

In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity.

A Message from Pastor Davis

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

1 Timothy 1:15-16

No one was more feared in the fifth century than Attila the Hun. His army swept across the lands wreaking havoc and destruction. Some people literally plunged into the swamps in a desperate attempt to find refuge from Attila's raping, pillaging hoards. These refugees struggled to survive in the inhospitable marshes off the northern Adriatic. When the Huns were followed by the Vandals and other invading tribes, more and more people fled to the swamps. As this refugee population grew, their shelters became stronger and more elaborate. Over the years, they built one of the great wonders of the world: Venice. Constructed on 118 marshy islands about two and a half miles from the mainland, the city today consists of more than four hundred bridges and two hundred canals. From a desolate refuge for desperate people, Venice was transformed into one of the richest and most wondrous trade centers in the world...an example of the triumph of beauty over barbarism.

In the passage above (from our lectionary reading for September 11), Paul testifies to a personal transformation as dramatic as that of Venice. In the preceding verses, he described himself as a blasphemer, persecutor, and violent man. Into this inhospitable heart God abundantly poured mercy "along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 1:14). From an angry and merciless extremist, Paul was transformed into one of the greatest and most wondrous displays of God's unlimited patience...an example of the triumph of grace and life over sin and death.

We live in a world that is scarred by sin. We have all been touched by the anger, grief, strife, and bitterness of our fallen world. And all of us have contributed our share to the fallenness. As the communion liturgy confesses to God: "We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have

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not loved our neighbor, and we have not heard the cry of the needy." But this saying is as trustworthy for us as it was for Paul: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. God still pours mercy, faith, and love into his fallen creation. No matter how far we fall or how desolate our circumstances, God still abundantly pardons and patiently calls us from darkness to light. And God's Holy Spirit is still at work transforming us into the image of Christ. May we as a church and as individuals be an example that leads others to believe in God and receive eternal life.



## STRATEGIC PRAYER



## AND REVIVAL COMMITTEE

## **SPARC**

## **Depending on God for Healing**

In 2 Chronicles 16:1-13, King Asa was chastised by God for relying on forces from another kingdom in battle instead of relying on God. He also suffered and died from an illness because he relied only on physicians instead of God to heal him. The Gospels tell the story of the bleeding woman whose faith healed her because she trusted in Jesus and sought him.

It is not wrong to rely on doctors for healing. God has allowed advances in medical science to heal and improve our health. But He also expects us to come to Him seeking healing. He often answers our prayers using doctors and medical science.

Conley's church offers many opportunities to seek God for our healing. During our worship services we offer a time of prayer when people can lift up their own concerns or concerns for others. Our weekly prayer sheet of current and on-going concerns is sent out by e-mail for us to pray for the people whose names are listed. As we pray the weekly prayer sheet we can add concerns for ourselves or family and friends. It also gives us a chance to pray for people we don't even know.

Once a month we gather for a healing service of prayer. It is a time to join fellow Christians and pray (silently or out loud) for healing for ourselves or others. Anointing with oil is available for those who want it for themselves or on behalf of others. The services are usually held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come and join us as we pray for healing, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual, for ourselves and others. Scripture encourages us to be a community of believers. One way todo that is to gather in unity in prayer. God will be glorified, and comfort and healing will come.

## **CONLEY'S THRIFT SHOP**

The Thrift Shop wants to welcome our newest employee, Chris Kintz. Chris joins our Donation Center Team to assist with on-site customer assistance in loading and unloading donation items. He will also fill in if either Steve or Thom are not available for pickups and deliveries. Welcome aboard, Chris.

We have had an opportunity to minister to the Douglas Street Encampment (homeless) men and women during the month of August. Cheryl Wood has brought them to the church for lunch and the opportunity to take a shower. We discussed bringing them to the Thrift Shop and letting them get a couple sets of clothes so that they would have clean clothes to change into. This was an opportunity for us to show our kindness to our less fortunate neighbors. It has been a blessing to all of us. Cheryl and I are working on a once-a-month schedule to go forward with.

