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Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, September 6, 2020:

(Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

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

Sunday, September 13, 2020:

(Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

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

Contentment

"I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself." **Philippians 4:11**

Learning to be content in any situation begins with understanding the difference between being happy and being content. Happiness is an emotion, unlike contentment which is a state of being. You can be happy today and unhappy tomorrow; it comes and goes. But when we learn to be content, we are essentially learning to give all our problems and worries to God and leave them there.

Paul had no easy life. At times, he was on the run from people who wanted to kill him, and he sometimes found himself writing letters to believers from the 'comfort' of prison cells.

How did Paul manage to stay content? **"And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."** Philippians 4:19

When we become discontent, it usually develops from a place of want or desire. We become unhappy with our current situation and walk around in a horrible mood. For example:

'I am discontented with my marriage because I want my spouse to be better.'

'I am discontented with my church because these distancing rules just are not cutting it.'

I'm not saying that we shouldn't strive for greatness and betterment, however, there is a difference between understanding that your current situation is not a permanent versus just being a grump about everything.

Contentment is a choice.

Paul was able to be content even in his prison cell because he knew that God was in control. We too can learn to make the best of any situation that comes our way by handing our problems over to God; asking God for peace of mind; looking for the positives and making decisions to make things better.

So, when you are struggling, try this prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I may not be happy with my current situation, but Lord help me to be content. Open my eyes so I can see the positives in this situation and make the best of it. Give me the peace of mind so that I can help others be content in you.

Amen.

Pastor Zane



Sunday, September 6, 2020

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Monday, September 7, 2020 - Labor Day
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Middle School Youth Group @ FCC 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Young Adult Small Group @ FCC 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
High School Youth Group @ FPC 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Middle School Youth Group @ FCC 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Annual Choir Dinner w/ practice 6:00 p.m.
Young Adult Small Group @ FCC 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
General Board Meeting (Zoom Teleconference) 12:00 p.m.
High School Youth Group @ FPC 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Monday, September 21, 2020

Trustees' Meeting—Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Kids For Christ @ FPC 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group @ FCC 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.
Young Adult Small Group @ FCC 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
High School Youth Group @ FPC 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

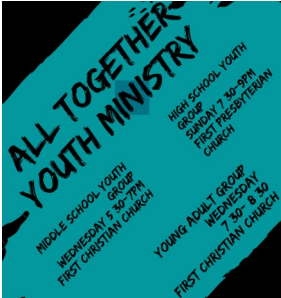
Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Kids For Christ @ FPC 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Middle School Youth Group @ FCC 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m.
Young Adult Small Group @ FCC 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Bright Spots!

Summer has come to an end and we are starting back to school. As we start back to school in different ways, we would like to invite you to join us back at church in different ways. We will be starting Kids for Christ on September 23rd at First Presbyterian Church for kids in K-5th grade. Please sign up at [K4C.MexicoFPC.com](https://www.k4c.mexicofpc.com).

Youth groups are also coming back with a new name and more groups. All Together Youth Ministry (Youth Group) is being sponsored by First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church and Mexico United Methodist Church. Middle school students are invited to join us on Wednesdays at First Christian Church from 5:30-7pm. High School students on Sunday from 7:30-9pm at First Presbyterian Church. A New Young Adult/College age group will be at First Christian Church on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm. Social distancing will be part of our new groups this year. Masks are welcome to all events.



We hope that we will see you after Labor Day back at All Together Youth Ministry. If you have any questions about how social distancing or any question in general will work please don't hesitate to ask.

Sara Bright—Youth Director

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