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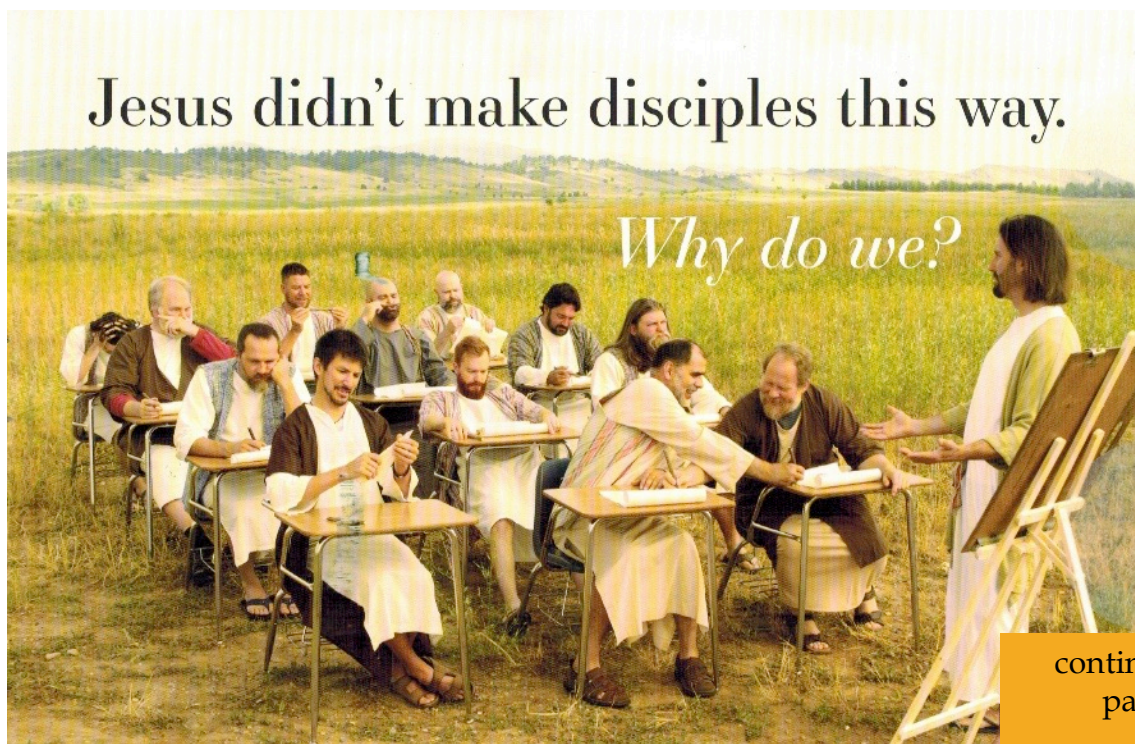
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From the Desk of Pastor Tanney

Making Disciples

School is in full swing now, routines are being established, plans are made, questions are asked, "Who is picking up today?" Lessons are being taught, learning is assumed and homework and tests will tell the tale if knowledge is grasped. The hope is by both parent and teacher that the child will apply this knowledge for the something we call wisdom and understanding, or as Eagle

College Prep would say, "are they learning character, college, community, the three C's and demonstrating it in and out of school." Jesus is the Master teacher or as his disciples would refer to him Rabbi, but as the picture somewhat humorously points out that is not the way he taught. The classroom setting was not his environment, disciples sitting behind desks taking notes and having to take a test, and pass, before they could go out and make disciples.



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What was his strategy or model of making disciples? There are books, workshops, conferences, Bible studies, classes that teach his model but rarely do we actually model his strategy as we teach others. Why? Most likely because it takes more time and energy than we want to give. We would love a process that is instant instead of growth over time. We would love to do a task than to establish a relationship, but that was how Jesus taught. Jesus lived out the Great Commission by living it out everyday. Here are a few key words Jesus used and categories we have heard to live by, if making disciples is a priority for you.

- Follow Me
- fish for men
- shepherd the flock
- building believers
- equipping workers
- multiplying shepherds
- growth
- ministry training
- outreach

Just remember, and it is more important than ever that a healthy relationship for discipleship occurs in the conversation, caring, praying, sharing and modeling Jesus, Love God and love people. Jesus' model looked more like friendship and less like a subject to study.

Discipleship is a call to me, but it is a journey of "we."

— Michael Spencer



Deaconess Alex Shick & Field Worker Sam Shick

They will begin serving at St. Johns Sunday, September 9.

Please give them a warm welcome!



Field Worker Alvaro Witt Duarte

St. Johns



has been canceled for September 22.



God's Work Our Hands
Social Ministry

We are very grateful to end the summer months with sufficient funds to keep moving forward with the food pantry. Thanks to all of you who keep donating funds to the food pantry and especially to our Lord and Savior for providing for all of our needs, and being with us every step of the way.

Our average clientele for the summer was about 40 families.

Food pantry will be closed
Saturday, September 1strd for Labor Day weekend.

Social Ministry meetings will resume on
Saturday, September 8th at 8:00 A.M.

Proverbs 3:5 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding".



The Women of the Word invite you to their annual Trivia Night, to be held on Saturday, September 22, at the St. Louis Police Officers' Association Hall, located at 3710 Hampton Avenue (between Mardel and Tholozan).

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m., and trivia starts at 6:45 p.m. Donations are \$20.00 per person or \$144.00 for a table of eight (when purchased as a unit). Your donation includes trivia, soda, cookies, and light snacks. We will have attendance prizes and a silent auction, as well as some other games between rounds.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Alcohol and coolers may NOT be brought into the hall. For ticket or table information, contact Maureen (314-200-6296) or the church office (314-773-0126).

**Mark your calendar and plan now to come and join in the fun.
Who knows – you just might learn something!**



It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128-129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17-18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

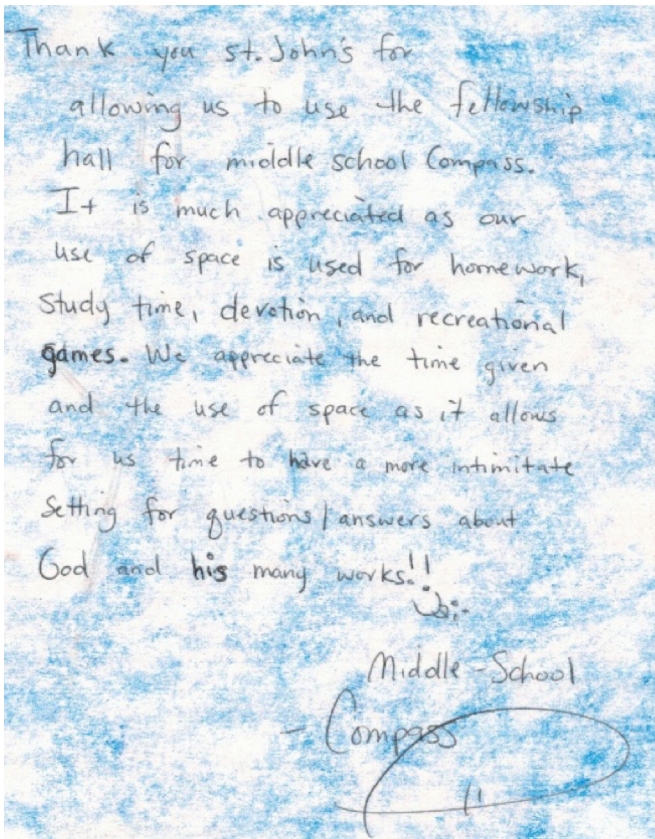
On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1-7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.



1st Bob Rehmer
 4th William McIntosh
 12th Gavin Schmidt
 19th Hannah Harkey
 21st Gerald Schmatlz
 25th Lillian Govero

September 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Food Pantry Closed
2 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Class & Sunday School worship screen-Jonah	3 Labor Day Eagle & Church Office Closed	4 3:00pm Compass 7:00pm Vietnamese Bible Study	5 10:30am LHSS Chapel 3:00pm Compass 3:30pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir	6 2:00pm Ridgewood Apts. Bible Study 3:00pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	7 8:00am Bible Study	8 8:00a Social Ministry 8:30am Food Pantry 10:00am Nepalese Adult Information Class
9 9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 12:15pm Pre-Seminary Training worship screen-Cameron	10 3:00pm Compass 5:30pm Scouts 7:00pm WOW	11 3:00pm Compass 7:00pm Vietnamese Bible Study	12 9:00am Compass Preschool Chapel 3:00pm Compass 3:30pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir	13 2:00pm Ridgewood Apts. Bible Study 3:00pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	14 8:00am Bible Study	15 8:30am Food Pantry 10:00am Nepalese Adult Information Class
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23 9:00am Worship w/ Communion/Confirmation 10:30 am Bible Class & Sunday School 12:15pm Pre-Seminary Training 3:30pm Circuit Convocation worship screen-Cameron	24 3:00pm Compass 5:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Ushers	25 3:00pm Compass 7:00pm Vietnamese Bible Study	26 8:00am Word of Life Chapel 9:00am Compass Preschool Chapel 3:00pm Compass 3:30pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Choir	27 2:00pm Ridgewood Apts. Bible Study 3:00pm Compass 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	28 8:00am Bible Study	29 Food Pantry Closed 10:00am Nepalese Adult Information Class
30 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Class & Sunday School 12:15pm Pre-Seminary Training worship screen-DEB	NOTES: Compass Middle School Afterschool Program is using our Fellowship Hall Monday – Friday from 3:30pm-6:00pm for the 2018-2019 school year. For more events please see our building use Calendar on the bulletin board outside the administrative office.					



Compass Middle School Program

If you would like to see more Thank You notes check out the Connection board in the Fellowship Hall

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