



“The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.” ~Genesis 2.15

The Lord has called us to work in his Kingdom. You can even see at the very beginning that the Lord created humanity to till the garden and to keep it. That means that from the very beginning, the identity of humanity found part of their expression in participating in God's work. We at Faith Harbor are taking time to learn about working in God's Kingdom. We have been practicing prayer – work – eat. Prayer is

paying attention to God. Work is participating with the Holy Spirit in this world. Eating is feasting on the provision that God provides. The Lord is calling us at Faith Harbor to work with each other and to work side-by-side. You can see in the above picture that we have been up to a lot of work. This week we had a workday in the Narthex where we packed bags to be sent to homes all over our county. This was food that was shared with children that normally would get backpacks of food during the school year, but now we deliver them to their homes during the summer.

What an honor it is that God has found us useful in this Kingdom endeavor. As we participate with the Holy Spirit we live into our vocation. For we have been called to share of what we have, and we are to share that in love. For we have seen what true love is in Jesus Christ.

A Letter from your Lay Leader...

Some of you may remember me mentioning at the beginning of the year that I was going to read the bible through with the Bible Recap and invited you to join me. I have been really getting a lot out of this study. I just had to share Day 150 (which was Tuesday) with you, it was a study of Psalm 119. We read the whole chapter, and this is what Tara-Leigh Cobble had to say afterwards...



Day 150 Psalm 119 We are 150 days in, and today we read the longest chapter in the Bible! You probably either knew it was the longest chapter, or at least hoped it was. It's even longer than some entire books of the Bible! And it's the center chapter of the Bible. This song is written as a Hebrew acrostic poem, where each of the 22 sections starts with the subsequent letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and each of the 8 verses within each section starts with that letter as well. For us, that would be like 8 verses that start with A, then 8 verses that start with B, and so forth. And as a former songwriter, this intimidates me. This song was a labor of love. No one knows who wrote it, but a lot of people think it was Ezra the priest and scribe. All we know is that this particular psalmist loved the Word of God. This kind of detailed, demanding songwriting isn't done in a half-hearted manner. Not only does he love the Word of God, but he wants to love it even more. He's not a perfect man—he even ends the psalm by saying he's a lost sheep who has gone astray, and asks God to come find him—but in all this, he shows a deep understanding of God and His character. In fact, the psalm points out at least 7 primary praiseworthy attributes of God and His character. They are: righteousness, trustworthiness, truthfulness, faithfulness, unchangeableness, eternity, and light.

In verses 9-11, he shows us how possessing a heart-level knowledge of God and His Word keeps him walking in nearness and obedience to God. Unfortunately, we're helpless to change our own hearts. Fortunately, this chapter also displays God as the active agent of wisdom-giving and heart-change. For example, in verse 18, he says, "open my eyes", in verse 27, he says, "make me understand". In verse 32, he says, "You enlarge my heart", and verse 36 says, "incline my heart". These are great prayers to pray: turn my eyes, teach me, give me understanding, lead me, incline my heart.

In verses 15-16, he coaches himself with the kind of behavior he wants to display. He says, "I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways. I will delight in Your statutes. I will not forget Your word." He wants to focus on, treasure, and remember God. If this psalmist were to make a vision board, God's Word is what would be on it.

In verses 71-75, he even thanks God for the struggles God used to bring him near. He recognizes that God has an eternal purpose in mind. He says, "It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn Your statutes ... I know, O LORD, that Your rules are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me." But even this psalmist, a man whose hope is firmly planted in the Lord, with all his knowledge of and love for God's Word, knows what it's like to feel pain and longing in his present situation. In verse 82, he prays, "When will You comfort me?" Loving God doesn't preclude feeling pain and loss—it just means we have a safe Person to be with us in our pain.

The verse you may be most familiar with in the whole chapter is verse 105, and that's where my GOD SHOT comes in today as well. It says, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." The word used for "lamp" here refers to a foot lamp—like a single candle. This kind of lamp would only give enough light for the next step. You could make the whole journey, step by step, with the candle—you just had to keep referring back to it—just like the Word of God. That's the word for "lamp" in "a lamp unto my feet", but here's something I never discovered before: the word for "light" in "a light unto my path"—that's a different word. It's a floodlight, it's daybreak, it's the "God said let there be light". You guys—this is incredible. God's Word is both kinds of light—the whole earth flooded with the fires of a thousand suns kind of glorious illuminating absolute truth, once for all, AND the individual, step-by-step kind of personal guidance we need moment by moment. It's EVERYTHING, and it makes me love the Word of God so much more! This reminds me of 2 Timothy 3:16-17. It says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." We have everything we need—the bright light, the personal light—all lighting up the same truths that we need for life and godliness, and for every good work. God has generously given it ALL to us. His Word is where the joy is, because He's in it—and He's where the joy is!

