



St. Matthew's 25 Challenge



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Jesus said, "When you did it to one of these my brethren, you did it unto me." Matt. 25:40

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Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled

Have you every found yourself worrying about the people you love? As a parent, do you become concerned about what your children are doing or not doing? That is fairly normal, isn't it? Well a leader of a group has many people to be concerned about. Have you ever considered that a caring pastor has hundreds of spiritual children to worry about? Some even have thousands. I know that is true in my case.

I was reminded of that reality after my recent trip to Lake Junaluska for a meeting. The very morning I was to return home I awoke at 5:25 a.m. and could not go back to sleep. I was already beginning to worry about what was going on with people in the church back home. I thought of people who were complaining about this or that. I was concerned about people who had had their feelings hurt because someone said or done something that offended them. I remember those who have been disappointed that the church is not exactly what they thought it should be so they have stopped coming. Other just don't care.

After tossing and turning for an hour and a half, I finally got up and started my morning time with God. To my amazement the scripture in my prayer book for the day was about the same issue. Moses was having some of the same thoughts that have gone through my mind on many occasions. Remember how the people of Israel were always complaining to Moses about something. They complained about not having something to eat so God sent manna from heaven every evening. Now that was not good enough. They wanted meat. They had meat to eat when they were in Egypt. They were tired of just eating heavenly manna.

"Moses said to the LORD, "Why hast thou dealt ill with thy servant? And why have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou dost lay the burden of all this people upon me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I bring them forth, that thou shouldst say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries the sucking

child, to the land which thou didst swear to give their fathers?' Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' I am not able to carry all this people alone, the burden is too heavy for me. If thou wilt deal thus with me, kill me at once, if I find favor in thy sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." (Numbers 11:11-14)

Moses was pretty frustrated, but God had an answer.]" And the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. And I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take some of the spirit which is upon you and put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone."

Then from my Epistle reading in Romans 1:11-12 I read these words of St. Paul, "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

We may worry about things. We may get frustrated. I am sure you are also frustrated with me at times. But our God always has the answer. Amazingly, he wants to use you and me together to deal with the issues that confront us in the life of the church. One or two people cannot deal with all the issues that arise in the life of the church, which can divide and discourage us. **Where are our spiritual elders? We must rely on God to call them out from among us and "be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."**

Shalom,

Mike

JULY



BIRTHDAYS

4-Jacob Gallimore
5-Marie Parker
6-Gail Terwilliger
7-Danny Colon
Peggy Williams
10-Gertrude Schultz
Rhys Trevathan
Elizabeth Gibson
11-Wayne Everts
Christy Khondaker

14-Dawn Shepard
15-Eric Snyder
20-Jack Spakes
21-Carter Manship
Margaret King
Lisa James
25-Kenneth Manship
29-Juli Pray
Wendy Johnson
30-Vicki Powell

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- ◆ EMERGENCY FUND
 - from God's Teens for families with children
 - from the Sunday Morning Bible Study Class
 - from the Ruth-Ethel Smith Circle
 - from Paul & Jewel Sharpe
 - in honor of Jewel Sharpe's birthday (6-19) from her Secret Prayer Partner
 - from the Night Owls Circle
- ◆ POWER BILL from the Thrift Shop

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM met on June 16th for their regular monthly meeting. A delicious breakfast was served by **Julie Griffin, Lynn Graham, Leigh Thomson, Lorri Shackelford, Dawn** and **Ashley Stone**. This was a real treat for our men cooks. Thanks again, Julie.

Dr. Hales devotion was very timely being "Father's Day". He emphasized the responsibility of being a Father, as well as the obligation. Each man can look back on their lives and recall their failures and their triumphs.

Our "**Father's Day Booklet**" was handed out and many thanks to those who made it a success. Our proceeds were **\$130.00** which will go toward church activities. The help of **Ruby Lucas** is the contributing factor for our booklet. She typed all the names and corrected my many errors. Also thanks to **Doris Miles** for running off the copies and stapling them together. Thanks again ladies!

Our **Men's Choir** practiced on Wednesday, June 19th for our second performance. We hope the congregation enjoyed it as much as we did singing. There will be two more performances this summer, July & August.

Vacation Bible School was held June 23—27. Donation Dinners were prepared by various groups in the church. The UMM prepared a meal on Tuesday, June 25th. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

The October **UMM Barbecue Sale Fund Raiser** is beginning to show interest. You will be advised as time passes.

A special thanks to **Bob Probst, James Debruhi** and **Hank Zielinski** for their help in the Thrift Shop.

