

July 30, 2017

making new disciples flame



Pentecost 8

JACKSONVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Hey Neighbor!

by Rev. Lyle Holland

He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
Luke 10:27-29, NRSV

The legal expert debating theology with Jesus asked the question, "And who is my neighbor?" to establish clear boundaries about who was and was not his neighbor. In response to his question Jesus gave us the parable of the Good Samaritan, which wrecked the questioner's categories.

Today, we often ask the question, "Who is my neighbor?" because we don't know who lives around the corner or even across the street. Often our network of friends comes from church, work, school, and favorite past times. So we find ourselves politely waiving to a neighbor as we pass by their house.

How can we love our neighbor when we don't really know them? A year ago, Stacie's burden for our neighbors in public housing was the seed that produced Neighbor2Neighbor. We introduced ourselves to the neighborhood with flyers inviting everyone and anyone to join us for food and games in the big field behind the Boys and

Girls Club. The primary purpose was to be good neighbors, loving our neighbors in a practical way. Now, a group from the church is at the Boys and Girls Club every Tuesday with snacks, games, lessons, and love. The ministry has grown to include 45 children.

Can a similar approach work in the neighborhoods we live in? Imagine hosting a block party, inviting the whole neighborhood, and JFUMC members serving as hosts. All so we can get to know our neighbors, and begin to build relationships with people we often only politely wave to as we drive home. On Sunday, September 17, we want to throw a party for our neighbors in the northeast area and the southwest area of Jacksonville.

Want to help through a party and invite the whole neighborhood? You can let us know by emailing me at

lyle@jaxfumc.org
or calling the church office at (256) 435-6021.

Grace and Peace,

Lyle

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Faithful Giving

There are no financial numbers available this week. Dora Hayes, our church administrator, is taking some well-deserved vacation time, and will be back in the office on Monday, July 31.

Summer Book Study *Simply Good News*

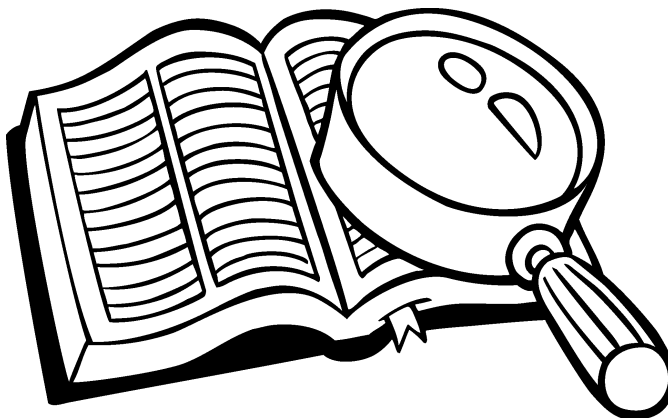
by N T Wright

begins Wednesday, July 26

6:30 pm

Room 101 (JAM Sessions classroom)

Book cost: \$9.74



Faithful Attendance

ATTENDANCE 7.23.2017

MEMBERSHIP609

T1 Worship 8:30.....31

New Community.....62

T2 Worship 10:5083

The Landing.....19

Children's Church28

Nursery.....10

Total Worship233

Chapel.....48

Wed. Youth.....NA

Sun. YouthNA

Sunday School

Adults.....87

Youth9

Children/Teachers.....17

Total Sunday School...113

JCOC



HOURS

Monday

Tuesday &

Thursday

10 am to 2 pm

256-435-1891



8 am to 4:30 pm M-Th

8 am to 12 noon Fri.

Calendar

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|----------------|--|
| July 30 | Children to UMCOR |
| July 31 | 9:30a Kids 1st GMSC 6p Healthy Living Class BSA Court of Honor |
| Aug. 1 | 9:30a Kids 1st GMSC 12p Staff Meeting 2p N2N 6:30p NA |
| Aug. 2 | 9a Kids 1st Chapel 9:30a Kids 1st GMSC 10a JOY meeting 5:30p Youth Activities 6:30p Summer Book Study |
| Aug. 3 | 9:30a Kids 1st GMSC 10a JOY Quilters 11a Warm Hearts 5:30p The Landing 6:30p NA 7p Audience of One reh. |
| Aug. 4 | 9a Bridge Group 9:30a Kids 1st GMSC 12p JOY Sew Day |

