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# The Church Mouse



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## Chatting with Charlie – August, 2015

As we prepare to begin our fourth year together, I wanted us to again reflect on our church's Mission Statement, which is to bring people to Christ and develop our discipleship. Our Reformed theology has been summed up as, "God initiates and we respond". God does the heavy lifting. All we have to do is trust and obey.

The essence of our Christianity is laid out in the Great Commission and the Great Commandments. Matthew 28:19-20 (NRSV) says "Go therefore and *make disciples* of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and *teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always*, to the end of the age." (Emphasis added) Our Triune God is always there for us and desires that we spread the good news of Jesus Christ in thought, word and deed. As Disciples of Christ we need to learn from the Master Teacher and the commandments He has given us.

Matthew 22:36-39 (NRSV) says "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall *love the Lord your God* with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall *love your neighbor as yourself.*'" (Emphasis added)

We need to love our Triune God with our whole being and reach out in Christian love to those God places in our path by (1) sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with them and (2) by helping them grow as disciples of Christ as we do likewise. So how do we do that?

***Invite a friend to attend our Sunday morning worship service*** – As a Christian, there is no greater gift than to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a friend or loved one. In worship the Spirit of God quickens people to an awareness of God's grace and moves them to respond by calling upon God and committing their lives to God's reign in the world

***Participate in our Life Application Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans*** – Please read and reflect on the study summary and sample schedule on pages 2 and 3. You will hear more and be able to sign up for a Sunday or mid week group over the next 3 Sundays. The groups begin meeting the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>. I pray you will take this opportunity to grow in your relationship with our Triune God, your brothers and sisters in Christ and your neighbors.

Your brother in Christ, Charlie

**Weirsdale Presbyterian Church**  
**Paul's Letter to the Romans**  
**2015- 16 Life Application Study Overview**

- **Why are we Studying Romans?** The Apostle Paul addressed in Romans the very nature of the Good News of Jesus Christ for both Jewish and Gentile Christians. In so doing he wrote a letter that makes an enduring and vital contribution to Christians' understanding of who they are and what they believe. The Reformer Martin Luther said it can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.
- **What is a Life Application Study?** Our study will focus on helping us understand what God is teaching us through His written Word, the Bible, in Romans and how to respond in our daily lives to His teachings through our individual reflection and group discussions as guided by the Holy Spirit.
- **What will be expected of me?** Before each Session, you will be asked to study its Romans passage, related study outline and answer the discussion questions in preparation for participating in the group discussion. Bring your Bible and notebook to each session.
- **What is the Study Schedule?** A sample schedule for the 19 sessions follows. It is up to the group to decide when and where it will meet and provide that information to the church office for inclusion in the church calendar.
- **Who will be the Group Discussion Facilitators?**
  - ◆ **Sunday Men's Group** – Pastor Charlie and Jim Bowers
  - ◆ **Sunday Women's Group** –Sue Cordle and Cathie Vibber
  - ◆ **Mid Week Men's Group** – Pastor Charlie and Jim Bowers
  - ◆ **Mid Week Del Webb Area Group** – Ann Myers and Alice Ralph
  - ◆ **Mid Week Stonecrest Area Group** – Linda Spence
- **What do I need to do next?** Prayerfully consider whether God is leading you to commit to faithfully participate in one of the above groups. Assuming He is, sign up for your group during fellowship beginning on Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact one of the Discussion Facilitators.

**Weirsdale Presbyterian Church**  
**Paul's Letter to the Romans - A Life Application Study**

	A	C	E	F
1			<u>Sample 2015-16 Schedule</u>	
2				
3	<u>#</u>	<u>Week of</u>	<u>Scripture Passages</u>	<u>Topic</u>
4				
5				
6	1	9/20/2015	Book of Romans	Introduction amd Overview
7	2	9/27/2015	Romans 1:1-17	God's Good News
8	3	10/4/2015	Romans 1:18- 2:16	God's Wrath against Humanity
9	4	10/11/2015	Romans 2:17- 3:8	God's Faithfulness
10	5	10/18/2015	Romans 3:9-31	The Righteousness of God
11				
12				
13	Break	10/25/2015		
14				
15				
16	6	11/1/2015	Romans 4:1-25	Abraham's Justification by Faith
17	7	11/8/2015	Romans 5:1-21	The Hope of Glory in Christ
18	8	11/15/2015	Romans 6:1-23	Freedom from Sin's Grasp
19	9	11/22/2015	Romans 7:1-25	Christians and the Law
20	10	11/29/2015	Romans 8:1-17	Freedom from Judgment and Defeat
21				
22				
23	Break	12/6/2015 -		
24		1/3/2016		
25				
26				
27	11	1/10/2016	Romans 8:18-39	Freedom from Discouragement and Fear
28	12	1/17/2016	Romans 9:1-29	God's sovereign choice
29	13	1/24/2016	Romans 9:30-10:21	Israel's Unbelief
30	14	1/31/2016	Romans 11:1-36	The Remnant of Israel
31				
32				
33	Break	2/7/2016 &		
34		2/14/2016		
35				
36				
37	15	2/21/2016	Romans 12:1-21	Right Relationships through Right Living
38	16	2/28/2016	Romans 13:1-14	Our Relationship to the State
39	17	3/6/2016	Romans 14:1-23	The Weak and the Strong
40	18	3/13/2016	Romans 15:1-24	One in Christ
41	19	3/20/2016	Romans 15:25- 16:27	Family and Friends

## OUR SUMMER IN REVIEW

We have had a hot, lazy summer but there have been many events that are worth remembering.

