

August Tides

Saints in Circulation by Pastor John

During the reign of Oliver Cromwell, the British government began to run low on silver for coins. Lord Cromwell sent his men to the local cathedral to see if they could find any precious metal there. After investigating they reported: "The only silver we can find is in the statues of the saints standing in the corners."

To which the radical soldier and statesman of England replied: "Good! We'll melt down the saints and put them in circulation!"

That brief but direct order states the essence of the practical goal of authentic Christianity. Not rows of silver saints crammed into the corners of cathedrals, but melted saints circulating through the mainstream of humanity. Where life transpires in the raw.

The cost factor of being a saint occurs on Monday and Tuesday and throughout the week. That's when we're "melted down and put in circulation." "Sunday religion" may seem sufficient, but it isn't. And pity the person who counts on it to get him through.

Sure, you can opt for an easier path. You can go through the motions and do the perfunctory obligations expected of the believer:

Dressed up and drove to church. Check

Got a seat and sat quietly. Check

Gave money . . . listened to the sermon. Check

Closed my Bible, prayed, and looked pious. Check

Shook hands, walked out. Check

Still a saint? A silver one, in fact. Consistent, regular, cool and casual, present, and safely out of circulation.

To be a saint in circulation the Christian needs to be authentic and engaged in his or her walk of faith.

Authentic Christians are transparent. What you see is what you get with them. They have learned through hard experiences that the transparent life is more likely to bring them the joy and peace of the Kingdom, so they are honest about what is happening in their own lives and they are honest about issues they have with other people.

Transparent people learn the wisdom of living according to John's plea that we be transparent in our relationship with God, with ourselves, and with other people (see 1 John 1:7-9).

That is, we live in confession of our sins, we find forgiveness of our sins, and we walk in truth and light with God and with others.



Community Missions

Thanks to all who donated so generously, we were able to deliver a total of 49 boxes to NBCCA, McMullen Booth and Calvin Hunsinger schools. Way to go North Bay!

Back to School Bash

North Bay Church Preschool will have fun at Chuck E. Cheese, Monday, August 8 from 3-9 p.m., the last outing before school begins. Everyone is invited.

August Lunch Bunches at Ozona Blue

Ladies Lunch Bunch

You're invited to lunch Tuesday, August 9th 12:00 p.m. at Ozona Blue, Palm Harbor. All women of the church are welcome. Please sign up at the table in the Gathering Place. Contact Geneva Green, hostess.

Men's Lunch

August Men's Lunch Bunch will be on Thursday, August 18th at 12 Noon at Ozona Blue, 125 Orange St., Palm Harbor. Please sign up in the Gathering Place. Host: Matt Wisniewski.

Ice Cream Social and Jazz Band

It's time to sign up for our special Big Band Concert on Saturday, August 27th at 1:30 p.m. Come hear the music of Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Cole Porter, Dean Martin and many more! Let's fill the sanctuary and share this special time with friends and family!

Missionary Rev. Guidi bringing hope in Togo, Africa

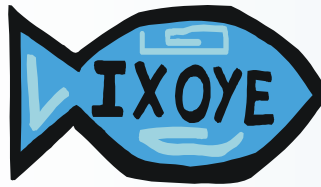


Pictures from our Veteran's Appreciation Patriotic Dinner



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Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. Isaiah 40:28

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Let heaven and
earth praise him, the
seas and all that
move in them...

Psalm 69:34