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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

May 7, 2017

10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland

Old Testament Lesson:

I Samuel 17 (selected verses)

New Testament Lesson:

I Corinthians 15: 51-58

Sermon: "*Pulling for the Underdog*"

THE PASTOR'S PAGE:

Dr. Sam F. Rutland, Temporary Stated Supply Pastor

Dear HSCPC,

I had a “conversion” experience two Sundays ago at HSCPC. It did not happen in worship. It occurred after church in the Fellowship Hall when Mary prevailed upon me to come and taste her homemade bread pudding. I agreed to the tasting, but here is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth: I did not like bread pudding. Never did and never quite saw the point in such a dessert. However, Mary was so warm and gracious and enthusiastic, never pushy, how could I refuse? After all, I AM the pastor! Still, I didn’t like bread pudding. Or so I thought. *Then I tasted.* Then I tasted *Mary’s* bread pudding! Oh my gosh! I tasted, and I tasted, and I tasted the flakey crisp bread crust, with warm soft sugary layers interlaced with raisins and butter and cream and other fiestas for the taste buds. I tasted. And I was converted. I am picky about desserts, but I’ve not tasted any desert quite so good. (And this was her first time baking bread pudding! Amazing.)

Take this as a modern day parable. The Bible says, “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8). We know this is true. We have tasted the goodness and sweetness of the Lord for a long time. We don’t have to be convinced. But there are people living in the shadows of the HSCPC steeple who might be saying “I don’t like church”, or, “I don’t like going to church”. And like me with bread pudding, they’ve probably only tasted bad examples.

Here is the good news. What God is doing in and though HSCPC is good and sweet. It is food for the hungry soul. And people will continue to come, some for the first time, and when they taste they will see that the Lord’s goodness is present in this church. Then what will happen will be a real conversion.

So, like Mary, will you take a chance and invite them to taste and see the goodness of the Lord? It might be your first time doing this as well. God will help you...and know this: you’ll not be disappointed.

Peace,
Sam

PS: A big thank you to Mary Wilburn for her warm invitation and my “conversion experience” and to all the HSCPC deacons who make such delicious baked goods.



The special music at last Sunday’s worship service was provided by cellist **Josiah Crotser**, a freshman at the Hobe Sound Bible College.

His performances of Bach’s “Prelude” and C. Saint-Saens “Le Cygne” (the Swan) filled the sanctuary with music that beautifully enhanced the service. We look forward to hearing more from this very talented young man.

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST AT SOME POINT COME TO AN END

As was announced previously, Pastor Sam’s last Sunday with us as temporary supply pastor will be May 14. His plans for the summer, made even before he committed to this 6 month temporary assignment, make it impossible for him to renew his commitment beyond May, as much as we would love to keep him with us for a longer period of time.

Plans are in the works for a farewell celebration during fellowship hour on that day. Sam has been a warm and caring presence in our church this year, and he

will be greatly missed. You are certainly invited to express your personal thank-you to him as you choose, prior to and/or at that special fellowship hour.

A CHOIR PARTY WAS FUN AT THE BEACH

Shortly after Easter, and before some of the members left for the summer, music director Brandon arranged and Judy Doverspike hosted an end-of-season choir party. Judy's beach-front home gave the perfect opportunity for an informal get-together with good food, friendly conversations, and of course the opportunity to commune with the sea. Gusty winds, serious under-tow, and the possible proximity of lurking sea creatures discouraged actual swimming, but it sure didn't keep the choir members out of the water entirely.



Pictured here are Mary Wiggin, Karen Metzger, Brandon Glick, Marian and Ralph Grabow, Gloria and Bill Carlson, and Jim Wiggin. Hostess Judy Doverspike was the photographer and is unfortunately missing from the photo, as is Skip Barlow who decided to stay out of the water.

Also missing are Catherine Hilton and Peg Layton who were unable to attend the party.

SPECIAL FOOD DRIVESPONSORED BY THE SAMARITAN CENTER



The Samaritan Center for Young Boys and Families is a Christian, residential, early intervention program.

This program operates thanks to the support of the surrounding community, and as a way of paying it forward it coordinated a special food drive last Sunday to help stock the food pantry at **House of Hope**.

HSCPC, as part of its ongoing mission to provide items for the House of Hope food pantry, came through in great form with food contributions for this drive.

The table and collection boxes couldn't hold all of the donations. Catherine Hilton, HSCPC Missions chairman, delivered them directly to the House of Hope following the worship service. Thank you to all of you generous members and friends who helped contribute to a successful



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR PART-TIME JOB OPENING

HSCPC is looking for a Part-time Christian Education Director. Are you looking for a fulfilling opportunity to work with the children of our church? or, do you know someone who might be interested and qualified to fill this part-time position? This position would be perfect for a person with a CE or educational background who wants to stay active in CE work but is unable to commit to a full-time position.

Please see the link below for Job Posting, and/or send your resume to Sam.rutland@yahoo.com, karenkienzle@hotmail.com or rioluna3@yahoo.com.

<http://www.tfpby.org/hobe-sound-is-looking-for-a-pt-christian-education-director>

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 1** - Connie Frazee
- May 10** - June O'Donnell
- May 11** - Chance Wagner
- May 12** - Trish Moore
- May 14** - Audrey Sloat
- May 15** - Peg Layton
- Milla Finchum
- May 16** - Dari Bowman
- May 22** - Grace Altman
- May 27** - Rose Marie Patterson
- Marty Albrecht
- May 30** - Cam Boynton
- May 31** - Len Finchum

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 6** - Roy and Leann Kindberg

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Patrick Corr
- Angel Nichols
- Joyce Spengler
- Family of Larry Liss
- Werner Jager
- Joyce-Anne Hamlin
- Jim White
- Sandy Owen
- Cathy Brooks
- Pat Kavanaugh
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Myrna Jubb
- Terry McCloy
- Josephine Scricca
- George Mulleneix
- Alicia
- Sylvia Ryan and family
- Martha Higgins
- Marjorie and Kent Phillips, and Joshua Phillips

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request can be made to Karen Metzger.

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST: To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, jannorrish@hotmail.com, To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Karen Metzger, 772 220-4678, or kmmetz@bellsouth.net.

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