

# Fairfield Bay United Methodist Church

## News & Views

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### LECTIONARY

#### READINGS

**Sept. 01**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Jeremiah 1:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Sept. 08**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1:21

Luke 14:25-33

**Sept. 15**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 2:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

**Sept. 22**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 79:1-9 or Psalm 4

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

**Sept. 29**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after**

**Pentecost**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

### Making Disciples

*“Go ye into all the world and teach all nations.”—Matthew 28:19*

The Greek word for “teach” in this verse means “to make disciples” and is different than the usual word used. In the Great Commission, God has not commanded us to make converts. He has commanded us to make disciples.

In the book of Genesis, a spiritual principle is found that teaches that everything produces after its own kind. Not only is this true in the natural realm, but also in the spiritual realm. You cannot plant green beans and harvest apples. You cannot mate cats and produce dogs. In the same way, you cannot plant seeds of discord and strife and expect people to love you. Proverbs teaches us, “He that has friends must show himself friendly.” Teenagers can produce children, but many fail at raising their children to be responsible adults. A child can produce a child, but only an adult can raise a child to be an adult.

In the Great Commission, this is also true. Converts can make converts, but only disciples can make disciples. Mature believers are necessary to fulfill God’s call for the Church. If God has called us to teach all nations and make disciples, we must send teachers who are disciples of the Lord, not just converts.

The issue today for the body of Christ is to “grow up.” This has been the main message since the Bible was given to the prophets of the Old Testaments and to the apostles of the New Testament.

Jesus told the Jews who had just believed in Him, “If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed.” He told those who wanted salvation and freedom from the load of sin, “I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you and learn of me.” This first commandment for a new convert is to continue in God’s Word, take His yoke, and learn of Jesus.

The commandment to make disciples—mature believers—was given to me as I entered the ministry. I desire to see people come to salvation. But my greatest joy is to see them grow and mature in God’s Word. I love to see them one day accept the call of God and fulfill their places in the body of Christ.

That is what the ministries of this church are focused around. That is why when persons are baptized or unite with the church, we swear to support the ministries of this church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. That is why we ask people to serve on committees and join small groups.

We may not reach the whole world, but we can reach our world. We each have a responsibility to witness and to disciple those in our own sphere of influence. We also have a responsibility to allow others to go where we cannot. When we give to FFBUMC, we support its local, regional, and worldwide outreaches as well as those of The United Methodist Church. We have a further responsibility to give into other ministries and into particular UMC missions. Just as an organism is far more than the sum of its parts, as mature believers assuming our roles in the body of Christ, we can do “exceedingly, abundantly above what we can ask or think.”

Paul

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara McClary	07
Joseph Seastrom	07
Jack Weeks	13
Adele Hartig	16
Jim McKnight	16
Robert Lee	17
Robert Lutz	19
Edie Calaway	23
Carole Reed	27
Kimberly Seastrom	27

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

David & Frieda McClellan	02
Randy & Kathy Williamson	18

## MEMORIALS RECEIVED

### Ed Ball

Ken Gates

Ron & Kay Morrow

## USHER SCHEDULE

### Schedule for September:

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Brenda Smith, Kathy Williamson, Greg & Edie Calaway and Eric Jolly

**8<sup>th</sup>:** Linn & Ken Meseke, Rebecca & Jeff Jenkins and Henry & Charlene Burge

**15<sup>th</sup>:** Karen Evans, Bob & Dixie Lee, Barbara McClary and Dana Frierson

**22<sup>nd</sup>:** Bill Bain, Jim & Gail McKnight, Ken & Laurie Beckwith and Ken Gates

**29<sup>th</sup>:** Patsy Weidanz, Debra Lutz, Steve & Shirley Sutay, Neva Erickson and Chris Lang

If you are interested in joining the usher team please call Linn Meseke at 884-6693. Anyone is welcome.

**Liturgists for September:** Deena McAllister, Gene Christensen, Mike McAllister, Brenda Smith and Marge Fleischer

**Communion Servers:** Greg & Edie Calaway and Neva Erickson

**September Greeters:** Mary Ann Roberts and Debra Lutz

**Substitutes:** Dixie Lee and Barbara McClary.

## FELLOWSHIP TIME FOR SEPTEMBER

The Members of Stewardship/Finance and Kitchen committee are responsible for fellowship time during the month of September.