



September 2017 A VIEW FROM THE PULPIT

In the ancient world, no class of men was more despised than the tax collectors. Yet Jesus passed by one in Capernaum and said "Follow me" Matthew rose. The scribes and Pharisees challenged Matthew's worthiness.

Little Matthew was seven years old. He too had been labeled a troublemaker. One Sunday in the fall he was especially wound up, wiggling, talking climbing, trying to chase some of the other kids around the room, "Sit DOWN Matthew the teacher almost shouted trying to be heard over the noise of a fire truck, as it went down the road in front of the church with its siren screaming full blast. Matthew waved his hand in the air and bounced up and down.

"What is it Matthew?" the teacher asked.

Evidently the fire truck going by had troubled him. "Could we pray for the people whose house might be on fire?" he asked.

"Of course we can." The teacher said. And they did and silently the teacher also prayed that she might be more forgiving and patient with Matthew.

Sometimes we label people instead of loving them. Troublemaker, criminals, thugs, rabble rouser -- tax collector --- like Pharisees we focus only on the negative. We see the result in places like Charlottesville --- or closer to home, Durham. Yet it was Matthew, trained in careful record-keeping who gave us the fullest account of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount where we read: ***"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."*** (Matthew 5:9)

Can many in this country be called God's Children? Shouldn't we pray for a change in attitude to more closely mirror Jesus word's in the Be-Attitudes.

Rev. George Walton
Stated Supply Pastor



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

THE STORMS OF SUMMER

The timing of the Lords work is miraculous. We have been so dry and the heat so persistent and then comes the storms. The rains pounding down to nourish the earth.

The Ladies Coordinating Team is kind of like the summer storms. We sort of take a break and then we are up and running again and commitments up through the end of the year.

We talked about the Bazaar and all the work that is coming up and decided on a date for a pizza supper and some planning so that we can get our tickets printed. Like last year's Bazaar, the Raffle will be several prizes for several drawings, so we need a lot of participation from all of our members.

We discussed the team of ladies going off the council and the new ones that we have not yet found. How will we operate without our leaders? Anne and Jackie have done such a wonderful job. They are ready for a break and no one feels they can fill the shoes of those two super women. They are to be praised for being so devoted to their calling. But, we will not stress, because God will never leave us. He has promised us that if he calls, we will follow our hearts and do what we feel we can. Will you pray about leading the ladies? If you have been on the Coordinating Team or are willing to help out in any area, we need volunteers for so many things. The Bazaar needs leaders and participants and the list is endless. The ladies always have so much to share and we discuss our participation in reaching out to those that are in

need and pray for our sick and those unable to be with us each Sunday because of hardships.

We meet the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and try not to run much more than an hour. It is very rewarding to know that we are working to do Gods work in our church.

Our church is of one foundation. The men have their meetings and the women theirs, but we work together on all fundraisers and events, so the rewards of a team are great accomplishments for the good of us all at Buffalo. Glory be to God for our church family, joining together as one.

To God be the glory.

Jan Renwick, Women of the Church



2017 BAZAAR – OCTOBER 7th

8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.



COME FOR PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE

**Please join the Women of the Church for our annual fund-raiser Bazaar. Invite your friends, relatives, neighbors, and strangers!
Great Food, Crafts, Canned & Farm Goods, Autumn Flowers and RAFFLE PRIZES!**

Remember with love and prayer:



CHURCH MEMBERS: Lynda Bowers, Sheila Brewer, Nellie Cox, Greg Deck, Barbara Jo Glass, Sandie Lemons, Lois Martin, Pam McDonald, and Susan Mierisch

FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS:

Vernell Cersosimo, Linda Crompton, MacKenzie Deck, Brielle Frear, Lynn Godwin, Inez Holt, Michael Holt, Stanley Jones, Taylor Jones, David Key, Elaine McBryde, Sam McClearn, Marie Robinson, Carson Setzer, Mary and Jerry Smith, Doug Ury, Allison Williams, and Theresa Williams

FRIENDS OF CHURCH MEMBERS: Ruth Berryman, Jarrett Blackwell, Billy Boaz, Noah Clifton, Wendy Cole, Michelle Daurity, Billy Edwards, Jim Griggs, Dr. Earlie Hill, Leroy Hughes, Eva Jones, Kim King, Will Kirkland, Kasyn Kolacinski, Judy Lloyd, Pat Maguire, Rebecca Mansfield, Wendy McBryde, Chris McRae, Mary Quinn, Sue Roney, Frank Tibbett, Sandra Ward, Marie Wicker, and Emily H. Wright

WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS

August 06, 2017 – \$2312.00

August 13, 2017 – \$1727.60

August 20, 2017 – \$1078.00

August 27, 2017 – \$ 720.00

5 Cents A Meal Offering – \$ 63.52

BackPack Kids Offering – \$110.92

Deadline for articles to be included in the next issue of the newsletter will be Thurs., September 21st by 9:00 a.m.



