

SERMON TEXT: Mark 12:13-17 (ESV)

¹³And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" ¹⁵But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

SERMON OUTLINE

I. All you need is sincerity, and if you can fake that...

II. A trick question with a nasty twist...

III. A marvelous and unexpected response...

1. Render to Caesar...

2. Render to God...

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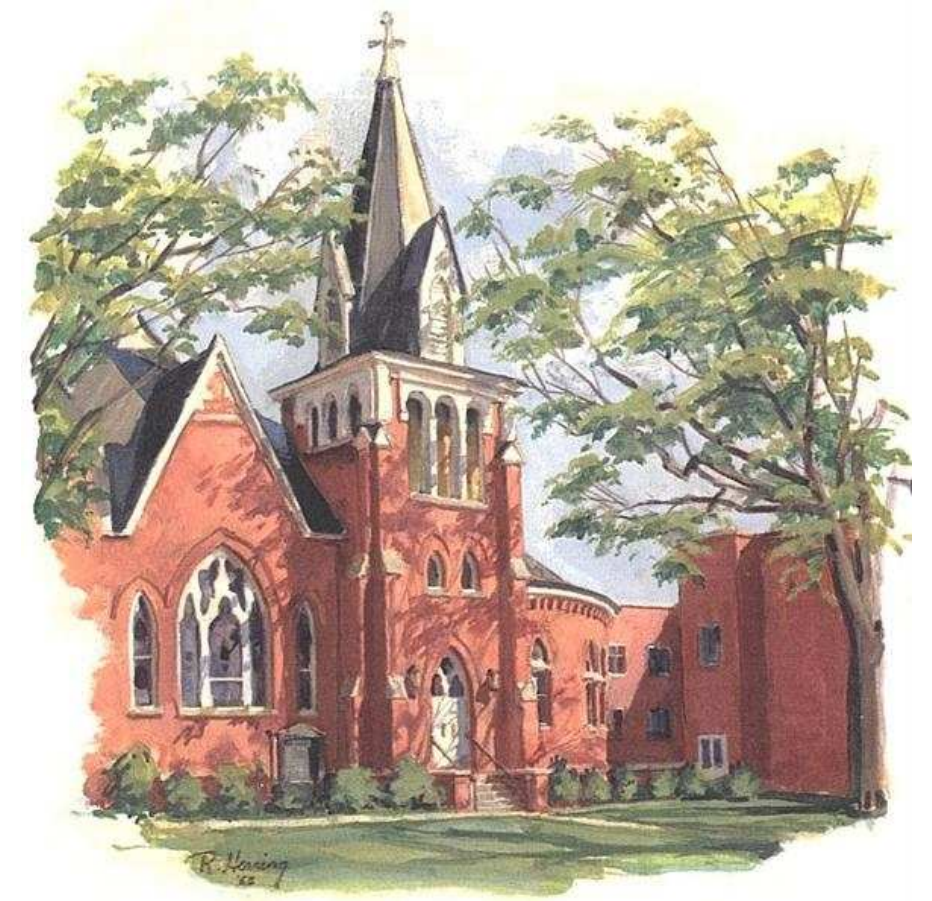
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June 29, 2008 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP.....Dr. Clay J. Brown

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

PRELUDE: Largo.....Wesley

Joanne Daykin

***THE DOXOLOGY: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**.....34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

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Mary Beth Stutts

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GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Father, we love you, we lay our gifts before you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Sermon Text: Mark 12:13-17
Sermon: *Discerning and Rendering*.....Dr. Brown

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Prayer of Confession, Intercession, and Thanksgiving
Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread
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Post-Communion Prayer

***GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: *Rigaudon*.....Campra

* **Those who are able** will please stand.

If you are our guest today, welcome! We’re so glad you’re here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a “Welcome Home” folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with a pastor following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rie Heilman by Phil and Maria Heilman and family.

Recent Prayer Requests: Jean Wilds, Lucile McClure’s sister-in-law; Paul Brown, Clay’s father; Katherine Mack; Elma Wilson, Thelma Vaughan’s twin sister; Ashley Teeter; Lee Doughten; Jan Stilwell’s son, John Burris; Dave Montgomery, Phil Loftin’s brother-in-law; James Gordon; Levi Thomason, Margaret Sanders’ brother; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Terry Stevens; Curtis Blake, Cathy Brown’s father; Martha Andrews; those who have recently lost loved ones and EO3SW Laban Thompson.

Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of Jacklyn Potter who passed away on June 20.

Children in Action (CIA): Rising first through sixth graders are invited to attend this week’s CIA activity, the CPCC Summer Theater production of “Aladdin” in Charlotte, this Tuesday, July 1. The group plans to leave at 8:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$7. Reservations are essential; contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you are interested in attending.

Church Picnic: Everyone is invited to attend the annual Independence Day Church Picnic next Sunday, July 6, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Barbecue pork and drinks will be provided for \$1; please bring a side dish and a dessert to complete the meal. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, and plan to dress casually for all activities next Sunday. The picnic will be held in the fellowship hall in the event of rain.

Thirty-four PYF members and leaders left early Saturday morning to spend a week in Toppenish, WA working on the Yakama Reservation under the auspices of YouthWorks, a non-denominational youth mission organization based in Minnesota. By their service to the people of the Yakama Nation through various work projects and children’s programs, the group will have the opportunity to share the love of Christ to that community. Youth participants include Matt Abele, Rachel Abele, Rebecca Auten, Logan Bates, Amanda Boone, Elizabeth Brawley, Carson Bridges, Cody Brown, Collin Brown, Keni Carpenter, Taylor Cowart, Hunter Crawford, Donovan Fair, Charlie Heilman, Luz Heilman, Nell Herring, Emily Horsman, Marshall Horsman, J.P. Justice, Caroline Ladd, Dylan McIntyre, Dylan Powell, Chris Shore, Corinne Sink, Graham Sledge, Jordan Sledge, Michael Telford and Neil Trimble. The youth leaders include Tyler Domske, Jackie Justice, Scott Mauney, Eric Puer, Janice Puer and Alan Sledge. The group will fly back in to Charlotte, Sunday, July 6 and return to the church in time for the 4th of July picnic.

Calendar for June 20 – July 6, 2008

Sunday 6/29: 9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship

Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - CIA to CPCC Theater

Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. - Prayer Group in the Library
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home
7:30 p.m. - Na Chancel Choir tonight

Friday: **Independence Day**
Church Office closed

Sunday 7/6: 9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
12:00 p.m. - Annual Church Picnic on the grounds
PYF returns from their mission trip

In Memoriam
Jacklyn E. Potter
December 14, 1925 – June 20, 2008
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them! Revelation 14:13

The summer edition of *These Days*, our quarterly devotional, is available for pick-up at the rear of the church and in the parlor.