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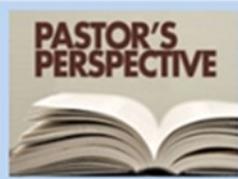


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"Simon son of John, do you love me?" (John 21:16)

Yesterday we talked about the story of Thomas and how maybe our

understanding of his "doubt" might be misplaced. Instead of looking at Tom's story as something to criticize, maybe we should look at him as a model for our own journey of discipleship and how our honest questions can lead us to a deeper relationship with Christ and help us to become more faithful disciples. Questions are not bad things. The more we know about God, the more we want to know and that requires us to ask questions so we can learn.

One of the things we did not talk about in yesterday's story was the way John's gospel seems to end with Chapter 20. Verse 31 says: *"These [signs] are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."* That makes a great ending to John's beautiful gospel about Jesus the Messiah. The book could end there and we would be satisfied. However, maybe the gospel isn't written to satisfy us.

There is more to the story for John and he keeps going into Chapter 21. In the final chapter John gives us a glimpse of another encounter between the disciples and the Risen Christ. It is a story we have heard before that takes place along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. This is the site where Jesus prepares fish for breakfast and eats with the disciples. It is here that we find that familiar story of Jesus questioning Simon Peter three times: "Do you love me?"

It is this story and the way that John places it at the end of his gospel that leads me to think that there is so much more to the Resurrection story than first meets the eye. The other gospel writers end with a version of the Great Commission story and/or Jesus ascending into heaven.

These endings challenge us to go and make more disciples; to go and tell others about Jesus. John's "sub-ending" in Chapter 20 leads us in that same direction. But here, with this other ending, John makes everything very personal. *"Do you love me?"*

The Resurrection story is certainly a call for us to go and tell others what we have seen and heard; you have heard me make this challenge more than once in worship. John takes us further in our journey toward discipleship by reminding us that our love for Jesus must translate into action that manifests love to other people. This is more than simply telling people what we know; it means showing people who we are.

Yesterday's message was called **"Body of Proof."** I said that we are the body of proof for people who are desperately seeking to know God and yet they need proof that Jesus is real. As the Body of Christ we are also that body of proof. Jesus asked, *"Do you love me?"* Then he said: *"Feed my sheep."* The call for us is to feed, tend, and care for God's people. We do these things, not because we think we need to earn God's favor or because we feel guilty that we have more than somebody else. **We do these things because we love Jesus...We love Jesus because he loved us first.** This is a very personal commitment. Do what God wants *because* we are loved.

I remember a Beatles song called, *"All You Need is Love;"* it reminded me that much of their music was about love and the way love shapes and re-shapes everything. Maybe that's why the end of John's gospel sticks in my mind... *"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so..."* Because Jesus loves me, I have lots of work to do.

*May the Love of Christ be with you always,
Pastor Don*



UMW & the Herbal Affair

April 19th is the day!
We will be weighing, packaging, pricing, and labeling all the goodies. Now all we need is.....

GOODIES! We need cookies, cakes, candies,

bread, party mixes, pies, cupcakes and so much more. Get out the recipes and start gathering ingredients now. The Herbal Affair is Saturday, April 20th.

All Goodies need to be here on Friday, April 19 at 9 a.m. in the Narthex/Parlor. Please be sure to include a list of the ingredients for every recipe.

Someone's Praying Lord.....

Next Sunday, April 14, we're having a Pot Luck supper celebrating our 99th Birthday. We will be kicking off a one-year celebration, leading to 100 years of Methodism in Sand Springs. That is much to be thankful for, but we must remember the prayer, hard work, and dedication of all those Methodists before us to get us to where we are today.

I would like to challenge each of us to dedicate ourselves to praying every day this year for our church and the direction God wants us to take during the next 100 years. I know we will be amazed at what God is doing and will continue to do as He blesses our faithfulness. Remember to pray, not only for our church family as it is today, but for all those who will walk in our doors and join our family of God in years to come. Let's pray! Virginia

Support Our Youth

Check out the youth article in this newsletter so you can find out how to sponsor a youth for mission trips and camps. No matter how much you can donate, it all helps!!!

Life Line Screening

We are again offering Stroke/Carotid Artery screenings, Heart Rhythm screening (atrial fibrillation), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening, Peripheral Arterial Disease screening and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. Sign up by calling 800-324-9458 and give them the "Source Code: HSC7146". This source code gives our members and their families a \$10 discount and gives us a \$10 donation. Screenings are May 2nd-F. Hall.

Visual Disability Support Group

The Support Group for the visually limited will meet at 10:00 am on Monday, April 15th in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker this month will be Tracy Warren from the Central Library's Outreach Program. She will tell us all about the books on tape and CD programs available to us. Be sure to bring your ideas for our group's name. If you need a ride, call Gerrie Holliday, 918-245-4567, or Judy Bullard, 918-241-6890. We look forward to another great meeting!

