

A Note from the Pastor

I hope you have enjoyed listening to the sermon series, “Characteristics of a Disciple” as much as I have enjoyed speaking on the characteristics that should be evident in the life of a follower of Jesus. I have really enjoyed digging into the parables of Jesus and sharing with you how relevant they still are for us today. It is hard to believe that the series has gone on for 9 weeks as we have investigated 9 different characteristics from 9 different parables. These characteristics are:

- Humility
- Shrewdness
- Mercy
- Forgiveness
- Being a Good Neighbor
- Faithfulness
- Love
- Being Prepared
- Generosity

I have learned a lot about these characteristics as I prepared the sermons and I hope you learned from them as well. As much as I will miss that series, I am looking forward to our new sermon series called “Living Generously”. We will be looking at how God would have us live in the area of giving. I will tell you there may be some surprises in this series. So I hope you will be present each of the next four Sundays as we learn what God would have us to know concerning “living generously”.

Fall - A Time of Planning

While cooler temperatures, a little less rain (hopefully), falling leaves, and football are what we normally think of when we think of Fall, it is also a time when we are asked to plan for our next year of ministry in the church. We will be meeting in various committees to decide who will do what next year and what our budget will be. I ask that you be in prayer for the Lay Leadership, Finance, and Staff Pastor Relations teams as they make some important decisions. I also ask that you consider and pray about in which area God would have you serve and what your financial commitment will be in 2017. Obviously, we are better able to plan how we can best utilize our financial resources if we know approximately how much we have to work with. As in the past we are asking our members and regular attenders to give us an estimate of what they plan to give next year. The numbers you return to us certainly are not binding; however, it does help us with our planning. Look for a letter and commitment card to come out the first week of October for your consideration. We will have a special time for collecting the commitment cards during the services on Sunday, October 23. If you know you won't be present on that Sunday, would you please return your commitment card prior to that date by mail or in person. It would be much appreciated.

Newsletter and Website Changes

You probably noticed that the Church Newsletter has come a little earlier and is taking a slightly different format. Our plan is to send the newsletter monthly to keep you informed of what is going on in our church. Please have all newsletter articles to Lucrecia by the 25th of the month. You can send your articles to Lucrecia by email at admin@davidhaasumc.org or phone 318-405-0332.

We also hope to have the newsletter available soon by email. In addition to saving postage costs, receiving the newsletter by email means you will receive it sooner, photos will be in color, and important web links will be available. If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please let us know by emailing Cleo at office@davidhaasumc.org. Also, if you are web active I invite you check out our updated website - davidhaasumc.org. We have added a church activity calendar and a calendar with upcoming sermon titles. There is also a link where you can view past newsletters.

Calendar of Events

Mon Oct 3	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Boy Scouts - Scout Room
Tue Oct 4	10:00am – 11:00am	Bayou Vista Nursing Home Ministry
	2:30pm – 3:30pm	Service at Bailey Place - Bailey Place
Wed Oct 5	5:00pm – 6:30pm	Choir Practice
Sun Oct 9	6:00pm – 7:30pm	UMYF - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall
Mon Oct 10	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Boy Scouts - Scout Room
Tue Oct 11	11:30am – 12:30pm	Women's Fellowship at Rocky's - Rocky's
	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Finance Team Meeting
Sat Oct 15	9:30am – 1:00pm	Mission Sewing Project & Fellowship - Fellowship Hall
Sun Oct 16	3:00pm – 6:00pm	Trinity 26th Anniversary - Trinity UMC
Tue Oct 18	10:00am – 11:00am	Bayou Vista Nursing Home Ministry
Wed Oct 19	5:00pm – 6:30pm	Choir Practice
Sun Oct 23	6:00pm – 7:30pm	UMYF - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall
Mon Oct 24	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Boy Scouts - Scout Room
Tue Oct 25	6:30am – 7:30am	Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
Mon Oct 31	6:30pm – 8:00pm	Boy Scouts - Scout Room

Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference is being held on Sunday, November 13th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church in Opelousas. This is a special time of conducting church business and worshipping with our District Superintendent. We will be joining with several other churches in our area and I want to encourage all of you who can to come and be a part.

DO YOU LIKE TO READ?

The United Methodist Women creates a book list each year with topics in five categories: Spiritual Growth, Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Leadership Development. For several years I have wanted to be in a reading group that picks from their titles to read and discuss. The goal of reading these books would be to help expand our understanding of our part in God's mission, increase our understanding of all people, encourage critical thinking about current issues, and to grow in our understanding of Scripture as it relates to our contemporary lives. Besides those worthy reasons, I've enjoyed the several selections I've read from the lists and think others would as well and I think it would be fun to read and discuss the books as a group once a month. Also, don't let the cost of buying books keep you from considering this – I may have a way to purchase books for those who want to join me! If you like to read and like to get together with others let me know. I'd love to head up a Book Club in Bunkie!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All women - youth and adult - are invited to come and assist with a mission project on Saturday, October 15 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making personal hygiene items to be sent to teens and young women in Africa with the hopes of allowing them to stay in school throughout the year. The morning will start with a short devotion and a short introduction to the project. Then we'll start the work! A lunch will be provided for all who help.

Ways you will help:

- tracing patterns onto material
- cutting out the pattern
- If you can use a sewing machine – you may be put to work sewing!

Please contact Cindy Ridgedell at 318-294-5193 or Glenda Baker at 318-876-2353 for information on this opportunity!

Would love for you to come and be a part of something bigger than you could do on your own!

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