

MESSENGER FEBRUARY 5, 2021



Dear Faith Harbor Family,

I am writing this week with information regarding the Bible study we are offering during the season of Lent. Lent is the period of forty days leading up to Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday, which is on February 17th this year. The study this year is called *Listen to Him*. Following is a description of the study:

It happened on perhaps the best day of his life so far, the day before the day Jesus would make the journey to the worst day of his life. Jesus and three of his disciples gathered on a high mountain where Jesus was transfigured right before their eyes. The voice of God spoke three thunderously piercing words into the minds and hearts of those disciples. They were as follows: LISTEN TO HIM.

Those words now come to us, the present-day disciples of Jesus. The forty days of Lent open up a journey from the top of Transfiguration Mountain to the bottom of the Valley of the Cross. These forty days provide forty steps, if you will, to lean in and listen deeply to Jesus. As we do so we find the way of the cross is the road to resurrection. Listening to Jesus—it's our highest calling to the lowest place where we discover our lives transformed and our worst days breaking forth into our best life.

Listen To Him is a video based group Bible study, with individual daily devotional readings for each of the forty days of Lent. The study encompasses Luke 9:18 through Luke 24:8. We plan to offer both an in-person and a virtual (Zoom) group meeting. Tentatively, one session will be on Tuesday evening and one on Wednesday evening, but that is subject to change. Let me know if you would like to participate but you can't make either of those days. I am certainly open to adding a session at a different time, if necessary.

I hope many in our church family will be a part of this study as we journey together through Lent and learn how to better listen to our Lord.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor David

Week of 02-08-21 Scripture card

Centering Prayer: *O God, how great thou art!*

Psalm of the Week: Psalm 147

M 1 Timothy 6:15-16

T Colossians 1:15-18

W Romans 11:33-36

T Jeremiah 32:17

F Revelation 4:11

S Isaiah 40:21-28

Key Scripture: *Psalm 147:5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.*

A FOCUS FOR 2021...PRAYER

**God's answers are
wiser than our
prayers.**

*The foolishness of God
is wiser than man, and
the weakness of God is
stronger than men.*

**The value of persistent
prayer is not that He will
hear usbut that we will
finally hear Him.**

*Incline your ear and come to
Me. Hear and your soul shall
live. Isaiah 55:3*



Members Jim Ace, Jonathan Adams, Scott Adams, Joyce Arnette, Harriet Byrd, Nancy Buckman, Connie Carroll, Frank Carroll, Rebecca Drudge, Dawn Ellis, Carol Franklin, Buddy and Suzanne Fussell, Diane Geary, Jim and Faye Graziano, Stephanie Hardin, Courtney Kane, Beth Kane and her father, Courtney Kane, Gail and Mike Kaufmann, Janice Long, **Doug Lowry**, Terri Luisi, Neal McHenry, Martha Marlow, Delores Miner, Jenny Mizzell, Anita Phillips, Teri Ragan O'Driscoll, Judy Paliotti and Jency, JoAnn Rivenbark, Nancy Smith, Dave Strohpaal, Kelly Wills, John Wilson-Surgery successful-praise God, and Dean and Sandy Wise-covid.

Military: Joe Fraley, Sg. Joey Horne, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, Anthony Ripley, David Ritz.

Friends: April, Barbara Rummel's mom and Martha Marlow's mom, Christine, Willie Arnette, Kim Audet, Peggy Barton, Bill and Rachel -covid, George Brodgen, Del Brouwer, Vicky Burge, Candie, Kathy Carlston, Cheryl, Chris Carroll, Carole and Blaine, **Children**, Chimer Clark, Kathy Clapp, David, Bill Dirk and Teresa, Tobey Ferry, Jan Foster, Suzanne Fussell's mother, Jensen Gandy, J.W. Gibson, Kelly and Amy Glass, Lisa Godwin, Hugh and Melinda Harrison -covid, Judy Hoopes, Roy and Tony Horne, Janine and Rudy, Donna Johnson, Lea Jones, Kelly, Kevin Kesterson, Kody, Craig Jenkins, Donald Kornegay, Jr.-covid, Otis Ledford, Barbara Lee, Brenda Leonard, Lisa, A.J. Long, Logan, Loren and Martha, Doreen Luisi, Tim McCart, Sandy McVickers, Andrea (Ann) Maready, Ernie Mazzei, Ed Minnich, Michelle, Monica, Rick Nauss, Chuck Osburn, Becky and Phil Osborne, **Parents**, Pastor Stephanie, Jack Parrmar-covid, **Rose and Dick Peters**, Dot Phillips, Bobby Phillip's cousin Tommy and family in death of his wife to covid, Penny, Susan Penny, Jimmy Platts, Virginia Platts, Judy Pratt, Todd Rice, Stanley and Ruby, Tania Roth, Nancy Serriano, Bear Shenemen, Katrina Seferyn, Jonathan Sloan, Jacob Smith,-covid, Family of Patricia Sox, Stanley and Ruby, Maria Sutton, Sister Monique Schwirtz, **Teachers**, Terry, Theresa, Christopher Thomas, and Bill Zell.