- We had many wonderful fellowship gatherings that included the traditional Mother's Day breakfast, Father's Day Meatloaf Lunch, watermelon, ice cream sundaes, and bountiful potlucks. All of the efforts of the fellowship committee along with the volunteer hosts/hostesses are appreciated by everyone.
- Scouts and mentors who participated in the God and Country Program were recognized.
- Stanley "Reed" Dudley II received his Eagle Scout Award in his Court of Honor in June.
- The Seniors had nice dinners at Oakwood Barbeque and Sam's St. Johns Seafood Restaurant.
- Operation has made and sent 2,031 ditty bags for our troops since January this year.
- Frani Moir, the Village View Gospel Quartet and the Men of Action participated in our Sunday morning services through the summer months.
- Tuesday Time Out served lunches through the summer months but took a break in August and will resume serving meals September 1st.
- Debra Riedl, the new principal of Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School, was introduced to the congregation and gave an update on the importance of and affect volunteers have on the school and the children. She thanked the Weirsdale community for its tremendous support and help.
- Angela Pecor announced that you furnished school supplies and \$405.00 to make two full carloads of needed supplies for Stanton Weirsdale Elementary School. No child will go without thanks to your efforts.

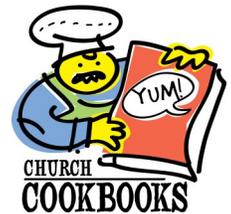
## Fall Craft Bazaar

The crafters are working hard to get it all together for the Fall Craft Bazaar. There are still a lot of projects in progress and your help is appreciated. If you can't craft, you can help in other ways. Crafters meet the 2nd & 4th Saturdays each month at 9:30 AM downstairs in the Douglas Hall craft rooms.

## WPC Cook Books for Craft Bazaar

As we head into September, the time left to get your recipes in for the new WPC Cook Books is running out. These cook books will be published and sold at the Craft Bazaar in November.

Please make the effort a success and email your favorite recipes to Diana Harris at [tashamarie770@aol.com](mailto:tashamarie770@aol.com) or to Linda at the church office at [weirsdalepres@gmail.com](mailto:weirsdalepres@gmail.com). You may also hand Diana or Linda a written copy any time.



## VOLUNTEER COOKS WANTED

**The Tuesday Time Out group is looking for volunteers who would like to prepare a meal at the church on occasion (or even just once) for Tuesday Time Out.**

**You would have assistance with the menu; there would be a team of volunteers to help in the preparation and there would be no expense to you. The number of people served would be between 30 and 90 depending on the season.**

**Call Gary at 561-929-6210 if you would like more information. Give it a try. It's a lot of fun!**



## COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE REPORT

	May 2015	June 2015	July 2015
Total Individuals	723	724	707
Number of Households	287	301	287
Equivalent:	6507 meals	6516 meals	6546 meals
Children 0-17:	186	167	183
Seniors 60 +	171		



The sewing group which makes the ditty bags and Christmas stockings for our troops stationed over seas is meeting in Douglas Hall on the second and fourth Mondays each month.

Next meetings will be Sep 14th and 28th.

Diana Harris coordinates sewing sessions at church and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. She can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.



Receiving news from our troops is always a heart warming experience. They love the ditty bags and Christmas stockings that are put together with such care and love for them, and they return their gratefulness with wonderful letters. Here is one.

*Thank you so much for everything your friends, neighbors and members of your church are doing for my brothers and me. It warms my heart knowing that there is someone back home thinking of us. My name is Johnathan Baird, and I am currently deployed to Egypt. This is my first deployment, and I am very happy to be here. Being able to help the local population and watch them grow is exactly why I joined the military. Please tell Kurt that I absolutely love his picture! I am going to hang it up so everyone can see his awesome artwork. Feel free to write back and again thank you so much for what you all do for us.*

*From a grateful soldier.*

*Johnathan Baird  
HHT V12 CAV  
Unit 31530  
APO, AE 09833*

## FROM THE ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY

The Alliance Stamp Ministry thanks you for all the stamps you have sent. Income from their sale goes to support preparation, publishing and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches of 40 different denominations in 19 different Spanish speaking countries in South America, Central America and even the USA. In 2013, the Alliance Stamp Ministry sent \$37,000 to the Sunday School project and in 2014, \$41,000. As of the end of June, 2015, the amount received has been \$19,000. This brings the grand total to \$854,361 since the inception of the Stamp Ministry back in 1972.

