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THE LIGHTHOUSE

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Coffee Evangelism: Timeful Relationalism

Matthew 6:25-34 25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

During this Season of Spring, with so much to do as the New Year unfolds, it seems easy for worries to take hold in our lives. These worries come in many forms: from the daily grind of living to the larger issues of self and purpose. It has been said "we are what we eat," "the clothes make the person," and "eat, drink, and be merry." Often what we wear on the outside and what we are on the inside are very different. Reflection time can help us see our true persona, a reality that is relational in nature.

God knows exactly what we need! This cannot be said enough in our lives. The path to divine understanding is when we seek first the Kingdom of God with the a right-with-God living that goes along with it. Any person that has dealt with an addiction knows that it is a one-day-at-a-time process. To think about the possible dangers that await us in the future will often cause us to stumble. To think about our mistakes of the past can cause us to doubt what is possible. To see today as the day has great power for redemption, because today is where we are. That is Timeful Relationalism.

We find strength and hope through others when we allow our personal persona to be revealed. Our persona is not our base self or perceived self, but our true self. It is not our body/mind or soul, it is our spirit. This spirit is directly connected to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Coffee Evangelism includes:

- Why Coffee Evangelism? Because I like coffee and I Love Jesus
- Real, I will be real today
- Lifestyle, This is the day the Lord has made
- Conversation, Tell me your story
- Truth, In the fullness of time



11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP



8:30 A. M.
WORSHIP

May 2 nd	Fletcher Casey	Button Daniels / Caroline Stetson	Nancy Gray
May 9 th	Rena Zimmerman	Paula Mann / Jane Gray	Lisa Lewis
May 16 th	Blake Parrish	Millie Barkley / Lora Whitehurst	Audra Shackelford
May 23 rd	Wallace Casey	Lori Toler / Holly Leonard	NO SERVICE
May 30 th	Blayden Parrish	Chetty Parker / Marla Beasley	Jusara Dough

Monthly Schedule:

† Baum/Gibbs Circle:

Tuesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m.

† Milah Meekins Circle:

Thursday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m.
Hosts: Becky and Tricia

† Senior Luncheon With Preschool

Thursday, May 20th
From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

† United Methodist Men

Thursday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Johnnie Robbins

Special dates

- Christian Family Week, May 3-9, 2010
- National Day of Prayer, May 6, 2010
- Mother's Day, May 9, 2010
- Ascension of the Lord, May 13, 2010
- Armed Forces Day, May 15, 2010
- Pentecost, May 23, 2010
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 24, 2010
- Memorial Day, May 31, 2010

RADIO MINISTRY

Saturday mornings at 8:40 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
WOBX - AM 1530 kHz
"Outer Banks Christian Radio"
The Bethany UMC Radio Ministry with Pastor Jerome.

Weekly Meetings at Bethany:

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship (Contemporary)
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Traditional)
Children' Church after Children's Time
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Junior MYF
- 6:00 p.m. Senior MYF
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Disciple I
(New Testament)

Children's Choir

- 4:30 p.m. on 3rd Sunday - Practice and Supper
- 11:00 a.m. on 4th Sunday - Sing for the Church

Preschool

- Tuesday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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COMMUNITY CHOIR DRAWS CROWD TO WANCHESE

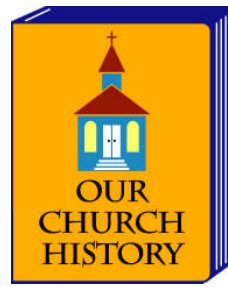
An unprecedented thing happened in the village of Wanchese on Palm Sunday of this year: over six hundred people came together from area churches to worship together and enjoy the Easter musical, *I Know My Redeemer Lives*.

Creating a community choir was a dream of Peggy Daniels, choir director of Bethany United Methodist Church in Wanchese. She had directed three cantatas at Bethany, and had often invited members from other churches to be a part of the singing. After the Christmas cantata this winter, it occurred to her to purposely assemble a group made of Christians from many denominations. The powerful result was a fifty voice choir representing six local churches. "This musical brought choirs, congregations, and communities together to praise the name of Jesus, our great Redeemer," Peggy stated. Always working alongside Peggy is her husband, Danny who was just as excited about the endeavor as Peggy was. He envisioned quite early that a larger venue than the sanctuary of Bethany would be needed. Bethany's Pastor Jerome Smith contacted Pastor Mark Hinson of the Wanchese Assembly of God and arrangements were made to use their Whole Ministry Center.

