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Pastor Thoughts:

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

— Ephesians 2:4-6 (NKJV)

This scripture says that we are seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. We have been doing a three-week study in the book of Ephesians for bible study entitled sit, walk, stand. We confuse ourselves into thinking that the first thing we do as a Christian is walk. The truth is we first sit. We sit in the understanding of who we are in Christ. We must as believers understand our position in Christ. We are seated with Christ. We don't start our walk with the Lord by what we do, but rather understanding what has been done. Jesus did the work.

Do you know what people do when they sit? They rest. To be seated in heavenly places with Jesus is to enter an "inner rest."

Sometimes when you start to get nervous and upset, anxious or worried, tell yourself, "Sit down." That does not mean just your physical body; it also means your soul—your mind, will, and emotions. It is important to let your entire being rest and just wait on God. Wait expectantly for God to do what you cannot do.

Don't worry, get frustrated, or become fearful while you rest. We often feel that we should always be "doing" something. The promise of God's peace is not made to those who work, struggle, and strive in their own strength, but to those who enter God's rest.

"LORD, we ask that You would give us Your vision for our lives, in Jesus' name

Pastor Mark

From Pastor Samuel To You:

The end of August and heading into the Fall can always be a stressful time for many. For some, work is starting up again, and for others, they're seeing their children off to school all over again for the first time since June. And for those children as they find themselves as students all over again, it can be just as stressful. Maybe they're going to a new school and don't have any friends, or maybe they're stressing out over how they will do, realizing it's time to get back into the routine of constant study.

For most students, once June comes and school lets out, it's like utter freedom! They finally don't have to study any longer or stress about finals, as they go from student to adventurer! And not just them, but many of us can find ourselves taking a break from our normal patterns and routines, and use the time to relax and recuperate.

Students and children can tend to look forward to the reprieve of vacation, and dread the idea of having to cross the threshold of the school all over again. However, as followers of Jesus, as children of God growing in our knowledge and affections for Christ, we ought to never stop learning. We never stop being a student of the Word and the truths of God. There should never come a point where we cease to long to know God deeper and more intimately, and aspire to understand who He truly is. As disciples, we don't take breaks from growing in Christ, but rather we continually see the need and desire to press further into the Lord.

There is always more to learn of Christ, more room to grow in our faith, more room to grow in our worship of Him. There is never a point where we have ultimately "made it", reached our final destination, or have matured beyond the need for growth. Even the Apostle Paul spoke several times about His own need to persevere, finish the race, and continue on in his pursuit to know Christ.

In Psalm 42, David writes that his "soul thirsts for God" and goes on in verse 7 to write "Deep calls unto deep at the roar of your waterfalls". He presents to us the idea that there is a thirst and desire within his soul that can only be filled by God himself. And the deepest depths of his heart and soul are crying out to be satisfied by the deepest depths of Christ. We need to understand that Christ is an endless ocean, and even if we were to pursue Him for a whole lifetime, there would still be more to know and experience in Him.

Psalm 147 says, "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure". Ultimately, it is only the immeasurable, unimaginable, inconceivable depths of Christ and His Word that can fully satisfy and satiate the human heart and soul. The deeper we know the Lord through His Word and through fellowship with Him, the more content, the more full, and the more satisfied we will be.

This is why as followers of Jesus, we never, ever stop being a student of the scriptures. Because of our flesh, there may be times where we experience lesser desire, however, we never ultimately learning, growing, maturing, and searching more and more through the depths of Christ. We were designed to know Christ, and be known by Him. We were designed for the depths our souls to long for the depths and riches of our great, endless God.

Let us be satisfied in nothing more than knowing Christ. Let us never cease to search his immeasurable depth. Let us never stop being a student of Him, and mining through the depths of Scripture. Not only are we called to this, but this is our greatest Joy!

