

SERMON NOTES ♦ MAY 24, 2009
You Gotta Serve Somebody!

SERMON TEXT
Romans 6:15-23 (IESV)

¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NOTES

I. Freed by Grace (vv. 15-16)

II. Serving a Worthy Master (vv. 17-21)

III. A Servant's Wages (vv. 22-23)

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May 24, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

THE WELCOME..... Tyler Domske
 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 PRELUDE: *Fantasia on "America"*arr. Broughton
 Billie Brawley

***THE HYMN #87:** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Madrid

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Tyler Domske

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and in what we have said. We have sinned in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and in repentance we turn to you asking for forgiveness and for renewal in our lives to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.
 Adapted from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (New Zealand: The Anglican Church, 1989), 407.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

THE RECOGNITION OF THE CATECHISM CLUB.....Ellen Auten

***THE HYMN #446:** *O Love That Will Not Let me Go*..... St. Margaret

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24: 14-18.....Pew Bible, pp. 211
Anne Telford

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON LESSON: Romans 6:15-23.....Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON: *You Gotta Serve Somebody*.....Fred Coates

***THE STATEMENT OF FAITH:** FROM “The Brief Statement of Faith”

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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: *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*.....Aufdemberge
Chancel Choir

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***THE HYMN #440:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (vv. 1-3).....BRADBURY

***THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

***THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE #440:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (v. 4).....BRADBURY

***THE POSTLUDE:** *God of Our Fathers*arr. Livingston

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 and majesty of God and in memory of Jim Drye by Elaine Drye. The flowers in the vestibule are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Catechism Club participants and adult mentors.

Catechism Club Recognition: seven children in our congregation have participated in Catechism Club instruction since last September, and have recited the required 150 questions to an adult mentor. Congratulations to these children for their dedication and hard work as they memorized the entire catechism. Appreciation is expressed to the adult mentors who met regularly with the children for recitation. Names of the participants and their mentors are listed below:

Participant	Adult Mentor
Dominic Corolla	Linda Ervin
Harrison Deaton	Miriam McNeely
Philip Heilman	Brad Chappell
Van Herring	Stacy Windsor
Adrian Holbrook	Beverly Chappell
Emory McNeely	Bea Lieu
Alex Teeter	Judith McLean

Dr. Brown is away on vacation this weekend.

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.

Next 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 out youth, and to enjoy a great meal and a great night!

We welcome Billie Brawley to the organ/piano this morning. She is filling in for Christy Floyd who will return next Sunday. We thank Billie for giving of her time and talents in order to facilitate worship on this Lord’s Day.

June 7 is Graduate Recognition Sunday. Letters with information forms have been mailed out to high school graduates and they will process into the sanctuary on Graduation Sunday. Please return these forms to the church office as soon as possible. Also, please inform our Youth Pastor, Tyler Domske, or call the church office with any information for those graduating from college or graduate school. Thank you.

Next Sunday’s Worship—May 31, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services: Clay Brown will be preaching on Pentecost Sunday, Acts 17:1-11; “Turning the World Upside Down.”

Calendar for May 24 – May 31, 2009

Sunday:	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>
Monday:	Memorial Day – Church office closed
Wednesday:	11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
	6:15 p.m. - HS Supper Club @ Pueblo Grande
	7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Thursday:	9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
Friday:	9:30 a.m. - Preschool Graduation
Sunday 5/31	VBS Registration in the Parlor
	9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
	10:00 a.m. - Church School
	11:00 a.m. - Worship
	5:30 p.m. - PYF Fundraising Dinner

Recent Prayer Requests: Suzy Brawley; Lecie Miller; Kathleen Bates; Patricia Cote, neighbor of Brandon Corolla; Bill Raffety’s father, Mick Raffety; Bob Davidson; Anita Teeter; Pauline Bowers, Jean Chislaghi’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.

From the Budget & Finance Committee:

YTD (April 30) Budget	\$225,813.00
YTD (April 30) Receipts	\$254,486.00
- Deficit	- \$1,317.00