Diana McDonald reports that Weirsdale Presbyterian alone has sent 13,000 stamps to the ministry. If you have cancelled stamps to donate, place them in the box on the table as you enter Douglas Hall.

Good job, Weirsdale Presbyterian!!

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Continued prayers for David Vincent, Donna McNutt, Renee Owens and Walt Roland.

For prayer requests, contact the following:

Ann Myers 352-653-3319

Robbie Bourque (H) 352-391-9538 (C) 352-350-3750



### PRAISES & THANK YOUS

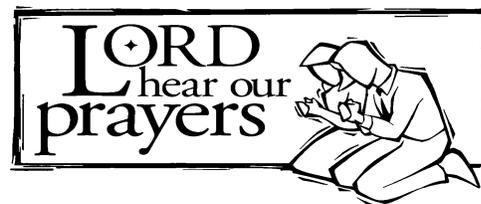
Betty McEuen sends a thank you to everyone for all the wonderful cards and phone calls.



### PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request, please call **Ann Myers** at 653-3319 or **Robbie Bourque** on her cell at 350-3750 or at home at 391-9538.

Also, if you would be interested in helping on the prayer chain, call either Ann or Robbie and let them know.



Remember our friends who are homebound or in a care facility by sending them a card to brighten their day:

Al Bunce  
1626 Bay Meadows Lane  
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Gene Pratt  
3131 TCU Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32817

Eleanor Redding  
P.O. Box 96  
Weirsdale, FL 32195

Marilyn Smith  
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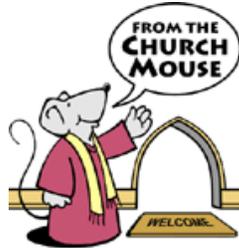
### GIFTING THROUGH THE YEAR

1. The forms for **Altar Flowers** are in the Narthex. If you are so moved to sponsor the flowers for a Sunday service, please fill out a form and return it to the office or put in the collection plate on Sundays. The flowers are only \$25.00 and add to the beauty of the sanctuary and service.
2. The **Love INC** gas cans are always conveniently located in the Narthex and Douglas Hall so you can drop your change in them as you are coming or going. The little amounts that you leave are make such a big difference to those in need of your help.
3. The first Sunday of each month is **Food Pantry Sunday**. Please put your items in Douglas Hall in the designated area. They are always in extra need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, applesauce and personal toiletries.

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**Our Mission:  
Bring People to Christ  
Develop our Discipleship**

## *Dates to Remember*

Sep 1, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall  
Sep 2, Stanton Weirsdale Elem School Volunteer  
Orientation, 9-10:30 AM, Media Center at school  
Sep 2, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM  
Sep 3, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall

Sep 6, Food Pantry Sunday  
Sep 6, Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion, 10:30 AM  
Sep 6, Fellowship, 11:30 AM  
Sep 7, **Labor Day**, Office Closed  
Sep 8, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall  
Sep 9, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM  
Sep 10, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall  
Sep 12, DEACONS Meet, 9:00 AM, Douglas Hall  
Sep 12, Crafters for Craft Bazaar, 9:30 AM, Craft Room

Sep 13, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM  
Sep 13, Fellowship, 11:30 AM  
Sep 14, Operation Shoebox Sewing Group, 9:30 AM  
Sep 15 Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall  
Sep 16, Sr. Singles, 5:00 PM, Douglas Hall  
Sep 16, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM  
Sep 17, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall

Sep 20, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM  
Sep 20, Fellowship, 11:30 AM  
Sep 20, SESSION Meets; 11:45 AM  
Sep 22, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall  
Sep 22, **DEADLINE** for Newsletter Articles to Office  
Sep 23, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM  
Sep 24, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall  
Sep 26, Crafters for Craft Bazaar, 9:30 AM, Craft Room

Sep 27, Sunday Worship, 10:30 AM  
Sep 27, **POTLUCK** Fellowship, Church Picnic, 11:30 AM  
Sep 28, Operation Shoebox Sewing Group; 9:00 AM  
Sep 29, Tuesday Time Out, 11:30 AM, Douglas Hall  
Sep 30, Boy Scouts, 7:30 PM

Oct 1, Women's Bible Study, 10:00 AM, Douglas Hall  
Oct. 3, DEACONS Meet, 9:00 AM, Douglas Hall

**Check Us Out—Keep in Touch!**  
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[weirsdalepres@gmail.com](mailto:weirsdalepres@gmail.com)

### Love INC

Help with bills, housing, clothing and food  
Monday—Thursday: 9 AM to Noon  
352-245-8774 or 352-245-5632

### Community of Gratitude

Emergency Food Pantry  
Tuesday 10AM to Noon  
Thursday 1PM to 3PM  
Saturday 10AM to Noon  
352-288-3499