Christian Men's Fellowship News

The CMF met on Monday, August 1st in the fellowship hall with President Tom Barbee presiding. Steve Rogers presented a devotion based on Philippians 4:4, *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice!"* When one considers the fact that the author of this statement was Paul, who was writing from prison, it seems strange that he would be telling a church to rejoice. Paul had suffered numerous hardships, yet his attitude teaches us an important lesson: Our inner attitudes do not have to reflect our outward circumstances. Paul was full of joy because he knew that no matter what happened to him, Jesus Christ was with him. As Christians we need to possess the same joyful spirit! Don't overconcern yourself with today's problems, but let God through his Holy Spirit meet your needs.

The men's group made plans for the upcoming Christmas Party, scheduled for Monday, December 5th. Steve Rogers will be coordinating the program, which will indeed be different than former years. More information will be provided in the coming months. But reserve the date on your calendar now for a fun-filled evening of Christmas celebration.

Also reserve on your family calendars the date, Sunday, November 6, 2022. The CMF will be sponsoring its first SOUP AND SANDWICH fundraiser for the new school year. Proceeds from the event will help to support the CMF Scholarship program.

On Saturday, August 20th, twelve men of the church gathered at Angie's Restaurant in Jacksonville, to celebrate the birthdays of two special men of the church: Leo Dumphy (4th) and Edward Williams (29th). Men of God, make your plans now to attend our September Birthday Breakfast, scheduled for Saturday, September 17th at 7:15 a.m. at Angie's.

Our next scheduled CMF monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6th at 7 p.m. Please note the change of date due to Labor Day. Ken Brown will be presenting the devotion.

Dennis E. Jones, CMF Reporter

September Calendar

Sept. 5 Office Closed Labor Day

Sept. 6 Christian Men's Fellowship Meeting 7:00 PM

Sept. 11 40's-50's Lunch Following 11:00 service

Sept. 12 Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Sept. 13 Christian Women's Fellowship meeting 7:00 PM

Sept. 17 Men's Birthday Breakfast at Angie's 7:15 AM, Work Day time TBA

Sept. 24 Fire Pit and Fellowship 6:00 PM behind the Fellowship Hall

Sept. 25 Lasagna Lunch following 11:00 service. CWF fund raiser-find more information in the CWF article

Sept. 30 Fifth Friday Sing doors open at 6:00

NEWS FROM August CWF MEETING FOR SEPT. NEWSLETTER

Our meeting was held on Aug. 9th, 2022 with good attendance. We shared prayer concerns and praises. The opening prayer was offered. The devotion, "Let's Hustle for Jesus" was given. Scriptures used were from I Corinth. 6:19 and 20 Matt. 11:30 and Mark 6:31. Our body is a temple. It was bought with a price. Our lives should glorify God.

A thank you card was received from one of our seniors and was read. The residents at the Onslow County Homeless Shelter were very appreciative for the meal provided and served by us. For your information, we are scheduled to serve again on Sat., Oct. 29th. More on that later.

We have a lasagna and salad meal planned for Sunday, Sept. 25 after the 11 o' clock service. We will also be serving desserts and tea. The cost for adults is \$9 and for children 12 and under, the price is \$4. The meal will be served in the fellowship hall.

The craft show is coming along very well. We have asked several crafters already. Papers will be going out in the near future. The craft show is on Sat., Oct. 15th from 9 am to 2:30 pm. It will be held in the fellowship hall and the CLC and some prefer the drive through.

The Week of the Ministry is approaching fast. We will recognize Pastor Mark, Assoc. Pastor Sam and wives, Mekella and Cortney (respectively). We will be giving gift cards at the 8:30 morning worship on Oct. 16th.

The CWF is responsible this year for a caterer for the Church Christmas Party on Dec. 6th at 6:30 pm. We would like 2 meats, 2 vegetables, rolls, desserts, and tea. We will be asking a local caterer for price and menu by our next meeting, on Sept. 13th.

Small bottles or jars of mustard, ketchup and grape jelly are needed for Richlands Community Outreach Ministry as our outreach project for the next meeting. These bottles/jars need to be 20 ounces or less. A container is available in church for anyone in the congregation would like to donate. We always appreciate any donations from our church family.

A financial report was given from our treasurer. Also, the Christmas box report was given.

We were served delicious refreshments by Mary Ann. At our Sept. 13th meeting, Susan Stroud is to be our hostess. Ladies, you are always invited to join us. We closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Metts, Secretary

Samaritan Shoebox Ministry

The shoeboxes we pack each year is a means of introducing Christ for the first time to people around the world. We pack the boxes with simple everyday items, school supplies, hygiene items, t-shirts, flip flops, small toys, etc. To many areas around the world these are luxuries that can not afford, or do not have access to obtain. Below is an article from Franklin Graham's Samaritan Purse Ministry about such a country that is in need of hearing the word of God.

Saramaccans Ready to Hear Good News

The Saramaccans are descendants of African slaves who escaped and formed their own culture and language—a mix of African dialects, Portuguese, English, and Dutch—throughout Suriname's interior centuries ago. They gained their freedom from the Dutch Crown in 1762. Until recently, they mostly kept to themselves, far from others, and worshipped objects in nature, such as snakes and trees. They are one of thousands of unreached people groups around the world among which believers are few and most have never heard the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Both Romario and Pastor John are Saramaccans; John also serves as Suriname's Operation Christmas Child church mobilization coordinator. The two Christian brothers have a vision to reach Duatra within the coming year.

"The shoeboxes are an open door for us to spread the Gospel to the unreachable people, both the children and their parents," Pastor John said.

Romario agrees. His face lights up when talk turns to the impact he believes that Operation Christmas Child can have on his community. "I want them [people in Duatra] to feel it, touch it, see it—the love of God."

Today, many people in Duatra and other Saramaccan villages still practice traditional animistic religion. They have many rituals and rules on what not to touch; they cast spells; and regularly go to a small shrine where they call on the spirits of snakes, trees, monkeys or similar things to help them.

"In a word, they don't believe in the living God," Romario said.

But the spiritual atmosphere is changing. As Romario visits during school vacations or others visit him, they can see something is different about him, Pastor John said. "They see something's happening with him. The door is opening."

Duatra will soon be another outreach point among a few Saramaccan villages where Operation Christmas Child is already at work distributing gift boxes to children and leading The Greatest Journey discipleship classes. As children up and down the forest rivers receive the Gospel and are discipled, that opens up opportunities for their parents, siblings, and friends to hear the Good News too; and then groups of believers form, ultimately leading to new churches. The forests will resound with worship of the one true God. That's the goal.

Praying for Open Doors

Going from "nothing to something," in Pastor John's words, is not easy. Some Saramaccan areas can be difficult to access—requiring long trips by boat—and there's not usually a welcome mat for Christians. But Operation Christmas Child recently celebrated an outreach event in the village of Drepada in the district of Brokopondo.

Wendy, another Saramaccan member of Pastor John's church, was among those who presented the Gospel and distributed gift boxes to about 70 children. "I love it," she said. "People told me about Jesus, so I love sharing Him with others."

Leaders in Drepada were not receptive to Operation Christmas Child until recently. But Wendy teaches in a school nearby and her influence helped open the doors.

Dana, who serves as a regional discipleship coordinator for Operation Christmas Child in Suriname, was also at the recent outreach and led the first session of The Greatest Journey discipleship course. "I care about the Saramaccans, because I am Saramaccan," she said. "Without Jesus we are nothing."

She continued, "They need Jesus. We all need Him. I care about my people. If I don't, who else will?"

Saramaccan communities have been hit hard by drugs, suicide, poverty, and issues surrounding the gold mining industry. As a boarding school teacher, Dana sees the suffering firsthand and knows hope for change begins with the heart. That's why she's using the 12 lessons of The Greatest Journey (this is the book that Samaritan's Purse Ministry includes in every shoebox) among her pupils, showing them step-by-step how they can be friends with Jesus. Her students' behavior and outlook are changing, she said, as they learn from the Bible that God created them and loves them.

"We believe if the children can be reached, (then) they can change the future in the area where they are living," Dana said.

Continued.....Samaritan Shoebox Ministry

September and October will be the last two months for the collection of items to fill the shoeboxes that we will be sending out to Samaritan Purse to ship out to such countries as in the story above.

