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It's Called LOVE!

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30.

It's not all that amazing why so many of are so hesitant in their decision to follow Jesus, at least in terms of surrender. It seems so often that what we view in our hearts and what we believe in our minds has a hard time coming together and finding that place where our mind and our heart agree. Especially if we are one of those people who look really hard at the Christian people around us who make it look so hard and unnatural. Thought the other side of the coin is those who make it look too easy and talk more about reward than they do sacrifice and if you're like me all of it looks so confusing that you avoid them totally because it's just not something that you can wrap your head or your heart around. Let's face it the world is full of people willingly conning you and themselves trying to be someone their not and telling others who they need to become. I for one believe that this is why the words "come unto me" have little if any affect on the people we are trying to reach. We say we love them with the love of Jesus but like Jesus are we really interested in their burdens? Are we really interested in lightening their loads? Giving them rest? Or are we just trying to fill seats and make budget?

Throughout this summer of 2011 may our focus here at Crossroads be to look at ourselves as followers of Christ. Not satisfied in calling ourselves Christians but committed to call ourselves Followers of Christ. To think about what areas of our lives are about us and what areas of our lives are about our Father's business. And what is that business?

It's called LOVE.

Pastor Bob



United Methodist Women

Random Special Thoughts for any month (or any day) shared via e-mail by our Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Chair, *Carol Brush*

- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
- 2] Why is a car's WINDSHIELD so large & the rearview mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.
- 3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5] Old friends are Gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
- 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eyesight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- 9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.

"Finding Peace" is our 2011 UMW Theme God Bless you!

[UMW Summer Fellowship Lunches continue](#)

The summer season sees our members on a break from regular meetings. *We invite all women of the church and friends to join us for fellowship and "Dutch treat"; order lunches from the menu.*

RETURNING BY POPULAR DEMAND TO A FAVORITE:

August 23, Tuesday, at 11:30 a.m. at the **Barnacle Bill's Seafood, just north of the church at 5050 North Tamiami Trail. Invite someone new.**

Call Bonnie Pentecost at 957-1122 to reserve; leave a message if she is not there.

WANTED:

Musicians to play on the worship team. Do you have a special musical talent? Or do you like to vocalize? See Pastor Bob.

**FOOD PANTRY**

The food pantry's purpose is to provide food for those that come into the church office in need of food. This is to assist with the immediate needs the person (mostly those that are homeless) may have. The handouts include: soup, breakfast bars, canned goods, macaroni & cheese and other sundry items. All food donations are greatly appreciated. Check the bulletin for current food needs. For further information contact **Anne Snyder**.

You can help support **CHRIST'S PANTRY at CROSSROADS** by saving your aluminum cans & copper.

We are accepting these items at church and will then take them to the recycle facility on Myrtle St.

Drop your things off at church.

Bob Fellows,
Project coordinator

**LIBRARY LINES**

Two books by United Methodist minister and popular author James W. Moore have been given to our church library.

"Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned, But I Have Several Excellent Reasons" is filled with spiritual insights about God's grace. Dr. Moore deals with the sins that are most common in our churches and among Christians. His clear and loving answers lift us up and also call us to deeper faith and commitment.
(Shelf location--241)

"Seizing The Moments" is another book of inspiration for Christian living. Dr. Moore shows us how we can turn our golden opportunities into realized dreams through the miracle of God's grace.

Each chapter includes a key passage of Scripture, stories from people's lives and practical suggestions for better daily living.
(Shelf location-- 248.2)

Submitted by Eleanor Sandbach

Keep saving CAMPBELL SOUP labels (UPC codes only,) PEPPERIDGE FARM labels and BOX TOPS for Education.

There are zip lock bags to collect these on the bulletin board in the lobby and in the kitchen. Also save used printer cartridges and give these to Becky or Bob Doll, who turn them over to Bradenton Christian School. Thank You.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUEST

Do you need a special prayer? Do you have a special need? Would you like others to be surrounding you with prayer for strength and comfort? Would you like to pray for others? Contact Carol in the Church Office or Crossroads Prayer Chain 355-7089.



The **BAG LADIES** - Toiletries are needed to be put in each sleeping bag. These include socks, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, washcloths, hand towels, soap and any devotional booklets (i.e.) Guidepost or Upper Room (doesn't have to be current.) If you want good fellowship and like any phase of sewing join us at 12:30 Monday afternoons in Room 8. You will find it very rewarding.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Junie Benson	8/3
Simone Jones	8/4
Katherine Strickland	8/4
Robertus Carr	8/7
JoAnn Funk	8/7
Jean Primrose	8/7
Don Deese	8/8
Logan Machenheimer	8/9
Bea Hoelzle	8/10
Sue Morgan	8/14
Deborah Boyles	8/15
Ruth Wertz	8/18
Hampton Crimi	8/20
Edna Hukill	8/21
Olive Serrie	8/25
Ray Guse	8/27
Anderson Suter	8/28
Patrick Pifer	8/29

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

TJ and Aimee Donato	8/3	9 years
Bob and Florence Fellows	8/5	11 years
Paul and Eli Reynolds	8/11	10 years
Don and Misty Deese	8/18	9 years
Bill and Paula Goodfellow	8/19	61 years
Pat and Cathy Pifer	8/20	8 years
Wayne and Judy Denny	8/23	47 years
Skip and Janet Park	8/24	?? years

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

August 19th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Abbreviations: S—Sanctuary FH—Fellowship Hall LB—Library YB—Youth Building	<i>1</i> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 7:00 AA—YB	<i>4</i> 7:00 Praise Band—S	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9:30 Adult Bible Study—LB,FH 10:30 Worship Service—S 11:00 Traditions—YB	<i>8</i> 12:30 Bag Ladies—Rm. 8	<i>9</i> 7:00 Bayou Oaks NA—S	<i>10</i> 7:00 AA—YB	<i>11</i> 7:00 Praise Band—S	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
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- Fulfillment

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Worship Times

Sunday

10:30 am

Bible studies

Wednesday 10:00 am (Women's Bible Study)

Sunday 9:30 am

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