

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

### One Church Built by God

John 17:21

**5/27 - Pentecost**

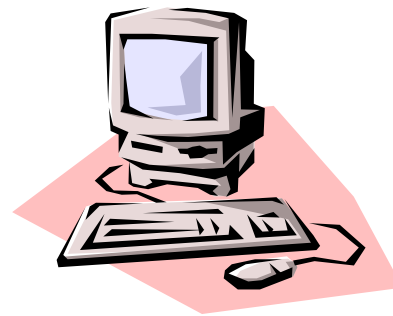
**6/3 - The Importance  
Of a United Church**



**6/10 - The Blessing  
Of a United Church**

**6/17 - Threats to Unity**

**6/24 - Steps to Unity**



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[www.fccmtncty.org](http://www.fccmtncty.org)

#### Daily Scriptures:

Week of 6/3:  
Mon - Psalm 133  
Tues - Acts 4:23-37  
Wed - Acts 11:19-30  
Thur - 2 Cor 1:1-11  
Fri - Galatians 2:1-10  
Sat - Genesis 9

Week of 6/10:  
Mon - Col 3:5-11  
Tues - 1 Cor 1:4-17  
Wed - Acts 20:13-38  
Thur - Mark 14:12-26  
Fri - 1 Cor 11:17-34  
Sat - Genesis 37

Week of 6/17:  
Mon - Eph 4:1-13  
Tues - Col 3:12-17  
Wed - Romans 14  
Thur - John 13:1-17  
Fri - Mark 9:33-41  
Sat - Genesis 50:15-21

Week of 6/24:  
Mon - Hosea 4  
Tues - Hosea 5  
Wed - Hosea 8  
Thur - Hosea 9  
Fri - Hosea 10  
Sat - Hosea 14

### Our effectiveness as a church depends on our unity

VBS is off to a great start and the excitement is contagious! We will continue with VBS every Wed through June, so if you haven't invited your neighbor yet, be sure to get them to come with you! Of course, that means you have to show up too! We are exploring God's promises for His children and having fun while learning!

Along with VBS, we have also started a new sermon series on church unity.

Now when it comes to this type of series, I have to make sure that we understand that there are no issues that I am aware of that would cause this series to be preached.

However, a series on church unity works best when there are no issues at the moment.

Just like changing the oil in your car before the car breaks down, we need to make sure we check our unity before issues rise up.

So let's gear up for a great month as we explore God's promises and improve our unity as a family!

Let's grow together!

-Earl Winfrey  
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“God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:6

Show-Stopping Beauty - Think about the Academy Awards Ceremony. Where are most of the cameras located? Not inside the theater. In recent years, the red carpet show has all but eclipsed the awards ceremony itself. Photographers jostle for position, hoping to capture images of the beautiful people as they arrive. Best-dressed and most glamorous celebrities get almost as much press as the awards recipients.

Our culture idolizes outward beauty and the people who embody it in our society today. Still, we know that ideas of beauty change over time and across cultures. What is beauty, really? Is there a definition, a portrait of beauty that endures through all times and applies in every place? The surprising answer is yes!

At first, that picture may surprise you. Unsurpassed, eternal beauty hung on a rough-hewn cross on that day Christians call Good Friday. Beauty hung beneath a dark, threatening sky.

True beauty is there, at Christ’s cross. It’s unmistakable. The beauty of our Lord is clearly visible as, in love, He takes onto Himself the repulsiveness of our sin.

We don’t often picture sin in that way—as repulsive. Instead, we think of it as wrong or hurtful, and it is. Yet when someone close to us is surly or sullen, we sometimes say to them, “Don’t be ugly.”

Sin is that-ugly. Truth be told, we almost always act in ugly ways when resentment, anger, or a desire for vengeance begins growing in our hearts.

But Jesus died to wash away those sins. In their place, He wraps us in His grace, giving us His very own beauty—His perfect obedience. That beauty, that holiness, comes to us as His gift, and it works in us so that we become more outwardly beautiful too, in forgiveness, patience, and love.

