

SERMON NOTES ♦ AUGUST 23, 2009
“Spiritual Horticulture”

SERMON TEXT

Romans 11:13-24 (ESV)

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

¹⁷But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, ¹⁸do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²²Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

NOTES

1. An Unusual Calling...

2. An Unusual Technique...

3. An Unusual Combination...

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

August 23, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M.

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."

INVOCATION

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Cwn Rhondda" Manz
Christy Floyd

CALL TO WORSHIP: "O Worship the King" arr. Purifoy
Chancel Choir

***HYMN 581** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Great Commission
Profession of Vows and Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregational Affirmation and Baptismal Prayer
Baptism
Welcome and Blessing

CHILDREN'S SERMON Fred Coates

CALL TO CONFESSION Tyler Domske

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess to you that our perspectives and actions are twisted by pride. We see ourselves as pure when in reality we are stained, and mighty when in reality we are weak. We have failed to live in your love. We have neglected to be just. We have turned away from your truth. God of mercy, forgive our sin, so we may serve you joyfully and fearlessly. Through Jesus Christ we pray...

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.

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Leader: Jesus said to go and make disciples of all nations, not only baptizing but also teaching them to obey his commands.

All: This is why we are called to the ministry of Christian education—to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Leader: For those serving in this vital ministry, we ask you, “Do you respond to the call of Christ to teach, love, support, and make disciples?”

Christian Educators: Yes. We hear God’s call, and we respond. We will teach, love, support, and make disciples in the name of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Will we as a church body support and pray for those engaged in this ministry?

Congregation: Yes. We will support and pray for everyone involved in this vital work. Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us pray...

***HYMN 653:** “I Will Call Upon the Lord”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Terry Skeen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 56:3-8

Pew Bible, p. 651

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON LESSON: Romans 11:13-24

Sermon Notes

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: “Spiritual Horticulture”

Clay Brown

PRAYERS OF GOD’S 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: “Great is Our God”

Chancel Choir

Courtney

***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**

***HYMN 566:** “Your Servant Comes This Hour” (vv 1-3)

FESTAL SONG

***OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE 566:** “Your Servant Comes This Hour” (v 4) FESTAL SONG

***POSTLUDE:** “Postlude on “Old 134th”

arr. Jones

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 all Christian Education volunteers, for their commitment and dedication to leading and assisting in the educational programs of this congregation.

Recent Prayer Requests: Paul Trimble; Willie Allison; Richard Holshouser; the family of Nancy Baker; Clayton Davidson; George Brawley; Becky McIntyre’s mother; Pam Winters’ sister, Reaves Geist; Jan and Caroline Hampton; Suzy Brawley; Bill Raffety’s father, Mick Raffety; Mary Voils Aven; Tip McGee; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1st Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who are looking for jobs.

Worship Orientation: All rising first graders and their parents are encouraged to attend a Worship Orientation class this morning, immediately following Promotion Sunday activities. The class will be held in the sanctuary.

Church School Promotion Sunday: Everyone is invited to attend special Promotion Sunday activities this morning at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Activities include introduction of church school teachers, information about the new church school year, and presentation of Bibles to second graders. Biscuits and breakfast refreshments will be served.

Catechism Club: The 2009-2010 Catechism Club, offered to children in third through sixth grades, will begin Sunday, September 13, from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Children in Catechism Club will be encouraged to memorize the 150 questions of the *First Catechism*, and will have weekly instruction in basic Bible truths. Registration will take place in the church parlor this morning.

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.

Lost and Found: Please check the Lost & Found table in the fellowship hall for items you may have left at the church. All items not claimed by August 31 will be donated to the Christian Mission.

A report on the church survey taken earlier this year will be presented by the Personnel and Administration Committee on Sunday, August 30, 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Make your plans to attend.

Logos/Middle School Ministry (MSM): This year marks the beginning of the 31st year of our congregation’s participation in the Logos Program. Our Logos program is a mid-week (Wednesdays, 4:00-7:15 p.m.) program for youth in first through eighth grades, and consists of Bible study, worship skills,

recreation, and dinner. Logos is for children in first through sixth grades, while MSM is for seventh and eighth graders. The primary goal of the Logos Program is to develop genuine and lasting relationships between young people and Jesus Christ, their ministers, parents and other adults in the congregation, as well as their peers. Parents may register their children for the program at one of the following required Parent Meetings:

Sunday, August 23 – 10:15 a.m. – Room 301

Sunday, August 23 – 7:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 26 – 7:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 5 – at the Camp Grier Retreat (TBA)

The registration deadline is Wednesday, September 2. Fees include a \$30 registration fee and a \$50 per semester tuition fee. Scholarship help is available upon request. Please contact program director Gretchen Little (704-528-9796), assistant director Lisa Davidson (704-662-9393), or Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) with questions about the program. The 2009-2010 Logos year begins Wednesday, September 9.

From the Budget and Finance Committee: January – July 2009:
YTD Budget - \$440,354.00; Deficit – (\$15,468.00)

Calendar for August 23-30, 2009

Sunday: *Christian Education Sunday*
9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School Promotion
10:15 a.m. - Worship Orientation for 1st Graders
10:15 a.m. - Logos/MSM Parent Meeting
11:00 a.m. - Worship with Baptism
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting
7:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Parent Meeting

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

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
7:00 p.m. - Logos/MSM Parent Meeting
7:00 p.m.* - Just Desserts at Dairy Queen (*New time)
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home

Friday: - Camp Grier Retreat Deadline

Sunday 8/30: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship



*You are warmly invited to the marriage ceremony
uniting Neely Curtis and Jack Purcell
on the 29th of August, 6 o’clock in the evening,
in the sanctuary.*

We would love your presence and your prayers.