Planning for an event of such magnitude has its own challenges and stresses. Add to that the fact that Peggy was finishing her courses of chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. The choir members encouraged her in her dream when they said collectively, "If you're willing, we're willing." That was all the push that she needed to continue in her pursuit. The practices overflowed with fellowship, humor, wonder, and worship.

On the night of the performance much embellishment was added by the Selah Handmaid to Worship group. This is a group of three ladies who used sign language, drama, and dance to further the cause of Christ. It was a majestic moment when they brought in a cross held high and followed by a multitude of little children waving palm branches.

Danny and Peggy would like to see the community choir come together and perform at different churches for future special worship services. If you are interested in joining the group, you may contact Peggy Daniels at phone number 473-2996.



The History of Bethany United Methodist Church has been well received by the congregation and other interested individuals. Notes are starting to come in and here are a few excerpts:

"Received our copy of BUM history today and just looking through it, my heart took wing back home to Wanchese.

"The wonderful picture on the front brought warm memories flooding over me as I remembered walking in those doors the first time. It was Sept. 2, 1988 for our wedding rehearsal...

"I want to thank you for having the vision to preserve the history of BUM of Wanchese. I'm really delighted at the product of your many many hours of labor and love. Norm and I consider Wanchese and Bethany our home and we have loved everyone there so much. If Jesus tarries and we die before the rapture, we will be cremated and sprinkled there. If circumstances were different now we would be there right away."

God bless all and we miss you,
Norman and Marilyn Fabri

"We are enjoying the Bethany History! God bless you for your huge effort. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Hughie, Angie, and Anna Basnight

"Thank you for the book about Bethany. Mo and I looked at it last night and were impressed by the depth of research. I look forward to reading it."

Love to all, Pastor Bill Holliday

Church history books are available for \$20.00. See Denise Mann or contact the church by e-mail, phone, or letter.



NOTICE TO CUDWORTH CEMETERY LOT OWNERS:

Please remember your cemetery dues for mowing at the Cudworth Cemetery in Wanchese.

Dues are \$10.00 per lot, annually.

Make payment to: Cudworth Cemetery Fund

P. O. Box 100

Wanchese, NC 27981

Thank you for helping in keeping the cemetery looking nice. Connie Bateman 473-3350



Sunday, May 2 at the 8:30 a.m. worship service
Dare Challenge will be speaking.



Sunday, May 23 at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Dr. Carl Frazier will be preaching. After the service we will have a covered dish lunch with him and Mary Ellen.



The next quarterly meeting for the Council on Ministries will be Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. We will be setting the calendar for July, August and September. If you know of any events or other

items that need to go on the Church Master Calendar please let Denise Mann know. If your ministry is under Education or Worship please let your Chairperson know.
Button Daniels - Education
Gayle Drummond - Worship



May 1st Book Sale to Help Literacy

The Dare Literacy Council is having a Book 'n Bake Sale on Saturday, May 1 at the Belk department store in Kill Devil Hills (MP 7 on the Bypass). The sale will take place outside the front entrance from 6 am until noon (or later). All proceeds from the sale will help the DLC buy workbooks for their students. Students use the books to learn to read, to improve reading and math skills, to learn English and to study for their GED. Many DLC students have limited funds so buying the books outright is not possible. As a non-profit, volunteer organization, the Dare Literacy Council has few additional funds to purchase books so the generosity of the community at DLC fundraisers makes it possible to supply books for the students.

If you are a book lover, the Book 'n Bake Sale is the place to be for some great deals. There will be a tremendous variety of books, both hardback and paperback, most in fabulous condition. Many look like they have never even been opened so they would make great (and inexpensive) gifts! Offered at the sale will be fiction, non-fiction, biographies, cookbooks, books on spirituality, kids' books, audio books and more. And while you are browsing the titles, purchase a delicious treat from the DLC bake sale -- you'll need energy to read all those titles! For information, contact the Dare Literacy Council at 216-7773.

