



### "Seeing the Image of God"

"It's a great day for America, everybody!"

That's how Craig Ferguson started every show when he hosted the Late Late Show for ten years. As late night talk shows go Ferguson's was always a little different in that it was more improvisational and always felt a little lower budget, especially compared to its current iteration hosted by James Corden. I always appreciated Ferguson as a host because he always seemed incredibly honest while delivering his monologue.

On one particular show in February of 2007 Ferguson gave one of his famously honest monologues on an event that happened over the weekend: the very public mental breakdown of pop music star Britney Spears. This clip of his monologue from this show has been making the rounds lately with the recent release of the documentary, *Framing Britney Spears*.

In the clip, Ferguson talks about how he has, in many ways up to that point, made a living by making fun of people. He talks about how he had made fun of an actor on the show, but then met that actor in person not long afterwards and how the actor was nice to him in spite of the mean things that he had said about the actor. Ferguson talks about how this experience has caused him to rethink how he does things on the show. "At what price am I doing this stuff?" he asks himself. "I wanna' be able to be funny, but [also] I wanna' be able to get some sleep!"

"I think my aims been off a bit recently, I want to change a bit, and so tonight: no Britney Spears jokes." Ferguson goes on to talk about how, that very same weekend, he was 15 years sober. He talks about his own struggles with alcoholism and his own mental breakdowns. The real difference between Craig Ferguson and Britney Spears? At the time of Ferguson's struggles he wasn't famous and there weren't any cameras pointed at him.

"This woman has 2 kids, she's 25 years old, she's a baby herself," he says. In that moment, the person that was the butt of the joke seemed much more like a human being that really, genuinely, needed help from people who loved her. Ferguson points to us a problem that should be very apparent to us as Christians: people should not be treated like objects. People should be treated like people, because people are made in God's own image.

When Jesus tells us in Matthew 7:12, "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets," he is telling us that the heart of Christian ethics is having empathy for other human beings. It means seeing the image of God in others. It means weeping when others struggle with sin and brokenness.

As we are (God willing!) approaching the end of the pandemic, I want to encourage you (and myself, for that matter) to think about how we can better treat people like people and not like objects. I want to encourage you (and myself!) to better see the image of God in others.

## KidZone News



Good morning- just checking in with all of you and hope you are doing okay during our crazy Winter weather. We miss seeing all of you and hope that soon we can be together again. Always remember that Jesus is with you each and every day.

Take care-we hope you stayed warm during the snow and are enjoying the sunshine now!!!

Love and prayers,  
Ms. Debbie & Ms.Marty

### TITHES & OFFERINGS...

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### "The Prayer Box"

Dick Ford, Maureen Gibson, Sylvia Johnson, Wava Burt, Ralph Rand, Betty & Linda Lund, Suzanne and Valerie Jones, Ralph Ward, Gordonna Fisher, Raymond Mason, Harry Alford, Vi McAllister, Barbara McClintock, Montie & Betty Box, Bruce Warren  
Prayer Chains And Unspoken Requests

### UMW Needs Treats Coming Soon...

#### Herbal Affair

Dust off those recipes because as of today, the Herbal Affair is back on and scheduled for April 17. I'm sure there will be changes to comply with health department guidelines, but isn't it great that we have the opportunity to get somewhat back to normal. I will share more information as it becomes available.

Questions -- Karen Wilder. In the meantime, be well and stay safe.



### Daily Prayer

Monday-Thursday

12:30 p.m.

Live on Facebook

Available on the SSUMC Facebook Page

### Sunday Worship

11:00 a.m.

Live on Facebook

Available on SSUMC Facebook Page

Uploaded to YouTube after the service

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### The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.*

*Amen.*

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