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September 2023

Reflections

Back to school! That is where the kids in our church are by now and I think September might be a good time for the adults to return as well. Since COVID, the adult Sunday school class that we had has kind of come and gone. We started it up for a while when we returned for in-person services, then the Delta variant hit and disrupted the schedule again and it kind of faded away after that. This actually worked out well last year as it cleared time to create a faith formation class for our busy middle schoolers. But I am curious to see if there is any interest in bringing the rest of our congregation together for time to study our scripture and our faith.

One way that I would like to do that is to look at our faith through the lens of our denomination. Created in the early 1800s, the Disciples of Christ was originally a movement to get away from the dogmatism and creeds and religious disputes of the time. Soon enough though that led to its own set of disputes because ultimately people have to come together to worship Christ and talk about what we believe. Whenever you get more than one person together to do that you inevitably get different perspectives on how that should best be done. What makes the Disciples unique is our embrace of that diversity. However, sometimes this diversity can lead to a poverty of intellectual and spiritual rigor as we avoid discussing and investigating those different perspectives on God.

So that is exactly what I want to do. I want us to come together and discuss why we believe what we believe and why we worship and live the way we do. I want to look at things like baptism, communion, scripture, the role of clergy, the role of the congregation in the context of who the Disciples of Christ are, what the Bible says about these things, and what you believe about them. Our worship can have deep spiritual meaning and all of these aspects of it were meant to bring us closer in our relationship to God. But that is only if we put any thought into what we are doing.

So let us get together and do that. In May, I completed my Disciples History and Polity requirement for ordination. As an assignment for the class, I had to outline how I would teach a potential class about these topics. Having done the work, I am curious to see what might come from it. So, let's find out. I would like to start on Sunday, September 17 at 9:30 and maybe take this idea through the fall; same time each week. As we progress, I would love to get some feedback from you all about what you are curious about in your own faith journeys and directions that we might want to take a class like this next year in 2024. I look forward to seeing and especially hearing from you in a couple of weeks and in the meantime...

God be with you

Scott

September Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

September 3 (14th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Exodus 3:1-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
- *Romans 12:9-21*
- Matthew 16:21-28

September 17 (16th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Exodus 14:19-31
- Psalm 114 OR Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
- Romans 14:1-12
- Matthew 18:21-35

September 10 (15th Sunday after Pentecost)

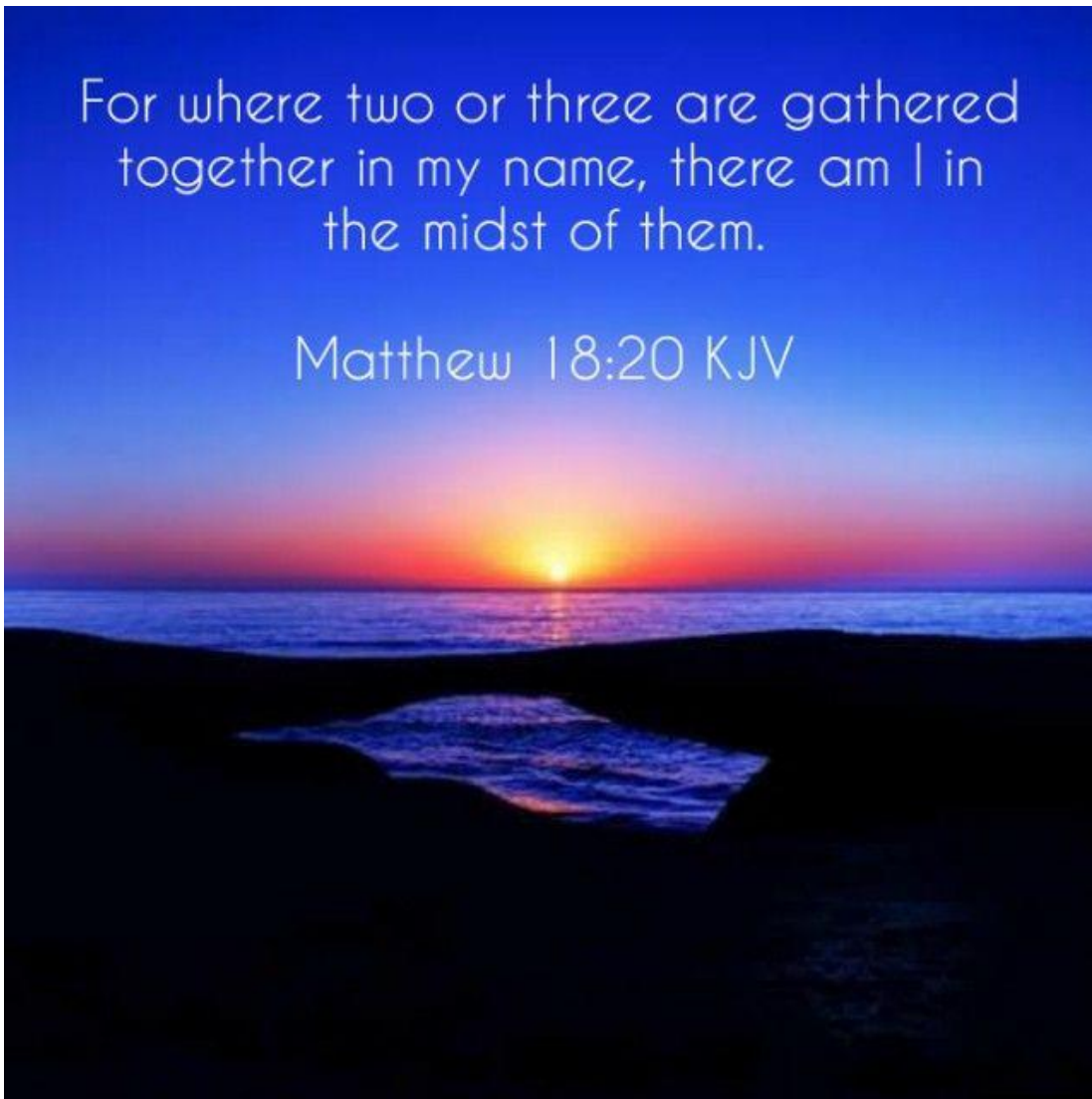
- Exodus 12:1-14
- Psalm 149
- *Romans 13:8-14*
- Matthew 18:15-20

