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# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Jesus once said to his disciples, "The harvest is huge. But there are only a few workers. So ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers out into his harvest field" (Matt 4:37-38; NIRV). The point, of course, is that the world is full of countless unbelievers who need the Gospel, but the workers are so few. Jesus is pointing out an underlying problem for the church: there are not many Christians who are working for the Kingdom compared to those who need salvation. So what can be done?

The most obvious response is to pray. Jesus states this clearly: ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers. Prayer often gets overlooked in our lives, but it is one of the most (if not the most) powerful ways to see God save people. Pray that God will stoke in people's hearts a fire and sense of urgency to spread the Gospel.

There are, however, other things we can do raise up workers for Christ's Kingdom. One is to be diligent in teaching and equipping the saints for service. This is, in fact, the reason why Christ gave the local church elders and teachers. Ephesians 4:11-12 states, "So Christ himself gave the gift of the apostles to the church. He gave the prophets and those who preach the good news. And he also gave the pastors and teachers as a gift to the church. He gave all these people so that they might prepare God's people to serve. Then the body of Christ will be built up." One of the primary objectives of church leadership is to equip its members to spread the Gospel and serve in the Kingdom.

We can also encourage church members who have the passions and gifts of teaching and preaching to go to Christian college or seminary. Many, unfortunately, have a poor view of Christian education, but taking the (four years or more) to concentrate and focus on preparing for ministry is very important. Even the disciples did this. They trained twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week for three years with the best professor around—Jesus! Talk about a seminary education! We would never see a doctor, lawyer, CPA, or anyone else who had not been trained, so why would we want to listen to a preacher who has never been trained?

Finally, each one of us can respond to the call to be workers in the Kingdom and spread the Gospel. After all, this is what Jesus has called all of us to do. The flagship verses for the church—the mission of the church—are Matthew 28:19–20: "So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end." The mission for every Christian is (1) make disciples and (2) teach them. This, of course, may take different forms. It does not necessitate that everyone be an official teacher, preacher, or pastor in the church. But it does require that each one of us be living for Christ and talking about him to others.

Finally, and perhaps the easiest, we can all make ourselves available to be taught so we can be equipped to be workers in the harvest field. Many think, "I don't know what to say to others about Jesus," or "I don't know how to evangelize." One main reason is because they have not taken advantage of the teaching of the church and/or reading good Christians books. Taking the time to be equipped for service, whether in a Sunday school class or Bible study, is indispensable for Christians to be effective workers. We cannot do something that we do not know about.

So let's commit ourselves to being workers in the harvest field. Your friend, family, or neighbor's eternal life may depend upon it!

Your Friend and Minister, Dr. Pete



## Rehearsal



The orchestra, tech and choir just served alongside Antioch Christian Church on July 27th with their revival. Thank you to all who participated. It was wonderful!

We have resumed our weekly gathering of preparing music, sharing fellowship and praying together on Wednesday nights 6:30-8:00pm. The choir returns the first Sunday of August to lead in Sunday worship services after the summer break. Attendance is extremely important. You are missed when you are absent. We are better together!

#### **UNITED** is September 21st

- Saturday, September 13th 10-12 rehearsal
- Sunday, September 21st 3:30pm call time
- Sunday, September 21st 5:00pm UNITED
- Sunday, September 21st 6:30pm reception held in the FLC after the program

#### **Christmas Program COME ADORE**

- Sunday, Dec. 14th LCC
- Sunday, Dec. 21st Whistleville CC



#### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

· Wednesday evening, December 24th

WE ARE A SCENT FREE group. Thank you so much for observing this. It truly help.





I wanted to take this month to showcase some service opportunities that have come up recently! I absolutely adore service, because it is a tangible way that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus to a hurting world. Here are some upcoming opportunities:

**OCC:** We are collecting different items every month to prepare for our packing party on November 15. July's focus was school supplies while August's focus is hygiene items/clothing and accessories. Thank you for your generosity!

Feed My Starving Children: A mobile pack is taking place on Friday, August 15 from 6-8 p.m. at Corinth Christian Church. We pack "manna packs" for starving children. This is a fun and meaningful way to spend a Friday night. Anyone, ages 5 and older, can attend. Deadline to sign up is August 3. Let me know before the spots are gone!