His light shines into every dark corner of our hearts, and as a result, His light begins to shine through us into the lives of those around us. They see our peace and know there’s just something different, something beautiful, about us.

Rose Petals - A new minister was walking with an older, more seasoned minister in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn’t long before he realized how impossible this was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher’s inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem:

It is only a tiny rosebud, a flower of God’s design; but I cannot unfold the petals with these clumsy hands of mine. The secret of unfolding flowers is not known to such as I. GOD opens this flower so easily, but in my hands they die. If I cannot unfold a rosebud, this flower of God’s design, then how can I have the wisdom to unfold this life of mine? So I’ll trust in God for leading each moment of my day. I will look to God for guidance in each step of the way. The path that lies before me, only my Lord knows. I’ll trust God to unfold the moments, just as He unfolds the rose.

### Attention!!

The Women’s Bible Study is going to be taking a break for a while. Be sure to see Michael for details about when they will be meeting again!

"If what you did yesterday seems big, you haven't done anything today." - Lou Holtz

### Barnabas (Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-27)

This month, we will be looking at a person in the Bible who was a good model for anyone who wants to become a good parent. When it comes to parenting, we often have to be good mentors for our children as they grow up. We also have to be a mediator for those times that our children want to transition from one stage of life to another. We can act on their behalf to help prepare the way. And ultimately, if we want to become good parents, we need to be a model for our kids to follow.

Barnabas was a great associate for the early church leaders. He was always willing to introduce new workers and help train them to be useful for Kingdom. Beginning with his name, Son of Encouragement, he has always been the kind of person who would encourage others. Once in a leadership role, he continued to be an encourager as he had done many good things for the church. Although the accounts of Barnabas involve his role as a leader for the church, we can learn from his example and we can lead our families in the same way.

Barnabas is not a well known character in the Bible mainly because of the Apostle Paul becoming the leader of the group, but we do have enough information to see how Barnabas was a good mentor, mediator and model for those who were in his circle of influence.

#### I. The Mentor

- A. Levite from Cyprus (Acts 4:36)
- B. Cousin John Mark (Mother hosted prayer meeting while Peter was in prison – Acts 12:12)
- C. God prepared Barnabas for mentoring (We have been prepared too!)

#### II. The Mediator

- A. Brought Paul to the Apostles (Acts 9:26-27)
- B. Restored John Mark and Paul
  - 1. Acts 15:2 – Disagreement
  - 2. 1 Corinthians 9:6 – Paul and Barnabas work together
  - 3. Colossians 4:10 – Paul and John Mark work together
  - 4. 2 Timothy 4:11 – Paul requested John Mark to join him because he was "Useful for me in my ministry" (Complete restoration took place)

#### III. The Model

- A. Good man full of the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:24)
- B. Opened the door for Paul at Antioch
- C. Faded into the background (Acts 13:4-12)  
(Barnabas and Paul became Paul and Barnabas)

We need to find ways to fade into the background as we elevate our kids to become the men and women God has called them to be. We need to be able to release them into God's hands fully equipped, ready to conquer the world for Christ! And the only way to make sure this happens is to be that model that our kids need so they can follow in our footsteps.

"Be ye fishers of men, you catch them, and He will clean them."

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### Tips For Fishing With Kids

1. Keep it easy. Choose simple tackle, bait and techniques. Fish for a species that is plentiful and easy to catch. Your goal should be to keep their rod bent as much as possible. Don't worry about catching a fish that YOU will be proud of...catch anything! The more interesting, colorful and unique the fish, the more excited they will be.
2. Keep it short. Marathon days are not what they need. Try to find fishing spots VERY close to home that that don't require long car or boat rides.
3. Keep them covered. Use plenty of sunscreen and protective clothing. Try not to make anything about the experience painful or unpleasant.
4. Keep them happy. Take lots of snacks including a treat that usually is not allowed at home. Snacks can help break up moments of frustration and will keep the kids interested.
5. Keep your cool. Expect to re-bait hooks and take out line tangles and knots all day. This is their day, not yours. The quickest way to turn children off to fishing is to get frustrated with them. Teach them what you know – tell them about birds, plants, or fish. Kids remember these things and find it interesting. Read to them about fish.
6. Keep a few fish for dinner. Keep fish within the legal catch limits and never keep more than you plan to eat. These lessons mold responsible and conscientious anglers helping to ensure the future of our fishery resources.

Some good resources to explore: Kids All-American Fishing [<http://www.kids-fishing.com/>]  
TakeMeFishing.org [<http://www.takemefishing.org/>]

It's that time of year again! I will be spending the month of June working on my sermon schedule for 2013. I have some really good ideas and directions to head in, but I would like to have more ideas to choose from as I pray for God to guide me through this process. So here is where you guys can help:

First of all, prayer is the key ingredient for keeping God in this process! You don't have to lay out an hour every day to pray, but if you could say a few words whenever you think about it, I would benefit greatly from it!

Secondly, take a good look at what is going on with our church and ask these questions: Are we addressing the felt needs of the people? Are we addressing the spiritual needs of the people? Is there something in the Bible that needs to be clarified so the people can be edified?

(Ask those questions about our community too!)

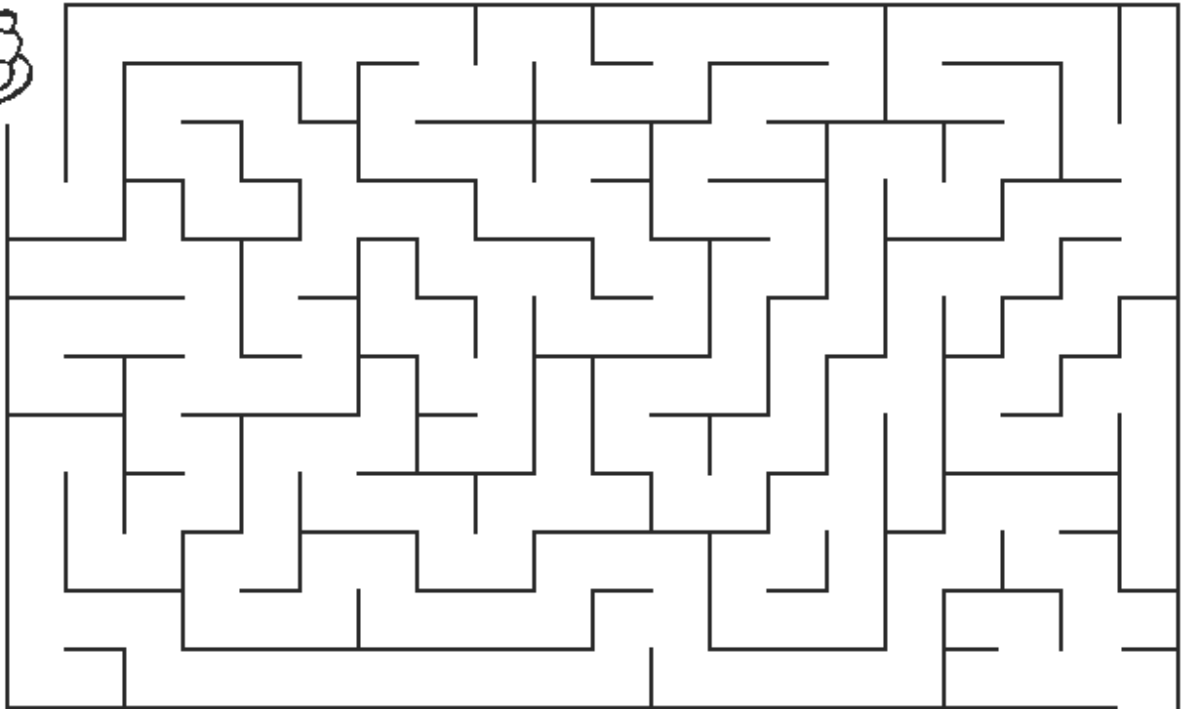
Thirdly, spend some time in prayer for your own life and see if there is anything of personal interest you would like to learn about or explore in a sermon series. Chances are, if there is something that interests you, somebody else might have that interest too!

