



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

"A loving congregation seeking unity with God and each other in Christ"

Newsletter

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VBS and Our Journey with Paul and Silas

We have been traveling with Paul this week during his Second Missionary Journey, which begins on Acts of the Apostles 15:36 with a fight. I am serious! Paul and Barnabas get into an argument that causes them to split up, each choosing a different route and companion for their second missionary journey. Let me give you a little context for the argument that caused the two friends to part company.

Paul and Barnabas had gone to Jerusalem to meet with the Apostles and Disciples to discuss the success of their first missionary journey and to resolve a conflict regarding the necessity of the new Gentile Converts to become circumcised as the Jewish believers were. Paul believed that Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross fulfilled all the requirements of the Law, and for this reason, circumcision was no longer required of new converts to Christianity. Some members of the Church in Jerusalem thought differently.

Paul and Barnabas successfully presented their case, and the Church in Jerusalem agreed to forego any requirements of the Jewish Law for Gentile converts. They wrote a letter to all the churches authorizing and blessings Paul and Barnabas' teachings. The two friends now back in Antioch feel very encouraged by their success in Jerusalem and begin to discuss a second missionary journey. So, here is when the fight starts. Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with him, but Paul disagreed strongly. The reason is that John Mark had returned home in the middle of the first missionary journey, and Paul saw him as a deserter. Barnabas believed the young man had grown sufficiently in his faith and deserved a second chance, but Paul adamantly refused.

Acts tells us that the friends parted company with Barnabas and John Mark going to Cyprus to preach, while Paul and Silas headed to Syria. At some point during this second mission, Paul and Silas make it to Europe and begin their work in Philippi, where they are met by a young slave girl who had a spirit of divination and made a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. Paul proceeded to command this spirit to leave the girl, causing her to lose her profitable trade. The owners moved to levy charges against the team, and Paul and Silas were flogged and placed in jail.

At some point during the night, an earthquake caused the chains to break and the doors of the prison to open. A distraught jailer was about to commit suicide thinking his prisoners had escaped, but Paul and Silas and the other prisoners remained where they were. Paul then had an opportunity to minister to the jailer and his family, leading them into baptism. After this, they returned to the prison, from which they were let go the next day when the authorities learned they were Roman citizens and deserved better treatment than they received.

After the events at Philippi, Paul and Silas traveled about a hundred miles to the city of Thessalonica where they stayed for a while, preaching and making converts. They were so successful that some people in the town became “jealous” and fearful of them. The mob attacked the home where the pair was staying, but they managed to escape. The crowd then brought Jason, the host, and some other people to the city council where they had to post a bond before being released. What this bond meant was that Paul and Silas could no longer lodge at Jason’s house or the homes of the other accused. Otherwise, these men would forfeit the bond. Paul and Silas had no choice but to leave town. We know, however, that the Church in Thessalonica was quite successful because Paul writes them two letters to encourage them in the faith.

From Thessalonica, Paul traveled to Berea and then to Athens. He left Silas and Luke at Berea with the believers in that area, but when he arrived at Athens, he was overwhelmed by the multiplicity of gods, idols, temples, and practices. He sent for both Silas and Luke to come to the city and help him in the mission there. While in Athens, Paul debated some of the philosophers of the area about the one God, who is creator and sustainer of everything, and about Jesus, his son. Acts of the Apostles tells us that many in the area became disciples, although many scoffed at him and mocked him.

From Athens, Paul traveled to Corinth where he befriends several Jewish people who had fled Rome after Claudius kicked all the Jews from the city. These Jews accepted the Gospel and became fundamental collaborators in church planting in the area, serving as leaders at the Church there for several years. We also know because of both letters to the Corinthians that the Church thrived to the point that Paul sent them pastors like Apollos, Timothy, and others to minister to them. It is Paul’s interaction with this Church that produced some of the most important letters in our New Testament.

This very successful mission involved a great deal of pain for Paul and Silas. They were beaten and incarcerated in Philippi, were chased out of town by an angry mob in Thessalonica, were chased once again by another angry mob in Berea, and were ridiculed and mocked in Athens. Both Paul and Silas persevered, making it to Corinth and planting several significant churches, although there is no evidence that a Church existed in Athens.

The message for the kids this week of Vacation Bible School is that God loves us and protects us even when others don’t. We emphasized this theme through exciting music, arts and crafts, and games. By the end of the week, the kids were familiar with Paul and his tribulations and learned about the awesome love God has for them. Thank you all for your support of this fantastic program, especially Alyssa Louis, Lisa Foster, Trish Toburen, Joanne Payne, Darla Payne, Miklyn Herrin, Hunter Beauchamp, Rebekah Struppeck, Sarah Roldan, Austin Roldan, Angelina Hardin, Giselle El Bechir, Kate Weeks, Joey Penno, Lucas Felton, Shiloh Felton, Chloe Adams, Hannah Adams, Antoni Torres, and Kayden Blaylock. Blessings to all, Fr.Roldan+