On Monday, September 19, we will be switching from summer clothing to fall and winter clothing. We are looking for a couple more volunteers for this one-day event. We start at 9:30 am and usually stop around 2:30. A nice lunch will be provided. Only requirements are you want to have fun, can reach racks to remove clothes, take new clothes from storage tubs and place on hangers and replace on the wall racks. Someone will do a quick clean of the area after clothing is removed from the racks. Please let Sally or Pat know if you can help by calling the shop at 302-945-5566.

Please keep the Thrift Shop and all of our volunteers in your prayers—remember, if you have a family member or a friend in need of prayers, we have a prayer board available for their names, and they are added weekly to the church's prayer list.

- Pat Vogt



## **ODYSSEA: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY**

## We Are His Stewards

By Art Schmidt

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

(2 Corinthians 9:7-9 NIV)

In Jesus' time, the word "steward" referred to a specific vocation such as the manager of a household or the administrator of a property. So, in that time, my role at Conley's would have been to serve as the church steward.

Today, most people refer to stewardship exclusively as one's *financial giving* to a church. But stewardship really encompasses much more than finances, doesn't it? Shouldn't we approach stewardship in a way that is distinctly different from the way in which it's been approached previously? We must make a bold and clear declaration that Christian stewardship is a part of the call and claim of God upon our lives. True and full stewardship is an outward act of nothing less than discipleship and a response to the Grace of God.

At Conley's Church, we can help one another grow and move forward on our journey of faith from where we are now to where God is leading us by doing two things: first, by staying focused on our church's mission; and second, by encouraging one another to be better stewards and get more involved in our church's events and activities. As we consecrate our commitment to God through our home church, we give back our time, talents, and treasures. It is upon this foundation of stewardship—what we actually *do* with the Gospel in our lives—that we can be the community of faith and the disciples that God calls us to be.

The season of Advent begins in a few months, and we will be busy with holiday events and family activities, but let's remember to support our church not only by pledging a certain percentage of our income but also by responding with 100 percent of who we are and what we can do to help our church help others through our outreach ministries. Let us always be thankful for the dedication and commitment that our members offer and also for the encouragement and empowerment God gives us.

Conley's Ministry Café menus are available in the Narthex. Let's focus on discipleship and not just financial giving. Together, with our support and involvement, we will continue to build a church for tomorrow. Great things await Conley's!



## Stewardship

Is "utilizing and managing all resources God provides us for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." Christian stewardship regards the obligation of Christians in managing and utilizing intelligently the gifts that God has given.

The Christian steward is not only responsible for the financial blessings provided by God but also the spiritual gifts that are given through the Holy Spirit. God wants human beings to be His stewards in the work of creation, redemption, and sanctification.

- Charles Bugg



## ...what the world would be like if it were a village of only 100 people?

- There would be 52 women and 48 men.
- There would be 74 adults, 8 of them over 65 years old, and 26 children.
- 60 people would be Asian, 15 African, 14 from the Americas, and 11 European.
- ♦ 31 people would be Christian, 23 would be Muslim, 15 would be Hindu, 7 would be Buddhist, 16 would be unaffiliated, and 8 would have no faith.
- 83 people would be literate, 7 would have a university degree, and 17 would be illiterate.
- ♦ 22 people would own or share a computer, and only 44 would have internet access.
- 77 people would have shelter, and 23 would have no place to call home.
- ♦ 63 people would be healthy, 21 would be overweight, 15 would be malnourished, 1 would be starving, and 14 would have a disability.
- 87 people would have potable drinking water, and 13 would have unsafe drinking water.
- For a first language, 12 people would speak Mandarin, 6 Spanish, 5 English, 4 Hindi, 3 Arabic, 3 Bengali, 3 Portuguese, 2 Russian, 2 Japanese; and 60 would speak one of 6,500 other languages.
- ♦ 1 person would control 50% of the money and live on more than \$90 per day, 6 would live on \$50-\$90 per day, 9 would live on \$20-\$50 per day, 13 would live on \$10-\$20 per day, 56 would live on \$2—\$10 per day, and 15 would have less than \$2 per day to survive.
- 1 person would be near death, and 1 would be near birth.



(Resource: https://unrealfacts.com/world-population-100-people/)



The Lord's Prayer says: Give us...Forgive us...Lead us...Deliver us...

