



# Latimer's Voice

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## Editor's Comments:

Please use my e-mail address to submit stories, events, happenings, or other information that you would like in the newsletter. If you do not have a computer, please give it to me in person or mail it to me. The deadline for all news items to be submitted is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. That will give me time to have it compiled and printed for distribution on the last Sunday of the month.

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## Pastor's Ponderings:

### Come, Follow Me: Sermon Series

I am very excited about the seven-part sermon series I will start on September 9. This series will focus on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and how do we talk about moving from being a church member to being a disciple. This series is based on sermons developed by South Carolina United Methodist ministers. The genesis of these sermons came out of a seminar held at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina several years ago. That group defined "discipleship" as "our response to Jesus'

invitation to 'Come, follow me.'"

Events in the life of Peter are a model for what it means to follow Jesus as a disciple. This series is not a biography of Peter, but a way to see the formation and maturing of a disciple. As you will see, we follow Peter from his response to Jesus' invitation to follow him and end with Peter's sermon in Acts 10.

Before looking at the range of this series, consider the idea of moving from member to disciple. What is the difference between a church member and a disciple? Are they the same? Have we made an artificial distinction for the sake of argument?

The reasons people may join a congregation are many, but the challenge remains for every congregation to help people grow into a

deeper relationship with God. This series of sermons offer models for moving into that deeper relationship.

The seven chapters of this series follow the growth in Peter as a disciple of Christ, landing on key pillars in the life of Peter. We focus on Peter's response to the call of Christ to follow him and then deal with Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ. That bold confession of faith if followed by Peter's faltering or failing. Still later we see transformation in Peter after Jesus' resurrection. We then see Peter serving others, proclaiming the Gospel, and crossing the barriers or borders erected by tradition or culture. The Peter who speaks in Acts 10 differs significantly from the Peter we meet in Mark 1.

Peter does not stay at the same level of discipleship across his lifetime. We see growth and change in him. Our model as disciples of Jesus calls for similar growth and change. We

do not remain at a fixed level of discipleship. I pray you will join me for this seven-part sermon series on what it means to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

- Rev. Wally Culp

### **From the Nurture Team:**

I hope everyone is rested after their Labor Day activities.

John Wesley's Advice for daily living:

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."*

Special Offering from SC Annual Conference:

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

Though it is summer now, soon school will be back in session and the annual Epworth Work Day will be upon us. This offering tradition dates back decades when church members would give a day's

worth of wages for the children at Epworth.

Over the years the emphasis has changed a bit, but its importance is still very much alive. Remember, **Epworth is not an apportioned item** and relies heavily on this offering to provide for the 80 to 100 children who are in our care each day. **An Epworth offering helps break the cycle of abuse and neglect of children and helps tackle the issues of poverty and illiteracy in our communities.**

I thank you in advance for your faithfulness. John Holler, President, Epworth Children's Home

We will have a special collection on September 9. Make your checks payable to Latimer Memorial.

As Latimer goes forward, we continue to trust in God for the next steps in the process called Forward Focus. Keep our church in prayer for all decisions facing us and other congregations too. Let

Pastor Wally know of your concerns.

We are still in need of Nursery Helpers to be in the weekly rotation order. Let me know if you are interested in helping.

Men, Women, Boys and Girls:

Choir Members wanted!! Give Misty a shout out. The best seat in the house! Choir robes come in assorted sizes – we have one for YOU! We're planning a Christmas Cantata!

Thank you Frank Sorrow for organizing the Food and Fellowship meal in August.

Our next Food and Fellowship meal is Sunday Sept. 30, hosted by the United Methodist Women. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Hymn Sing will be postponed this month until October 21.

Pastor Wally is preparing a 7-part Sermon Study on Discipleship, beginning soon.

We congratulate our students as they go back to school. Each one received a gift card from Walmart to help with school expenses. Max Walfield was promoted to Ms. Pat's Sunday School class 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year.

Glenda has volunteered to keep sending the newsletters, bulletins and sermon copies to our Homebound members. If you know of someone who would like to receive them, please let Glenda know.

Our next Nurture Team meeting is October 10 at 11am.

- Sandy Sorrow

### **From the Outreach Team:**

The Grief Support Group did not meet in July and August. We plan to meet in September. All are welcome. It is a good time for sharing, learning, and fellowship.

In July we helped prepare and serve "Brinner" to a full-house at Richard Campbell. We probably served 70plus Veterans

and workers. After all of the Veterans are served, we invite the workers to eat. They have a very important job taking care of our Veterans at Richard Campbell Veterans' Home.

In October (Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>) we will be asking for church members to help provide cookies for the Women's Kairos Weekend. This will take place at Leath Correctional Institution in Greenwood. Six thousand Dozen cookies are needed. Each of the approximately 800 inmates will receive a dozen cookies each night (October 25-28<sup>th</sup>). Forty-two inmates will be involved in the weekend, but cookies are sent to all of the inmates to show them love in a concrete way. "I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36

- Pat Wilson

### **The Liturgist's Schedule:**

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Kent Millwood  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - Linda Millwood  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sandy Sorrow  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - Andy Bullions

## Church Council:

The Church Council met on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

## Baptism:

Max Hovious will be confirmed and baptized on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.



