



FIRST REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lexington, NC

SEPTEMBER 2021

As we enter the Fall of 2021, we continue feel the instability all around us. Numbers of quarantined families are on the rise;

- more exposed students are now absent from school;
- nursing care facilities once again are on lock-down precautions;
- violence and suffering in Afghanistan and abroad;
- raging storms, flooding and fires.

We so wanted to return to "normal" and yet, this isn't an option. Instead, frustration, cynicism, and fatigue seem to be on the new normal.

We might question what good is the church right now? How will faith help?

This is exactly where the Book of James speaks to us! Rather than focus on our troubles and the doubts that arise, James pushes us look outward. Words in worship mean very little to us unless these words become alive within us propelling us to help our neighbor.

Our September sermon series is **A faith that works for today and tomorrow.**

Elizabeth

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



Welcome, Rev. Evan Sieges, Kyla and
1-year-old daughter, Elsie.

evan@frucc.org

On Sunday, August 22nd, we welcomed Rev. Evan Sieges as our new Director of Children and Youth Ministries. A graduate of Appalachian State University and Wake Forest School of Divinity, Evan currently serves as a Hospice Chaplain in Greensboro with AuthoraCare Collective Hospice and Palliative Care. Prior to working at AuthoraCare, Evan was a chaplain at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and served on the ministerial staff at Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, where he received his ordination.

Evan's passions include social justice, theology, watching incessant amounts of Wake Forest, Appalachian State, South Carolina and Carolina Panthers football, along with Charlotte Hornets basketball, as well as spending time with his family. Evan and his wife, Kyla, have been together since high school, and just celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary in June. Evan and Kyla's daughter, Elsie, was born on September 5, 2020 and is the light of their lives.

Evan is eager to connect with children, youth and families at FRUCC and to partner with them and the staff in cultivating a community that lives out the Gospel on a daily basis.

WELCOMING STATEMENT

If you are searching for a place to experience God's wondrous and inclusive love, we invite you to join us at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington, NC.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

AUGUST MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

IN MEMORY OF MARY BERRIER

Anne Bevan

IN MEMORY OF JEFFREY SAUNDERS

Uncle Lee & Aunt Ellen

IN MEMORY OF JANELLE BUNN

Anne Bevan

IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE SKIPPER

Anne Bevan
Eulene Shepherd
Carolyn & Carroll Spivey

IN MEMORY MARZELL CROTTS

Anne Bevan

IN HONOR OF PATTIE EVERHART (90TH BIRTHDAY)

Steve & Linda Shoaf

IN MEMORY OF REV. PAUL V. HELM, JR.

Frank Leonard

IN HONOR OF ALICE GRAY (SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY)

John & Vicky Gray

IN MEMORY OF RICKY POTTS (LYNN BOWN'S BROTHER)

John Potts & Janette Neal
Bill & Carolyn Robbins

IN HONOR OF MARGUERITE LEONARD (100TH BIRTHDAY)

Carolyn & Carroll Spivey

PLEASE SIGN UP TO SERVE AS AN USHER!

Ushers are needed for the remainder of 2021. If you can serve a month or several Sundays, please sign up using the Sign-up Genius link in our weekly emails or contact Eddie Yates at bbqman46@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

KIDS' WORSHIP CONNECTION

Each Sunday during worship, all children, Pre-K through 3rd grade, will be invited to leave the sanctuary with two adult leaders to go to the playground to hear a Bible story and enjoy some play time with one another. **Volunteers are needed each week to assist with this ministry.** Please contact Rev. Horton or sign up through the link on the weekly email if you are interested in volunteering.

FAMILY MEETING WITH REV. EVAN

On Wednesday, September 1st at 6:30, Rev. Evan will hold a family meeting with parents and children of our church in the Youth Room of the basement. Please plan to attend this important meeting to learn about plans Rev. Evan has for the children and youth of our church.

