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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

God's Dream for Us and the World

God has a dream for the world, for you, for me, and for everyone. The Creator longs for the healing of creation and for the wholeness of human beings. The Savior wants restoration, reconciliation and renewal for everything and everyone. The Holy Spirit is at work, now and always, to cause goodness to overflow in abundance.

In powerful poetry of hope, Scripture tells us what the world will be like when God's dream comes fully true:

No longer shall the sound of weeping or the cry of distress be heard. No more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime . . . The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox. . . They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord. (Isaiah 65:19-20, 25).

The home of God will be among mortals. God will dwell with them and wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning, and crying, and pain will be no more (Revelation 21:3-4).

Creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God (Romans 8:21).

Jesus yearned for, announced, and demonstrated God's dream for the world. He called it "the kingdom of God." Jesus welcomed outcasts and embraced the excluded. He healed the broken and gave hope to the desperate. He forgave the guilty and lifted-up the disheartened. He taught about the ways of humility and mercy, justice and peace, grace and love. He shared, gladly and unconditionally, table fellowship with everyone, especially those whom others judged, condemned, and snubbed. In all these ways, he gave us glimpses of God's great dream for the world.

When we catch sight and sound of what God wants for us and for all creation, that vision creates in us a holy restlessness for complete transformation of ourselves and all things. It's a restlessness which encourages us to live as if our world were already the world of God's dreams; it energizes us for making the world the kind of place God wants it to be and for allowing Jesus to make us into the people God hopes we will become.

Gandhi offered this well-known challenge: "Be the change you want to see in the world." In many ways, that's our calling as a church: to be transformed, more and more, into the image of Jesus and to make the possibility of that transformation known in our community and world.

Join me in praying that we will see, hear, and live God's dream.

Grace & Peace, Guy

Dates to Remember

Sunday, February 4

"The Forgiving Word"

Guy Sayles

Tuesday, February 6

6:30 Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

6:00 Prayer Service & Sack Dinner

Sunday, February 11

Monday, February 12

6:00 Leadership Team Meeting

Saturday, February 17

10:00 Women's Breakfast @

Happy Hill Restaurant

2:00-4:00 Joan McCook's Birthday

Celebration

Sunday, February 18

"With the Wild Beasts and Angels"

Guy Sayles

Saturday, February 24

8:30-12:00 Deacon & Leadership

Team Retreat

Sunday, February 25

"Following Jesus into Life"

Guy Sayles

Communion

Wednesdays at 7:15:

Choir Rehearsal

Gardener's Spring Fete

At the recent spring fete, four keen gardeners were displaying their fine roses.

In total there were four colors and each rose color appeared twice.

From the clues below can you tell who had which color roses?

1. Mr. Green had a yellow rose.
2. Mr. Yellow did not have a red one.
3. Mr. Red had a blue rose but not a green one.
4. Mr. Blue did not have a yellow one.
5. One person with a red rose also had a green one.
6. One person with a yellow rose also had a blue one.
7. One of the persons with a green rose had no red.
8. Neither of the persons with a yellow rose had a green one.
9. No person has two roses of the same color.
10. No two persons had the same two color roses and their names provide no clues.

Puzzle solution is on the calendar page

Announcements

Prayer Service & Sack Dinner:

We will be meeting on February 7th at 6:00 in the Coffee House.

Women's Breakfast: We will meet on February 17th at Happy Hill Restaurant from 10:00-noon.

Joan McCook's 80th Birthday

Celebration: We will be celebrating with Joan and her family for her 80th birthday in the Coffee House on February 17th from 2:00-4:00. Stop by anytime (no gifts, please!)

Deacon & Leadership Team

Retreat: We will have our retreat on Saturday, February 24th from 8:30 to 12:00 noon.

Child Enrichment Center: Feb. 9th will be the last day of operation for the CEC.

Offering Envelopes: We will no longer have envelopes sent in the mail. You can pick up a packer of 12 envelopes in the marked box in the Coffee House.

Let all that you do be done with
LOVE! 1 Corinthians 16:14



What a beautiful bowl full of treasures....treasures that overflow with a legacy of love. Love that's been passed from generation to generation. Love that has known both heartache and joy. Love that has been freely given even when it wasn't easily received. Love that passed on the greatest love of all....the love of Christ. What a legacy! Are we leaving that kind of legacy for future generations? An overflowing, unselfish, grace-giving, Christ filled love? Praying today that you have a legacy of love and a bowl full of treasures. Also praying you are creating a bowl of treasures for your children and grandchildren.....a bowl that overflows with love. *Pam Mize Windle*

LEADERSHIP TEAM JANUARY MINUTES

The meeting was opened with a devotional given by Dan Bradshaw and the minutes were approved.

Sub-committees for 2018 are: Strategy and Ministry: Melody Bell and Butch Stillwell; Governance: Dan Bradshaw and Jennie Dalton; Operations: Dan Nix, Frank Richardson & Lennie Thornton.

Charlene Shelton is leaving the Child Enrichment Center on February 8th. A decision must be made on whether the center will remain open or if it will close. A new Director will need to be found if the center remains open. This is the year for the CEC to be tested to get their papers to be able to continue operation. This will be difficult to accomplish with Charlene leaving.

Frank Richardson has 2 bids for snow removal. There has been a hard drive failure in the office computer \$800 needed for repair. Security cameras will run around \$200 for an interface unit. Shelby advised that the yearly \$1000 fee can be paid quarterly. Frozen water on Baker Street has been reported to the city.

Other items discussed: We will no longer follow the Asheville City Schools for office closings. Guy would like to plan a retreat with Deacons on Saturday morning February 24, from 8:30-12:00 noon. There will be training for security of the church, Dan has signed up to attend. Calvary should have discussions about where we go. Exit to serve God/response to serve, Faithfulness is not the same as Success. Anything about the past needs to be resolved. Look at where we are now. What is our available volunteer base? How can Calvary plan for a faithful 5 years ahead? Plan of Service of Remembrance. The meeting was closed with prayer by Guy Sayles.

Respectfully,
Jennie Dalton, Church Clerk