Thank you to all of our incredible volunteers listed above. This week would not have been able to happen without each and every one of you! Thank you also to all those that donated snacks and materials: Sheryl Wynters, Sharon Gauthier, David Daniel, Rachel Howell, Genie McClendon, Lauri Dooley, Louise Reichman, Penny Reinhardt, Lisa Foster, Jane and Bobby Daniel, Maria Gerry, Betty Sessions, Ellen Klein, and any and all others whose donation slips did not have their names on them. We couldn’t do this without your support. Thank you so much for helping support the success of our 2019 VBS! - Alyssa Louis

**Intercessory prayers
are asked for Grace
Church members who
are ill**

Kathy Anderson, Jack Anderson, Valerie Barnes, Diane Christopher, Neal Kelly, Jason Kennedy, Charlotte Maxwell, Elizabeth Denton Mitchell, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Kay Tengler, Mary Thompson, Wendell Wade, Pam Willson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

Clara Jane Hughes, Ken Thornton, William McClendon V-July 14; Sharmila Mulkey, Tommy Loyacono, Mike Dufilho-July 15; Stewart Hamilton-July 16; Pat Dowd-July 19; Russ Wray, Glenn Timmons-July 20; Larry Schneider, Renee Sparks, Carey Leggett, Elizabeth Finley-July 21; Elaine McKenzie Motes, Andy Wilson, Debbie Willis-July 22; Lin Kendrick-July 23; Danielle Betz, Jeanne Morris, Madison Noel Pollet-July 24; Al Hardouin-July 25; Stephanie Powers, Molly Porter-July 26; Charles Jenkins, Ronnie Martin-July 27.

**Wedding
Anniversaries**

Tommy and Stacy Loyacono-July 18; Ben and Sara Klein-July 19; Peter and Lynda Truitt-July 20; Ronnie and Pat Martin-July 26

Other persons prayers are asked for:

Claiborne Arbutnot, Charles Barham, Walker Bell, Micaela Kell Bennett, Wayne Bergeron, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Luanne, Phillip Bowen, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Mason Brudewick, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Daryn Conrad, Rob Cox, Frances Woods Curry, Nick D'Aquila, Sandy Davenport, Kathleen Davis, Jessica DeLee, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Ellen Ewald, Sara Fahey, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Jerry Green, Jim and Claire Hackney, Jane Hamilton, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jean-sonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cathy K., Mike Larisey, Jody Lemoine, Jessica Liddle, Max, Charlotte Mayeaux, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Cheryl Meaux, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Randall Nachman, Walter Oliveaux, Barton Platte, Elizabeth Poole, Susanna Prescott, Tammy Riggs, James and Shvia Roach, Cole Rourke, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Rusty Snyder, Cade Stapleton, Angel Thompson, Roland Toups, Millie and Howard Varner, Deborah Vines, Emily Walz, Trey Watson, Dennis Williams, Lynn Zinn.

Those serving in the armed forces:

Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, Carlile Cointment, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Polly Finley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Aaron Zuccaro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 1st 222 Aviation Regiment.

Grace News & Upcoming Events

Our Children's Church ministry is growing. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Alyssa at youth@gracechurchwfp.org or 245-1385 to learn more or join for a lesson.

Grace Preschool is still accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Our preschool is open to all students who will be three years old by September 30th, 2019. Registration packets are available in the church offices or online.

Exciting News! We are starting an After-school Ministry Program here at Grace. This program will be for children in Pre-K through 5th grade and will be open to siblings of current Grace Preschoolers, Grace Church members, and past students of Grace Preschool. Each day students will be dropped off at Grace by the bus and we will provide a snack, help them with completing homework, and have a fun activity to do with them once they are done. The hours for this program will be from 3:00 pm until 5:30 pm and will cost \$75 a month per child. For more information on how to sign up, please email Alyssa at youth@gracechurchwfp.org, call her at 245-1385, or pick up a sign-up form in the office in Jackson Hall. We are so looking forward to this program and being able to better serve you and our community with providing this ministry.

Choir Rehearsals are now held following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays. If you enjoy singing, come join the Grace Choir this summer. New members are needed. Questions? —phone Mel Hale at (225)931-3382 or talk to him or any choir member after church.

We are in need of ushers to help us during the 10:00 a.m. services. If you are interested, please contact Father Roldan.

If you are interested in volunteering with our nursery ministry or know of a teen who would like a job, please speak with Meg Kendrick. We are looking for adult volunteers to help with this important ministry.

A Journey to the Holy Land

November 1-12, 2020

To join or for more information, please contact: Rev. Rob Courtney at rcourtney@stpauls-lakeview.org



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOUISIANA
A JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND

Journey with us to the Holy Land and experience the deep history and connection with the world that Jesus inhabited.

Our guide Canon Iyad Qumri has 20 years of experience in historical, biblical, and contemporary cultural knowledge. He will share with you the social, and political riches of the Holy Land. Pilgrims have traveled from around the world to experience his historical teachings and understanding of current events.



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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday July 14, 2019

Acolytes: Emma Olsen, