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"MAKING DISCIPLES OF
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Jesus said, "And You Will Be My Witnesses!"

Jesus said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8-9

We thought that the period of waiting was moving towards a close. We thought we would begin open in-person worship on July 5. We thought that the Covid-19 pandemic was beginning to wind down. We thought wrong. Or at least I thought wrong! **We will NOT hold in-person worship services through the month of July.** Yet God is never caught by surprise. God continues to work and continues to work through us for His glory!

As we read and preach through the book of Acts, our pocket verse is Acts 1:8, "For you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." The entire book of Acts describes how the Holy Spirit empowers people to share Jesus with others. Whether it is Peter preaching in Jerusalem, Philip sharing Christ with an Ethiopian, or Paul traveling throughout the Roman empire, the Holy Spirit empowered them to be witnesses to all kinds of people. I hope you are continuing to read through the book of Acts and seeing the amazing work of the Holy Spirit through ordinary men and women that "turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6).

However, reading about others is not the end purpose of reading the Bible. Personalize these words from Jesus: "For YOU will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon YOU, and YOU will be my witness." Ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you and give you power. Plan to be God's witness with your family, neighbors, friends, and even the strangers you encounter. A witness tells others what they have seen and encountered. Write out a brief story about how God has touched your life, or how you came to know Jesus, or how you have seen God working in you or others. By doing this you will develop a personal testimony that describes how God's story became your story. As you share this story with others, you will be a witness!!

I am praying for you as you witness to others about your faith! If you have prayer concerns, have other needs, or just want to let me know how you are doing, email me (doug@fumcirving.org) or call me (972-253-3531).

Blessings!

Doug

Jeff Baker Memorial New Testament Bible Reading Challenge

Week	Reading
Jun 28 - July 4	Acts 10 - 13
July 5 - 11	Act 14 - 17
July 12 - 18	Acts 18 - 21

Week	Reading
July 19 - 25	Acts 22 - 26
July 26 - Aug 1	Acts 27 - Romans 4
August 2 - 8	Romans 5 - 10

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

JUNE 2020

In Honor of:

Tami & Jimmy Lane to General Budget from Richard & Jennifer Cox
Brad Nevil to General Budget from Judy Elms

In Memory of Walter B. Smith

to General Budget from Mickey & Linda Wheeler
to Choir/ Music Fund from Mary Husa Good
to Choir/ Music Fund from Dick & Jeanell Bischofhausen

In Memory of:

Rev. Douglas E. Werner to Choir/ Music Fund from Mary & Paul Good
Matilda Hernandez, mother of Jesse Hernandez, to General Budget from Mickey & Linda Wheeler
Betty Clark, grandmother of Kristi Willbanks, to General Budget from Bonnie Jones & Family
Gene Hodges to General Budget from Jerry Wicks
Gene Hodges to General Budget from Linda Murden



As I am writing this some of our children are finished doing camp for the week. They are able to Zoom for their group meetings and have at home activities. It is difficult and Bridgeport worked hard to make it enjoyable and spiritually edifying. Next month I hope to

include testimonials from the children.

Sunday morning Zoom class is still going well and I see a Biblically based growth in the discussions. The children are working on a Mission idea that will take place in July. They all have such a giving heart. Please remember to pray for them as we don't have VBS but we are able to share God's Word in the community.

God bless you all,
Juanell Montoya
Children's Director



Parent's Day Out



We are back at PDO. We are very happy to be back to our friends.

It is that time of year that we start enrollment for the new upcoming year. If you have a child or know of one looking for a fantastic 2 day program - please have then contact us. Due to the pandemic, we are just starting the upcoming school year enrollment. We do fill out classes quickly, so please pass the word on.

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

Smiles to you -

Sandi Parker
PDO Director
Parents Day Out