

GPS: Grow—Pray—Study - Sunday, June 8, 2014

“FEED MY SHEEP”

Today is a sad day at Galilee United Methodist Church, as we bid farewell to our beloved pastor of almost eighteen years, Rev. Wayne Snead.

For some time now, Pastor Wayne has made it a central theme of his preaching that we mustn't be satisfied with sitting in the pews and passively receiving the word of God. We shouldn't even think it enough to be personally invested in church, if all we do is help one another within the confines of this building. Rather, to fulfill the mission that Christ charged us with, we must take the spirit of the Gospel out to the streets. It is outside the church, in the midst of life, that we need to be “a community of deeply committed Christians and to serve God with our head, heart, hands, and feet in the way we live our lives even in the circumstances in which we find ourselves each and every day.”

Our Scripture today is John 21:15-17:

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?”

He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”

Sermon Notes

REFLECTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MONDAY “And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.’” - *Luke 11:1*

- The traditions of prayer and worship in our church are passed from generation to generation. Be thankful for the teachers in your spiritual life.

TUESDAY “You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”

- *Acts 20:20*

- Remembering our pastor, take the word to the streets today.

WEDNESDAY “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” - *Jeremiah 3:15*

- Having been nourished on the Word, don't be shy about passing on your blessings. Invite a friend to church.

THURSDAY “Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.” - *2 Timothy 4:2*

- As our pastor has often said, you may be the only gospel that a person in your life ever reads. Preach often—using words if necessary.

FRIDAY “Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.” - *Romans 13:7*

- Find some joy today by acknowledging a debt and thanking someone. Just a quick note or email will do.

SATURDAY “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” - *Jeremiah 29:11*

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

This week, O Lord, we bid farewell to Pastor Wayne Snead and his family. Let us raise them up in our prayers. May they find joy and usefulness in their new endeavors, and go from us knowing the love we bear for them in our hearts. Be with this church as we await our new pastor, Jason Duley. May we always be gracious and receptive to the leaders that you inspire with your Word. Amen.