

SERMON NOTES ♦ AUGUST 23, 2009
“God’s Mysterious Ways”

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

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

August 30, 2009 ♦ 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” arr. Schaum
Frances Howie

WELCOME Fred Coates
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.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

***HYMN 408** “I Am Thine, O Lord” I AM THINE

CHILDREN’S SERMON Tyler Domske

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts, we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength. 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.

***HYMN 465:** “Lord, Be Glorified” Kilpatrick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7 Pew Bible, pp. 637-8
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON LESSON: Romans 11:25-36
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

SERMON: “God’s Mysterious Ways” 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: “I Surrender All” arr. Berry

***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 426:** “Blessed Assurance” (vv 1-2) ASSURANCE

***OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE 426:** “Blessed Assurance” (v 3) ASSURANCE

***POSTLUDE:** “Choral Theme From 9th Symphony” Beethoven

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, in joyous celebration of the marriage of Margaret McNeely Curtis and John Joseph Purcell, and in loving memory of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.P. McNeely, Mr. and Mrs. John Carey Purcell and Mr. John Daniel O’Connell.

Recent Prayer Requests: Paul Trimble; Joan Gibson; Lecie Miller; Jonathan Burris; Jim Scott, the Fortanbary’s son-in-law’s father; Willie Allison; Richard Holshouser; Clayton Davidson; George Brawley; Becky McIntyre’s mother; Pam Winters’ sister, Reaves Geist; 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.

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 this 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 no later than today.** Please contact Ellen Auten (704-664-5275) if you have questions.

A report on the church survey taken earlier this year will be presented by the Personnel and Administration Committee this morning at 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

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. **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.

Logos/MSM Staff Meeting: All weekly Logos/MSM volunteers are encouraged to attend a Staff Meeting this Wednesday, September 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Dinner will be served, and child care is available with reservations. Please contact Gretchen Little (704-528-9796) or Lisa Davidson (704-662-9393) to secure child care.

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.

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.

Attention College Students and Parents: Please send your college student’s addresses to Eleanor Templeton, Carolyn Poteat or the church office so that the Churchmouse Program can contact them. A letter and questionnaire will be sent to them along with news about our program. When the questionnaires are returned, the student will be assigned a Churchmouse.

Congregational Meeting September 13, 11:00 a.m. The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 13, at the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose is to change the Rev. Tyler Domske’s terms of call to include a one-month paid paternity leave, per the recommendations and guidelines of Salem Presbytery.

Congratulations are expressed to Ashley and Jae Teeter on the birth of a son, Andrew Mitchell, on August 22. Also, to Margaret McNeely (Neely) Curtis and John Joseph (Jack) Purcell on their marriage on August 29.

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

Calendar for August 30 – September 6, 2009

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

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

Wednesday: **Logos Registration Deadline**
11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
6:00 p.m. - Logos Staff Training
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers’ home
6:00 p.m. - Exaltation Ringers
7:30 p.m. - Mooresville User’s Group in room 310

Friday: - Camp Grier Retreat begins

Sunday 9/6: 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
No PYF