## Give us...

In 1961, East Germany constructed a wall in Berlin, dividing East Berlin, which was communist, from West Berlin. For 28 years that wall stood, symbolically dividing the Eastern Bloc nations from the West. A tension existed between the East and West. At school, we went into the hallway for Air Raid Drills, lining the halls in a crouching position, supposedly to protect ourselves from a potential air raid by our enemies. In October 1962, the Cuban Missile crisis took place. Russia was shipping missiles to

Cuba, just 90 miles from the United States. President Kennedy wasn't going to allow Cuba to be loaded with missiles, and he blocked their arrival. Fortunately, the ships containing the missiles turned around, and World War III was averted.

I began my pastoral ministry in 1977, and every pastoral prayer that I offered Sunday after Sunday included a plea to God—please ease the division between East and West. I must admit I never really believed that prayer would be answered—the Cold War seemed like it would go on forever. Then came November 9, 1989, and crowds of people gathered at the Berlin Wall. They just started whacking away with sledgehammers, and shockingly the Berlin Wall was dismantled. Not with armies, not with missiles, but with regular people using the tools at their disposal, the wall dividing East and West came down. My prayers, feeble as they were, were answered: Give us peace. We still live in a tense world, but we live in a world without a Berlin Wall or air raid drills at our schools.

## Forgive us...

Jesus was sentenced to death on a cross. Unimaginable torture. And while he was hanging on the cross, awaiting his death, he prayed to God: Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing. That is forgiveness. In the Lord's Prayer we ask God to forgive us as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us. I would argue that forgiving someone when they have wronged us is very difficult. To forgive, while being crucified, is the hardest thing we can do.

When I was in the Food Lion parking lot, I saw a premium parking space. I drove my car right into it. Some lady began frantically honking: "Didn't you see me with my signal on, going to turn into that spot?" I didn't, but I pulled out in order to give it to her...I mean, what the heck. As I drove by her, instead of thanking me, she cursed at me. Now I was hot, and after I parked elsewhere, I walked down to her, breathing fire. But as I got close, I thought: "What am I going to do? Punch her out?" So I just said that I gave her the spot she wanted, what was the issue? And then she called me an idiot! I walked away and sort of forgave her. But it was hard. And then to encounter her among the aisles in Food Lion, it was even harder! Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.

## Lead us...

"Prayer is not a pious addition to things we would have done anyway. It is a force allowing things to happen which could not have occurred without it. Jesus could not have gone to the cross unless he had first prayed in Gethsemane." These words were written by a college professor of mine. He was a Roman Catholic priest but left the priesthood in order to get married. I know he pleaded for guidance from the Lord. What should I do? Lead me, Lord, lead me.

## Deliver us...

There was a time in my life when all the wheels fell off the bus. I didn't know what to do...my life was chaotic. I needed people to pray for me, I was unable to pray for myself. During this time, I simply prayed: "O Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is thy name, in earth and sea and sky." They were the only words I could use to ask God to take the chaos and turn it into order. Let me just say this, my deliverance was more unbelievable than a movie or TV plot and I thank the Lord for it...for parting the waters of the Red Sea and allowing me to journey safely across.

The good news is that there is a God who delivers us, leads us, forgives us, and gives to us.

## MINISTRY MATTERS

## **Dementia and Christian Discipleship**

"Who is Jesus?" asked a woman during worship when we announced that we were going to sing "Jesus Loves Me." She was a lifelong member of the church and had taught hundreds of Sunday school children about Jesus and had sung the hymn regularly in our worship services. Now, the syllables *Je-sus* meant nothing to her.

Each week I lead worship with thirty to forty people, most of whom are in the mid-stages of diseases that impair their thinking and communication. Most of them have been participants in churches for six or seven decades. They have known the creeds, participated in the rituals and liturgies, and faithfully attempted to fulfill their baptismal and membership vows to support the church. They have exhibited the marks of Christian discipleship.

Now, many of the observable components of Christian discipleship have disappeared from their daily lives. Church participation has fallen by the wayside. Creeds have been erased from their understanding. For some, Jesus and God are meaningless concepts. Even behavior boundaries have weakened, and a straight-laced pastor now uses profanity and a deaconess makes indiscriminate sexual overtures.

A pastor and chaplain with Alzheimer's disease laments, "I'm not any good to anybody! I can't do anything anymore!" His lifelong vocation as an ordained pastor and counselor of the mentally ill has been relinquished as he becomes increasingly dependent on the aid of others. He is but one of many whose Christian discipleship and vocation seem to be in peril as their intellectual and language capacities fade.

Congregations largely view people with dementia as recipients of ministries rather than as participants in ministries. They are objects of mission, not contributors to mission. Once seen as persons with gifts contributing to the health of the congregation, they now are relegated to the "inactive roll" with no expectations to contribute. They become invisible!

Are people with dementia only emeriti Christian disciples? Can they follow a Jesus whom they have forgotten? Do they have a Christian vocation, a calling? How can their discipleship and vocation be nurtured and their gifts celebrated and utilized in service to the church's mission? These are among the issues meriting continuing reflection.

## — Kenneth L. Carter

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Resource: https://minstrymatters.com/all/entry/11414/dementia-and-christian-discipleship

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES**

## Soup for the Soul

More than 20 years ago, Conley's, in conjunction with Rev. Dale Dunnings' Jusst Sooup ministry, began serving soup and sandwiches to people from the church and surrounding community. The name Soup Kitchen seemed like a good fit. Over the last 10 to 15 years, the people coming to eat

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have evolved. Until recently, the majority of attendees were people from our own congregation who came to fellowship while enjoying a bowl of soup and a sandwich. The name Soup Kitchen did not seem right anymore. Since we were nurturing people spiritually as well as physically, we decided to rename the ministry Soup for the Soul. Just a few weeks ago, we began welcoming people from the Douglas Street tent encampment to eat with us. Although we may have come back to being more of a soup kitchen, we want to go forward, providing spiritual as well as physical nourishment.

We are always looking for soup makers and dessert makers; sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We are also looking for people who would like to become a member of one of our weekly teams or who will fill in when the need arises. Contact Cheryl Wood 609-790-9804 or njchef219@aol.com.

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## **Feeding the Flock and Social Justice Ministries**

Our bag-lunch program has gone from serving 15 lunches two days a week, to serving approximately 60 lunches twice a week. We distribute the bags at the Old Landing Apartments in Millsboro. We have two teams but would love to have extra people help so that we have extra hands if one of us needs to take a day off. Lunches are given out on Mondays and Fridays. We assemble the bags in the church kitchen. Each bag costs approximately \$6.

Saturday afternoon meal at the Douglas Street Encampment: We prepare, transport, and serve a meal to approximately 35 to 50 people. Meals are pre-

pared in the church kitchen early Saturday afternoon and served between 3 and 3:30 p.m. The meal preparation is not difficult, but the area where we serve is on a dead-end street in a poorer part of Georgetown. We serve in all kinds of weather. We are always looking for people to learn what we do and to help out with serving. In conjunction with this ministry, we have been bringing many of these people to Conley's on Wednesday for a meal and a shower.

Many of you may have read or heard that 459 family units that were being housed in motels, paid for by DHSS, are being made to leave the motels. This is a complicated situation. There are about 179 family units in Sussex County. Some of them have received funding to allow them to stay in the motels, others will be cared for through other agencies. The biggest need will be for single people who don't qualify for alternate funding or programs.

We will continue to work with Love, INC, and other agencies like Family Promise of Southern Delaware to address the issue of homelessness.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Cheryl Wood 609-790-9804 or nichef219@aol.com.

# Gonley's FALL FESTIVAL

Fall is a season of gathering and fun times. It's when we look forward to cooler weather and time spent outdoors enjoying the rich colors of the season. From apple picking to crunching leaves, flannel shirts and warm drinks by the fire, it's a time to relax and enjoy all autumn has to offer. It's also a time of festivals; some of the best festivals in the country take place this time of year. From shopping to petting zoos to crafts and more, these festivals are a fun time for family and friends.

Sever's Fall Festival in Shakopee, Minnesota, is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2022 and is home to one of the country's original corn-stalk mazes. The Duluth Fall Festival in Duluth, Georgia, draws crowds of over 100,000 people! And did you know about the Elk Fest in Estes Park, Colorado? In the Rocky Mountain region, the season is all about aspen trees and elk. The town of Estes Park holds a free annual festival the first weekend of October to celebrate the elk mating season—locally called Elktober.