MUSIC NOTES



The choir has recently begun to practice following worship in the sanctuary from 11:30-12:30. **Anyone who would like to join us is welcome.**

This has been a period of getting used to singing together again. Our first Sunday of singing an anthem during worship will be September 5 for Holy Communion. We will social distance and wear masks, so things may look a little different in the choir loft.

Regular choir practices are currently planned to begin on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:00 in the Chapel Annex, **however we will monitor the progress of the Covid virus and decide if our practices need to remain in the sanctuary on Sundays so that we may allow more social distancing. All choir members are currently practicing with masks on, too.**

Practices usually last about an hour. You don't need to know how to read music. All you need is **a passion for sharing Christ's love through music.** A sense of humor is great, too, because we certainly like to have a few laughs each week. **It is important to note that you will feel more prepared for worship services if you can regularly attend rehearsals.** Life can be busy, but those weekly rehearsals are pretty important!

Given the uncertainty of the virus, we won't plan a cantata for Christmas, but we will have some new anthems to share during the advent season.

Please consider joining us (or at least giving us a try). Plan to stay **after worship on September 5th** and we will give you some music and a place to sit!

PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE



Are you interested in piano lessons? Christopher Kiser, our church organist/pianist, will be giving lessons in the classroom next to the Chapel Annex. Enrollment is still open for individual lessons that will begin in September.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning to play the piano, please contact Chris by email or phone.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Attention anyone who contributes shawls to our prayer shawl ministry. Rev. Horton has scheduled the next Prayer Shawl Blessing for **Sunday, September 26 during worship.** Please

contact Harriette Murphy if you have any shawls completed for blessing on this date.

(336-239-1900 or hrmurphy69@gmail.com)

NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY SERIES

On Sunday August 29th a five-week Bible series, "Doers of the Word," began. to explore the New Testament Epistle of James.

The writer of James, thought to be the brother of Jesus, gives us a chance to reflect on the nature of Christian service and how we can continue our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by engaging with our wider community in acts of service. One thing that is clear from current sociological research, is that while there are many who question the institution of the church, getting involved in providing real help to better our neighborhoods and to lift up the individuals and families within them, is an easy entry into the worship life of the church. James asks us to maintain an outward focus, even when we gather for worship.

Our Bible study group meets at 9:30AM in the parlor on Sunday mornings. We observe social distancing and wear masks in compliance with our congregation's COVID protocol. We invite

you to join our lively group as we engage with this epistle and seek to be doers of the world.

The weekly themes follow:

August 29th: "Avoiding Anger"

James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14, 25, 21-23

Facilitator: June Grubb

September 5th "Making Distinctions"

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

Facilitator: Eugenia Holste

September 12th "Taming the Tongue"

James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

Facilitator: Smithie Parrish

September 19th "Root of Conflict"

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

Facilitator: Mike Hooper

September 26th "The Power of Prayer"

James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

Facilitators: Dave and Glenyce Fulton

NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7TH

See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love by Valarie Kaur will be the focus of our next Adult Book Study scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 PM via Zoom [HERE](#). (Meeting ID: 846 9163 5471 Passcode: 524570 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US)

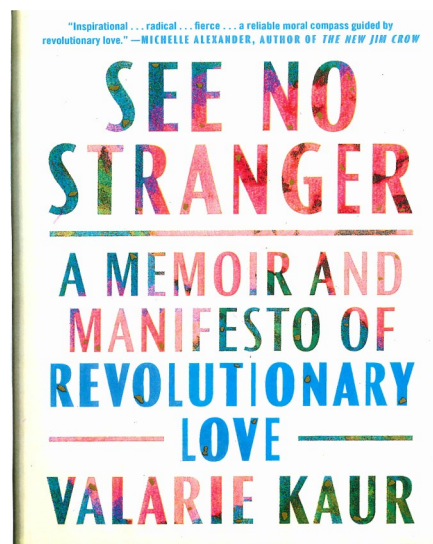
Valarie Kaur, renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer, declares revolutionary love as the call of our time, a radical, joyful practice that extends in three directions: to others, to our opponents, and to ourselves. It invites us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say, "You are part of me I do not yet know."

Kaur takes us on her journey as a brown girl growing up in California farmland finding her place in the world:

- as a young adult galvanized by the murders of Sikhs after 9/11
- as a law student fighting injustices in American prisons
- and as a woman trying to heal from her own experiences with sexual assault and police violence.

"See No Stranger" helps us imagine new ways of being with each other, and with ourselves, so that together we can begin to build the world we want to see.

You may order your copy of the book from your preferred bookstore and join us as we begin this new study on September 7th. The Zoom link will be shared at a later date.



CLOTHING MINISTRY

Jerry Lovell, Chairperson



Middle School Girls from Kidz Dreamz Klub help Patti and Jerry Lovell sort and fold donations for the First Reformed Clothes Closet!

The Clothing Ministry continues to be active in the community. Orders for clothing are received, filled, and delivered typically five days a week.

- MWF 8-9:00am when Open Hands provides breakfast at St. Stephen UMC
- Saturdays 12:30 – 1:30pm when First Reformed serves Take-Out lunch

Thursdays 4 – 6:00pm are Clothes Closet work-day hours. At this time, volunteers fill orders, sort and categorize clothes. (This is a great time to drop off donations! Use the basement door at the ramp beside of Domino's Pizza)

We witness so many "God Winks" or "God Moments."

- Having picked up an SUV full of clothes donated from a widow, a church member just "happened" to come by the church to drop off clothes, as well. Instant help unloading the SUV!
- This past month, a young lady placed clothing requests for her mother, her three

children, and herself while at Open Hands breakfast. On Wednesday she picked up the clothes and expressed gratitude. She opened the trunk to load up the clothes, but before she closed it, she proceeded to take out cans and boxes of food. She put these food items in the outdoor Food Box at St. Stephen UMC, saying she wanted to give something back to say thank you for what she had received.

When Jesus healed the ten lepers, only one returned to express his thankfulness for the miracle he had experienced. Thank you all for your unfailing support of this Clothing Ministry. Lives are being touched in this community.

CURRENT NEEDS:

Men's Pants/J Jeans, (small sizes 29-34)

If you would like to volunteer, even if it is not on Thursdays, please contact Jerry Lovell at 336 746-6493.

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS...AUGUST 2021

Consistory members met Sunday, June 27, 2021 in the church Fellowship Hall.

BOARD REPORTS

Community Outreach.....Robert Danze

- Advertising for on-going support of Backpack Program at Charles England Elementary
- Clothes Closet continues to need larger sized clothing.

Evangelism.....Renee White & Dave Fulton

- Weekly Attendance Average for **June 2021: 50**
- Weekly Attendance Average for **July 2021: 57**

Faith Formation.....Alane Holste & Smithie Parrish
Search Committee has a recommendation for Director of Children and Youth Ministries.

Worship and Sacrament.....Kivi Miller & Lisa Nelson

- Live Streaming Update from Kivi Miller: Jeremy Peterson is training Kivi and Jianna Miller as back-up for producing the live streams. Troubleshooting every Sunday continues as we compete for YouTube's bandwidth with church services everywhere. If people feel the quality isn't what they'd like, we recommend NOT streaming live, but recording the service to upload for viewing later Sunday.
- *Jeremy Peterson has done a fantastic job trouble shooting.*

Property Management.....John Smith & John Maze

- Consistory and the Trustees approved replacing air conditioning in the sanctuary.
- Nathan repaired lights in the kitchen.
- Fire Marshall inspected building. There were several minor infractions that will be corrected in the next several days.
 - **Items in the basement have been moved.**
 - **Emergency lights need batteries.**
 - **Sound system in the sanctuary balcony is blocking the electrical panel.**
 - **Kneeling bench blocking an access door needs to be moved.**
 - **Fire extinguisher in the Narthex needs to be moved for easier access.**

Board of Business Management & Stewardship.....

Harriette Murphy

Finance & Budget Report for **June 2021**

- Average Weekly offering: **\$3,307** (Average weekly offering needed to meet the budget **\$5,889**)
- General Fund: **\$6,459**
- Music Fund: **\$9,373**

Finance & Budget Report for **July 2021**

- Average Weekly offering: **\$5,635**
- General Fund: **\$7,798**
- Music Fund: **\$9,373**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Faith Formation Search:** Search Committee recommended Rev. Evan Sieges for the part-time position of Director of Children and Youth Ministries. (15 hours a week)
- **Community Outreach:** Donations for Backpack Program at Charles England will be advertised as an ongoing program.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Property Management:

- Board has met with the Parlor Committee about updating the church parlor to be completed in two phases. Plans and costs were approved by Consistory to be presented to the Trustees for approval.
- The board asked for permission to remove excess/unused items from the basement. The office will advertise so any personal items may be removed prior to cleaning.
- Our fire inspection was on 8/4/2021 and the partial pews were cited in the church stairway as an issue. Those need to be disposed of if no one has use for the wood. The Consistory went downstairs to view current conditions before approving the clean up.
- The board received permission to replace the small window AC unit in the classroom next to the Chapel Annex to allow Chris to have piano lessons in that room without the need to heat or cool the whole building.

COVID Protocol Updates:

- We will return to masks full-time while inside. There will continue to be no congregational singing. Ellen will meet with the choir and discuss options. The revisions to the policy will be implemented immediately to ensure the safety and well-being of the body of the church. Information will Attendance will continue to be kept, but we will no longer take temperatures. Masks will be provided if anyone doesn't have one. Liturgists and pastors do not have to wear masks at the pulpit if they are vaccinated. **If they are not vaccinated, masks will be worn as they serve as liturgist. The same will be true with choir members. Ellen will discuss with choir.**

NEXT CONSISTORY MEETING:

The next meeting will be **September 12, 2021.**

UPDATE ON MENTAL ILLNESS CLOSE TO HOME



Over the past several months, a small group of First Reformers and others from the community have met over Zoom with the sole purpose of seeking to bring more support and resources for families living with Mental Illness. Thanks to the heart, courage, and passion of **Joe and Cathy Browder**, Davidson County folks will soon be able to receive locally the resources of National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI).

Rather than creating its own chapter, Davidson County will join the existing **NW Piedmont NAMI** that currently serves Forsyth, Davie and Stokes Counties.

The first support meeting that will be offered in Lexington is Family Support Group. (FSG). These are meetings of family members, caregivers, friends, and loved ones of individuals living with mental illness. Participants can talk frankly about their challenges and help one another through their learned wisdom.

Each support group needs TWO facilitators. **We**

hope to begin holding meetings at FRUCC in May 2022. Until we have our own meetings, NAMI NW Piedmont has invited us to attend their Family and Connection/Recovery Support Groups which are held via Zoom.

If you are interested in attending a Family support group please contact Cathy Browder or the church office. You can also go to <https://naminc.org/programs/> to learn more.

We will continue at First Reformed to discern ways to minister to families and individuals living with Mental Illness, such as in our studies, prayers, worship, speakers, groups and public advocacy. The majority of people either know someone or have themselves been diagnosed with mental illness. Of utmost importance is to create a community where we can be authentic and unafraid with one another.

Pray for those with mental illness and their loved ones.

"Let the outcasts settle among you; be a refuge to them..." Isaiah 16: 4



Blood Drive **First Reformed United Church** **of Christ**

Fellowship Hall
104 East Center Street
Lexington, NC 27292

Wednesday, September 1, 2021
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To make an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and use
Sponsor Code: First Reformed

Questions? Please contact the church office at 336-248-2617 or 1-800-Red-Cross
for assistance. All donors need a photo ID.



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A SPECIAL SATURDAY LUNCH THANK YOU!

