tables on Sunday, June the 9th. AND Thank you Frances for the gorgeous

blue hydrangeas at church on Sunday, June the 16th.

The lovely flowers, both inside and out, on Sunday, June 23rd were donated in honor of Katlyn and Bobby Moseley and their families. Thank you for sharing.

Thank you to Alan and Julie for the flowers in church on Sunday, June 30th. These were in honor of daughter Courtney’s birthday and have been planted at the parsonage.

If you are interested in providing flowers for any Sunday this year, please sign up on the **FLOWER CALENDAR** in the fellowship area .

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are NEEDED

Our two church’s will be collecting supplies to be donated to and used by the children in our area elementary schools. Please place your items in the container in the back room no later than July 28th. Thank you for your donations and prayers for this up-coming school year.

Items needed:

Glue sticks, Fiskar scissors,#2 pencils, Colored pencils, Pencil pouches, Pencil boxes, Pencil erasers, Markers, Dry erase markers, Elmer’s glue, Highlighters, 3”x 5” index cards, 3-ring binders , Pronged folders, Marble notebooks, Binder dividers, Pocket folders, Loose-leaf paper, Crayola crayons, Book bags without wheels, Ear buds, 2 Gallon zip-lock bags, Clorox Wipes

WOOHOOS!!!

Congratulations to Katlyn and Bobby Moseley who became wife and husband on Saturday, June the 22nd.

UMW

The UMW did not meet in the month of June. The regularly scheduled July meeting will be on Tuesday, July 23rd at the home of Audrey Smith. 417 Pine Lane, Kenbridge, VA 23944. The UMW is open to all of our ladies from both churches.

The Joke at THE END



Pastor George was opening his mail one morning. Taking a single sheet of paper from an envelope, he found written on it only one word: 'Fool'.

The following Sunday, in church, Pastor George announced to the assembled congregation, 'I have known many people who have written letters to me and forgotten to sign their names. But this week I received a letter from someone who signed his name and had forgotten to write a letter.'