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THE VISION

June 2021

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..."

Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

When Actions Matter More than Words

Are we ready and willing to regather from COVID-19? I pray we all will continue to be excited to serve our Lord in His days to come. Let us remember Jesus' command to His believers which are summed up in "The Great Commandment" through "The Great Commission". Believers are to: Love God (worship Him), Love others (teach them about Christ); and to Serve Christ in the world (mission outreach). Jesus says all the other old commandments are fulfilled in this His New Commandment.

As we place our faith into action, Jesus instructs us with these words from (Mark 10:42-45), ⁴² "But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Chuck Swindoll shares a very personal illustration for placing his family's faith into action. Swindoll wrote: "QUITE A WHILE AGO, a young man expressed an interest in living in our home and being discipled in the context of our family. He assured me time and again, "I really want to help any way you or your wife may need me. My only reason for doing this is to serve. I just want to be a servant, Chuck."

Cynthia, the children, and I talked this over at length. We decided we'd give it a whirl . . . so in moved Mr. Servant and his wife among our tribe of four kids, a

dog, two hamsters, a rabbit, and a three-car garage full of stuff. It wasn't long before we realized those words, "I just want to be a servant," were just words, little more.

Time and again conflicts arose when our requests were met with his resistance. There was hardly an occasion when we would suggest that something be done a certain way without his offering an alternative suggestion. What began as an unselfish-sounding game plan, ultimately resulted in rather heated disagreements, much to our dismay.

Words come easy—but *being* a person who genuinely and personally gives to others calls for a solid commitment to make certain your life matches your words. Jesus is our most compelling model of the integrity of our words.

Has there ever been a more perfect example of one whose words matched his actions? In fact, the entire New Testament demonstrates how perfectly Jesus did precisely all He had said He had come to do—to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for all of us."

Here is our question as we are preparing to enter the summer months: are we fulfilling in our actions what we have committed to do in our words? Ask the Lord to examine our lives today. Be ready! Christ will make a genuine *servant* out of us!

Serving Christ with you,
Pastor Bud Goude

Deacon's Devotional

WHO DOES GOD SAY YOU ARE?

Christian, don't let the world define you! Find your identity in Christ. See yourself as God sees you. As a believer, this is who you are in God's eyes:

A new creation in Christ - in 2nd Corinthians 5:17 the word of God tells us; "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

A branch of the true vine - God's word tells us in John 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

A friend of Jesus - John 15:15 "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you."

More than a conqueror - "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

A temple of the Holy Spirit - "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" (1 Cor. 6:19).

No longer a slave, but free - "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1)

Forgiven - "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:13).

Made alive in Christ - "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together in Christ, (by grace ye are saved)" (Eph. 2:4-5).

Raised and seated with Him in the heavenly places - "[He] hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6).

God's workmanship - "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

A child of light - "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8).

A citizen of heaven - "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20)

As a believer, this is who you are in Christ. The Christian life, then, involves the process of becoming in practice more of who you already are in Christ. Live, then, as who Christ has made you to be.

(From Explore the Bible Personal Study Guide) Submitted by Buddy Hogge

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Deacon of the Week

6/6—Jimmy Diggs 6/13—Ted Fisher

6/20—Seth Gandee

6/27—Buddy Hogge

Nursery Workers

6/6—H. Warren/TBD 6/13—L. Walton/B. DeRosa 6/20—Jamie/Bailey Moore

6/27—H. Warren/A. Zepeda

June Ushers

Sonya Anthony Stan Gandee Jamie Moore Stewart Wood



CHURCH WORKER'S

Sun. Sch. Nursery

Sharon/Howard Warren

June Tellers

Tommy Ashe Buddy Hogge

Older Children's Church

6/6—TBD

6/13—J. Hall/S. McElfresh

6/20—M. McNeil/D. Gandee

6/27—Connie West

Younger Children's Church

6/6—Mike/Sarah Zipf

6/13—N. Dyson/S. Anthony

6/20—D. Goude/J. Marshall

6/27—R. Wells/M. Wagner



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Our American Heritage Girls troop has been such a blessing to the girls in our community, to the families involved, and to our church. We would love to offer something similar to the boys in our church and community. Trail Life USA is the brother organization to American Heritage Girls, offering a faith-based national character development program for boys ages 5-18. The mission of Trail Life USA is "to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure."

From the Trail Life USA website:

Too many boys are turning to virtual worlds of television, video games, digital media, and the internet to find realms they can conquer and areas where they can excel. The result of this virtual conquest is often apathy, apparent rebellion, or outright resistance to real-world challenge.

Trail Life USA is an environment where boys thrive! Adults are equipped to lead a program in a structured outdoor environment where boys are engaged in realworld challenges and experience camping, hiking, and fishing; they develop skills in riflery, archery, and canoeing; they learn character and leadership in a practical hands-on manner that is naturally engaging.

In the outdoors, the experience of adults is never obsolete; boys find mentors, fathers and sons connect, important relationships are fostered, and boys find opportunity to achieve significant accomplishment.

If you are interested in either becoming involved (either directly with the boys or behind the scenes), or if you know of a boy, perhaps a friend, child, or grandchild who may benefit from this program, please stop by for a **Q&A after church on June 6**th. We will meet in the room next to the old kitchen. There will be a very brief presentation, and then time for questions.

To learn more about these organizations, you can visit <u>americanheritagegirls.org</u> and <u>traillifeusa.com</u>. Please feel free to contact Alyssa Owens if you have any questions.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Sunday, June 6 ~ Trail Life Q&A, after worship service Monday, July 12 ~ Trail Life Community Interest Meeting, 6:30 pm Monday, August 16 ~ American Heritage Girls Registration Night, 6:30 pm

What's Happening In The WMU

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

(formerly the Kissinger Fund)

The PBA 2021 Week of Prayer for Associational Missions will be May 23rd-May 30th. We ask that you set aside some time during those eight days to pray for the PBA's work for God's Kingdom.

This offering will focus on five areas of ministry: Summer Ministry, Senior Adult Revivals, Churches in Transition, Young Pastor's Cohort, and Church and Community.

Our goal this year is \$1000.00

Won't you please help us meet this goal?



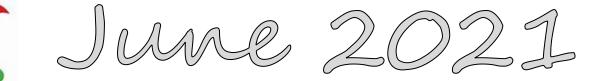




Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages): 9:45 am Worship Service: 11:00 am C.A.R.E. Ministry: 2:00 pm





Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm: Youth Bible Study 6:00pm: Children's Choir & Bible Study 6:30pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:30pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 AHG Year End Party 6:00pm-9:00pm	5
6 Lord's Supper 11:00am Trail Life Q & A 12:00p Deacons Meeting 3:00p	Ceremony	8	9	10	11 Youth-Mini Golf	12
Graduate Recognition During Service 11:00am	Flag Day	Vision Articles Due	16	Acree Circle 10:00am	18	Emma Crawford Quilting 9:00am-4:00pm
20 Father's Day NO CARE	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

June Birthdays:

Ainsley Wagner	6/1
Amy Green	6/3
Connie West	6/3
Donna Goude	6/5
Jimmy Belvin	6/6
Aleah DeRosa	6/6
Gordon Smith	6/7
Sonya Anthony	6/8
Isabelle Barrera	6/8
Leslie Belvin	6/10
Abram Owens	6/14
Judy Cahoon	6/15
Brian Stewart	6/22
Theresa Svoboda	6/26



Anniversaries:

Hayes & Joyce Williams	6/2
Dayton & Cassie Wiese	6/4
Jimmy & Charlene Diggs	6/8
Mike & Emma Crawford	6/10
Brian & Connie Stewart	6/14
Keith & Debbie Martin	6/17
Keith & Leslie Belvin	6/18
Bud & Donna Goude	6/21
Tim & Alyssa Owens	6/26
Earl & Janie Conkling	6/29