John Maze, Chairperson

A very special thank you goes out to Doris Sink and Lynn Klopp for their help with our Saturday Take-out Lunch program.

When Lynn asked Doris if she knew of any local ministries the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints food pantry could help with contributions, Doris told her about First Reformed's work with Open Hands Ministry and our Saturday Lunch program.

I received a call from a volunteer from Latter-day Saints' pantry asking if we would like **1500 pounds of food!** I quickly said, "Yes!" to such a generous offer. A few weeks later, I got a call to schedule pick-up and was asked if we would like **3000 pounds of food.** I quickly said yes again!

On Friday, August 27th, I went to Colfax and picked up **two full pallets of food. I was also given other breakfast products** to help Open Hands Breakfast Program that serves Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Included with the assortments of food were cases of laundry cleaning products and dish-washing products that we can hand out along with the clothes orders that Jerry Lovell puts together to distribute on Saturdays.



SATURDAY TAKE-OUT LUNCH PROGRAM

We are so grateful for such a generous donation to our Saturday Take-out Lunch Program and Open Hands Breakfast Program!

If you would like to contribute to our Saturday lunch program, please do! We would love to be able to "give back" with a donation to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for thinking of us and volunteering to help more in the future. Any donations would be sincerely appreciated as we continue to work with other ministries in the county and the triad!

(Contributions may be made through our church's website earmarked for the Saturday Lunch or by check with "Saturday Lunch" in the memo line.)

CHARLES ENGLAND BACKPACK PROGRAM

As part of our church's Community Outreach Program, we continue our partnership with Charles England Elementary School to help it meet the needs of their students for the 2021-22 School Year.

They will continue to need food for their **"BACKPACK PROGRAM."** Food goes home on the weekends with students who can benefit from this program when they do not have the prepared meals they receive from the school's cafeteria. The school's food pantry constantly needs donations to help keep the shelves stocked, so food is there when it is needed. Therefore, the Backpack Program that our church helps support is an **on-going** one.

A list of requested items is shown. You may drop off items outside the church office. We will

notify the school to pick up all items.

If you are unable to shop for items yourself, please consider making a donation to this worthy community outreach program. Any donations for this program may be made by check to **First Reformed UCC with CEES Backpack Program in the memo line** or you may contribute online at the church's website.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Juice boxes
Applesauce cups
Breakfast bars
Ramen noodles
Cheese crackers
Spaghetti-Os
Chicken Noodle Soup

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

OUR MEMBERS:

Janette Neal
(recovering at home)

Lee Bouchard

Jeff Hutchens

AT HOME AND IN CARE FACILITIES:

Peggy Bates

Sherry Bonner
(Brookdale, Rm. 208, Ph: 336-237-9897)

Ruth Essick

Pattie Everhart

Vogen Everhart
(Brookdale, Rm. 102)

Lib & Jimbo Hinkle

Marguerite Leonard

Deanna Michael

Bob Shaak

Lib Sink

Carolyn Spivey

Adena Wall

OUR FRIENDS:

Jimmy Grubb
(June Grubb's brother)

Martha Moore

Rev. Dr. Ray Howell III
(Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lexington)

Marc Frye
(Son of the late Doris Frye)

Gloria Briggs
(Janette Neal's sister)



*Then they prayed and
said, "Lord, you know
everyone's heart."*

Acts 1:24, NRSV

BUILDING USE

Anyone interested in using the church building for meetings or gatherings of any kind must contact the church office to confirm dates are available and so heat or air may be scheduled for the period of use. (336-248-2617)