Those Who Serve God in His Church

July 30 • Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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| | 8:30 am | 10:50 am |
| Ushers: | Margarett Austin Jim Austin | Kim Stevens Tom Weems |
| Readers: | Lexi Curtis Kaleb Gay NC | Lexi Curtis |
| Acolytes: | | Sarah Francis Jordyn Thomas |
| Nursery: | Robbin Hodges Elizabeth Renfroe (SUNDAY SCHOOL) | Brandi LaBenne |
| Children's Church Volunteers: | No Children's Church today | |

Bulletin of the bloopers

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Proverbs 17:22

CHURCH SIGN:

Come to church this Sunday. Avoid
the Christmas rush.

Services This Week

8:30 am Contemporary

McWhorter Activity Center

Rev. Lyle Holland

Scripture: Genesis 45:3-7,

Romans 8:26-39

Sermon: *On the Roman Road:*

God is For Us!

8:30 am Traditional

Sanctuary

Holy Communion

Rev. Andy Curtis

Scripture: Genesis 45:3-7,

Romans 8:26-39

Sermon: *On the Roman Road:*

God is For Us!

10:50 am Traditional

Sanctuary

Rev. Lyle Holland

Scripture: Genesis 45:3-7,

Romans 8:26-39

Sermon: *On the Roman Road:*

God is For Us!



July Announcements

- July 23 - Christmas in July Party
- July 30 - Children to UMCOR in Decatur

UMCOR Mission Trip

On Sunday, July 30, the children will be going on their mission trip to the U.M.C.O.R. disaster warehouse in Decatur. We will be delivering our Christmas shoeboxes along with helping out with any projects that need to be completed throughout the warehouse. Afterwards, we are going to go cool off and have some fun at the ice skating rink!

What to bring:

- Sack Lunch
- Water Bottle
- Winter Gear for Ice Skating
- Socks
- Skating rink admission and skate rental is \$10.00, plus extra money if you would like snacks from the concession stand.

Back to School Sunday

Sunday, August 6 will be a busy day for us! It's Promotion Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks, AND we will have the Children's Pool Party that afternoon!

Promotion Sunday: Children who will be entering 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grades will be promoted to their new classes during Sunday school. Be sure to go with your child to their old Sunday school class at 9:45 am, and I will move them to their new classes. This gives them a chance to say "goodbye" to their old class, and "hello" to their new class.

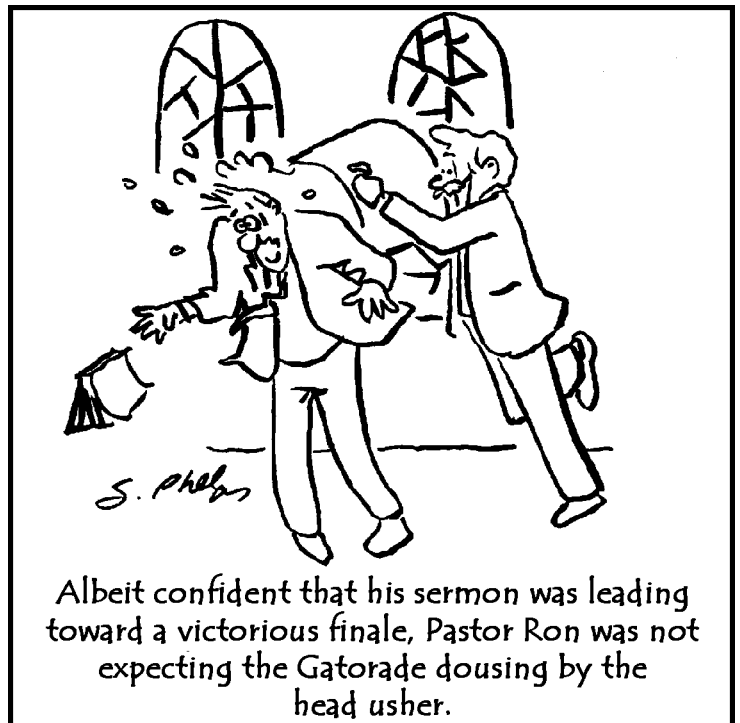
Blessing of the Backpacks & Educators: During each worship service on August 6, we will have a special moment to pray over all of our students (preschool through higher education)



along with any educators/support staff. Students, be sure to bring either a backpack or a notebook for the service.

