♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, September 21, 2014

"Using Gifts for God's Glory" Matthew 27:14-30

Today is our Connections Sunday. We will find applications for the message in mission and ministry connections beyond the walls of our church. Every believer needs a ministry in the church to the body of Christ and every believer needs in a mission in the world to those outside the walls. Prayerfully consider where God may be leading in your next steps in service.

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Corinthians 9:6, NIV).

"Each of us will give an account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12, ESV).

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2, NIV).

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10, NIV).

SUPPORTING MINISTRY EFFORTS

Baptist Student Ministry (Collin College): Provides monthly outreach lunch fellowships. You can help provide food and visit with the students. Contact: Kyle Essary, KyleEssary@gmail.com

International Missions: Our Missions budget enables us to pay up to 75% of the total cost of the trip allowing many the ability to participate. Contact: Julie Roden, julie.roden@fbcallen.org

Trips planned for 2015:

- >> Guatemala
- >> Poland: July 2015
- >> Tanzania: September 2015

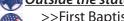
Partner Churches: We partner with many churches right here in our community who are reaching others for Christ. Stop by and see how you can pray for and partner with these ministries.

Contact: Julie Roden, julie.roden@fbcallen.org

Within our community:

- >>La Capilla de Fe (Hispanic Church), Allen
- >>Allen Community Church (Chinese Church), Allen
- >>Eastview Church (Vietnamese Church), Allen
- >>Outdoor Life Church (meets at Cabela's Wed nights), Allen
- >>Ferguson Road Baptist Church, Dallas
- >>Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Dallas

Outside the state:



- >>First Baptist Church Norco: Norco, LA
- >>Edgewater Baptist: New Orleans, LA
- >>Valley View Baptist: Leeds, AL
- >>New Church Plant: Baltimore, MD led by Kirk Rookwood

WorldCrafts: WorldCraft's vision is to offer opportunities for income among impoverished people through fair-trade businesses with dignity and the hope of everlasting life to every person on earth.

Contact: Mary Kidwell, marycoekidwell@gmail.com

Think OUTSIDE the walls







Jerusalem (local), and in all



Judea (regional) and



Samaria (national), and to the



Ends of the Earth (international)."

Connections Sunday

MEETING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Buckner: A hands-on ministry, serving the most vulnerable from the beginning to the ending of life, such as foster care, adoption and shoes for orphans. **Contact:** Julie Roden, julie.roden@fbcallen.org

Compassion International: A Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. Contact: Julie Roden, julie.roden@fbcallen.org

School Support: There is a decreasing level of parental involvement in our schools. We have opportunities to help the faculty, students and families. Currently serving Vaughan, Boyd and Rountree Elementary Schools. **Contact:** James Craver, james.craver@fbcallen.org

Special Friends: Reaching out to families in our community who have children or family members with special needs. **Contact:** Michelle Moore, michelle.moore1@verizon.net

REACHING THE LOST

Gideons: Gideons distribute Bibles all over the world in 90 different languages where large numbers of people tend to congregate. **Contact:** Larry King, kmadison52@yahoo.com

Evangelism Made Simple: Equipping believers to share their faith with confidence. **Contact:** Julie Roden, julie.roden@fbcallen.org

New Move: Providing move-in buckets for members to use as an outreach tool in order to introduce new residents to our church family. **Contact:** Ross Ramsey, ross.ramsey@fbcallen.org

NEXT Worldwide: Training teens and young adults to live a mission lifestyle through church planting. **Contact:** nextworldwide.org

Pray for Your Neighborhood: An online program that helps you connect with other Christians in your neighborhood with the goal of praying for those around you. **Contact:** pray4everyhome.com

Tailgate Fellowships: Friday, October 31: We will be tailgating at different area football games in hopes of reaching out to our communities. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the event. **Contact:** Lezah Maitland, lezah.maitland@fbcallen.org

MEETING PHYSICAL NEEDS

Acts 6 Ministry: Serving those with tangible needs, particularly widows, widowers, singles and senior adults. Volunteers with an interest in service are welcome. **Contact:** Mark Reynolds, markreyn@mac.com

Backpack Ministry: Supplies a backpack filled with nutritious, kid-friendly food for the weekend to a local child in need. **Contact:** Jennifer Kinnebrew, jackinnebrew@sbcglobal.net

Chainsaw Team: Providing free tree cutting services one day per month to those within our community who cannot financially afford these services. The goal is to share God's love through service. Contact: Randy Thompson, randell.thompson@aig.com

English as a Second Language (ESL): Assisting international adults as they adjust to life in the United States. During the school year, we provide weekly English classes to help students improve conversational English and share the Christian faith.

Contact: Donald Weasenforth, DWeasenforth@collin.edu

Food Pantry: Providing groceries and spiritual encouragement to families in need who live in Allen, Fairview or Lucas.

Contact: Shonda Smith, shondasmith356@yahoo.com

Hope's Door: Shelter and counseling programs to help break the cycle of domestic abuse. **Contact:** Jordan Brown, 972-422-2911

Samaritan Inn: Providing homeless individuals and families a no cost, secure, clean place to live with the goal of developing independence. **Contact:** Cara Mendelsohn, CMendelsohn@thesamaritaninn.org

Volunteer Christian Builders: Providing volunteer labor to construct buildings for worship and other Kingdom-building activities. **Contact:** Ken Kemp, barbarak2@cableone.net

We Care: Offering assistance to individuals and families in our community in a time of crisis. Need 1-2 caseworkers for an hour of intake 2-3 times a month. **Contact:** Barbara Huckabee, huckgolf@hotmail.com

Worship Together: Offering informal worship time of teaching and music to area nursing homes. Greeters, teachers and people to sing are needed. **Contact:** Darel Stokes, darelstokes@yahoo.com