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| 1 - Rodney Wilson | 5 - Steve and Robin Daniels |
| 1 - Neil Gray | 8 - Billie and Denise Mann |
| 2 - Hank Beasley | 13 - Harvey and Barbara Hirsch |
| 4 - Tracy Leonard | 14 - Tracy and Katrina Payne |
| 5 - Tim "Fella" Daniels | 18 - Kydd and Dana Tillet |
| 7 - Paula Mann | 23 - Rob and Lisa Ayers |
| 10 - Barbara Tillett | 25 - Jeff and Jenn James |
| 10 - Lara Cate Wright | 31 - Michael and Terry Rogers |
| 11 - Andrew Ray | |
| 11 - Hannah Midgette | |
| 12 - Rheanna Byrd | |
| 12 - Cookie Utz | |
| 13 - Zach Walker | |
| 13 - Marc Basnight | |
| 13 - Josie Wright | |
| 14 - Ragen Twiford | |
| 15 - Janice Midgett | |
| 16 - Tread Willis | |
| 19 - Larry Ballance Sr. | |
| 19 - Rylee Payne | |
| 19 - Penny Robbins | |
| 20 - Britton Shackelford | |
| 20 - Jasmin Gibbs | |
| 21 - Steve Daniels | |
| 21 - Marla Joy Woodson | |
| 22 - Sidney Lewis | |
| 22 - Brent Elliot | |
| 25 - Maison Leonard | |
| 25 - Bill Gallop | |
| 26 - Cody Dough Brisson | |
| 26 - Karen Grimes | |
| 27 - Evelyn "Tom" Tillet | |
| 27 - Linda Mann | |
| 27 - Patrick Byrd | |
| 28 - Becky Beacham | |



Linda Brooke Tillet
Born: March 23, 2010
Weight: 8 lbs and 7.3 oz
Height: 21" long

Parents: Ryan and Presley Tillet
Brothers: Grayson and Barrett
Grandparents: Billy Carl and Gayle Tillet
Bobby and Julie Tolson

preschool registration

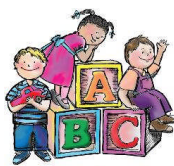


At this time, Bethany United Methodist Preschool has twenty-five children enrolled for the 2010 - 2011 school year. If anyone is interested in enrolling their child, he or she will be placed on the waiting list. Contact Gayle Tillett at 473-3759 or 475-1235. Praise God for a full class for the upcoming year!!!!



Senior Adults Cook Out

The Preschool May Senior Luncheon will be a cook-out held on the church parking lot. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings with homemade ice cream and chocolate cake. The luncheon will be Thursday, May 20th at 11:30 a.m. Come out and join the preschoolers and their parents and grandparents to end out preschool year.



Preschool
Program

Preschool Program and Graduation:

Please join us on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary for our closing program and graduation.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Wednesday, May 12 8:30 - 11:30 and 12:30 - 2:30

Manteo Elementary School Library

Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2010.

Must bring:

Child - Birth Certificate - Social Security Card - Immunization Record - Health Assessment (if possible) - Parent proof of physical residence (driver's license NC DMV identification, or voter registration card)

It is helpful to have a copy of these documents.

There **will not** be a Health Assessment at Registration. You must arrange this with your child's health care provider. If you have this before May 12, please bring a copy.



We have been very busy during our first month of Children's Church. We have had good attendance and are really getting to know the children. We are learning Bible verses, and discussing why we do the things that we do in church. We have discussed worship, Bible study, prayer, and Easter. During the month of May, we will be learning about communion, and the fruits of the spirit. We will also begin to learn the "Apostle's Creed". We will work on both memorizing and understanding this confirmation of our faith.

Children's Church is open to all first through fifth grade students during the 11:00 service. We would love to see your child! If you would like to offer suggestions or support, please see Cara Twiford or Tricia Tawes.



Dance Interpreters:

Girls Interpretive Dance Group has begun practice for their next performance on Sunday, June 20th at 11:00 service. We had 13 at our first practice. Thank you to Ms. Nicole for coming out and working with the girls. Dancers must be K-5th grade. The practices will be held on Sundays from 5-6. Here are the dates for the next practices:

May 2, 23, 30, June 6, 13



Children's Choir

We had 21 at kid's choir for the month of April. Mrs. Terri had a few fun games to start the evening off and then we practiced our songs we will be singing soon in church. Ms. Cookie is teaching the Ten Commandments to the choir so she inspired all of the children. We close every choir with dinner and we would like to thank Penny Robbins for providing pizza and cookies. There is a lot of excitement going on while the kids are learning about Christ through music. They are enjoying the fellowship with each other and are learning both old and new choruses and hymns. It is so exciting to see them involved in the church service singing songs that are becoming so familiar to them. We will not be having kids choir in May. All kids' choir members are encouraged to come out and support the St. Jude's Bike-a-thon. We will be singing on Sunday, May 9th and 23rd at the 11:00 services. Kid's choir is for children ages 4-5th grade. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Cara at 473-2293.