Pool Party: Our Back to School Pool Party is at the Jacksonville Community Center Pool on Sunday, August 6 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Be sure to invite a friend! *Parents must accompany children.*

Mrs. Stacie



My Ordination Journey

Part 2

Rev. Andy Curtis, Associate Pastor

I remember it vividly. I was serving as the worship leader at Asbury UMC in Fort Payne. Following one particularly powerful worship service, one of my favorite church members approached me and asked, “So, when are you going to answer your call to be a pastor?” Though this individual was not the first to ask me such a question, apparently that was the day that my ears were open to hear and my heart ready to receive.

Even though I was already serving in an area of ministry, the moment of realization brought about by this conversation officially began my journey into pastoral ministry. The question then became, “Now that I know what I am called to do, how do I go about doing it?” And, I soon discovered that the first step to ministry was to become a certified candidate.

The road to candidacy, is in itself, a process. In order to become a candidate for ministry, I had to first read a book entitled *The Christian as Minister*, which gave an overview of different ministry areas (i.e. ordained elder, ordained deacon, licensed local pastor, campus minister, missionary, etc.). In this book I found a description of what different credentialed ministers do, as well as the educational, denominational and Annual Conference requirements that one must fulfill in order to serve in their desired capacity. After reading this book, I knew without a shadow of a doubt that I was called to serve as an elder in the United Methodist Church.

Once I had discerned my calling, I then had to write a letter to my District Superintendent (DS) describing which ministry track I was going to pursue. After reading my letter and entering into discussion about my calling and the journey that awaited me, the DS directed me to the district candidacy coordinator whose job was to guide me through the process of becoming a certified candidate.

The next steps looked like this: (1) undergo a full psychological evaluation, (2) submit answers to the Annual Conference pertaining to my theology, family, finances, and background, (3) meet with my SPRC (Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee) and have them affirm my calling (we sometimes refer to this as the affirmation of a pastor’s inward call, since it is a call that originated within the individual and is being recognized and affirmed by a congregation who is familiar with the individual), (4) stand before our area’s Charge Conference in order to be voted on as one who had been examined and should be approved to continue in the process (we sometimes refer to this as the affirmation of a pastor’s outward call since the Charge Conference’s outward vote is an affirmation of the candidate’s inward call). (5) After all this, I could finally meet with dCom (District Committee on Ordained Ministry), a meeting that required a fair amount of paperwork and theological examination, and which finally culminated in an interview, upon which I was

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Natasha Jackson
Summer Mission Trip Coordinator

Vicki Shaw
Encounter Coordinator

Elizabeth Renfro
Minor Events Coordinator

Becky & Rusty Simmons
Safe Sanctuary Volunteer Coordinators

Marita Watson
Youth Sunday School Coordinator

Buffy Lockette
Publicity Coordinator

Frank & Cheryl Hartzog
Game & Snack Coordinators

Woody Francis
Carol Stokesberry
Pumpkin Patch Coordinators

officially voted in as a certified candidate for ministry.

This initial part of the process took approximately one year to complete, and it was just the beginning. Next up...seminary!

Peace,
Andy

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 9:30a KI GMSC 12p Staff mtg. 2p N2N 6:30p NA | 2 9a KI Chapel 9:30a KI GMSC 10a JOY meeting 5:30p Youth Activ. 6:30p Book Study | 3 9:30a KI GMSC 10a JOY Quilters 11a WH 5:30p The Landing 6:30p NA 7p A of I reh. | 4 9a Bridge Group 9:30a KI GMSC 12p JOY Sew Day | 5 |
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| 20 9:45a Realm Training 5p Talent Show | 21 9:30a KI GMSC | 22 9:30a KI GMSC 12p Staff mtg. 6:30p NA | 23 9a KI Chapel 9:30a KI GMSC 10a JOY meeting 4p CrossTown 5:30p Youth Activ. 6:30p Book Study | 24 9:30a KI GMSC 11a WH 5:30p The Landing 6:30p NA 7p A of I reh. | 25 9a Bridge Group 9:30a KI GMSC 12p JOY Sew Day | 26 11a The Serving Table |
| 27 Acolyte Recognition 12p Acolyte Training 3p Connectional Table 5:30p Youth Activ. | 28 9:30a KI GMSC | 29 9:30a KI GMSC 12p Staff mtg. 6:30p NA | 30 9a KI Chapel 9:30a KI GMSC 10a JOY meeting 4p CrossTown 5:30p Youth Activ. 6:30p Book Study | 31 9:30a KI GMSC 11a WH 5:30p The Landing 6:30p NA 7p A of I reh. | Abbreviations: A of I Audience of One BSA Boy Scouts of America CM Children's Ministries CSA Cub Scouts of America GMSC Gross Motor Skills Classes GS Girl Scouts KI Kids 1st NA Narcotics Anonymous WH Warm Hearts | |



The Prayer Page

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Note: We encourage you to contact the church office any time you want to place someone on the prayer list. Help us keep the list trimmed: if you know of someone who has recovered and needs to come off, be sure to let us know. Prayer requests will be rotated off after 2 weeks if we have received no updates.

Prayer Concerns

(ALL CAPS denotes church members)

Robert Berry
Dode Conroy
JEROME CRAWFORD
BRUCE CUNNINGHAM
Susie Duncan
Corliss Ann Gibson
ANN HALL
KAYLIE JOHNSON
Bo Reeves
Curt Sasser
Family of Lewis Snyder
Chris St. Clair
LIZ WEEMS
Steve White & family

Long Term Concerns

HELEN BARTHEL
DONNA BUTNER
Norma Chapman
GLADYCE CORNELIUS
BOB DOBSON
CHALCY EVANS
Corliss Ann Gibson
EARL GIBSON
MARTHA GIBSON
EVELYN GLAZNER
HENRI GUNNELLS
LOTICE JONES
BETTY LAWLER
JACK LAWLER
LOUISE LUALLEN
CAROLYN LYNCH
VICKE MOLAN
Diane Ponder
MARY ROBERTSON
RONNIE SANDERS
TROY SANDERS
RITA SPRUIELL
MARGARET VALINE
RANDY WOODROW
Laura Youngblood

Many Thanks

My dear church family,

The song "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing" is in my heart each time the Care Cards arrive with all your thoughts, prayers and love! Thank you all.

My love & prayers always,

Carolyn Lynch
Legacy Village

Pray for Those Who Serve our Country:

If you have names and addresses for other military church members, please call the office: 435-6021.

† Deployed overseas ‡ Home (in the States)

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| • MSG (P) David Beard ‡ | • SPC Kyle Fields ‡ |
| • MAJ JEFFREY BUCKNER † | • LTC Pete Garver ‡ |
| • LTC Michael Dempsey ‡ | • SFC Matthew Reid † |
| • COL Doug Drake ‡ | • SGT Garrett Rose ‡ |

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



realm[®] initiation & training sessions

Two sessions!

Sunday, August 13 at 5:30 pm

Sunday, August 20 at 9:45 am

*in the
Multipurpose
Room*

Realm is an instrument of ACS, our church software database. Once the app is installed on your device, it allows us to communicate directly with one another quickly and easily about church news and events. There will be two training sessions in the Multipurpose Room: one on August 13, at 5:30 pm, and one during the Sunday school hour at 9:45 am, for all church members to become acquainted with Realm and learn to use it. Be sure to bring your cell phones, tablets, and/or laptops. These training sessions will contain valuable information; please make them a priority on your calendar.

Realm will become a primary communication source for this congregation.

Not your teenager's social media!

Coming Soon: Talent Show!

Sunday, August 20, 2017

5:30 pm in the MAC

Desserts & Snacks

Sponsored by J.O.Y. & JFUMC Youth.

For more info, see Andy Curtis or Chris Brightbill, or see the Flame.

Proceeds to benefit JFUMC Youth.

WORSHIPTIMES

Sundays:

Traditional - 8:30 & 10:50 am

Contemporary - 8:30 am

Sunday School - 9:45 am