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30 Family Meeting with Rev. Evan 2-7:00 BLOOD DRIVE (Fellowship Hall)	2 4-6:00 Clothes Closet Work Day	3	4 12:30 Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
5 Holy Communion Sunday 9:30 Adult Bible Study (Parlor) 10:30 In-Person Worship & Livestreaming 11:30 Choir Practice	6 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)	7 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Adult Book Study (via Zoom)	8	9 4-6:00 Clothes Closet Work Day 6:30 Board of Evangelism Meeting (Parlor)	10	11 12:30 Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
12 9:30 Adult Bible Study (Parlor) 10:30 In-Person Worship & Livestreaming 11:30 Choir Practice 11:45 Consistory	13 6:00 Crisis Ministry Shelter Meal (Nina Smith & Youth)	14 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Adult Book Study (via Zoom)	15	16 4-6:00 Clothes Closet Work Day	17	18 12:30 Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
19 9:30 Adult Bible Study (Parlor) 10:30 In-Person Worship & Livestreaming	20	21 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Adult Book Study (via Zoom)	22 7:00 Choir Practice (Chapel Annex) (subject to change)	23 4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Work Day 6:30 PFLAG Meeting (via Zoom)	24	25 12:30 Saturday Carry-Out Lunch Ministry
26 9:30 Adult Bible Study (Parlor) 10:30 In-Person Worship & Livestreaming PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING	27 DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ITEMS	28 12:00 2CFAR (via Zoom) 7:00 Adult Book Study (via Zoom)	29 7:00 Choir Practice (Chapel Annex) (subject to change)	30 4-6:00PM Clothes Closet Work Day		

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Dave Fulton Joe Kiser
4	Henry Crouse
5	Kyndell Lovell Elsie Sieges
8	Alyson Cruz
10	Eddie Miller
11	Doug Sink
12	Lee Jessup
15	Andy Sink
16	Barbara Sink Addie Walser
17	Lynn Brown Stephen Wall
19	James Atkinson
20	Glenyce Fulton Matthew Johnson
24	Alice Gray Jordan McCarn
26	Mark Smith Cathy Whitley
27	Rita Lohr
28	Elliott Smith
30	Kelly Greathouse

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5th
Dave & Glenyce Fulton

18th
Eddie & Susan Miller

19th
Johnny & Lynn McCarn
Tony & Lee Ann Peele

20th
Brad & Molly Robertson

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN AUGUST

LITURGISTS:

September 5

Bonita Hooper

September 12

Marge Doty

September 19

Carolyn Robbins

September 26

Robert Danze

SOUND TECHNICIAN:

Dave Fulton

DIGITAL MEDIA TECH:

Jeremy Peterson

ACOLYTE:

Emma Hartle

BIBLE STEWARD:

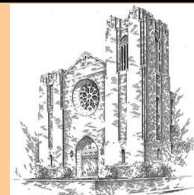
Jacob Hartle

USHERS NEEDED FOR EACH SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

ACTIVE STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

PAULA LOPP
(SEPTEMBER 1, 1994)

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All Are Welcome Here!

Where People Discover...

The Love of God

The Power to Love Others

The Ability to Love Ourselves

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10:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

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NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

800am to 12:00pm



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







JUST FOR KIDS



MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.

1 (5) x 3 = 	6 (6) x 6 = 
2 (7) x 4 = 	7 (9) x 3 = 
3 (4) x 6 = 	8 (3) x 8 = 
4 (2) x 10 = 	9 (10) x 4 = 
5 (9) x 5 = 	10 (11) x 8 = 

KEY

A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

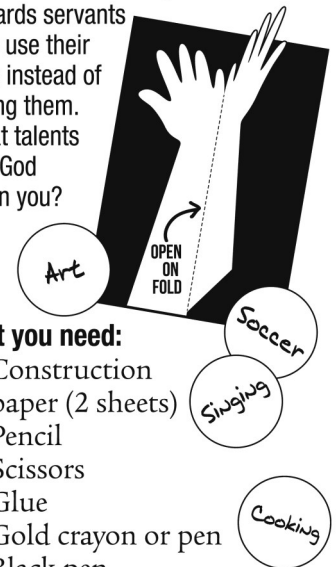
I will put you in charge of _ _ _ _ _ .

Come and share your master's happiness!"

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.