

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1
Wonderful Wed Activities

September 2
Parkinson's

September 12
Communion



Administrative
Board Meeting

September 21
C.O.M.

September 26
UMW Quarterly
Meeting

HONDURAS MISSION **TRIP 2011**

For anyone wanting to go or to learn more about the Honduras trip scheduled for July 30 - August 7, 2011, please contact Donald Wright 404-580-8938 or David Martin 770-654-1932. Plans are under way for a yard sale on October 16, 2010 to help raise money for the trip. We welcome help from anyone who would like to work the yard sale and become involved with missions at St. Paul. Meetings for the yard sale will be held Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

LABOR OF LOVE

Like many of you, I like to do something fun and recreational over the Labor Day weekend. Many of my Labor Day weekends have been spent camping with family, which I very much enjoy. This year is no exception. We preachers don't get the long holiday weekend unless we take a vacation Sunday and have someone else fill our pulpits. I have done this on occasion, but most of the years we have camped close enough to the church I'm serving so I can get back to fulfill my Sunday morning obligations. So not having the full advantage of the long weekend has never posed much of a problem.



While I enjoy the Labor Day weekend, I think it is true to say, there is something a bit depressing about Labor Day weekend. For it signals the psychological end at least to summer with its periods of refreshment and the start again, for many of us, of the more hectic rhythm of life and work at school, in college, at the office or in the home. So let me ask you: How is your work? Are you giving of yourself at work? Is work (home or in a job) a place where you sacrifice for a cause?

I find it helpful to remember the story of the little girl named Sally who, in the process of growing up, discovered that more than anything else she wanted to be able to mow the lawn. But each season she was told by her parents that she was too young. The great day came, however, when Sally's parents decided that, at last, she was old enough to do the task.

She did it with surprising skill and great delight, and having finished admiring her work, she began to cast long, envious glances across the fence at the neighbor's lawn, which also needed cutting.

The neighbor, seeing Sally's interest, said, "Sally, would you like to cut my lawn?" "Yes!" Sally said enthusiastically.

"Well, let's see", said the neighbor, "how about \$10.00?"

Sally's face fell, and she turned away, shaking her head.

"What's the matter?" asked the neighbor.

"I only have \$8.50," said Sally.

Calvin



HOW POWERFUL IS PRAYER?

The power of prayer should not be underestimated. James 5:16-18 declares, . . . “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops. God most definitely listens to prayers, answers prayers, and moves in response to prayers.

Jesus taught, “. . . I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you” (Matthew 17:20). 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 tells us, “The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, **they have divine power** to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” The Bible urges us. “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints” (Ephesians 6:18).

Power of Prayer - How do I tap into it?

The power of prayer is not the result of the person praying. Rather, the power resides in our God who is being prayed to. 1 John 5:14-15 tells us, “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of Him.” No matter the person praying, the passion behind the prayer, or the purpose of the prayer - God answers prayers that are in agreement with His will. His answers are not always yes, but are always in our best interest. When our desires line up with His will, we will come to understand that in time. When we pray passionately and purposefully, according to God’s will, God responds powerfully!

We cannot access powerful prayer by using “magic formulas.” Our prayers being answered is not based on the eloquence of our prayers. We don’t have to use certain words or phrases to get God to answer our prayers. God’s help through the power of prayer is available for all kinds of requests and issues. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God, and the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” The Lord’s Prayer is an example of how to pray and the things that should go into a prayer, worship, trust in God, requests, confession, protection, etc. Pray for these kinds of things but speak to God using your own words.



Please pray for . . .

God’s will in our lives and that of our church.

The people who are searching for a job and not finding one.

For families facing foreclosure and homelessness.

For our churches who are suffering in this economy as much as anyone or anything else.

For the loved ones on our prayer list.

For the upcoming Disciple classes.

DISCIPLE

DISCIPLE assumes that the Bible is the key to renewal in the church. It recognizes the human-divine nature of the Bible: The actual texts of Scripture were written by human beings like ourselves in their cultural settings, under the divine inspiration of God.

DISCIPLE affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us. **BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY** gives equal time to both the Old and New Testament, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God. **DISCIPLE** aims at transformation, not just information, and calls on persons to submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's Word, and to be changed by God's Word. **DISCIPLE** invites persons to bring their experiences and struggles to the Scripture. All persons know something is amiss with their existence and yearn for the Word of God.

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY uses Biblical language and images and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

This study requires reading large portions of Scripture each week and is based on careful study and preparation. During the course of thirty-four weeks, groups will move through the Biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem. The titles of the sessions along with theme words; theme verses; and major persons, events, and topics will set the sequence of the Biblical story in the minds of the participants. The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the Biblical story.

The above is a short review of **DISCIPLE I**. Other Disciple courses are: **INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD (DISCIPLE II)** which has a component unique to the study: the Basic Resource Library. This library consists of a set of books that will be used weekly by group members for reading, study and research. Each week the books in the library will be circulated among group members and specific assignments will be made. This is a thirty-two week Bible study.

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE (DISCIPLE III) is prepared for those who have completed **BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY**. Several themes weave their way through the study: the call to remember, the call to repentance, the need for renewed vision (eyes to see, ears to hear), and the place of community. This study is thirty-two weeks.

UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE (DISCIPLE IV) is a thirty-two week study prepared for graduates of **BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY**. The word *Under* in the title is meant to convey invitation, welcome, sheltering, security, and rest . . . home at last!

SHORT TERM STUDIES

INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

Explores the writings of the New Testament beginning with the stories of Jesus. 8 sessions

INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

Explores the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel. 8 sessions

INVITATION TO ROMANS

Exploring how people have interpreted Romans through the ages. 8 sessions

PSALMS

Make a deeper connection to the world of the Psalms so that these well known scriptures can help you give voice to all aspects of our human experience. 10 sessions

GENESIS

This study takes groups into the rich tapestry of Genesis exploring the interaction between God and very human people. 10 sessions

INVITATION TO JOHN

The invitation from Christ is: "Come and see, Follow Me". Experience the magnificent passages in John including the I am statements (I am the Truth, the Life and the Way, I am the Living Water and more). 11 sessions

"If you make My Word your home, you will indeed be my Disciples."

John 8:31

New Jerusalem Bible

MEMBERS IN MINISTRY CLASSIFIEDS

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

First Monday Café

There will be no First Monday Café in September. Dates for First Monday Café for the rest of 2010 are:

October 4,
November 1, and
December 6.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Trustees

Sun, September 12
Administrative Board

Tues, September 21
C.O.M.

PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES

4 more bags of bottles were taken to the Humane Society of Hall County recently and they were very thankful to receive them. Keep them coming!!

SOFT DRINK TABS

We took all the soft drink tabs to a collection site, 38 lbs worth and received \$24.70 to

send to the Ronald McDonald House in Atlanta last month. Keep them coming!!!

ANGEL FOOD

Angel Food Ministries have streamlined their menu and increased in price just a little. They have also added a "Super Signature Box" with even more food. This is in addition to the regular 'Signature Box' which now costs \$31. Check out the September menu in the Narthex. Orders for September will be taken till September 14.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a few more volunteers to help with Angel Food. Volunteers are rotated so it's not every month. If you are interested in helping please contact Dave Syme or the church office.

SOUND BOOTH

Volunteers needed to man the sound booth at the 11:00 services on Sundays. You will be trained. If you are interested, please call Jay Jackson at 678-343-7255

Honduras Mission

Yard Sale will be held Saturday, October 16th starting at 8:00 through 3:00 p.m. If you have any donations please contact Don Wright at 404-580-8938 or call the church office at 770-532-2977. Funds will help the villagers in CerroChili.

Gulf Coast Mission

Trip has been scheduled for the first week of January 2011. The group will be working on Hurricane Katrina houses. This trip is open to men and women. If you are interested or need more information please contact Don Wright at 404-

580-8938 or the church office.

UPDATES TO EMAILS AND ADDRESSES

The office is in the process of updating email addresses. We need your help. Please call the office at 770-532-2977 and make sure that all your information is correct. We also need your birthday and your immediate family's birthdays.

NEW FUND RAISER POLICY

All fund raisers must be approved by the Finance Committee before they will be placed on the church calendar. Forms are available in the office. This also applies to ones that have been held each year. Beginning this year, even regularly scheduled fund raisers MUST be approved.
i.e. Chili Cook-off

September 12
Communion

September 21
C.O.M.

October 3
Communion

October 16
Missions Yard Sale

October 31
One Service Sunday
Senior Adult Luncheon

November 9
Trustees

November 21
Communion

November 28
Hanging of the Greens
Chili Cook-off

December 1
Church Conference

December 8
Supper with Santa

December 19
One Service Sunday
Cantata

Return Service Requested

Rev. Calvin Haney, Pastor

CHURCH STAFF

*Pastor - Calvin Haney
Choir Master - Tim Gale
Accompanist - Terry Sapp
Administrative Secretary - Susan Page
Financial Secretary - Frances Steedley
Hospitality - Rexann Hulsey
Building/Grounds - Ralph Moore*