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TEACHING DISCIPLES

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“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:16-20

Can you still name the teachers you’ve had for each grade, including Sunday school teachers? Each teacher has a special place in my heart. Mrs. Reed taught us about business and making/spending money in fourth

grade.

She also saw something in me that I’ve always remembered. When one student could not understand adding and subtracting fractions (or multiplying and dividing...that part I don’t remember), she sent he and I out to the hall and asked me to try to teach it to him. We were both excited to come back into the classroom after he understood the fractions. Can you even imagine how positively that impacted me?

Last week this article discussed the power of baptism with making disciples. This week we’ll look at teaching. Baptizing and teaching go hand in hand for walking in faith.

Teaching is an important, yet

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underrated part of making disciples. The majority of church-goers don’t delve into Jesus’ teaching much beyond the music and sermon. Although worship aspects help, we miss out on so much when we don’t go deeper!

Jesus said to teach them to observe ALL His commands. The greatest commands were: love God and love people. However, if we don’t dig in, we can even misunderstand the biblical definition of love and thus, fail to observe his commands. For example, 1 Corinthians 13:6 clearly says that love “...does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.” What is love? What is truth? Dig deeper in your faith to discover who Jesus is how we should follow Him!

URGENT CALL FOR SUPPORT

Kenya Faces Devastating Floods

In recent weeks, countries in East Africa have been grappling with a severe flooding crisis, leaving communities across the region in turmoil. From the bustling streets of Nairobi to remote villages across the country, Kenya has faced the brunt of the relentless rains and rising rivers that have caused widespread damage and displacement.

Over 150,000 people across the region have been forced to flee their homes, with the death toll rising as rainfall continues. Kenyan President William Ruto's recent directive to evacuate homes along rivers underscores the gravity of the situation. Many living in poverty in these areas are particularly vulnerable, with inadequate housing offering little protection against the elements.

In Nairobi's Muthare slum, home to Huruma Tent of Prayer, a congregation of the Global Methodist Church, families are facing unprecedented challenges as floodwaters inundate their homes and livelihoods. GM Church leaders in the Kenya-Ethiopia Provisional Annual Conference are doing all they can to assist those in need of shelter, food, and clothing.

"We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Africa during this challenging time. The GM Church is committed to providing practical support and assistance to those affected by the devastating floods," stated Pastor Linda Davis, Chair of the Disaster Relief Taskforce of the GM Church.

"Together, with our partners and the global community, we will work tirelessly to alleviate suffering and rebuild lives the best we can as part of the mission of the GM Church."

The urgency of the situation calls for immediate action. The GM Church is rallying support to aid those affected by the floods. Financial contributions are urgently needed to provide shelter, food, and medical assistance to those in need.

Resources donated will be directed to places of greatest need by the Kenya-Ethiopia Provisional Annual Conference Disaster Relief Team.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with all those who are suffering as a result of this crisis. **To join in supporting this crucial cause please make your check out to One Hope Church including on the memo line: "Disaster Relief - General".** All gifts received will be sent in one payment to the Global Methodist Church. Thank you!



HOPE BUILDERS GROUPS



Hope Builders Groups are where we share our joys and challenges in our faith walk. Learn more about the structure of these groups. Read [The Class Meeting](#) by Kevin Watson. **You can check out a copy from the One Hope Church Library on Sundays.**

Click the link below to sign up for a group.

[Link to interest form](#)

WE MAY NEVER KNOW THE GOOD WE DO

Have you ever ventured into an unfamiliar place and felt uncomfortable and unsure what was going to happen? During the past two weeks members of the outreach team, Pastor Eric, and other church members, executed a plan to invite law enforcement officers throughout Johnson County to attend a special service on May 12, which is the first day of Police Week. This required many in the group to venture into places they have never been and meet people who were strangers. It can be very uncomfortable to do this. When doing outreach like this we need to keep God's word close to our heart. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you" (Deu: 31:6, NIV). We prayed the Holy Spirit was already at work in the officers we would invite.

Chaplain Ward Jenkins of the Overland Park Police Department met us at the first police station. He shared some of his experience and wisdom with us during this journey. The chaplain is a retired officer and spent his career with the Los Angeles Police Department. A story he shared is something we should take to heart. According to Chaplain Ward, while working as an officer with the LAPD, there was a gang war going on. One gang was the clear aggressor, and the other gang was mostly victims of the violence. To try to mitigate the violence the police took an approach of telling the "victim" gang members to go home for their own safety when they came across them.

The then, Officer Ward saw one of these gang members when on patrol and stopped to give him the message. The gang member told the officer about an incident that happened the previous day. He said he was standing in the same location, when one of the aggressor gang members saw him, and pointed a gun, point blank, right at his chest. He thought he was going to be killed, but at the same time a police car was down the street, and it turned in the opposite direction. The gunman saw the police car, lowered his gun, and left without shooting the victim.

Chaplain Ward pointed out that the police officer in the car was not him, and it was unknown who it was.

The officer driving that car had no idea what was going on, or what happened, but it was only because he was there that the murder was prevented.

The point he was making was that the people of One Hope Church should not worry or focus on how many, if any, officers accept this invitation. Rather, we may never know the "good" we have done just by being present. Chaplain Ward went on to say that whatever the outcome of this outreach our church is doing, the officers will know that we are recognizing their worth, expressing our love, and showing appreciation for their sacrifice. We have no idea what the outcome of this outreach effort will be. Only God knows, and we may never be made aware of the entire positive effect of visiting these departments.

Deacon Dana



Shawnee PD



Prairie Village PD



Fairway PD

WORSHIP SONGS

Opening Song

[Cornerstone](#)

Hymnal #103

Worship Song

[Lord, I Need You](#)

Song of Response

[Here I am Lord](#)

Hymnal #589

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone for continuing to share your time and talent for our activities on Sunday. Your participation is greatly appreciated by all who attended One Hope Church.

Volunteer Opportunities include Fellowship Time - Coffee or Treats, Hospitality, Tech Team, Prayers & The Lord's Prayer, Prayer Group, Music, Children's Church, and Clean Up.

Access the signup form:

[Sunday Volunteers](#)

May 12

Clean Up

Earl S.

Fellowship - Coffee & Treats

Randall & Lisa S.

Hospitality

Randall & Lisa S.

Music

Abie R.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Eric R.

Prayer Group

Earl & Sue S., Randall S., Bill F.

Tech - Audio

John C.

PRAYER CONCERNS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
~ *Philippians 4:6*

Prayers for:

East Africa Flood Recovery

Heartland Provisional Annual Conference area (Ardmore, Sulphur, & Marietta, OK) affected by tornadoes

Texas Panhandle wildfires recovery

Beth L., broken shoulder, Lisa S. sister

Carolyn E., broken femur and fingers

Jenna R., breast cancer, friend of Michelle G.

Lisa W., diagnosed with ALS, Bill F.'s niece

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Heartland Global Methodist Church Annual Conference, May 30 - June 1

Global Methodist Church

Convening General Conference

9/20-9/26/24 San Jose, Costa Rica

Israel & Ukraine

MAY BIRTHDAY

It's a joy to have reasons to celebrate and we'd like to add a new "twist". Instead of just celebrating the person we hope everyone will use this list as a reminder to pray for others in the church.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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