



# Weekly Preview

May 16, 2017

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

### Worship and Prayer and a pathway to Christ

What do it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Jesus invited people to follow him and to become like him. Last Friday I shared five different pathways to growing discipleship. Now and over the next few weeks, I'll be looking at each of these five different pathways and getting specific about each.

One of the paths is through WORSHIP and PRAYER. When we worship God, we are opening ourselves that we might encounter the living God. As we offer thanks, give God praise, sing and listen we are sharing with others in actions that open our hearts and lift our spirits to experience more of God. Worship is most often done with others. "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing" as one hymn puts it. When we come together with others who are also seeking God, we might be more likely to find what we hope to find. I know there are times when the worship and praise offered by others helps me to be more worshipful than if I were by myself. Prayer can also be done with others or alone. Prayer is not only talking to God and sharing our thoughts and needs with the Lord. Prayer is also listening and paying attention to the ways that God might be communicating or stirring us. Both worship and prayer is placing ourselves before God with the hope and expectation that God will meet us in some way.

Here is one way that we might see a progression that leads someone closer and closer to a life in Christ. Someone who never attended a church worship service might come at the invitation of a friend. Then the same person may decide to come back to the church to attend a special worship service, like Christmas or Easter Sunday. Then that person might be interested in a sermon series or a season of the church year and so attend several Sundays in a row. Having come for several Sundays, coming to worship services every Sunday (or most Sundays of the month) then becomes a new habit and a rewarding part of the week. In much the same way, we can see prayer become not just something we do in an emergency or when all else fails, but rather a common and regular part of our lives that informs us and shapes our day.

Of course, no actions by themselves make us disciples. We don't ever want such things by just going through the motions. However, worship and prayer can become that catalyst for spiritual growth and Christian discipleship. They help us to be more attentive and more obedient. And so, they are a path that leads to Jesus Christ.

See you in church,

*Pastor Steve*

Not able to attend church last Sunday? No worries. Click here to listen to the sermon: [Sermon, May 7](#)

### Sunday, May 21, 2017

Graduation Sunday

Sermon: Life 2.0 How Peter recovered after denying Jesus publicly.

Scripture: John 21:15-19

### **Sermon Series- Life 2.0**

Just as a computer can start to bog down and lose speed, so can our lives. Little by little, we pick up bad self-care habits and allow the tyranny of the urgent to crowd our spiritual time. When that happens, we need an opportunity to reboot and start fresh. The Bible is full of stories of individuals who take a fresh look at their lives and make fresh starts. Their stories can inspire us to see new chapters open up in our own lives.

Check out our other sermons on our website: [CLICK HERE](#)

## GROW

Current Bible Studies

### Calvary Campus

Pastor's Bible Study- Tuesday at 10:00 in the Library

Joyce Dixon's Bible Study – 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Covenant Bible Study – Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

### Centennial Campus

**Deacon Julie's Bible Study Saturday's at 2:30 p.m.**

## LEAD

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## The Week Ahead

### Monday, May 15

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

### Tuesday, May 16

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. Wesleyan Circle

4:00 p.m. Centennial Meeting

6:30 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting

7:00 p.m. Joyful Noise

7:30 p.m. Gospel Choir

### Wednesday, May 17

10:00 a.m. Covenant Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Centennial

5:00 p.m. Vision Team Meeting

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. VIM Meeting

### Thursday, May 18

6:30 p.m. Guitar Ensemble

7:15 p.m. Cathedral Choir

### Friday, May 19

### Saturday May 20

4:00 p.m. Community Meal at Centennial

5:00 p.m. Szwec/Kates Wedding

5:15 p.m. Service at Centennial

### Next Sunday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages/New Member Inquiry Class

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. Bells for Jesus

Genesis Choir

1:00 p.m. Sunshine Choir

Youth Picnic

3:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

4:30 p.m. Voices of Praise

## SERVE

### Outreach Opportunities

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Hope (1X per month on Wednesday) [CLICK HERE](#)
- Calvary at the Soup Kitchen (6 x per year)  
**Rescue Mission Meal** (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month)

- **Wheelbarrow Sunday:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month bring your canned food items
- **The Lord's Laundry** [CLICK HERE to email](#)

Contact the Church Office at [office@calvaryumc.org](mailto:office@calvaryumc.org) or 301-662-1464 to learn more about these great opportunities at church and in the community.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VBS TIME!** Summer is right around the corner! Now is a great time to reserve your space in Calvary's Vacation Bible School. <http://calvaryumc.org/.../930038-2017-03-03-vacation-bible-s.../>

**Scholarships!** Calvary United Methodist Church offers \$500.00 scholarships to its members who are pursuing higher education. Priority will be given to those who are actively serving and attending church. Application forms will be available at the Welcome Center starting today. [CLICK HERE](#) to get the application.

### **The Annual UMW Yard Sale is Coming!**

Donations can be brought to the Parish Hall stage starting Sunday, May 14 (Mother's Day). Thank you for setting aside items to donate including household items, jewelry, lamps, clothing for children, women and men, toys, books and holiday decorations. We **CANNOT** accept computers, old phones, televisions, or similar items.

Mark your calendars for the sale dates: Friday, June 9 (7:30am - 12:00pm) and Saturday, June 10 (8:00am - 12:00pm), and invite friends, family and neighbors to come shop. Thank you for supporting local, national, and global missions. Please contact Alice Zalatoris for any questions: 301-682-8828.

### **Women's Mini Prayer Retreat at Trinity UMC**

June 17, 2017 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Praying with Mandalas, led by Christy Mossburg and Magda Morales.

Email Christy Mossburg at [DirectorCEFL@calvaryumc.org](mailto:DirectorCEFL@calvaryumc.org) to reserve your spot.

**ALAN P. LINTON, JR., EMERGENCY SHELTER** is in need of volunteers and snacks, specifically cheese crackers. If you would like to donate cheese crackers, please leave them in the box on the stage marked SHELTER. To volunteer, contact the Religious Coalition at 301-631-2670.

## **Opportunities to GROW:**

**Pastor's Bible Study** Led by Pastor Steve on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Library. They are studying the Book of Nehemiah. All are welcome!

**Joyce Dixon's Bible Study** This bible study meets the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. They are studying the Overview of the New Testament. All are welcome to attend.