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Loving you always, your sister in Christ,
Jessica Blackburn, your lay leader

News & Announcements

WELCOME TABLE:

June 4th: Faye Graziano & Sherry Mewborn

Please join us in the Sanctuary for prayer service every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 7:30a.m.
All are invited!

COMMUNION SERVERS for June 4th: Jim & Faye Graziano, Joal & Sheila Smith & Ray Blackburn (Gluten free)

SCRIPTURE CARD beginning June 5th

Centering Prayer: How majestic is your name in all the earth.

Psalm 8

M Mark 12.1-12

Tu Mark 12.13-17

W Mark 12.18-27

Th Mark 12.28-34

F Mark 12.35-37

Sa Mark 12.38-44

Su Deuteronomy 8.2-16, I Corinthians 10.16-17, John 6.51-58

Key scripture: Mark 12.37: "The large crowd was listening to him with delight."

QUILT SUNDAY~ Please take a moment this Sunday to notice the beautiful quilts displayed in the Sanctuary. They have been made by the super talented ladies of the Quilting Mission. The quilts will be donated to: Roots of Recovery, the Refugee family, and the Methodist Home for Children. Thank you to our wonderful ladies for all their hard work!

SAVE THE DATE! Roots of Recovery “A Car is not a Home” fundraiser event will be held at Faith Harbor on June 9-10. The event starts at 7 pm on Friday for fun activities including music, corn hole, games, snacks, and drinks. Participants will go to their cars at 10:00 pm for quiet and sleep time through the night. Coffee and breakfast will be served at 7:30 am under the tent. Food is donated by Farm to Sea and coffee from Surf City Coffee. If you cannot spend the night, please come and participate in the fun activities.

The **Nursing Home Ministry** has begun! We will join the members of the Gathering Church of Surf City on Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am in the Memory Care Unit at the Woodbury Wellness Center located at 2778 Country Club Dr, Hampstead, NC. You are welcome to join us on any Sunday to worship and visit with the residents especially on the following Sundays: **July 2nd...July 23rd...August 13th.**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” –John 3:16

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“Love...Loves...Loved” ...!

“Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced”. —James Baldwin (1924–1987)



Please join us on Tuesday mornings for our weekly workday from 8:00-12:00. *We would love to see you!*



Summer Youth Kick-off

When: Sunday, June 4th

Time: 5 - 8:00p.m.

For: Rising 6th - 12th grade & Families

Please join us for games, water slide & dinner...Bring a friend!

RSVP by May 29th to Jewels #910-232-9844

New Bible Study! If you are a rising 6th through 9th grader, please join us for a HOT breakfast, Bible Study and Games. Transportation is available if needed. Bring a friend!

Time: 9:30 – 11:00a.m.

When: Tuesdays in the Reef

Date: June 6th – July 11th

Contact: DeAnne Chryst (910) 524-5705

United Women in Faith News

Good morning ladies of Faith Harbor UMC. YOU ARE INVITED to participate in our upcoming activities of the United Women in Faith, including the following:

Meeting on Tuesday, 6 June, at 4pm at the church. Our agenda includes planning to host the Family Night Supper on Wednesday, 7 June, at 6pm. The menu will be a variety of sandwiches, sides and desserts. Please respond to Bonnie by text or phone at 540 621 3645. We need your contribution and your presence.

Other agenda items for the meeting will focus on a review of the UWIF web page update; Father's Day tribute for June 18; plans for next Frozen entree/Bake Sale; reports from Thrift Store, Mercy Abounds and the Keep Me Dry diaper program; and a message from Sherri Davila regarding hosting the Harbor District Annual Meeting in October.

Hope you can join us at the meeting and Family Night Supper. Contact Bonnie Hunter: 540 621 3645.



ALL ARE INVITED to the FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER for fellowship and good food. Hope to see you there!



The men of the church are gathering on the third Saturday of each month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. Please join us as we venture forth in establishing a permanent and sustainable ministry for all men in the church.

For more information contact Dave Davila at davila21@bellsouth.net or Tom Jackson at tsjaction@yahoo.com

The Quilting Mission meets on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Please join us...no experience necessary. Any questions, feel free to call Alma at (540) 588-0738



The Thrift Store is looking for gently used children's clothes for summer.

Reminder: Donations for the thrift store should always come through the Harbor Warehouse. *Thank you for your support!*

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Beth Walker: (252) 213-2240

Gloria Richardson: (704) 804-4909
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS...



Please join us every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for Children's Story Time!
Tell a friend, bring a friend!