Help Wanted!

Do you have a Wednesday night a month to help be a van driver or van rider for our youth? We are looking for a few more drivers to rotate for the month! Please Call Graeme @ 918-245-5955 If Interested!

Thanks!

Wedding Shower

*Katherine Ward & Jason Sposato are
marring May 25th of 2013.*

We are giving them a Wedding Shower

April 27 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor

*She and Jason are registered at Macy's
and Bed, Bath and Beyond.*

We hope you all can attend.



Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

On April 21st we will be having our annual youth mission trip Spaghetti fundraiser!!! This is a free will donation event! Sunday's bulletin will have an insert to sign

up. You can choose to eat in or pick up and take home. The luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall after Sunday school at 11 a.m. and after the Classic service at 12 p.m. You can also call the office to sign up. Support Youth Missions and Enjoy a good plate of spaghetti, salad and bread!!! You won't want to miss out.

SENIORS IN ACTION!

This month we'll visit Living Arts of Tulsa, an art gallery in the Brady District of downtown Tulsa, to see Natalie Slater's showing called "Mother Road Revisited". Natalie is a grad student at TU and, for her thesis, she has created about 100 pictures depicting "then and now" photographs of our beloved Route 66. Living Arts of Tulsa is open in the afternoons only, so we will meet for lunch and then tour the gallery.

On Wednesday, April 17th, please meet at church at 11:30 to carpool to our surprise lunch destination in downtown Tulsa. We'll tour the Living Arts Gallery, 307 Brady St., at about 1 p.m. Please sign up with Max or Sharon Schuermann at church, or call 918-246-9159.



Come Celebrate the Centennial Kick-Off

You've heard us talking about it...

April 2014 we will celebrate 100 years of Methodism in Sand Springs.

This is a big deal and it's going to be lots of fun!

Sunday, April 14th – THIS YEAR – that's next Sunday...

We will kick-off the celebration with an All-Church Pot Luck Dinner. We will gather at the Family Life Center around 5:30 pm Sunday afternoon. We need everyone to bring something delicious to share.

Whatever you bring – that's what we eat! We need main dishes, veggies, salads, and desserts...Whatever you want to share with your church friends. It's a real old-fashioned Pot Luck.

There will also be some fun activities to help us get the celebration going and prepare for next year's big hoopla! **Please plan to join us on Sunday, April 14, 2013 at 5:30 PM at the Family Life Center.**

Happy 99th Birthday to Methodism in Sand Springs!



Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers April 14

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discovery
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Marty David
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Marty David
Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
Child. Church-11:00 a.m.-Susie Honeycutt & Family
Counters-Diana Pond & Jack Vest
Youth Dinner for Wed.-April 10-CIA/Pathfinders

Sunday Volunteers April 21

Visitors Center & Coffee-Discovery class
Head Usher-8:30 a.m.-Frank Johnston
Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
Young Disciples Lesson-8:30 a.m.-Jami Warkentin
Young Disciples Lesson-11:00 a.m.-Jami Warkentin
Children's Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
Child. Church-11 a.m.-Jami Warkentin & Kat Katzung
Counters-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder
Youth Dinner for Wed., April 17-TNT

Please Keep In Prayer

PRAYER LIST

Ruth Weaver, Donna Woodruff, Keith Dickerson, Destinee Tackett, Sylvia Johnson, Clinton Wilson, Phil Cearley, Glen Almy, Martha Scudder, Virginia Vice, Margaret Pyeatt, Jeanne McClafin, Doug Baldrige, Charles Hughes

**Submitted Prayer requests will remain on our prayer list for 30 days. Please notify the church office if you would like your request to be included beyond this time. Thank you.*

Acknowledgements

Thank You...

...for the cards, visits and phone calls. The food was wonderful! You are such a great church family! I am doing much better thanks to your prayers!

Joyce Stewart and Family

Crumbs From The Cracker

News:

the Awakening Vision:

"To Stretch the Church and to Redeem the un-Churched all to Glorify God"

Spaghetti Lunch Is Coming Up!!!!

On April 21st don't miss this awesome youth event!!! We will be having our annual youth mission trip Spaghetti fundraiser!!! This is a free will donation event! There are pre-sign up sheets for if you want to pick up after one of our services, or just come and join us and eat some delicious food!!

Pie/Dessert Auction:

Do you have a secret recipe for a pie that everyone loves? We will be having our second annual pie auction for our youth mission team members! Would you be willing to donate it to the youth program for the auction that will take place on May 5th? Last year our students raised a total of \$1,645.00 from our Pie Auction!!! Please call the church and speak to Graeme if you are interested in preparing a pie or dessert for the pie Auction and/or fill out one of our Pie/Dessert Auction bulletin inserts this Sunday!! Mark your calendar to come and bid on a Pie or Dessert... or two!!! Thanks!

