

July 18, 2018

From the pastors' Heart & Soul

COMING UP

Friday, July 20

Fun Food Friday

Whitewater Center

Meet at 11a at the church.

Youth Pool Party at the Deans'
5:00-8:00p

July 23-28

Unidiversity Youth Camp
University of TN

Friends at Home

Jean Thomas

151 E. Dallas Road

Stanley, NC 28164

704-931-4186

Sympathy is extended to

Bruce White in the
recent death of his father

Leslie Blum and family in the
recent death of her step-father

Recovering from Recent Surgery

John Paris

In the Hospital

Scott Bengel

CMC ICU

Cards and letters mailed to:

4625 Piedmont Row Dr. Unit 515
Charlotte, NC 28210

Prayer of Confession:

Maternal God

you conceive us and give birth to us
nurture us

smile at us every day
protect us and feed us

give us words to say

show us how to walk

cheer for us in our successes

wipe our tears when we fail

encourage us and dream big for us

and love us for who we are.

Thank you that you

do not give up on us

when we

don't call home

forget to visit

disappoint you

neglect what you've done for us
and think we did it by ourselves.

Open our eyes to see those

who need the embrace

of your mothering love

who need

someone to be their champion,

someone to always give

the cup of cold water

and a second mile.

Help us this week

to take your love to heart

and embody it like Jesus

deeply and tenderly.

Amen.

— Carol Penner

You may want to take a listen to this past Sunday's sermon if you are interested in women in the Bible. We had three separate requests for a sermon about this topic, so I preached. But the idea came to me to let Russ and Dan have a break on Sunday so that only females participated in worship leadership roles. Because worship is about so much more than a sermon, I have included here the prayers that were offered and the litany and confession that were used. Many thanks to Ann Marie Burke for reading scripture and for Madison Porter for leading the time of confession. Laura Baxley offered the Invocation and Beverly Doyle prayed our Intercessory Prayer. Because you can listen to the podcast for the sermon, I wanted to offer this space to include the other important words spoken and prayers prayed because a sermon is but one part of worship.

Amy

Invocation: Heavenly Creator, thank you for all women, regardless of age, ethnicity, or status. May we live lives that spread your word everywhere. May we speak your truths loudly in public places and softly as we encourage others in their times of need. Help us to be faithful, diligent, generous, and spiritually strong. May love and kindness always be in our hearts and on our lips. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession: Before we pray, look around the sanctuary at the women seated among you. You know the stories of some of them, but, for some, you have no idea the challenges they have faced, the adversities that have overwhelmed them, or the opportunities they were denied. Lift us all up as we turn to God in prayer. God of all, throughout the ages, you have called upon women and they have responded. They routinely had to overcome unbelievable obstacles. Yet through their trials, they have been beacons of faith and perseverance. For them, we give thanks. God, even today women continue the struggle. Women have been regarded as second class citizens controlled too frequently by the men who profess love for them. Being a wife and mother has often been deemed as the only suitable occupation for females, and if that were impossible, life became even more difficult. Such women were shunned by society. Single mothers work unflinchingly to provide and care for their children. Women throughout history have made tremendous sacrifices - often to the detriment of their own safety and well-being. Females even today struggle for professional equality in pay and promotions. Oh God, we have been used and abused - disregarded. Far too many have been sold into slavery in the past, and astonishingly that continues today through human trafficking. Too often women are seen as worthy only if they are fair of face and body and not for the people they are. We have been demeaned, harassed, and silenced. True justice has been unattainable. Our status in society is still overlooked. Our voice needs to be heard. We are intelligent and strong; however, we are still prevented from reaching our potential. We offer our prayer for all of these women and for ourselves. We pray for the day when women everywhere, in all circumstances, will be valued for who we are - the beloved of God. In the name of Jesus, who deemed women worthy, respected, and valuable, we pray. Amen.

Litany: Dear God, creator of women in your own image, revealed in Jesus, born of a woman in the midst of a world half women, carried by women to mission fields around the globe, made known by women to all the children of the earth,

give to the women of our time

the strength to persevere and the courage to speak out,

the faith to believe in you beyond

all systems and institutions

so that your face on earth may be seen in all its beauty,

so that men and women become whole,

so that the church may be converted to your will

in everything and in all ways.

— Joan Chittister, adapted

Camp Prism Fun!





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Here is our preaching schedule for the rest of the summer:

July 22 – Joey Haynes
What Is the Emerging Church?

July 29 – Dan McClintock
How to Make a Difference! What Does It Mean to Be a Servant of God and to Others?

August 5 – Amy Jacks Dean
Is Jesus the Only Way?

August 12 – Russ Dean
Whatever You Ask in Prayer, You Will Receive. Really? (Matthew 21.22)

August 19 – Amy Jacks Dean
Noah's Ark and Other Floods in Our Lives

Worship: 10:00a, Sanctuary
Talkback: 11:00a, Adults (Community Center)
Youth (Youth Building)
Children's Sunday School (Children's Building)

Men's Shelter

Lunch: Saturday, August 11

Once again, we will prepare 150 bag lunches, including 300 sandwiches for our friends from the shelter. Your response to the call for help in April and June was tremendous with about 30 people volunteering each time, enabling us to complete the work quickly. We need you again on Saturday, August 11 at 9:30a in the Community Center! Thank you!



Intergenerational Game Night: Saturday, August 4, 6-8p.



We've invited our Burmese friends to join us for an evening of fun and games! If you've been looking for an opportunity to get better acquainted with our Burmese partner congregation, come and join us. There will be light

refreshments (popcorn, drinks, and cookies) and plenty of fun for all ages!

Youth Update

I am finally back in town and looking forward to Unidiversity on Monday! Just a reminder that the total price per youth is \$325. If you paid the \$50, please submit the final payment of \$275 in the offering plate on Sunday, July 22. Make sure you write 'Unidiversity' on the memo line. I'll send out a packing and rooming lists, as well as the seminar, and elective lists this week.

Also, don't forget that we'll have a youth pool party on Friday, July 20 from 5-8p at the Deans' home! We'll have pizza, snacks, and drinks. Please RSVP to Joey so we know how much pizza to order. Hope to see you all there!

Sermon Podcasts Update

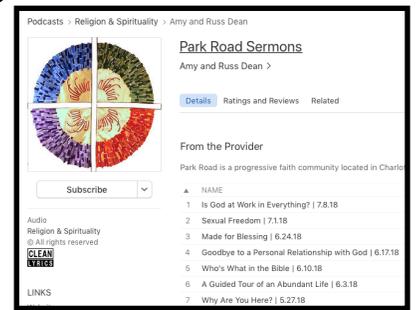
For those of you who enjoy listening to Park Road Sermons via podcast, we've made a few changes, and you now have more options for listening.

For technical reasons, we've created a new channel on iTunes.

Search for "Park Road Sermons" and subscribe to our new channel to get updates going forward.

We've also added Stitcher and TuneIn as options for listening to sermons. Again, search for "Park Road Sermons." As always, you can also listen to all our sermons on the Park Road website.

Learn more about these new podcast options and/or listen to sermons at:
<http://www.parkroadbaptist.org/listen-to-sermons/>



Reading Hero

Our own George Miles has been selected as a "Reading Hero" by ReadCharlotte.org. All of his work at Sedgefield Elementary coupled with his recent book project for all of the children at the school earned him this honor. People in the know about all things literacy look to ReadCharlotte



as a wonderful resource for improving reading skills. We believe that no one in this city deserves this honor more than George!