This year, Conley's is building on the strong foundation of its vendor and bake sales and adding outdoor activities to our fall festival. We are planning free activities for families that include handcrafts, pumpkin painting, animals, a puppet show, and fun photo opportunities, and we are hoping to have a hayride and scarecrow building. This is a wonderful opportunity for Conley's, and we need your help to show the community the love of our church. We need volunteers to help with all aspects of the festival, and you are one of them! Reach out with your name and number to help us make this fall festival a success for Conley's!

For more information or to volunteer, please call or email the church office: 302-945-1881 conleysumc@gmail.com.





Please join us for the annual Conley's United Methodist Church

## FALL FESTIVAL

## Saturday, September 24th 9:00AM - 2:00PM

Conley's United Methodist Church 33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE

Vendors - Kids' Crafts Hay Rides - Puppet Show Family Photos - Petting Zoo Bake Sale - Music & More

## MORTGAGE-BURNING CELEBRATION!

What a joy this will be! Brothers and sisters, we are getting close. At the end of this year we will owe \$205,420.52 plus interest. We will have the option to pay all or recalculate our mortgage. Our faithful God may give us a miracle, but in case He doesn't, we will recalculate for probably another three years.

God has certainly blessed us over the years!! We built our parsonage in 2004/2005 for about \$166,000 debt-free. The pavilion was also built debt-free for \$31,000. Then came our current campus. We received pledges, did many fundraisers, and built the shell debt-free for about \$732,000. Then to finish the building, we had to step out in faith and obtain a mortgage, trusting God for the funds.

We started 3/29/2010 with a mortgage of \$1,250,000.00, and in just 12 years, we are down to \$232,832.82. In addition to money received for the building, our members also gave money for bibles, appliances, the steeple, candles, altar cross, offering plates, paraments, the sign on Rt. 24, and we even had a "square foot club".

Thanks to the many donations we received, fundraisers, and payments from the Thrift Shop, the mortgage-burning celebration will soon be a reality.

The Thrift Shop ministry is a special gift to us and to the community. We are blessed with special managers and volunteers who minister to all who walk in the doors. They also have been able to tithe from the monthly sales to local charities, pay all of their operating expenses, and still are able to give the church money to cover our mortgage payments. What a blessing!!

As Paul says in Philippians 4:4, "Be full of joy in the Lord always. I will say again, be full of joy, and do not worry about anything, but PRAY and ask God for everything you need ALWAYS GIVING THANKS."

Please remember to always give thanks in all situations. Thank Him for blessings, struggles, everything. Learn to say, "I trust you, Jesus" in ALL situations.

May God's blessings and peace rest upon each and every one of you.

—Sandy Shipe



## JESUS WAS A FISHERMAN, NOT MUCH A SAILOR

"he did not ask them to stock and get rations for the trip"

Jesus was a fisherman not much a sailor, he fretted not for tying up tomorrows' loose-ends when he called his disciples they left *immediately* dropping things where they lay, not evaluating or finishing later;

"At once they left their nets and followed him" he did not ask them to stock and get rations for the trip, nor examine the schedules of the tides and their order he did not ask them to prepare an overnight duffle bag, nor did he examine their skills, to be physically trained not to have extra ordinary wit;

Jesus was a fisherman, not much a sailor; he didn't address the necessity for land-based communication, needed for emergency, for help, or for assistance; he asked them instead, to be willing to leave mother and father and to follow him with no looking-back hesitation.

Though he handled many implements learning the trade during his professional mission, he never employed any tools, used no compass, no sextant, no North Star, no ancient chart, he never told his men to remember visual landmarks or establish A-line-of-sight, for he said that "He"-was "the way, the light, and the truth."

Jesus was a fisherman, not much a sailor had little concern for routines, regulations or keeping order, he said he was here for the disorderly, the unfed, the unneeded; he always attracted more than could be accommodated he said that his journey officially had no end, nor did it recognize any border.

Yes Jesus was a fisherman, but not much a sailor as his life was not about the boat, but "The Catch", his journeys were always he said but a means to only this end: to enlist anyone willing to travel with him as THEIR captain bringing to market, LOVE, with no ropes attached.