Sponsor A Youth!!!!

Do you want to invest into the future of our church? We are looking for people to sponsor some of our students who want to attend our youth summer mission trip and summer camp!!!! If this interests you, please please make out all donations to SSUMC and in the memo "Sponsor Youth Missions" or "Sponsor Youth Camp". This is an amazing way to contribute to the youth of our church! Thanks!

Disciple Summer Camp 6th, 7th, 8th !!!!

Are you a going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grade????? Have we got an awesome summer planned for you!!! This year we will be going to Disciple Camp located in Tahlequah, OK!!! The dates for disciple camp are May 31st- June 4th. The cost for Disciple Camp is \$240.00. SSUMC will pay half, which means all you have to pay is \$120.00!!!!!! Great price for a great summer camp experience!!!! Deadline to sign up for Disciple camp is April 24th.

Dayspring Summer Camp 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, Grads!!!

Looking for a life changing moment with Jesus? Don't miss out on our first year attending Dayspring Camp located at Camp W.O.W.! This is going to be a super awesome week at camp!!! The dates for Dayspring are July 6th- July 10th. The cost for Dayspring is \$250.00. SSUMC will pay half, which means all you have to pay is \$125.00!!!!!! You don't want to miss this camp experience!!!! Deadline to sign up for Dayspring camp is May 7th

Youth Teachings:

Our youth have started our new series called "Friends" in week 1 they covered part of the book of Nehemiah and how "Friends" can "Support" or how "Friends" can "Distract". Week 2 we will be

looking at "Friends" who "Put Down" and "Friends" who "Build Up".

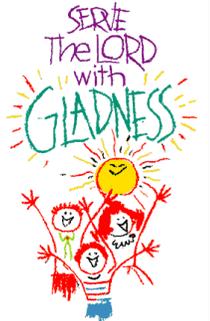
Upcoming Dates:

- April 10th- Friends Wk 2 "Build Up Vs. Put Down" @630pm
- April 14th- 99th Anniversary Party!!! @530 @ Family Life Center
- April 17th- Friends Wk 3 @630pm "Real Vs. Two Faced"
- April 21st- Spaghetti Lunch!!! Youth Mission Fundraiser!!!!
- April 21st- Youth Mission Team Meeting 5pm-7pm

(If you are interested in being apart of any of these upcoming events please do not hesitate to call me at 918-245-5955, or email me at gcollett@sandspringsumc.org)

Kidzone

It's hard to believe that Easter has come and gone. We heard a wonderful story about one of our children in Kidzone. She was overheard telling her mother that she was excited about Easter. Her mother asked her if she was excited about hunting Easter eggs. And the little girl said that wasn't what she was excited about. She was excited about CHURCH on Easter Sunday. When was the last time you were excited about church? Definitely something to think about.



We made the Holy Week scrapbooks this week in Sunday School. Anyone who wasn't here can complete them this next Sunday. They are really awesome!

We will begin our rotation on the Disciples on April 21st. The memory verse is: Psalm 96:3 "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples." They will earn bible bucks and be entered into a special drawing for memorizing this Bible verse.

See you Sunday!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FLC-Family Life Center

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast—Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Bible Study
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening
6:00 p.m.-No Chancel Ringers
7:00 p.m.-No Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 11

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music
11:00 a.m.-Needlers
7:00 p.m.-Stewardship

Friday, April 12

No Activities

Saturday, April 13

No Activities

Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m.-Modern Worship
10:00 a.m.-Sunday School
11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship
2:00 p.m.-Trustee Meeting
5:30 p.m.-Centennial Kickoff-FLC

Monday, April 15

10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
10:00 a.m.-visual Disability Support Group-F. Hall
7:00 p.m.-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 p.m.-Praise Team Practice
7:00 p.m.-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, April 17

7:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
10:00 a.m.-Bible Study-F. Hall
10:00 a.m.-Exercise to Music-FLC
6:30 p.m.-The Awakening-Youth-FLC
6:00 p.m.-Chancel Ringers
7:00 p.m.-Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 18

No Activities

Friday, April 19

9:00 a.m.-UMW Work Day-Upstairs

Saturday, April 20

All Day-Herbal Affair

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Biscuits & Gravy & Eggs

Before walking around at the Herbal Affair on April 20th,

stop by the fellowship hall for some biscuits & gravy and eggs. The Volunteers In Mission for the SSUMC will be serving breakfast from

7:00 a.m. to 11 a.m. or until the food runs out! What a great way to start the day!!

Donations will be accepted.



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