Millie Koelzer was baptized on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Offering Counters:

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ron Walfield  
John Pinson  
Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Kent Millwood  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Jim DuBose  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Frank Sorrow  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Frank Sorrow

## Ushers:

September - Frank Sorrow  
October - Frank Sorrow  
Bill Eaves

## Our Homebound:

Charles Campbell  
Ernie Emhof  
Jane Woodson  
Phillip Brannon  
Jackie Manning  
Peggie Bromeling

## Our Prayer Concerns:

Kim Bradbury, Phillip Brannon, Peggy Bromeling, Charles Campbell, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Nancy Cothran, Katie Coward, Gloria Eaves, Margaret Ellett, Tony Ellett, Barb Emhof, Ernie Emhof, Fred and Linda Emhof, Elsie Gilbert, Jim Grubbs, Judi Harris, Katie Hinkle, Georgia Keen, Amy and Jim Lane, Jackie Manning, Emily McAlister, Pam McAlister, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Brenda Parfitt, Dot Peck, Jon Henry Phares, Jo Ann Pinson, The Joe Frank Pinson Family, Keith Ridgeway, Sybill Sellers, Norma Timms, Trevor Willis, Frank Woods, Jane Woodson, Ben and Nancy

## Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at Longhorn Steakhouse at Noon on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please

let Angela Pinson know by Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> if you plan to be there.



## Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

The Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club will meet at 9:00 AM on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayer Breakfast:

Our Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday at 8:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

## Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group will meet on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Lunch will be served.



## United Methodist Women:

Summer Break is over so therefore the Elizabeth

Smith/Sue Coward Circles will meet Sept. 10, at 3:00 at the church. Note that this is the second Monday of the month due to Labor Day being the first Monday. All women of the church are invited.

- Regina Bullions

### **Nursery Workers:**

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Andy Bullions  
Hannah Brooks  
Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - Regina Bullions  
Nancy Ellet  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - Gloria Eaves  
Judith DuBose  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Andy Bullions  
Hannah Brooks  
Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - Regina Bullions  
Nancy Ellet

### **Richard Campbell Nursing Home:**

“Brinner” at Richard C. Campbell Veteran’s Nursing Home will be Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Choir Practice:**

Choir Practice will be every Tuesday at 10:00 AM.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

For the period of July 12 to August 16, Later has had the following

receipts and expenditures. The amount received for budget purposes was \$8,138.00. For the same period, expenditures have been as follows: Salaries and benefits: \$5,310; Utilities: \$754; Direct Billing: \$2,795; Office Expense: \$16; Children: \$80; Pulpit Replacement: \$100; and Sunday School materials: \$312. An itemization of all budget amounts and payments is posted monthly in the counting room.

- Linda Millwood

### **Fellowship Meal:**

The Food and Fellowship Meal for September will be September 30<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by the United Methodist Men.

### **Annual Charge Conference:**

The Annual Charge Conference will be held on October 4 at 7:00 PM at Latimer Memorial United Methodist Church.

### **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You:**

Thanks to everyone who got their articles in early for this month’s Newsletter. This helped me to finish the Newsletter so it would be out before I left on vacation.

- Susie Howell

### **Bishop’s Corner:**

#### **On The Cutting Edge**

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

*“(Jesus said) A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”—John 13:34-35*

From Salkehatchie to San Salvador. From Haiti to Honduras. From Guatemala to Georgetown. From Cuba to Cope. From Ecuador to Ellore.

People in South Carolina have been in mission this summer from “anywhere to everywhere!” Adults and

youth of all ages are living a more excellent way as disciples that God can use in communities around South Carolina and the world.

Making it a priority to serve others is sharing the love of Christ actions might include swinging a hammer, preparing a meal, playing games with children, distributing supplies to a shelter or many other possibilities. Whichever action it may be, the task of the mission experience is a catalyst that propels faithful people into unfamiliar parts of the community and the world to serve others who might seem to be different. When we are willing to show up, God's presence is revealed in a mighty way. As we connect with those we serve, it becomes abundantly clear that we have more in common than we ever would have thought from a distance.

In 1992, Bishop J. Lloyd Knox, the resident bishop of the North Georgia Annual Conference at that time, invited me on a mission trip. It was my first year

serving as the North Georgia Conference Missions Specialist, and Bishop Knox's invitation brought my understanding of being in mission to life while we worked in the city of Alajuela, Costa Rica. I asked Bishop Knox what he expected from local churches, and his answer has stuck with me. He said that he expected local churches "to be on the cutting edge of ministry, making a difference for Jesus Christ."

That's what it is to be in mission. Being on the cutting edge, figuring out what it means to make disciples. Transforming the world for people where they live. Using our lives to share Christ's love. Meeting new people and listening to their stories. Growing in an understanding of how God is at work in the world.

In his journal, John Wesley wrote, "The world is my parish." The church is not restricted to a building. No matter where we find ourselves, from anywhere to everywhere, we have the opportunity to share

Christ's love with all whom we meet.

As followers of Christ, we seek to live out our faith through the giving of our time, talent, gifts, service and witness. It is up to us to spread the good news from anywhere to everywhere through our words and actions, sharing God's abundant grace, love and mercy in tangible ways with all whom we meet. Your witness might just be the only sermon some people will ever hear.