From the book A Fall of Words—Divine Connection in Everyday Perception, by Ron Starich

## WORSHIPPING DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Worship with us on Sundays at 10:00 AM in person or online.

Our sanctuary is cleaned and sanitized every Monday in accordance with guidelines.

We live-stream the service on Vimeo and YouTube. Links on our website.

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You can make a donation or tithe using the online portal on our website: conleysumc.org

Thank you for supporting our mission and for your faithfulness in giving!

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT CONLEY'S?

## **◆Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Pastor Jim Van Der Wall leads this group every Sunday morning at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

## ♦ Over 50 Yoga Class

Tuesdays 10:30-11:45 am in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own mat and bottled water. \$10 per session (cash only please). No class 9/13.

## **♦**Soup for the Soul

Wednesdays at 11:00 am—1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We need soup donations and helpers. The sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

## ◆Bible Study Class

Thursdays at 10:00 am, starting **September 15** in the Missions Room. Study the New Testament from the book *The Story*. More information, contact Karen Lessey at 302-448-9924; karenlessey@icloud.com.

## UMM Meeting

Saturday, **September 10, 8:30 am** in the Missions Room. The Planning Team: John Reinford, Art Schmidt, Ron Starich.

## **◆Church Council Meeting**

Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 pm in the library.

## **♦UWF Meeting**

**No meeting this month.** The Planning Team: Susan Davis, Barb Evans, Louise Finn, Tina Washington.

For more information, click on the UWF icon on the church's website.

## **♦ Prayer Service**

Wednesday, **September 21**, at **6:30 pm** in the Missions Room. Please join us for a contemplative time to lift up prayers. All are invited.

## **◆**Annual Fall Festival

Set-Up: Thursday, September 22, at 5:00-9:00 pm.

Prep: Friday, September 23, starting at 9:00 am.

Festival: Saturday, September 24, 9:00 am—2 pm.

We need volunteers to help make this event a success! Event flyers are available in the Narthex, church office, and Fellowship Hall.

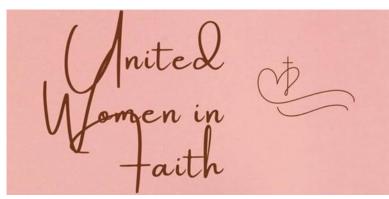
## Pastor Bill's Sermon Podcasts are now available at

https://conleysumc.podbean.com





## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Have you ever felt full? You know that kind of full that leaves

you smiling and feeling completely satisfied. That's the kind of fullness I experience at every UWF meeting. I leave with my heart happy and my soul satisfied. I encourage the women of Conley's to grab a friend or come alone and make a new friend and join us for two hours, once a month. If you missed the July meeting, you missed great food and fellowship. It was truly a special time. Please make time to visit the prayer stations in the fellowship hall near the Montessori wing. It'll only take a moment, and I hope they help you to feel full too. If you missed the August meeting, the UMM and UWF joined together. We enjoyed some of the best food I've ever eaten and Pastor Bill teaching us about reading scripture. What a great opportunity to learn how the act of reading scripture can be fine-tuned to lead and guide our daily lives. Lastly, I urge you to become an active participant in these meetings and that they "fill" you both physically and spiritually.

I hope to see you there!

— Barb Evans



The CYC Summer Camp was a HUGE SUCCESS!

Karen wants to thank all those who contributed their time and donated equipment, toys, and funds!

The summer camp would not have been possible without your love, support, and prayers.

We look forward to where God leads us next year!





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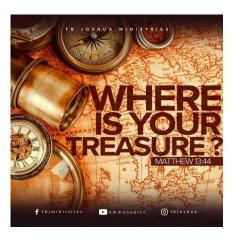
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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. (Matthew 5:6 NIV)

WE USUALLY GET WHAT WE HUNGER AND THIRST FOR.
THE PROBLEM IS, THE TREASURES OF EARTH DON'T
SATISFY. THE PROMISE IS,
THE TREASURES OF HEAVEN DO...

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO, IF EVERYTHING THEY OWN WERE TAKEN FROM THEM, WOULD BE, AT MOST, INCONVENIENCED, BECAUSE THEIR TRUE WEALTH IS ELSEWHERE.

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