Troy Willoughby,
President UMM

OOPS! MOTHER'S DAY BOOKLET OMISSION

I would like to publically apologize to **Ashley Stone** for omitting the names that she and **Reena** tried to place in the "**Mother's Day Booklet**". Ashley and Reena had submitted their mother's name, **Dawn**, to honor her for Mother's Day. Ashley had also entered **Lorri Shackelford** and **Pam Thompson's** names to honor them. I hope each of you can find it in your hearts to forgive me.

Mary Rozier



CARD MINISTRY
MEETING SCHEDULE
PIZZA PALACE
5:00 P.M.

Will not meet—July 3
Will meet—July 10th
Will not meet—July 17th
Will meet—July 24th

GOD'S TEENS

As many ministries in our church decide to meet only on certain days, **God's Teens** decided to meet every week and trust me, we are very busy. We are so busy that we meet all year long.

Our first project is titled "**THE JOB PROJECT**". While each of us has our own part, we are working very hard together. We took one verse from the **Book of Job** to research. The main researchers are **Mrs. Amy Eberhardt** and Assistant Researchers are **Krystle Horlebein, Amy Jo Everts, Joshua Hager** and **Ashley Stone**.

Secondly, on June 8th God's Teens presented **Mr. Dan Eberhardt** with a "**Scrapbook**" to honor his leadership for making the work a fun time for Saturday clean-up. We are just so proud to be able to be a part of cleaning up our church. Thank you so much for everything you do, Mr. Dan. We really appreciate it.

Finally, God's Teens has decided to split into two groups, **Middle** and **High School Classes**. Reason is because there are just too many of us to have a discussion. We started out with **two** and now we have **twenty** on the roll. We will stay together for the summer and then after "**THE JOB PROJECT**", we will split up, but we will always be "**God's Teens**" forever. Hope you all have a great and safe summer.

Much Love,
Ashley Stone, Journalist



*I asked the Lord for guidance,
He took my hand.
I asked the Lord for strength
And He made me to stand.
Each door He opens,
He leads me through.
Each day that passes,
Brings blessings anew.
I'm trusting in Him
With each new request.
I know without doubt,
His will is best.
My faith in Him
Keeps growing stronger:
My list of praise for Him
Continually gets longer:
Why has he chosen
To bless me so much?
My only response,
"It's just the Master's touch".
I can only attempt
To repay his great love,
By giving my all
Till I join Him above.*

Written by: Janie Brown



ST. MATTHEW'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY

15-19 - Camp Rockfish Day Camp

AUGUST

16-17 - Take Photo's for New Church Pictorial Directory

25 - Church-Wide Family Picnic (sponsored by UMM)

SEPTEMBER

22 - Homecoming

29 - Fifth Sunday Service

OCTOBER

6 - World Communion Sunday

11-12 - UMM Barbecue Sale & UMW Bazaar

20 - Laity Sunday

25 - Youth Lock-In

31 - Fall Festival

NOVEMBER

10 - Honor Veterans

17 - Harvest Dinner/Children's Program, 6:00 p.m.

24 - UM Student Day

- Angel Tree

- Community Thanksgiving Service

27 - Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

1 - Hanging of the Greens & Chrismon Service,
7:00 p.m.

15 - Christmas Cantata

24 - Christmas Eve Communion Service, 6:00 p.m.

CAMP ROCKFISH DAY CAMP

*JULY 15 - 19
(8:30 A.M.—3:00 P.M.)*

COST:

\$50.00 per child

AGES:

5—12th Grade

ACTIVITIES:

*Canoeing, Paddle Boats,
Archery, Swimming,
Crafts, Nature Hikes,
Outdoor Games & more.*



NEW ST. MATTHEW'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY AUGUST 16 & 17

*Mark your calendars now
and watch for more
information to come.*



JULY

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Prayer Group – 7:00pm	NO Card Ministry God's Teens – 6:30pm NO Choir Practice	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	← PASTOR	GUEST SPEAKER	GLASSER	INSTITUTE	SAN ANTONIA	TEXAS FFF – 10:00am
UMYF – 4:00pm		Prayer Group – 7:00pm	Card Ministry – 5:00pm God's Teens – 6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Rev. Neil Smith – Guest Speaker	← DAY CAMP	AT	CAMP ROCKFISH Home Extensions-9:30am NO Card Ministry God's Teens – 6:30pm NO Choir Practice	8:30 AM	3:30 PM → Galleria & Williford Wedding Rehearsal – 6:00 pm	Galleria & Williford Wedding – 11:00 am
UMYF – 4:00 pm		Prayer Group – 7:00pm				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
UMM Breakfast Mtg. – 8:00am UMYF – 4:00pm		Prayer Group – 7:00pm	Card Ministry – 5:00pm God's Teens – 6:30pm Choir Practice – 7:30pm			FFF – 10:00am
28	29	30	31			
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