

GPS: Grow—Pray—Study - Sunday, May 18, 2014

“THANK YOU!”

Today’s service is a very special hour of worship. Our youth and children are leading the service, and they are taking the opportunity to say “thank you” to our senior pastor, Wayne Snead. There will be an award presentation, music, skits, and a video tribute, in addition to the usual elements of worship, and it’s all been coordinated by the youth here at Galilee...so hang on! After worship, we will have a bigger than usual fellowship hour, which will lead into the *Generosity Feeds* packing event in the gym. This is a great way to say thank you to our senior pastor and his family, who have been so committed to service throughout their time here at Galilee United Methodist Church.

Our key verse for today is also special, because Pastor Wayne has often cited it as one of the most important scriptures in his own walk of faith. From the book of Jeremiah, this verse promises good to the surviving elders among the exiles in Babylon. It is an enduring promise which has encouraged the faithful throughout all ages. This includes Pastor Wayne, and us, and it is a promise to all our youth in their walk through life, as well. The scripture is Jeremiah 29:11-14:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Sermon Notes

REFLECTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

- *Jeremiah 29:11*

- How can we not be excited at the thought of the good that God promises us? True, it is unseen. We must wait. Let us wait in hope and faith.

TUESDAY “Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” - *Jeremiah 29:12*

- Pray with assurance tonight that the Lord hears you.

WEDNESDAY “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.” - *Jeremiah 29:13*

- Where are you seeking God?

THURSDAY “I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.” - *Jeremiah 29:14*

- God’s plan for us is good. He wants to redeem us. Let go of the things that are holding you back and cooperate with God today.

FRIDAY “If clouds are full of water, they pour rain on the earth. Whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where it falls, there it will lie.”

- *Ecclesiastes 11:3*

- Remember that your actions have an impact in the world.

SATURDAY “You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.” - *Psalms 51:16-17*

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: Dear God, we thank you for your promise to us. We thank you for sending faithful men and women into our lives to teach us your ways. We thank you for the next generation that carries the word even further. Be merciful to us all, Lord, form us into the people that you want us to be. Amen.