Children's Nite Out:

Parent's are you in need of a nite out? We have found the perfect solution and it is free. Kids' nite out! Kids' nite out is for ages 4 to 5th grade. Our next kids nite out will be held Friday, May 7 from 6-9. Terri Midgett will open with fun games, and then Robin Jackson will do a craft with the group. Caroline Stetson will be providing food and then we will end the evening with a movie. Don't let your kids miss out on this night full of fun and fellowship through Christ. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Cara Twiford @ 473-2293



Bike-A-Thon

Bike-A-Thon:

We will have a bike-a-thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The ride will be on Sunday, May 16th at 5:00 p.m. behind the Fire House on Old School House Road in Wanchese. The children will receive their sponsor sheet on Sunday, May 2.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR on Sunday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m. we will have a cook out for everyone to come out and meet Samuel Gunter. He is a Duke Divinity Student who will be us during the summer working with the youth and helping with other activities at the church. Also be sure to read his "faith pilgrimage" essay that he wrote for his Field-Education application and his resume.



Children's Story Hour:

Our fourth summer of afternoon Story Hour will begin Monday, June 14 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Story Hour will be held every Monday of the summer vacation except for the Monday that we are having Vacation Bible School (Monday, July 5). Children of all ages are welcome. Older children will be valuable help to younger ones by setting an example of good behavior and by assisting with the crafts and snacks. Volunteer parents are always a blessing to us by staying to help or by making a snack. Speak with Button Daniels, Caroline Stetson, Jimmie Williams, or Nancy Gray to volunteer or ask questions.



Vacation Bible School:

Monday, July 5th through Friday, July 9th

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Program - Sunday, July 11th at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service



Summer Church Camp:

Camp Don Lee is having their Annual Open House on Sunday afternoon, May 16th. It is a free afternoon filled with full activities and even an all camp picnic supper for free. This year there will be a 6 on 6 volleyball tournament for youth/adult mixed teams from churches to claim the trophy and be declared the champion.

Camp Don Lee Summer Programs 2010 book is on the table by the water fountain or you can go to www.donleecenter.org for registration, photos, shopping and information.



MISSION TO HAITI

But thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.
2 Corinthians 9:15

Craig Parker and Vance Daniels returned home from Haiti with exciting news and happy faces. The first stage of the building project has been completed for the only orphanage/school/church in the village of Crois De Bouquet, Haiti. With concrete floor, sides and roof, the family of Pastor Yvon Pierre and the orphans were to take up residence in the incompleted building on Saturday, April 24th. They have been living in tents outside the rented building which was destroyed in the earthquake in January.

The leader and workers of Compassion International, the ministry based in Florida that constructs prefabricated buildings, said they had never seen one of their buildings assembled as quickly as this one was.

Pictured is Craig seated with one of the orphans, Mrs. Helen Little beside them and members of the mission team outside the orphanage destroyed by the earthquake.



Craig will tell us about his experience in Haiti at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday, May 2nd.

For more information about this project in Haiti you may go to www.ryanepshomeforchildren.org.

Dear Craig, It is so good to hear from you. Valerie, Al and I got back to Raleigh on Saturday night at 8 PM. Plane was late because of a storm in Atlanta. When we left on Saturday morning the crew from Compassion Alliance were going to the work site to complete the finishing touches and finished all doors, windows, roof, both ends and the wall studs about lunch time on Saturday. It was 106.4 degrees on the roof on Friday, I will never be able to say thank you enough for all you have done and I hope we are back in Haiti again before the fall is over. IF fundraising is good, maybe we can get the permanent home for the children built and them in it. They did not get moved on Friday and Saturday as we hoped because Yvon got the other container out of customs on Saturday and that was important. They hope to move on Monday. They hope to have church next Sunday even if they have to sit on the floor. Maybe something good can be done about pews. God is blessing this work in a mighty way and who knows what God has planned for pews.