**ICOM:** The International Conference of Missions is taking place this year in Atlanta! They need churches to run their VBS-style program during their workshop sessions for ages 0-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Everything is provided for us! We just need to show up on Friday, November 21 from 2-5 p.m. Deadline to sign up for this is August 3. This is open to anyone 12 years and older.



Abide, as well as the other Wednesday night classes, took the month of July off.....at least for the classes; however, planning and other things were in the works. Thursday evening, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Abide met for a campfire event. Too hot you say for a campfire.....hey, there were S'mores, need I say more!!! In August we will begin a new series of classes on Wednesday nights. There are some exciting off-site things in the works as well. If you know of anyone from 18-29 who would like to join us in Abide, please send them our way for Bible study, worship, prayer and some fun events.













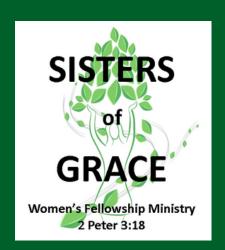










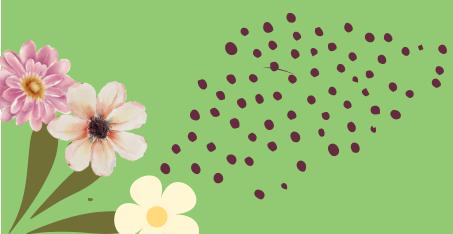


# GAL'S GET-AWAY AUGUST 15-17, 2025

FOREST HILLS
MOUNTAIN RESORT
DAHLONGEGA, GA
(HOT TUBS, POOL AND MORE)



COST: \$300 PER PERSON
INCLUDES 2 NIGHT'S LODGING AND 4
MEALS. SATURDAY IS FREE TIME SO
YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN FOR LUNCH.







## August

- 03 Promotion Sunday
- 04 Prayer Meeting. 7-8 pm
- 06 Wednesday night meals & activities resume
- 15 Feed the Hungry Service Project
- 15-17 Gal's Get-Away
- 30 7:00 8:00 pm Dr. Gary Habermas will be at LCC to talk about The Shroud of Turin.



#### **Prayer Requests**

Linda Proctor
Glenda Middleton
Dennis & Marcia Heinz
Richard Walker
Ron & Carol Hill
Richard Blankenship
JoeAnn Toney
Bobby Roberts
Teresa Elias
Cathy Wade
Bill Middleton & Family
Terri Randall
Eddie Herring
Debbie Stephens
Kara Hartnett

## September

- 01 Labor Day Holiday
- 08 Prayer Meeting, 7-8 pm
- 13 CTO rehearsal for United
- 21 United/Homecoming



## BIBLE READING PLAN



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE
THE POWER OF THE
BIBLE.

August 2025

- 1 1 Chronicles 22; Luke 20
- 2 1 Chronicles 23; Luke 21
- 3 1 Chronicles 24; Luke 22
- 4 1 Chronicles 25; Luke 23
- 5 1 Chronicles 26; Luke 24; Psalm 98
- 6 1 Chronicles 27-29; Psalm 30
- 7 Psalm 72; 2 Chronicles 1-3
- 8 2 Chronicles 4-6; Psalm 132
- 9 Psalm 100; 2 Chronicles 7-9
- 1 2 Chronicles 10-12; Psalm 53
- 11 Ps 138; 2 Chronicles 13-15; 2 Thes 1
- 12 2 Chronicles 16-18; 2 Thes 2
- 13 2 Chronicles 19-20; Ps 48; 2 Thes 3
- 14 2 Chronicles 21-23; Psalm 92
- 15 2 Chronicles 24-25; Psalm 106
- 16 2 Chronicles 26-28; Psalm 2
- 17 2 Chronicles 29-30; Psalm 95
- 18 2 Chronicles 31-32; Psalm 112
- 19 2 Chronicles 33-34; Psalm 16
- 20 Psalm 117-118; 2 Chronicles 35-36
- 21 Psalm 78
- 22 Ezra 1-2; Psalm 84
- 23 Ezra 3-5; Haggai 1-2
- 24 Psalm 126; Ezra 6-8
- 25 Ezra 9-10; Psalm 32
- 26 Psalm 15; Job 1-3
- 27 Job 4-6; Psalm 6
- 28 Job 7-9; Psalm 38
- 29 Psalm 39; Job 10-12
- 30 Psalm 25; Job 13-14
- 31 Job 15-16; Psalm 69

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Psalms 113:3
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised.