

## SERMON NOTES ♦ AUGUST 9, 2009

“What Are *They* Doing Here”

### SERMON TEXT

Romans 10:14-21 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

<sup>16</sup>But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup>Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. <sup>18</sup>But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

"Their voice has gone out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world." <sup>19</sup>Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says,

"I will make you envious by those who are not a nation;

I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding."

<sup>20</sup>And Isaiah boldly says,

"I was found by those who did not seek me;

I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me." <sup>21</sup>But concerning Israel he says,

"All day long I have held out my hands  
to a disobedient and obstinate people."

### NOTES

- The older brother's problem...
- Israel's problem...
- Our problem?

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*Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples*

August 9, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

### WELCOME

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."

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mac Herring

PRELUDE: "Premier Couplet du Kyrie"

Couperin

Christy Floyd

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Crown Him the Lord of Life!"

Larson

Chancel Choir

### INVOCATION

\*HYMN 560: "I Love To Tell The Story"

HANKEY

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Fred Coates

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we are awed by your enormity. We are astonished by your love for us. We long to serve you, yet we continually lose our focus. We are overwhelmed by our sinful desires. We are sinners. Forgive us, Father. Restore in us a heart that yearns to follow you. Forgive us for our lack of focus, for our dissention, and for our self-centered motives. Help us to truly be the Body of Christ in this world, even in spite of our wanderings. Forgive us...

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI #734

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

\*HYMN 569: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dot Campbell

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 15:11-32

Pew Bible, pp. 659

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 10:14-21

Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON:** "What Are They Doing Here?" Tyler Domske

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY:** "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" Carter

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who brings words of peace and salvation, who brings good tidings of peace. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, He has redeemed Jerusalem. How beautiful upon the mountains...

**\*DOXOLOGY 34** OLD 100TH

**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.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *adapted from The Heidelberg Catechism, § 4.001*

**Our comfort, in life and in death, is that we belong—body and soul—not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**\*HYMN 559:** "Here I Am, Lord" w. 1-3 Shutte

**\*OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*RESPONSE:** "Here I Am, Lord" refrain Shutte

**\*POSTLUDE:** "Susanni" Ludlow

**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 Karen Brawley on their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by her husband, Brad.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** The Telford family; Nancy Baker; Clayton Davidson; Becky McIntyre's mother; Sue Stevens and family; Rebecca Auten; Pam Winters' sister, Reaves Geist; Jan and Caroline Hampton; George and Suzy Brawley; Bill Raffety's father, Mick Raffety; Mary Voils Aven; Tip McGee; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF, all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs.

**Labor Day Weekend Mission Trip Opportunity:**

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a Labor Day Weekend Mission, Thursday, September 3 through Monday, September 7. The group will travel to Slidell, Louisiana (just northeast of New Orleans), to work with the Presbyterian Community Outreach (PCO) Center to repair storm damaged homes in the area. The only cost to be a part of the group will be for personal expenses (primarily food). Transportation will be funded by the Missions Committee and (air-conditioned) housing will be provided by the PCO. Registration forms are available on the church web site and in the church office. Contact Fred Coates for more details.



**Camp Grier Congregational Retreat:** Everyone in our church family is encouraged to attend the annual congregational Labor Day Retreat at Camp Grier in Old Fort, NC, scheduled for Friday, September 4 through Sunday, September 6. You may come for all or part of the weekend. Informational brochures may be found at the rear of the sanctuary, in the parlor, and in the church office. Registration forms and payments are due by Friday, August 29.

**Worship Orientation:** All rising first graders and their parents are encouraged to attend a Worship Orientation class on either Sunday, August 16, at 10:00 a.m., or Sunday, August 23, immediately following Promotion Sunday activities. The class will be held in the sanctuary.

**Calendar for August 9-16, 2009**

- Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
5:00 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting  
7:00 p.m. - Committee Meetings
- Monday: 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts
- Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner  
6:00 p.m. - PYF Just Desserts  
7:30 p.m. - No Chancel Choir
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Preschool Workshop in the FH  
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home  
6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral
- Sunday 8/16: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Orientation for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders  
10:00 a.m. - Church School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship

**From the Budget & Finance Committee:**

January - June

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| YTD Budget ..... | \$385,161.00 |
| Deficit.....     | <\$1,192>    |



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Romans 10:15