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Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Spiritual Direction

In the New Testament we see a variety of relationships in which one person gives spiritual guidance to another. John the Baptist exhorts people to prepare themselves to receive the coming Messiah. Part of preparing themselves involved confessing their sins, receiving baptism, and receiving instruction from John, who taught them how to live out the changes confessions would bring. The discipline of spiritual direction is the desire to give caring attention to my relationship with God, accompanied by the prayerful presence of someone who helps me listen well to God. It is help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship.

Jesus' relationships to his disciples also reveal his personal attention to their growth – he didn't give each of them the same advice, rather, he spoke to each of them in way that they needed to grow. Spiritual direction is a relationship that allows one to assist another in discerning God's activity and presence in his or her life. This relationship assumes that we all need help to listen to God and to live out his call.

A spiritual director listens with one ear to God (and the urging of the Holy Spirit) and the other to the directee, always encouraging the directee to recognize where God can be found throughout the journey. Spiritual direction is for those longing to drink from the river of life and ready to reflect on their own journey. This usually assumes a certain amount of spiritual maturity as well as an understanding of the importance of noticing God's activity in the soul. Prayer, impressions, experiences, and behavioral patters all become part of the direction process that moves toward a deeper intimacy with the Triune God.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Dennis Rosenbaum
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)

Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Betty Peptone (David's Sister)
Katie Rosenbaum
Clay Mason

Miguel Devore
Carl Feril
Kyler Dickson
SMC 3rd Session
Juanita Barnett (Marisa's Mom)

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

We will not have youth group tonight because a large group of our teens will be at camp and Jayce Feril plans to be baptized at camp tonight. If you would like to go to the baptism you can talk to Zeb for getting a ride.

Baby Sprinkle for Kate Batten [August 2]

Let's honor Shawn and Glora during potluck dinner on Sunday, August 2nd, on the recent birth of baby Kate. Gift ideas include baby girl clothes (sizes 3 months+), baby toys, teething, Links or baby wipes. No disposable diapers, please.

VBS [August 5 and 12]

Our VBS will be on August 5 and 12 from 5:30-8 PM this year. There is a sign up sheet to volunteer in the foyer. Work times listed below..

Save the Date:

July 26 - VBS Work Time - 3 PM

July 29 - VBS Work Time (6 PM)

August 3 - VBS Work Time (6 PM - if needed)

August 5 - 12 - VBS

August 9 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

September 13 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

October 11 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)



Worship Order

Welcome Table: Orrin & Meagan Feril

Greeters: Zeborah and Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (2 Corinthians 4:1)

Song: #63 - I Will Call Upon the Lord

Song: #354 - I Gave My Life for Thee

Communion: Stan Aldrich (JW Like, Chris Mansel, Joe Cornwell)

*Song: #452 - Standing on the Promises

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #694 - Servant Song

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: #851 - I'll Fly Away (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon

* During the final verse of this song, children will be dismissed for Bible Hour.