About the little girl, her name was Orlande and the cost to feed and care for a child per month is \$100 so that is \$1200 per year. The cost for school, (tuition and uniform, not counting books) is \$420 for the younger children and \$450 for the older children. That is where you remembered the \$1625. If someone wants to sponsor her, it would be great and we already know that Eunide is willing to mother her. It is a sad thing to give up your child because you cannot feed or educate them. So many in Haiti are done this way, but it is far better than selling them into slavery and that happens also. Read the book called "Restavek" by author whose last name is Cadet. It is not a thick book but is a true book. You will want to cry and this situation really happens too often in Haiti. . Patrick and I spoke at our church this morning and said a little about the trip. We will have a dinner on May 5 and tell more and show pictures. Did you get pictures off the Ryan Epps facebook? The pictures of the building going up are on it. Use them any way you want to promote. Thanks so much. Helen



A FRESH LOOK AT PENTECOST

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, on a day called Pentecost, the Christian church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving), the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem.

Many people had assembled near Peter and the other followers of Christ when "[F]rom heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind ..." (Acts 2:2 ff, NRSV). Then tongues of fire descended on everyone in the crowd.

After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and unknown came out of the crowd. Each person spoke "about God's deeds of power" (verse 11). No wonder Luke wrote, "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" (verse 12).

The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe in Christ. That's why today Christians remember this powerful event as the birthday of the church. Pentecost occurs on May 23 this year.

YOUR FAITH CAN GROW

The suspension bridge over Niagara Falls was begun by a thread attached to a kite. When the wind blew, the kite floated across the water to the other side. Workers then attached a string to the thread and pulled it across. To the string, they attached a rope and pulled it back. By this slow-but-sure method, the bridge was built.

Our faith may be just a little thread or no larger than a mustard seed, but we must act on it (see James 2:14-18). Through action, our faith will be strengthened (Colossians 1:23) as it moves us to do even greater works of faith for our Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:3). And in this slow-but-sure way, our faith can grow exceedingly (Ephesians 4:15-16).



OUR PRAYER LIST

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Irvin Ambrose, Jr.
Mary Chappell
Ron Cox
Pastor Dalton
Cynthia Etheridge
J. W. (Margaret Holder's Brother-In-Law)

Lisa Hunter
Jusara's Mother
Sean Meredith
C. C. Mihovch
Alyssa Nixon

Don and Judy Payne
Jane Sapone
Tom Slater
Becky Smith
Kate Snapp
Buddy Davis

ONGOING PRAYERS

Tiffany Ackerman
Carolyn Basnight
Stephen Bateman
Mickey Baum
Mary Ann Bland
Martha Borden
Cathy Clawson
Mary Cox
Elaine Daniels
Mickey Daniels
Laura Duman

Vanessa Foreman
Amy Garretson
Barbara Hirsch
Lorraine Johnson
John Jones
Judith and Jill
Gracie Kelly
Charles Leaner
Nancy Ward Meekins
Michelle Meredith
Charles Midgett
Larry Miller

Hudean O'Neal
Donna Roughton
Mary Roundtree
Linda Sawyer
Nancy Scarborough
Golden Simpson
Carl and Peggy Slaughter
Barbara Tillett
Ron Tillett
Stella Vrablic
Ken Wright
Melissa Wright



Aaron Kinsley
Matthew Rayburn

Unspoken
People of Poland
Ryan Epps Home for Children
Our Nation



LOST LOVED ONES

Family of Warren Gallop

Family of Lance Montague

Coal Miners and Their Families
Oil Drilling Workers and Their Families
Mississippi and Alabama Tornado Victims

Samuel Garrett Gunter

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

BA Government and French

DECEMBER 2006

Austin, TX

Also attended Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, TN; L'Universite du Quebec a Chicoutimi in Chicoutimi, Quebec; and Montgomery County Community College in The Woodlands, TX

EXPERIENCE

DUKE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT OF RHEUMATOLOGY

Administrative Aid

OCTOBER 2009 - PRESENT

Durham, NC

- Input data, file medical charts, and organize medical records.
- Perform various administrative tasks as assigned.

TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COALITION

Juvenile Justice Initiative (JJI) Research Associate

SEPTEMBER 2008 - MAY 2009

Austin, TX

- Assisted with research, writing, editing, and distribution of two juvenile justice policy and history reports, memos, newsletters and other printed materials.
- Provided support in legislative advocacy on juvenile justice issues, including bill tracking, bill analysis, and attended legislative committee hearings on behalf of the organization.
- Facilitated communication between the JJI and members of Texas Families of Incarcerated Youth, a fledgling advocacy group consisting of family members of youth who are currently or were formerly incarcerated in state juvenile justice facilities.
- Managed web-based content for the JJI, Texas Families of Incarcerated Youth, and the Texas Juvenile Justice Roundtable (a network of advocacy organizations and other stakeholders committed to juvenile justice reform).
- Performed various administrative tasks as assigned by the Project Director.

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

Health and Water Sanitation Educator

MARCH 2007 - AUGUST 2008

Khenifra Province, Morocco

- Developed and taught over 80 health lessons for a dispersed rural population of 12,000, using Tamazight (Moroccan Berber Dialect), Darija (Moroccan Arabic) and French, covering topics ranging from water sanitation to HIV/AIDS education.
- Consulted with local government and associations on the construction of a water treatment and distribution system serving a rural population of 300.
- Developed and taught English classes to five local university applicants.
- Corresponded with American classrooms in Maine to educate students about Moroccan and Islamic culture.
- Reported to and cooperated with the Moroccan Ministry of Health and L'Association pour la Lutte Contre SIDA.
- Top language learner out of a training group of 63 (Tamazight).

- Monitored and analyzed immigration legislation on the national level.
- Conducted research and created publications on immigration issues for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, including a Board of Immigration Appeals accreditation guide for churches wanting to establish centers to represent individuals through the immigration process.
- Communicated and collaborated with both faith- and issue-based advocacy organizations throughout Texas on immigration issues, legislative advocacy strategy, and general voter education.
- Created resources for and participated in the founding of the Baptist Immigration Services Network, currently the Immigration Services and Aid Center.
- Performed various administrative tasks as assigned.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AUSTIN
Adult Sunday School Teacher

SEPTEMBER 2008 - MAY 2009
Austin, TX

- Created and taught Sunday school materials on Church history, ethics, and Biblical studies.
- Facilitated and planned social events for the class.

TEXAS 4000 FOR CANCER

SEPTEMBER 2004 - AUGUST 2005

Program Committee Co-Coordinator & Cycling' Training Coordinator

Austin, TX

- Created and presented education materials on cancer awareness and prevention to community groups, churches, and at various Relay For Life events from Texas to Alaska.
- Co-managed a Program Committee to produce public education materials and to conduct outreach on cancer prevention.
- Raised \$9,200 in funds from individual donors toward a team goal of \$180,000.
- Organized and led training rides for a team of 40 that cycled 4,500 miles from Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN (IN ORDER OF FLUENCY)

French
Romanian
Tamazight
Biblical Hebrew and Ancient Greek

Spoken and written Spoken and
written Spoken (not a written
language) Basic comprehension

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Romania	Resided and attended school, 1994 - 1998	Resided
Germany		and attended high school, 1998 - 2001
Tunisia & Moldova	Translator and participant in service teams, summers of 1999 and 2000	
Hungary	Resided, taught ESL and attended high school, 2001 - 2002	
Quebec, Canada		Summer language program, summer 2003
Morocco		Peace Corps Volunteer, spring 2007 - fall 2008

"Faith Pilgrimage"

Field-Education Application

Samuel Gunter

My calling into full-time ministry began at an early age and I have spent much of my life trying to run from that calling. I am the child of a pastor and a missionary and made the decision to become a Christian at a very young age. While my family was on the mission field in Eastern Europe I attended Romanian public schools until high school when, because of a wide range of issues, my younger brother and I were sent to Black Forest Academy, a missionary kid (MK) boarding school in southern Germany. The school was populated mostly by the children of North American and South Korean missionaries from various evangelical groups scattered throughout Europe, North Africa and the Near East. Until that point I had spent much of my childhood in Royal Ambassadors, participating in Bible drills, and answering all the questions in Sunday school. At this school, however, my faith and my knowledge of the Bible would be formed as never before.

I lived in a dormitory with 26 other young men who were all in their first year at this boarding school. Many of us had shared similar experiences in our various countries of service, and this was the first time we had been around people with whom we could identify, and we cherished that. It allowed us to communally process the conflicts we felt from growing up in a country not our own. We were able to establish some sense of identity both as expatriates and as Christians. It was here that I began to see myself not as an American in exile, but as a Christian amongst family, for our faith was no respecter of nationalities. It was here as well that I first felt my call to ministry and to missions.

