

In A Nutshell

June 20, 2018

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. – Philippians 2:14-16

Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7

If you were here on Sunday, you had the chance to hear some of our kids and adults talk about their experience at M25 Mission Camp in Atlanta last week. M25 is a mission experience that allows our youth to get to know, pray with, and hopefully lend a hand to persons experiencing homelessness. I again invite you to talk to our youth about their experience. It's truly life changing!

Often during the week these two scriptures came to mind. Monday, we went with an organization called 7 Bridges to a neighborhood called the Bluff. The Bluff is a rough neighborhood (I assure you we were safe.) who's residents are very much in need for different reasons. Some were homeless, some had homes but didn't have enough food for their families, and some had nothing. Before arriving at the Bluff, we made 150 meals (sandwich, chips, drink, cookies) packaged in individual plastic bags. We walked for a couple of hours in the hot sticky Atlanta heat passing out greetings, prayers, lunches, and smiles. Now, it could just be because it was Monday and the kids were pumped up for a great week, but I know the truth. Not one of our kids complained the whole time we were out there. They prayed with people and passed out lunches with the love of Jesus Christ in their hearts and minds. They were cheerful givers of the best kind. They never judged the people they met. It didn't matter how they got in whatever situation they were in, in just mattered that they needed help.

I could seriously talk about how amazing our youth are and how proud I am of them all day long. I've said it before, but I disagree when people say the youth are the future of the church. Our youth are reaching out, branching out and going out of their comfort zones in a way most adults just don't. The youth are leaders in our church. Let's follow their example.

Serving this Week

8:30am Service

Greeters: Cheryl S. Parker and Dale Smithson

Ushers: Donnie Davis and Sarah Lockamy

Nursery: Christina Wurst and Bennett Lockamy

Breakfast: Lorraine Hines, Laurie Rogers, and Cathy Boling

11:00am Service

Greeters: Andy Gates and Carol Gerbracht

Ushers: Bruce Richardson and Mike Roberts

Nursery: Christina Wurst and Ashley Conway

Acolyte: Faith Parker

Counters: Todd Roberts and Mike Parker

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-25

From the Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is working real hard to collect every families current information for the upcoming online directory. We will be collecting family information during the months of June and July this summer. The first of August we will upload this information to our online directory and begin using this new tool. Information in August will be sent out to help you access this secured church online directory. So please if you would like to go ahead and enter your information click on the form below - please read each section and see the examples so that you are entering the information correctly. If you have questions please contact Tina Walker (tina.walker45@gmail.com) or Sue Powell (suepowell0504@gmail.com).

<https://goo.gl/forms/gQ8Ru7Ylcd9BaHB02>

Vacation Bible School – Got Fruit?

Monday June 18 – Friday June 22

Dinner: 5:30-6 Activities: 6-8:30

Camille the Camel has arrived at Aloha Island! (Yes, we said a camel on an island!!) As she explores all this tropical island has to offer, she is learning about the Fruits of the Spirit from Keiki (aka Lambchop, our friend from

last year's VBS), who has relocated to the island. Children through 5th grade and their Tour Guides (youth and adults) are enjoying their many adventures. The adult class, led by our very own Gordon Christen, is studying each of the fruits as well.

Special Visitors This Sunday

Camille (the Camel) and Keiki (formerly Lambchop) will be making a special appearance during each of the services on Sunday. You won't want to miss this unique experience.

Sisters In Christ Golf Tournament

Next Friday, June 22nd - Occoneechee Golf Course

Come and play Golf for a Cure! All profits will go towards the Susan G. Komen Walk for a Cure. We hope you will put a team together, sponsor a team or sponsor a hole. This is our last tournament for our 10th and final walk. Please see additional information on the board in the entry way of the Fellowship Hall or contact Cheryl Humphrey (919-730-9365), Kim Horton (919-360-2973), or Cheryl L. Parker (336-214-6195). Thank you for your participation and support!

Festival of Wisdom and Grace

Monday, August 13th - Thursday, August 16th

Lake Junaluska is sponsoring a conference for finding purpose and renewal in the second half of life. The festival will be full of worship, workshops, recreation, entertainment, and learning. This is a great opportunity for those of retirement age as well as anyone who takes care of a family member or friend. **A Deposit of \$200 per person is due by Sunday, June 24th. The remainder amount of money due will depend on your need of a single or double bed room. This money will be due by Sunday, July 8th.** Cost of the trip includes your room for 3 nights (these are nice rooms) and all meals from dinner on Monday through breakfast on Thursday. It also includes all the program fees. I assure you this is a great bang for your buck! To reserve your spot or for more details please contact Amanda Dodson at walnutgrovemethodist@gmail.com or 919-618-9559. For more information on this conference check out this link: [Wisdom and Grace](#)

This Week's Happenings

Wednesday, June 20th

VBS - Aloha Island

Dinner - 5:30pm-6pm

Activities - 6pm-8:30pm

Thursday, June 21st

Water Aerobics Class

9:15am

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Friday, June 22nd

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Next Week's Happenings

Sunday, June 24th

Early Service

8:30am

Sunday School

10:00am

Worship Service

11:00am

Tuesday, June 26th

Water Aerobics Class

9:15am

Wednesday, June 27th

NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 28th

Water Aerobics Class

9:15am

Praise Team Rehearsal

7:00pm

Friday, June 29th

Crafters

9:00am

Saturday, June 30th

Crafters

9:00am

This Week's Birthdays

Wednesday, June 20th

Phillip Sparks

Thursday, June 21st

Johnny Clayton

Tracy Coleman

Emily McCulloch

Michelle Perkins

Friday, June 22nd

Wyatt Wagoner

Lou Rutledge

Saturday, June 23rd

Pat Beck

Next Week's Birthdays

Monday, June 25th

Charleston Davis

Jake Wimberly

Wednesday, June 27th

Lauren Tilley

Jennifer Griffin Davis

Thursday, June 28th

Sarah Carr

Jillian Hines

Friday, June 29th

Becky Parker

Saturday, June 30th

Jeanne Crabtree

Dan Todd

Have a great week! See you Sunday! Amanda