A look ahead: Vacation Bible School June 26th-29th. 5:30 - 8:30pm. Dinner will be served! Sign-up forms are available in the Narthex. *If you would like to volunteer during VBS, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board near the kitchen. It takes many hands to make VBS possible! If you cannot commit to all four days, please consider signing up to help one evening or for decorating, cleaning up. Thank you for your support!*



SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER:

1) Sun., June 4th~ Summer Youth Kickoff Event from 5-8pm at the church. We will have a huge waterslide, games, cornhole, etc. All Youth (including rising 6th graders) & families are welcomed to join us. Dinner is being provided, Come join the fun! Jewels Swain & Deanne Chryst are the contacts. *Click on link below to RSVP for the Event https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt9AAIjkkpdA_ZPtitQFtweLyN7CBth4tDRcbVevzUeMAd_A/viewform?usp=sf_link

2) MS Summer Breakfast & Bible study & games~ June 6th- July 11th (Rising 6th- 9th grade). Transportation can be provided. Deanne Chryst is the contact person.

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3) VBS at Faith Harbor UMC~ June 25-29th. All MS & HS youth are encouraged to serve in the different areas.

4) MS youth local missions~ July 19-23rd, VBS at Maple Hill Presbyterian Church. Pastor Philip is the contact person.

5) HS Summer Mission trip~ July 17-21st through Camp Generate in Asheville, NC. Deposits have already been paid. More info. soon. If your youth has NOT signed up & they are interested- please contact Jewels Swain ASAP.

Special Note: General bAsiC Youth T-shirts that can be worn to any event/trip have been ordered and they look awesome!! We will have plenty of sizes on hand. We hope they will be in by the Summer Kickoff event. We will let you know once they have arrived! Cost to youth is a discounted rate of \$10. Thank you!

Feel free to contact me should you need further information about anything listed here. We thank you for your faithful support and prayers for our youth and this ministry. Peace be with you.

Blessings,
Jewels Swain, Youth Coordinator

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Whatever the forecast, I can trust in God's care.

God covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

-Psalm 147:8 (NIV)



Members: Joyce Arnette; Ray Blackburn; Nancy Buckman, *Judy Clemmons and family*; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Patty Feige; Janet Hughes; Martha Marlow; Hank & Jan Maser; Tony Merlino; Larry & Becki Modlin; Sean Mooney, Wendy Mooney and family; Judy Pratt

Military: Joe Fraley, Alex Harris, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Greg Holmes; Sgt. Joey Horne; Abbie Kizer, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Tyler Ray, David Ritz, Michael Roberson, Charlotte Taylor

Family and Friends: *Blanche Boone; Friends and Family of Beth Brookins; Scott Carlson (Gail Ace's nephew); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Parker Fox; the family of Danny Hoopes; Linda Kimrey's granddaughter Carolyn; Tim Maser; Wendy Mooney's mother Shirley; Virginia (and Jimmy Platts); Johnny Paliotti and his mother Donna; Sue & Ted Penny (Vance's Mother & Father); Barbara & Neil Schilling; Mary Sloan; Stephen Smith; Nancy Sproull*

Website Prayer Requests: Lorraine Chavez and Joe; Seve and Jackie

And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort, and healing. Heavenly Father, I am praying for complete healing and good health. Please take away my worries & grant me inner peace and strength. AMEN



JUNE

1st: Jim Ellis; Roger Morton; Bobby Phillips
3rd: William Cosner
4th: Savannah Harrison
5th: Melissa Schleinkofer; Amanda Williams
6th: Jackson Moore
7th: Sherri Davila
9th: Aiden Moore
12th: Liz Albertson
13th: Nathan Chryst
17th: Spencer Henry
18th: Lydia Blackburn; Paula Hopper; Kim McCluskey
21st: Nancy McCurtin; Brock Woolard; David Davila
23rd: Paula Fox
25th: Alan Sasser; Tony Merlino
26th: Lisa Byrd
29th: Paula Austin
30th: Donna Fisher; Sydney Burgess

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

Sunday, 6/04~ Quilt Sunday

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Communion Service
10:30 Adult Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Youth Summer Kick-off

Monday, 6/05

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
6:30p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, 6/06- Workday

7:30 Open Prayer
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6
9:30 MS Bible Study/Reef
10:00 Children's Storytime
4:00p.m. UWIF Meeting
6:30p.m. Spiritual Gifts Class
7:00p.m. Women's AA Group/Reef

Wednesday, 6/07

9:30 Communion
6:00p.m. UWIF Family Night Supper
7:00p.m. Boy Scouts/Reef
7:00p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, 6/08

7:30 Open Prayer
12:00 AA Group, Rm. 6

Friday, 6/09

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group
7:00p.m. Roots of Recovery Fundraiser
(Ends Saturday @ 10:00a.m.)

Sunday, 6/11

8:00 Beach Service
9:30 Worship Service
10:30 Adult Bible Study