And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort and healing.

YOUTH NEWS

Hello all bAsiC youth parents~

Hope this message finds you and yours doing well lately. Happy February! 😊 Please see below for information on Youth meetings for the month of February:

Sun., Feb. 7th~ We would normally hold a Superbowl party for our youth hosted by one or two of our parents in their homes, but in a continued effort to keep our group sizes down due to Covid 19 and safety- we will hold off on having larger events like this for the time being. *We will NOT have a youth meeting that evening and encourage you to enjoy Superbowl plans with your family instead.

Sun., Feb. 14th~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm

*Younger HS Group

*Younger MS Group

Sun., Feb.21st~ Group A meets from 5-6:30pm

*Older HS Group

*Older MS Group

Sun., Feb. 28th~ Group B meets from 5-6:30pm


*Younger HS Group

*Younger MS Group

***Important Local Missions Opportunity~**

In the month of January as a Youth group through our lessons, we have been talking about how individually and as a group we can look at this new year of 2021 more intentionally. With that in mind, we've decided that for each month we would focus on a different spiritual endeavor (for ourselves and for other's in our community or who God may put in our paths). For example, for the month of February we will focus on "Spreading Love & Compassion" and ways we can do this. The youth have had some awesome and creative ideas about the focus for each month and ways we can live out our faith in action. They are quite open to the Spirit of God in our midst, they inspire me! Stay tuned for future news about some of their ideas in the months to come.

For starters, through brainstorming and sharing as a group, we've come up with a local Mission project which our youth have named "**The Gallon Project**" that we will be spearheading for the next several months. As a group, we will purchase and assemble gallon size baggies full of "essential care items" for the homeless. The group came up with a list of useful items to fill the bags up with. I know you may be thinking- how will we distribute these bags? That's where us adults come in. Once we have the bags assembled and ready, any adult/parent that wants to take a few bags to put in their car to hand out to the homeless or needy- please let us know. I don't know about you, but in my local travels to Wilmington, Jacksonville, Hampstead and in the surrounding areas- I see quite a few homeless people needing or asking for help. Having these bags ready and available in our vehicles can allow us to be prepared to help those individuals on the spot. We decided we would start out by making 20 Bags up and go from there. We will have them available after Youth Group on Feb. 14th and ready for pickup for any parent/adult who is interested in participating in handing these out. *Also, if there are any other church members who would like to be a part of this, please feel free to contact me directly. The scripture that comes to mind is~

Matthew 25:40 NIV "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'  The youth, leaders and I are very excited about this new opportunity to show love and compassion to some of the "least of these" in our local areas of reach! Thank you in advance for your support.

A few ongoing reminders about Youth Group Meetings for parents/youth~

Please have youth bring and wear their masks to each meeting.

If your youth doesn't feel well, kindly have them wait until they are better to attend their next scheduled (Group A or B) youth meeting. If you should have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

In His Service~
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4 Payton Rice
6 Danielle Smith
8 Jameela Kerr
9 Jim Graziano
10 Anita Phillips
Cecila Watson
12 Samuel Kerr
17 Dawn Ellis
Laura Frazier
Mike Hopper

20 Grace Holmes
22 Tom Fisher
Suzanne Fussell
Lucy Horrell
26 Jamie Jernigan
27 Avery Joy Harrison
28 John Cain