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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

May 14, 2017

10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland

Old Testament Lesson:

Proverbs 31: 10-31

New Testament Lesson:

John 15: 0-17

Sermon: "*Loving the People We're Stuck With*"

THE PASTOR'S PAGE:

Dr. Sam F. Rutland, Temporary Stated Supply Pastor

Dear Friends,

This week the full force of the word “temporary” is being experienced by me. This is the last week of my six month contract to serve as your Temporary Stated Supply. Frankly, this is sad. I have loved you and have experienced your love in return...lavishly! And there is a part of me that would wish to continue, but I know that is not in the Lord’s plan. My calendar will not let me serve beyond this time. More importantly, Temporary Stated Supply Pastors are *intentionally* temporary. If they were not, a congregation and temporary pastor might lose sight of God’s greater plan: to provide a permanent, energetic, Spirit-led installed pastor. I am reminded of Jesus’ parting words to his disciples when he said, “It is better that I leave you”. The disciples protested, “How could that be better?” Jesus said, “Unless I go the Holy Spirit will not come”. His departure made possible God’s greater plan. *Now, don’t think for a second there is any resemblance between my leaving and Jesus’ leaving!* There is none. This is only a reference to say that

change at HSCPC keeps God's plans on track for this great church. And God has a far greater plan for HSCPC than a stream of temporary pastors. Far greater.

What will happen in the coming weeks at HSCPC? On Sunday, May 21st you will meet and hear your new Temporary Supply Pastor, Dr. Roger Verse. I have known this fine pastor and preacher for twenty-two years. Curiously, in 1995 I was interviewed by Dr. Verse and the presbytery's Committee on Ministry *in the HSCPC fellowship hall* as a part of my call process to a congregation in Fort Pierce. I have seen his calm and steady leadership of the Committee on Ministry, heard his wisdom and patient voice at presbytery meetings, and known that he is deeply respected by his ministry peers and former congregations. Dr. Roger Verse is the best of the best and will serve you well.

Also, Dr. Verse will bring to HSCPC specialized skill and experience in the work of an interim pastor. He is a certified interim pastor in the Presbyterian Church USA, having completed course work for both level 1 and 2 interim training. This means he has the trained eyes to see what is necessary to be done at the church to prepare for the full-time installed pastor. Additionally, he'll know what might necessary to attract qualified candidates to the position of Pastor. Think of him as your in-house church consultant.

Finally, and this is truly a "God thing": Dr. Verse lives in Hobe Sound. Yes, he can bicycle to church. He desires to be present at the church during the week (which is much needed) and desires to "roll up his sleeves and get to work" ASAP. He is enthusiastic about working with the church to help fulfill your dreams and prayers.

Friends, you have been a gracious and affirming congregation to me in my six months. Thank you for extending the invitation to serve you. And know that God used you to remind me of just how much I loved preaching and pastoring. Because of you, I plan to do this again in another church in the future. Thank you! *It has been a true joy* to serve as your Temporary Stated Supply.

Peace,
Sam

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST AT SOME POINT COME TO AN END

In his Pastor's Page this week, Pastor Sam has beautifully said his "farewell" to the many friends he has made during his time with us as temporary supply pastor at HSCPC. Here we can only add that his presence with us during the last six months has been a blessing to our Church, and has again made us rather dislike the word "temporary". He has been a warm and caring presence in our church this year, and he will be greatly missed.

Saying "good-bye" is never easy, and that will be particularly true this Sunday as we thank Pastor Sam for his time with us and wish him all the best as he moves on to new endeavors. To at least partially accomplish this, there will be a farewell celebration during fellowship hour after the Worship Service. While we will be gathering together as a grateful congregation for this event, you are certainly invited to express your personal thank-you to him as you choose, prior to and/or at that special fellowship hour.

This is not at all a final “good-bye”. Sam has assured us that we may call on him in the future to serve as guest pastor when we need pulpit supply for a given Sunday.

CAPS OF LOVE *it's baaaaaack*

Remember last year when we all saved plastic bottle and container caps, and a major (and eventually tiresome) Sunday School project involved sorting them? Well, Mission Chairman Catherine Hilton has suggested that we continue with this endeavor this year.

Caps of Love is a charity that provides wheelchairs to the physically-challenged under the age of 21 in the USA. The plastic caps can be sold to companies that use “post-consumer plastic” to create new products such as composite decking, janitorial supplies, shipping pallets, park benches, and many other items. The proceeds are then used to purchase and distribute the needed wheelchairs.

So, if you want to help out, start saving those bottle and container caps and bring them to the Church where a collection box will be available. Caps that contain any form of metal are not acceptable; otherwise almost all bottle caps, and other caps from containers exhibiting code numbers 2, 4, and 5, are OK. If in doubt, just bring ‘em in! The unacceptable ones will just be discarded during the sorting process.



UPDATED MEMBER/FRIEND CHURCH DIRECTORY

Hopefully the updated church directory will be available this Sunday. If so, copies will be located on the sanctuary porch table. Many thanks to the Deacons who originated this project, and especially to **Connie Frazee** who collected, organized and prepared the information for print.

If you prefer, you can download a copy on your computer by contacting Connie at cjcf39@comcast.net.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR - - - SUMMER SCHEDULE

During the summer (June, July and August) fellowship hour following the Sunday worship service will be held only on the first Sunday of the month. Birthdays of the month will be highlighted, along with some special celebrations. In June we will

celebrate high school graduates, and in July we all look forward to Mary Wilburn's red, white and blue Fourth of July desserts.

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 karenkienzle@hotmail.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
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Myrna Jubb
- Terry McCloy

- Family of Larry Liss
- Werner Jager
- Joyce-Anne Hamlin
- Jim White
- Sandy Owen
- Cathy Brooks
- Pat Kavanaugh
- Judy 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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Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"