September 24 (17th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Exodus 16:2-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
- Philippians 12:1-8
- Matthew 20:1-16

For where two or three are gathered
together in my name, there am I in
the midst of them.

Matthew 18:20 KJV



Board Minutes

Board Meeting – June 11, 2023

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott Oliver had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed. Vivian Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes and Kay Boyd seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bud Hippisley was unable to attend the meeting and sent the Treasurer's report to G.B. G.B. presented the treasurer's report. There were four offerings in May with \$4,896 donated and \$25.00 donated for the Backpack Program. Expenses for the month were \$13,559. Beyond normal expenses were \$8,259 for the AC repair and \$1,049 for food and clothing for the Backpack Program. \$571 was collected and distributed for the Pentecost offering. Total expenses were \$14,608. The final figure from the yard sale is not available yet, but it's estimated to be about \$700.00. Kay made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Joyce Ingram seconded, the motion carried.

Pastor Report –

- Pastor Scott will be here Sunday June 17th and will be gone June 19th-26th, taking classes at Lexington Theological Seminary in KY. He will be back in the office on Wednesday June 28th. Bob Mooty will be the guest preacher on Sunday, June 25th.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for Sunday July 9- Thursday July 13th. We need volunteers to help with the program
- Homecoming is scheduled for July 9th. Pastor Scott is expecting to have the invitations out by the end of this week. Cleanup day will be scheduled on July 8th.
- Question was raised, do we hold a Board meeting in July since it would be on the same Sunday as Homecoming? After discussion, Joyce made a motion to cancel the July Board meeting, and Kay seconded, the motion carried.

Committee Reports

- No reports this month

Old business

- Mark Woody's offer to put up crosses on the church property. This possibility was discussed at the recent Elder's meeting. The Elder's agreed that there is not a location on the church property that will offer good visibility of the crosses without interfering with visibility of church features. Joyce made a motion to decline Mark Woodie's offer to install crosses at the church and Kay seconded, the motion carried.


New Business

- Father's Day –We will have candy favors for Father's Day.
- Homecoming – See Pastor's Report. We need arrange for the meal for after the homecoming service

- VBS – See Pastor’s Report
- Question was raised, what is the status of the graveyard situation? – No one has contacted GB since last November about transferring ownership of the graveyard. He is waiting to hear from the Prillaman family or their attorney. GB’s concern is the upkeep of the graveyard; right now, it’s being mowed only twice a month.

Pastor Scott had a closing prayer, Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda Damon, Secretary



It is written: 'As surely as I live,'
says the Lord, 'every knee
will bow before me; every tongue
will acknowledge God.'

Romans 14:11

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SPECIAL THANKS TO MICHEAL DOYLE FOR PROVIDING THE SERMON DURING MINISTER SCOTT'S ABSENCE AND SINGING A SPECIAL SONG HE WROTE.

Upcoming Events

Sept 3, 7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sept 10 Board Meeting-After service

Oct 7, 7-10:00 am Country Breakfast Buffet Details below

Oct 29, 6-8:00 pm Trunk or Treat - In church parking lot Details below

**The Church will host a trunk or treat at the
Church parking lot on Oct 29 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

All Kids Welcome



Country Breakfast Buffet



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4970 Snow Creek Rd
Martinsville, VA

Saturday Oct 7th

from 7:00 - 10:00 AM



Adults \$10.00

Children 6 and under \$5.00

All proceeds will go to support the Back-Pack program at Snow Creek Elementary. Additional assistance is needed due to increase in enrollment

This will be a great opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of *Ruby Mae Oakes* hand-made quilts

**Raffle tickets
for the quilt are \$1.00**

**Drawing for the quilt will
be held at 10:00 am
Oct 7**



LET'S CELEBRATE



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Jimmy Doyle
- 7 Susan Norton
- 8 Nancy Plybon
- 9 Betty Lou Mitchell
- 9 Susan Doyle
- 9 William Stowe
- 10 Jimmy Martin
- 12 Kevin Doyle
- 14 Phillip Coppins
- 17 Michele Turner
- 24 Morgan Washburn
- 25 Leon Washburn
- 26 Jacob Washburn
- 26 Bill Oliver
- 27 Andrew "Drew" Oliver

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Terry & Tressi Mitchell
- 19 Lee & Molly Mitchell
- 23 Dean & Jane Arrington
- 27 Eddie & Jennifer Brown

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

- 3 Trey Washburn
- 4 Donald Belcher
- 5 Kia Beall
- 10 Ruth Davidson
- 10 Lucas Pedue
- 13 Ricky Doyle
- 16 Brian Doyle
- 17 Ken Beall
- 18 Jeannie Plybon
- 22 Jennifer Brown
- 25 Mike Doyle
- 25 Max Mitchell
- 28 Janet Perdue
- 29 Taylor Biggs

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Jimmie & Vivian Doyle
- 28 Ryan & Melissa Haynes

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