Here I had taught myself piano and guitar and quickly became the worship leader at our student-run chapels. I also led Bible studies in my dormitory and was involved on a daily basis in the spiritual life of our school. I loved our required Bible classes, and I participated in mission trips to Moldova and Tunisia where I worked mostly as a translator. I seized every opportunity I had to serve God and I was in a community that was both supportive and evangelism-minded. At first I took very little notice of the Turkish immigrant housing that was on the edge of our campus. I only knew that we ran by it on our cross-country training runs every afternoon and there were always a lot of people there. The constant fights between the German youth from the local village and the Turkish youth from the housing never seemed significant. I am not now sure how I was processing it at the time, only that I did not spend much time bothering with it. There was always too much work to do preparing for worship every week to worry about eight people crammed into a one bedroom apartment brought into the country to do the menial tasks for very little pay. In Romania I did not have time to notice the people who were living on the streets and going hungry, except when a hungry family broke into our yard and ate our dog. We had church planting to do. When we would encounter refugees from the Bosnian crisis just across our border, we were far more interested in the state of their eternal salvation than in the state of their stomachs or their families.

My family's exodus from the mission field is a story that would take up far more than this essay would allow and has had an extremely profound impact on my faith and my calling. For the sake of brevity I will simply say that my family was one of many who were forced to resign over the larger denominational controversy over inerrancy in the Southern Baptist Convention. There was a lot of mean spirited name-calling directed at us from people I had always called "aunt" and "uncle," and upon my return to the United States and entry into university life, I wanted nothing more to do with the Church. It was in this context that I would look back on my time abroad and would

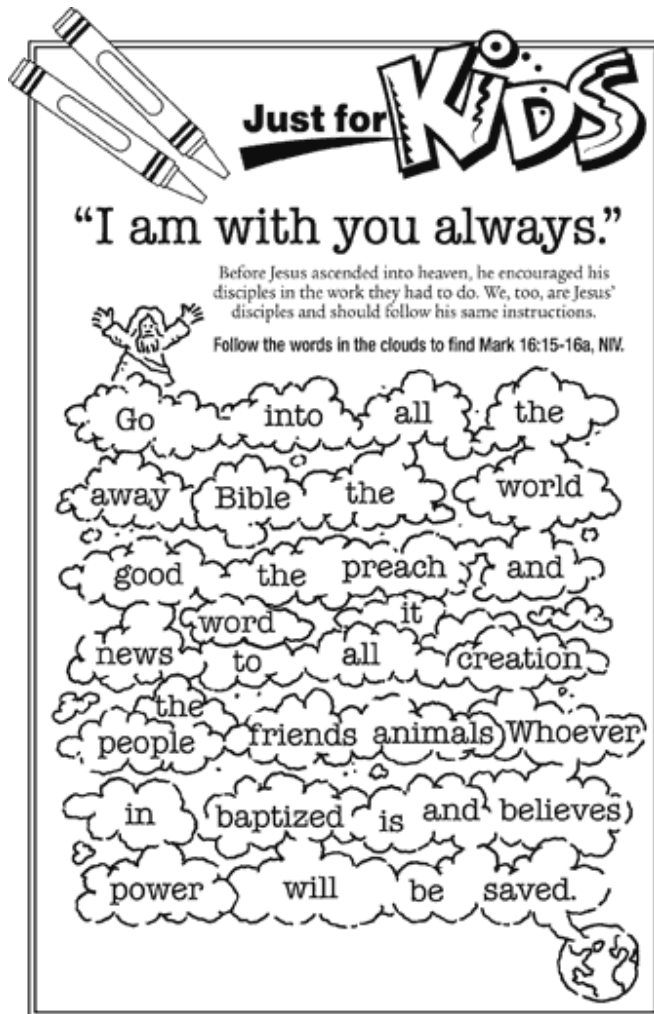
remember the Turkish community in Germany, the orphans and Gypsies in my neighborhood in Bucuresti, Romania, and the Bosnian refugees flooding across the border. All I could think about was how distracted I was by practicing music for worship and let those around me suffer without ever giving it a thought.

