

... our mission ...

**To know, love, and serve God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

... our values ...

**To know God...***Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior. Psalm 25:5*

**To love God...***to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, to obey his commands, to hold fast to him... Joshua 22:5*

**To serve God...***You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8*

*...and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:19*

**With all our heart, soul, mind and strength...***Let us not love with just words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18*

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# welcome from Pastor Stan

We come this morning to worship and thank God for our many blessings. Today we are especially mindful of our children, recalling Solomon's words, "*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord . . .*" As a heritage, a precious gift, God has also entrusted us with their care. Regarding His words, God tells us to "*Impress them on your children.*" And while we love and care for our children, there is much that we can learn from them. Jesus reminds us that, "*. . . anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.*" So like our children, we worship today receiving the kingdom of God as a little child; unrestrained, with the innocence of accepting minds and hearts, with great excitement, with limitless joy and assurance of our salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

## Pastor's study: Luke 18:15-17

In the first century it was a Jewish tradition for parents to bring their children to a rabbi for a blessing. We just can picture a crowd of mothers and fathers and children all gathered around Jesus.

- 1.) Why do you think so many parents wanted their children to be blessed by Jesus, an itinerant rabbi?
- 2.) The disciples certainly were aware of this Jewish tradition. Yet in v. 15 we read that the disciples rebuked the parents for bringing their children to be blessed by Jesus. Why do you think the disciples behaved in this way?
- 3.) In v. 16 Jesus warned his disciples "*. . . do not hinder them . . .*" Are there modern day disciples who try to hinder people from receiving a blessing from Jesus? If so, why and in what ways?
- 4.) In v. 17 Jesus said, "*. . . anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.*" How does one receive the kingdom of God like a little child? Why did Jesus place such a high value on children?

## today:

John and Kirstie Tiernan are serving in the nursery, for children newborn through age 3.

There is no Children's Church this morning, as the kids will be showing off what they learned in VBS last week!

## this week:

Wednesday: 6:00-6:30pm: Supper. Tacos.

6:30-7:40: Teen group and adult Bible study/  
discussion group.

Thursday: Ladies Prayer Group, 10:00am.

## upcoming:

July 9-10: SWID NYI, NMI, and District Assembly at Monroe Convention Center in Bloomington.

Tuesday, July 10: Parkview Quilters, 10-2. Bring a sack lunch, enjoy fellowship, and work on a baby quilt!

Thursday, July 12: Prime Time seniors luncheon, 12 noon.

## prayer needs:

Melissa Clark • Carol Farlee • Our schools • Ruby Pruitt • Mark Sisson • Josiah Green • Naomi Pruitt • Teresa Harden • Our church's ministry