We are still in need of travel size tissues, small shoebox size toys, games, and stuffed animals. All items can be dropped off in the box behind the sound room in the vestibule.

With your continued support we have been able to pack 400 boxes or more over the past several years. Our **goal** this year is **400**.

Thank You for your support of this ministry
Brenda Huffman

Baby Boomers	Generation X
Competition	Self-reliance
Competitive, long work hours	Eclecticism, self-reliance, free agents, work/life balance, independence
Watergate, women's rights, JFK assassination, civil rights and Martin Luther King Jr., Vietnam War, man walks on the moon	MTV, AIDS, Gulf War, 1987 stock market crash, fall of communism/Berlin Wall, Challenger shuttle explodes
Personal computer, television	Mobile phone, Walkman, computer
Disintegrating	Latchkey kids, high divorce rate
A birthright	A way to get there
Buy now, pay later	Cautious, conservative, save, save, save

Do you Remember these?

40 / 50's Age Group-Generation X with a few Baby Boomers Group

Luncheon September 11th
following the 11:00 Service in CLC.

Join us for Lunch, Laughs, and Fellowship.



September 24th
Fire Pit Night
Behind the Church Picnic Area
6:00pm. Join us for Hotdogs, Smores,
Games, Fellowship.
All are welcome.

REVIVAL

PLEASANT HILL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
4306 Pleasant Hill Rd.
Pink Hill, N.C. 28572

OCT. 2-5 (Sun.—Wed.) - 7:00 P.M. Nightly



Guest Evangelist -

Rev. Dr. Harvey Whaley
& wife Ramona

Raleigh, N.C.

SPECIAL MUSIC EACH NIGHT

FCC Richlands - Sun. Night
First FWB Church, Richlands - Mon. Night
Steps To Glory, Richlands - Tues. Night
"Stumpy & The Stumpettes" (OFWB) - Wed. Night

Richlands Community Outreach Ministries-RCOM

Church Family, the Food Pantry that serves Richlands School District is in emergency the food boxes innovatory is very low.

For 2 years, the Mail Carriers did not do a drive in May, due to COVID. In 2022 we only received 1200 lbs of food compared to 4000-5000 lbs. the Ministry had been receiving. The Boy Scouts is the same way—None for 2020-2021 and only 200 lbs. in 2022. The Ministry is in desperate need of the following.

Peanut Butter

Grape Jelly

Ketchup

Mustard

Pancake Mix

Syrup

You can bring the items anytime to the RCOM. If it is closed you may place them in the boxes on the sidewalk.

There are more items that are needed please keep a look out. They will be released at a later date.

C.H.E.W.

Children's Healthy Eating on Weekends

Church Family, with school starting back, it is time for our Church to support our schools in feeding children on the weekends again.

This program will need breakfast items of Instant Grist, Oatmeal, and Pop-Tarts as we have been doing years before. Our first packing of these bags will be September 9th for this year.

The numbers is expected to be higher this year with the new Clearview School and prices of food. Numbers at first are small but increase quickly.

Boxes/Tubs are in the vestibule and Fellowship Hall that these items can be placed in. They will be carried to the packing center on the 2nd Friday of every month.

Thank you in advance for your support. Any questions, you can contact Shirley Woodard at (910) 303-3847.

September Birthdays

1 *Faye Marsh*

2 *Brenda Huffman*

3 *Linda Barbee, Jesse Nelson*

4 *Gayle Hall*

5 *Dakota Byrne*

6 *Riley Davis*

7 *Kristy Cottle*

9 *Bert Hall, Will Holley*

11 *Bailey Brown, Mary Ann Metts*

15 *Joshua Adkins*

17 *Julianna Paul*

18 *Carol Tripp*

20 *Mia Reid*

21 *Jeff Britt, Alexis Byrne, Aedan Byrne*

22 *Susan Barbee, Roy Metts*

24 *Krystal Metts*

25 *Brock Ridge*

26 *Jonathan Simpson*

28 *Kim McGowan*

29 *Karen Metts, Kay Payne*