I spent my college years becoming increasingly active in areas of public policy and social justice and far less interested in matters of faith. I marched against the war in Iraq, organized for immigration legislation reform, and gave as much money as I could spare to groups such as Amnesty International and Medecins Sans Frontieres. I intentionally spent my energies on organizations that were not religious in nature. When I finally transferred to the University of Texas in Austin, however, I had inexplicably decided to try and reconnect with the faith of my childhood and started as any good Baptist would by visiting the First Baptist Church in the area. It was there that I would encounter some of the most thoughtful, faithful, and prophetic Christians I had ever encountered.

I began working for the Christian Life Commission which was the ethics/public policy arm of the Baptist General Convention of Texas which was headed by my pastor's wife. She was a tireless advocate for the least of Texas and became both a friend and a mentor. Her husband, my pastor, spoke eloquently and piercingly of the inability to separate the proper worship of God from the obedience of God's command to care for the least of these. It was in this Church that I began to again hear God's call on my life to ministry. However I was still unsure about the Church and although my own personal faith was once again becoming vibrant, after graduating from college I chose to serve abroad with the Peace Corps. My goal was to live faithfully as a believer and yet still be committed to what my pastor recasts as "Biblical justice," but not with the Church.

My two years in Morocco were both rewarding and trying. It was here though, in the isolation of the Middle Atlas Mountains and in the wilderness of being the only believer within several hours of my village that God's call became deafening. While I was working as a health educator amongst a Muslim population, I was introduced to the Church Fathers by some Trappist monks a day's travel away and discovered a faith tradition much richer than I had ever known. I spent extended periods of time with the brothers at their Monastery, and they taught me to pray again. I would often take off alone in the mountains with the mystical writings of St. John of the Cross or Wendell Berry and once again tapped into the ecstatic faith of a child. Most of all I began to re-read the words of Jesus that I had long ago committed to memory and was surprised to find that He began to take religion out of the realm of the theoretical and brought it to the forefront of my life as it was actually lived. Jesus re-introduced himself as a man who continues to be a prophet to both the Church and the state, and to quote my pastor, "all I really, really wanted was to have the guts to be like Him."

I can now speak reasonably of my calling which is to strive ever so diligently to conform my life to the life of Christ. My vocation may not be the same throughout my life, but the mission stays the same; whether through ordained ministry, through social work, or through economic development, I will continually "seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with [my] God." It took me a while to realize that these seemingly disparate callings to seek justice in the world and to seek God were in fact the same call and I seek to live into those calls wherever the Spirit may lead me in this world.



Answer: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)

GOOD NEWS T-SHIRT

Jesus told his disciples — and us — to go into all the world and preach the good news. Wherever you go, this cool T-shirt will help spark conversations about your faith.

What you need:

- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Plain white, cotton T-shirt
- Permanent markers
- Goggles (optional)
- Eye dropper
- Rubbing alcohol
- Clothes hanger

What you do:

1. Cover a table with newspaper. (Work outside or in a well-ventilated area.)
2. Place a piece of cardboard inside your T-shirt. (This keeps pen marks from going through to the other side.)
3. With permanent markers, draw a design of large circles, spirals, hearts, etc.
4. Wear goggles while dropping rubbing alcohol onto your designs with an eye dropper. As the alcohol permeates the permanent marker, the color will break up and spread in interesting ways.
5. Hang the shirt to dry.
6. When the shirt is dry, place cardboard inside it again. On the front, write "I have some good news to share with you." You can also write a Bible verse.

Bible Quiz

One Old Testament prophet believed that God had consecrated him to be his spokesman even before his birth. He wrote: "Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'"

Choose the correct prophet from the list below.

- A. Amos
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Micah
- D. Hosea

Answer: (See Jeremiah 1:4-10, NRSV.)



HUMOR & WISDOM



"Do I have to give thanks for all the spinach or just the bite I'm going to eat?"

Up but not away

Many Christian denominations celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which refers to a post-resurrection event that took place 40 days after Easter. This year it occurs on May 13.

According to Luke, Jesus led his friends to a Jerusalem suburb called Bethany. While on a small mountain, he blessed his friends and then rose into heaven while they watched.

The ascension was such a momentous occasion that after Jesus disappeared, his followers had a worship service at the spot. Then they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (Luke 24:52, NRSV).

Because Christ had promised to be with his followers always (Matthew 28:20), from then on they knew he would be with them as Spirit. Jesus' body was up and away, but spiritually he was still and always would be their companion.

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