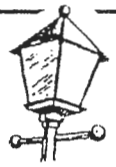


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Let your light so shine
before others . . .
Matthew 5:16



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WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR -----

DEAR FRIENDS,

I CALLED YOU:

Have you ever consistently called someone on the phone and could not reach them? Today, that might not be a problem like it was in bygone days. Many of us have phones in our pockets that can contact someone in multiple ways—traditional calls, text, email, and FaceTime, just to name a few of the ways one can “reach out and touch someone.” Perhaps today there are so many ways to communicate that we miss actual physical communication with another person, or have too many voices coming from too many directions. Regardless, I’m sure there has been a time when someone tried to contact you, or you tried to contact someone, but, to no avail.

How about God? Has He ever called you, but you were too busy to take the call? Moreover, have you been so busy talking to Him that you could not hear His reply, or was His desire to communicate with you regarding something completely unrelated to your thoughts? Let us be honest in our response to this rhetoric.

The Scriptures are filled with examples of almost every life experience one can imagine. Buried deep in the wisdom literature of the Old Testament one can read words related to our topic. It is amazing, the parallels from antiquity to modern times: “I called you so often, but you wouldn’t come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered.” Proverbs 1:24 (NLT)

If someone you consider significant called, you would do everything in your power to take or return the call. Imagine if you heard the most influential presences in the universe say: “I called you so often, but you wouldn’t come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. You ignored my advice and rejected the correction offered.” How would that make you feel?

Now first, I want to keep this verse in context. The book of Proverbs, by in large, is about wisdom, so what is being ignored in this instance is wisdom, but Who is the giver of wisdom? Right, God gives wisdom. So, I do not doubt we are straying from context when we apply this verse to God. If we are honest, we have all avoided or failed to seek His wisdom at one time or another. There may be times when we have clearly heard His calling but chose to lean on our understanding. The question is, who knows us better, ourselves or the One Who created ourselves?

There is a story about a man who was having car trouble, he did everything he thought might help restart his vehicle, but nothing helped. Finally, a well-dressed businessman stopped and said, “let me give you a hand.” The well-dressed business man looked under the hood and said, “I see the problem.” He then made some adjustments and said to the car owner, “give it a try.” The car owner cranked his car, and it fired up on the first try. Surprised, the car owner said, “Where did such a well-dressed business man learn to work on cars? The well-dressed businessman smiled and said, “Well my name is Henry Ford.” The well-dressed businessman turned out to be the creator.

May we be people who learn to hear our Creator’s call. Why would we think we know more than our Creator? May we develop our spirituality to the point we never miss one of His calls.

*Blessings,
Chuck*

UP RIVER FRIENDS MEETING'S MISSION STATEMENT:

To know Christ and to make Him known.

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY & WEEKLY SERVICES:

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Nursery and Junior Church
- *****
- 05th 7:00 pm Ministry & Counsel Meeting
- 07th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Children Programs
- 08th Mobile Food Pantry in Hertford
- 14th 6:00 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Children programs
- 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting
- 15th **LAMPLIGHTER NEWS is due – thank you**
- 18th **FATHER'S DAY!!!!**
- 21st 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Children programs
- 26th – 30th **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
- 30th Homeless Feeding in Elizabeth City

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:

- 01st Ashley W. Jethro, Austin Winslow
Sean O'Neal, Rachel Sanders
- 02nd Lance Winslow
- 03rd Diane Mize, Reginald Baker
PHIL & SUSAN HARRIS
- 04th Andrew (Drew) Harris
- 06th Brandon Price
- 08th **JUDY & BOB PARSONS**
Carrie Baker
- 10th Andrea Spivey, David Shaw
Rob Winslow
- 12th Shelton Davenport
Mike Salvatore, Carlton Elliott Baker
- 19th **KENT & BRENDA WHITE**
Hannah Winslow
- 20th **TIM & CAROL BAKER**
Tommy Stallings, Jamie Salvatore
- 21st Stan Winslow
- 22nd Anna Riddick
- 25th Daniel Forbes
- 26th **MARK & KIM BAKER**
R.P. & DIANNE WHITE
Sean Thomas McClaren
- 30th Phil Harris

FLOWERS:

- 04th Affie Spivey
- 11th Open
- 18th Father's Day
- 25th Sonya Winslow

PRAYER REQUESTS:

World leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders, children, youth and leadership of our meeting, Lona Stallings, Keith Layden, Ann Baker, Sonya Hartman, Eura Hall, Lester Baker, Vivian Winslow, Teri Needham, Barbara Saunders, Sherry Harrell, J.D. Carver, Eleck Winslow, Liz Wilson, Andrew Guyer (Judy Parsons' grandson- tour of duty in Afghanistan), Louis Cullipher, Thomas Dail, Bobby Lane, Jobina Godfrey, Beth Cates & husband (Chuck's friend), Herbert & Jessie Mae Williams, Janie Bundy, Parker and Barbara Copeland, Shelley Lamb, Calvin Casper, Pat & Mary Frances Twiddy, Barbara Stallings (Larry), Joe Liner, Claudia Bunch, Tommy Stallings, Kay Boyce, Archie Creed, Faye Lassiter, Sid Stallings, Gail Smith, Deborah S. Williams, C. J. Stallings, Dale Hunter, Baby Carter & grandfather, Carlton Rountree, Jason Warren, Tanner Sprague, Cecil & Ann Brown (friends of Jacque in Kernersville), Melody L. White, Garland Anderson, Lela Bundy, Iona Baker, Ralph Hartley, Jackie Wiley, Kathy Turner, Linda Givens, Anna Spivey's son-in-law Everett Egan, Jean Pressley (Sonya's mother), Leah Jonson, Conna Gessler, Robert Hall (cousin of Rose Riddick), Lois Faye, Paul White and family, Chad Winslow, Quincy Riddick, Lewis Stallings, Karen, Billy & Freddie Boblit, Beulah Phthisic, Anna Wrae Smith, C. F. Stallings, Abby Baker, Anna Spivey, Carey Guyer and her best friend Erica, the families of Chad Chamberlain, Russell Hollowell, Eva Rae Landing, A.C. Layden, our care-givers, youth, and missionaries. If you know of anyone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pastor Chuck or Catherine. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Vacation Bible School will take place June 26-June 30 from 5:30-8:00. Friday night, June 30th will be the program followed by supper and some very special activities you won't want to miss. All kids, ages 3 and up, are welcome to attend; this also includes youth age (Middle/High School). Supper will start off each evening from 5:30 - 6:00, followed by Crafts, a Bible lesson, Games and Music. Our theme this year is Galactic Starveyors, "Searching the Visible, Discovering the Invisible." The Key Scripture for the week comes from Colossians 3:15, 16 *"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him."*

We are very excited about VBS 2017 and hope to see you there!!

For any questions, please contact either Ashley Jethro, Caroline Sweeney or Hillary Lassiter.

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ELIZABETH WHITE MISSIONARY CIRCLE:

The Elizabeth White Missionary Circle met on Monday, May 8th with 6 members present. Affie Spivey brought a most interesting program followed by an excellent discussion.

The Circle will be serving the evening meal at Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 26th. This will be in lieu of our regular meeting.

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UPKEEP OF OUR MEETINGHOUSE:

It was approved by May's monthly meeting to proceed with the list of improvements proposed by the House and Grounds committee as funds become available. The list of repairs include: roof repair, HVAC replacement in new kitchen, HVAC replacement in old building, new doors to educational building and library, pull down attic door replacement, hot water to the educational unit, water fountain replacement in education unit, painting of sanctuary and rear hallway/ceiling/doors, exterior window repair and painting and storm windows to remaining windows. Estimates for these repairs exceed \$42,000. If you would like to donate to the fund, please earmark your payment as "Building Fund" and we will see that they are used accordingly. Thank you and bear with us as these repairs are made.

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CHOIR:

The Up River Adult Choir will be taking our usual summer break after rehearsal on June 14, and will start up again in September, when we will get together to discuss how to best meet the needs of those who sing with us. If you would like to join us, please feel free at any time! Anyone who would like to share in special music for morning worship during the summer months is asked to contact Lynwood Winslow at 297-6532 or lcwiii@inteliport.com. We welcome all who are willing to share their musical talents in worship.

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LOOKING BACK:

REVIVAL, REDEDICATION AND RENEWAL SERVICE:

The Up River family changed our morning worship tradition on Sunday, April 30, with a service of revival, rededication and renewal in the fellowship hall. Lyn Winslow presented a prelude; the praise team led hymns; the youth served as greeters and ushers; special music was provided by the ladies' quintet and Pastor Chuck and Sonya; Susan taught the children's lesson with a devotion for adults; and several members of the meeting shared.

As the service came to a close, several felt the leading of the Spirit to join the meeting. Members present voiced approval to welcome Faith Dail, Lee Dail, Phillip Andrew Harris, Hillary Boyce Lassiter and Lacey Jean Winslow. Approval was also voiced for membership for Adeline Belcher, Brandon Thomas Belcher, Jr., Hayden Dail and Owen Dail, whose parents asked that they be added to the membership.

