

SERMON NOTES ♦ MAY 17, 2009
Dead or Alive

SERMON TEXT
Romans 6:1-14 (NRSV)

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

NOTES

I. A Huge Misunderstanding (vv. 1-4)...

II. An Incredible Identification (vv. 5-10)...

III. A Momentous Realization (vv. 11-14)...

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May 17, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M.

THE PRELUDE: *Our Father Who Art in Heaven*Bach
Christy Floyd

THE WELCOME.....Clay Brown
Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.
An asterisk (*) marks when those who are able will please stand.
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on "vibrate."

THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

***THE HYMN #96:** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*AZMON

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Fred Coates

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, through Jesus Christ you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of your Body.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves. We cling to destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow the past to hold us hostage and live in fear of the future.
In your loving kindness, O Lord, have mercy on us.
Free us from our sin. Remind us of your promises, so that we may rise to new life, and live daily in your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray...

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***THE RESPONSE #734:** *Glory Be to the Father*.....GREATOREX

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14.....Pew Bible, pp. 764-5

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON LESSON: Romans 6:1-14.....Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON: *Dead or Alive*.....Clay Brown

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY: *Surely the Presence of the Lord*arr. Shrader

***THE RESPONSE #34:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***THE HYMN #356:** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* (vv. 1-3).....HYFRYDOL

***THE STATEMENT OF FAITH:** From the United Church of Canada

We are not alone. We live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

***THE RESPONSE #356:** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* (v. 4).....HYFRYDOL

***THE POSTLUDE:** *Marche Petite*Young

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 the pastor in the chancel area 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 are given to the glory of God and in honor of Chancel Choir Nursery volunteers (Smith and Lois Kirk; Bill and Sandra Harris; and Jean Coates) by the choir families.

Recent Prayer Requests: David Ballard; Claude Voils; Bill Raffety's father, Mick Raffety; Bob Davidson; Clayton Davidson; Anita Teeter; Suzy Brawley; Pauline Bowers, Jean Chisaghi's mother; Rebecca Auten; Mary Voils Aven; Terry Stevens; Tip McGee; Cathy Brown's parents, especially her dad; EO3SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1st Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

Saints Alive Luncheon: The monthly Saints Alive luncheon (\$4) will be held this Tuesday, May 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Following lunch and devotions, the program will be presented by Dr. Jim Morrow. Jim will relate details about his book, *Return Engagement*, in which he writes about the World War II experiences of his cousin, an Army Air Force B-17 pilot. Come and bring a friend to our last luncheon before summer.

Camp Grier Open House: Everyone is invited to "Discover Camp Grier Day" today at 1:00 p.m. at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC. You will have an opportunity to meet the camp director and summer staff as well as tour the camp, take a hike, go on a canoe ride, make s'mores and crafts, and enjoy a hot dog lunch. Please call the camp office (828-668-7793) for more information.

Camp Grier: Summer camping sessions will be held at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, from June 14 through July 31 for children and youth in rising grades 2-12. Informational brochures may be found at the rear of the sanctuary, in the parlor, and in the church office. Scholarship help is available.

Vacation Bible School: Registration for this summer's VBS will be held during May – information and registration forms may be found in the church parlor. This year's theme is "Kingdom of the Son: The Lord's Prayer Safari VBS." Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22-26 from 9:30 a.m. – noon, with classes for 3 year olds through rising sixth grade. Adult and teen volunteer help is needed. Please contact VBS director Susan Kendall to volunteer.

Sunday, May 31st, the PYF will have a fundraising dinner event for the 2009 Summer Trips (Mission Trip and/or NWMC). We will be preparing and serving the best spaghetti dinner that anyone has ever seen (or at least a pretty good one). Dinner will start at 5:30, with lots of surprises and entertainment throughout the evening. You WILL NOT WANT TO MISS IT! There is not a set fee for the meal, but each table will have collection plates for donations. The money collected that night will be used to help fund the PYF trips this summer. Please come to support our youth, and to enjoy a great meal and a great night!

Congregational Meeting Today: A slate of nominees for the Church Officer Nominating Committee, the group charged by our Book of Order with presenting a slate of nominees for the Session and Diaconate, will be placed into

nomination during a congregational meeting **today at 11:00 a.m.**, in the Sanctuary before the start of the worship service. The Session and Diaconate representatives on the nominating committee chosen by the Session are:

- Session, Class of 2009: Phil Heilman (chair) and Karen Brawley.
- Diaconate, Class of 2009: Julie Morrow and Eric Estes.

Per the Book of Order, Phil, Karen, Julie, and Eric are already on the committee and will not be up for election. The 10 nominees for the remainder of the committee that will be placed into nomination are:

AGE	MALE	FEMALE
20-39	Brian Little	Dawn Chappell
40-49	Mark Deaton	Carol Crews
50-59	Bill Lackey	Angie Toma
60-69	Emie Crymes	Elaine Drye
70 +	Bill Morrow	Pat Cuberson

You may place an active church member into nomination with that person's prior consent. The age and gender will determine placement on the ballot. Runoff elections will be held until the membership of the committee is complete.

Alan Sledge, Tyler Domske, chaperones Beth Sink and Valerie Mauney are in Garden City Beach, SC for the MSM spring trip. They will ring handbells at the 11:00 a.m. worship service and return this evening.

Next Sunday's Worship—May 24, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services: Fred Coates preaching on Romans 6:15-23.

Calendar for May 17– May 24, 2009

Sunday:	VBS Registration in the Parlor
	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Congregational Meeting
	11:00 a.m. - Worship
	4:00 p.m. - No Alpha PYF
	6:00 p.m. - MSM returns from beach trip
	6:00 p.m. - Deacons Meeting
	6:30 p.m. - Omega PYF (No dinner)
	7:00 p.m. - Budget & Finance, Worship and Property Committees
Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
	7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the Coates' home
Tuesday:	10:30 a.m. - <i>Exploring Our Reformed Faith</i> Study
	12:30 p.m. - Saints Alive luncheon
	6:15 p.m. - Underground Bible Study
Wednesday:	Newsletter Deadline
	11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
	6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club @ Sonic
	7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - PYF Mission & a Movie
Sunday 5/24	VBS Registration in the Parlor
	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship with Catechism Club recognition
	4:00 p.m. - Alpha PYF
	5:00 p.m. - Omega PYF
	7:00 p.m. - <u>No Stated Session meeting tonight</u>