Once the sermon schedule is complete, I would like to recruit some volunteers who would be interested in helping me shape the sermons so we can get a head start on 2013.

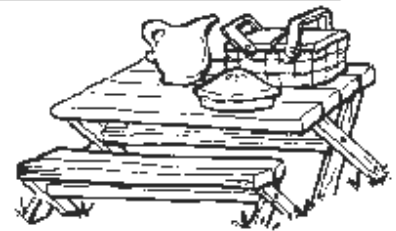
If anybody would like to help with the process, or if you are just curious about what we are doing, please let me know so I can keep you in the loop! I am excited to be working on 2013 so we can build on what has already been an awesome 2012 so far! - Earl Winfrey ([earl@mkdisciples.org](mailto:earl@mkdisciples.org))

“But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 19:14 ESV)

## Bring the food to the table for a nice Father's Day picnic!



Happy  
Father's  
Day



Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
(Matthew 6:9)

Hey kids, did you know that Father’s Day is coming up this month? We celebrate our fathers and all that they’ve done for us. They’ve worked hard to give us what we have today. Are you thanking God for your Dad? Are you planning on doing anything special for your Dad this Father’s Day?

Did you know that Jesus calls God a Father?

In Matthew 6, Jesus is praying to God. And Jesus calls God “Father.” God the Father sent Jesus to save us from sin and make us all children of God. God is an amazing Heavenly Father! He knows all that we need and He has the power to provide for us. He has never let us go hungry. He has given his children shelter and rest. He may discipline us, just like your human father will at times discipline you. But God’s discipline is never out of anger. It is always out of love. And when God disciplines, He is trying to build the right character into your heart. One day God will bring us to live with him forever. We’ll get to see Jesus and praise God with our family and with the angels! What a great day that will be!

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." - Romans 12:12 (NIV)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Thursday - Food Pantry 4:30-5:30 pm  
Every Wed - Meal - 5:30, VBS 6-8pm  
 June 1 - Craft Day  
 June 3 - Fellowship Meal after Worship  
           Kira Graduation Blessing 2pm  
 June 10 - Elders meeting after church  
 June 15 - Game Night 6pm  
 June 16 - Elders/Deacons Meeting 8am  
 June 24 - Send off for Ben Lantzer  
 June 26 - Deadline for July Newsletter  
 July 8 - Fellowship Meal after Worship  
           Congregational Meeting after meal  
 July 9-23 - Winfreys at NACC and vacation  
Servers for June:  
 Morning Prayer - Chuck Cleghorn  
 Offering Prayer - Luke Turner  
 Server - Kaden Berg  
 Communion Meditation - Kevin Berg  
 Communion Preparation - Tiffany Berg



Please keep us informed of any address changes so we can keep our records up to date.

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General Prayer Items for the month:

(Please see the weekly bulletin for the church prayer list.)

- Church Leadership
- Ministries of the church
- Members
- Visitors
- Lost Souls
- Those needing work/Home sales
- The persecuted church
- Missionaries
- Future Kingdom Workers
- Those serving in the Military
- Government
- Schools

**Evangelistic Opportunities:**

Does your neighbor go to church?  
 Does your neighbor know that you go to church?

**Partners in Ministry**

**Don't forget to pray for those churches around us and near our hearts!**

- FCC of Franklin, NC
- Toccoa Christian Church
- Providence Road Church of Christ (Charlotte, NC)
- First Christian Church of Fairburn, GA
- Coastline Christian Church (New Smyrna Beach)
- Southlake Christian Church (Groveland, FL)
- Christian Church at Deleon Springs, FL
- Tomoka Christian Church (Ormond Beach, FL)
- N. Citrus Christian Church (Citrus Springs, FL)

If anyone knows of any churches that need to be added to this list, be sure to let Earl know.

"Nothing like machinery to make a preacher wanna cuss." -Dr. Mike Chambers  
 (commenting on the frustration of trying to get his dad's model T to run)

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity." Albert Einstein