After worship, a time of fellowship was enjoyed over lunch. Special thanks is extended to the Hospitality Committee for overseeing the meal.

April brought many Spirit-led, moving services to Up River. The Spirit moved through Sunday School lessons and discussion; amazing devotions in Praise & Worship; Good Friday, sunrise and Easter services; and morning worship when those in attendance were sensitive to the Spirit.

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MEMBERSHIP ROLL UPDATE:

We have recently completed our membership roll update. As we have gotten information together, it has become clear that we need to update other information, also. We have several who have moved, those who have changed phone numbers, those who have changed email addresses - we want to get all our information updated so we can reach our families in a timely manner. A Family Information sheet is a part of this newsletter. We ask that all Up River families complete this form in June. You can complete the one in this newsletter, request a Word document that you can type information onto at memesusan@centurylink.net, or pick up a form from any of our services. The youth will be glad to assist you before or after any of our services. They will have forms and will collect them each Sunday in June. Thank you so much!

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THE QUERIES: The following comes from the Faith and Practice (Book of Discipline) of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends under the heading THE QUERIES.

Please take time to consider these thoughts and hopefully our meeting will grow both Spiritually and numerically.

HOME AND FAMILY: Do you practice the daily reading of the Scriptures in your families, giving time for reverent meditation? Do you make your home a place of hospitality, friendliness, peace, and Christian fellowship? Do you promote the moral and spiritual life of your children through careful supervision of their education, recreation, and friendships?

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*To each of you, who contributed to this newsletter, **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.** If you would like to share in upcoming newsletters, please feel free to do so – just give me a call at 297-2485 or e-mail me at lcwjr@inteliport.com. Also, if you have a loved one or a friend whom you think would like to receive our newsletter – or if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, please let me know. Thank you very much. Catherine G. Winslow*



Up River Friends Meeting Family Information Record

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Would you like to receive email from Up River: YES NO
Would you like to receive the monthly newsletter by mail: YES NO

Would you like to receive phone messages from Up River: YES NO

Are you on our membership roll: YES NO

If not, are you interested in becoming a member: YES NO

Spouse (if married)

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Would you like to receive email from Up River: YES NO
Would you like to receive the monthly newsletter by mail: YES NO

Would you like to receive phone messages from Up River: YES NO

Are you on our membership roll: YES NO

If not, are you interested in becoming a member: YES NO

Friends Helping Friends Scholarship



Up River Friends held **Graduation/Promotion/Scholarship** Sunday May 21. Three Perquimans High School seniors were recognized and awarded the “**Friends Helping Friends**” Scholarship.

First, Trapper White has a 3.2 GPA and is currently completing his high school diploma while enrolled in classes at COA to receive his A&P license to work on aircraft. He’s about a quarter way through that program. He works after school and on the weekends to help fund his college tuition. Upon graduation, he will become an Aviation mechanic.

Second, Madison Loftis has a 4.5 GPA and is heading to NCSU to attend the College of Ag and Life Science where she will be studying biotechnology with a concentration in crop and soil science. Her career aspiration is in the agricultural research field to be able to improve the sustainability of both rural and commercial farming.

Finally, Toni Woodward has a 4.0 and will be heading to Western Carolina to earn a bachelor’s in nursing. Because of experiences with her grandfather and his illness and subsequent strokes and therapy, she said she realized her calling was to be a critical care nurse. Following one of her grandfather’s strokes when he needed to relearn to write and speak – he would work with her so she spent her summer break in Maryland helping him --- she was known as POP-POP’s girl.

Congratulations to each of these students. Each received \$1,000 to assist with their college expenses.



Up River Friends Vacation Bible School

Belvidere, NC



June 26 - June 30

5:30 pm dinner

Pick up will be at 8:00 pm

Friday, June 30 Family Cookout and Program
at 6:00pm

Classes: PreK/K (age 3-5), 1st/2nd, 3rd-5th and Youth

Please email Ashley at ajethro@ecps.k12.nc.us with name and age of child attending so we can better prepare.

Thoughts for Father's Day

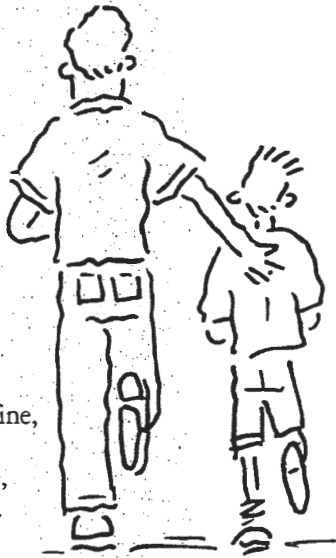
An unknown father who began to consider the example he should set for his children penned the following poem:

A careful man I ought to be;
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the self-
same way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;
Whate'er he sees me do,
he tries —
Like me, he says, he's going
to be,
The little chap who follows me.

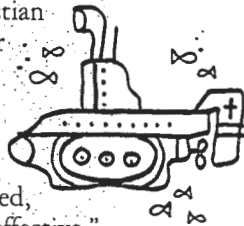
He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine:
The base in me he must not see,
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer's sun and
winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be,
For a little fellow follows me.



Spiritual submarines

Author Steve Farrar encourages Christian fathers to be spiritual submarines under the surface of their children's lives. "Through your prayers you have the ability to affect situations where you are not physically present," he writes in *Standing Tall*. "You may be undetected, but that does not mean that you are ineffective."



A man who puts on the armor of God and goes to war on his knees for his children is a force to be reckoned with, Farrar adds. "When it comes to battle ... understand that you have been given awesomely powerful weapons."

The holy space of love

An ancient story is told of two brothers who shared grain fields and a mill and, at day's end, equally divided the results of their labor. But the unmarried farmer felt that his brother, with a family to support, should have a greater share. So each night, under cover of darkness, he added some of his grain to his brother's.

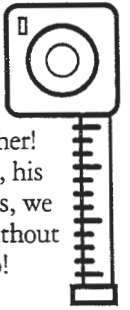
Meanwhile, the married brother was concerned that his single brother would have no children to care for him in his old age. So each night he, too, added to his brother's granary.

One night, the selfless brothers ran into each other. Grasping what was going on, they laughed and embraced. Rabbinic legend holds that on that spot — where love was freely shared — God decided his Temple should be built. Wherever people act in sacrificial love, the space between them is holy.

Measuring up

While hanging out with her father in his workshop, a preschooler tried to imitate him by using a tape measure. When she couldn't quite reach the distance she wanted to measure between herself and an object, she moved the object closer to her!

No matter how much we try to finagle God's rules, his standard of holiness won't be moved. As sinful beings, we can't reach that standard on our own. We're stuck without Jesus' grace. Thank God that he helps us measure up!



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A hymn's long journey

The beloved hymn "How Great Thou Art" came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Boberg wrote a poem titled "O, Great God," he probably never dreamed he'd hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From "the rolling thunder" echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the "woods and forest glades" of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.

Strength for life's bites

The day was fresh, and I jumped into my work with an attitude of praise. Then those bothersome mosquito bites started itching again. I rubbed lotion on them and tried to cope with the pain and distraction.

Most days are like that. We intend to honor God in all things, but irritating itches or overwhelming problems develop. Worry leads our minds away from God's love and promises.

We can't avoid life's little — or big — "bites." Yet we look to Jesus as our salve and salvation. He covers us and empowers us for each day's tasks. As Isaiah 40:29 (NIV) says, "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."

—MaryAnn Sundby

Live it out

The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.

—Brennan Manning, *The Ragamuffin Gospel*

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QUERIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

Do you work hard to be cheerful, unselfish and cooperative in your home, your school and your playground, so that every day you can put into practice some of the lessons that Christ taught?



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

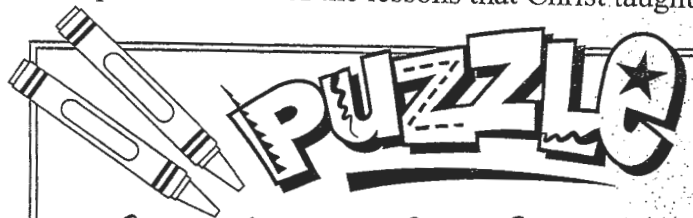
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- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

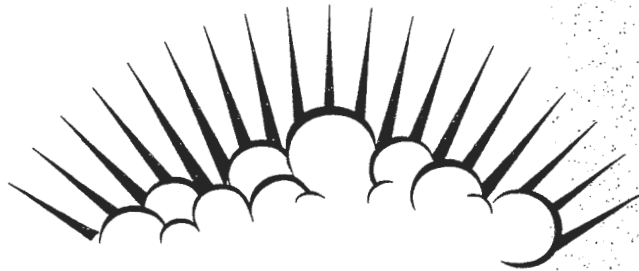
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift – and a hug!



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _t t_ m_,
 'Y_ _ _r_ m_ F_th_r, m_
 G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_r.'" "

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV



Come to Bible School!