FLOWERS WILL BE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY DURING SEPTEMBER BY THE FOLLOWING:

09/03/17 – by Larry & Anne Collins in memory of Loved Ones

09/10/17 – by Larry & Anne Collins in memory of Loved Ones

09/17/17 – by Buddy & Darlene McNeill in honor of their
Wedding Anniversary

09/24/17 – by WOC in honor of Installation of Officers



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sept. 01st – George Walton

Sept. 01st – Bobby Johnson

Sept. 04th – Evelyn Johnson

Sept. 05th – Greg Hales

Sept. 08th – Nellie Cox

Sept. 08th – Katherine Ritter

Sept. 11th – Lisa C. Moore

Sept. 24th – Carson Wilson

Sept. 24th – Lois Martin

Sept. 24th – Karen Walton

Sept. 30th – Karen Brewer

Sept. 30th – Jeffrey Burke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/GREETER

Sept. 03rd

Sept. 10th

Sept. 17th

Sept. 24th

Buddy McNeill

J. W. Bailes

Larry Collins

Karen Johnson





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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Adult Sunday School Class meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

For the month of September, we will study the following lessons:

Sept. 03rd The Rainbow

Sept. 10th Circumcision

Sept. 17th Sabbath Observance

Sept. 24th Spirit-Filled Heart

Genesis 8:20 – 9:17

Genesis 17

Genesis 2:1-3;

Exodus 31:12-18; Isaiah 56:1-8

Ezekiel 36-37;

Titus 3:1-11



Session Corner

Highlights from Stated Meeting held Aug. 13, 2017

Pastor: Rev. Walton reported 24 home visits, 6 hospital visits, 1 non-member funeral and 5 other church meetings for the months of June and July.

Administration: Secretary's vacation request, Nov. 6 – 8 was approved. Scholarships of \$500 were awarded to Christian Johns and to Logan Key. The Session wishes each of you a very successful year at college!

Worship: It was agreed to hold Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. A call for Advent readers will go out shortly.

Christian Education: Larry invites all to Sunday School led by Anne Collins at 9:45 a.m.

Congregational Care: No report

Women: The Church Bazaar has been scheduled for October 7. Prizes for the raffle will be discussed at a meeting August 14 so tickets can be printed.

Old Business: The Wedding Policy was addressed and the costs are: \$250-Sanctuary, \$200-Fellowship Hall, \$100-cleaning Fee, Church Consultant/Host-\$100. If either the Bride or Groom are church members, the Cleaning Fee could be refunded if church is left undamaged and clean. No one other than Consultant/Host is allowed to touch the sound system and it MUST be put back to original settings.

New Business: Garbage pick-up is now on Monday. Girl Scout Sponsorship Agreement was authorized to be signed. Patrick will be the ruling elder chairperson of the Elder Nominating Committee. The church will not be participating in the World Communion Sunday Service in the Park.

Next Stated Session Meeting will be September 10, 2017.

Jean Wilberg, Assistant to the Clerk

AMAZING STORY

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. 'I want to repay you,' said the nobleman. 'You saved my son's life.' 'No, I can't accept payment for what I did,' the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. 'Is that your son?' the nobleman asked. 'Yes,' the farmer replied proudly. 'I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of.' And that he did.

Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill. Someone once said: What goes around comes around.



Work like you don't need the money.
Love like you've never been hurt.
Dance like nobody's watching.
Sing like nobody's listening.
Live like it is Heaven on Earth.

AN IRISH FRIENDSHIP WISH:

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.
And may you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead.

Shared by Jean Wilberg

It Will Be Better Than Biscuits

A minister was attending a men's breakfast. He asked one of the older farmers in attendance to say the prayer that morning. The farmer began, Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going. Then the farmer said, Lord, I hate lard. Now the pastor was worried. But the farmer prayed on, And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw flour. " As the pastor was about to stop everything, the farmer continued, But Lord, when you mix'em all together and bakes'em up, I do love me those fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are saying to us, we just need to relax and wait till You are done fixin and probably it will be something even better than biscuits. Amen.

Shared by Sarah Monson



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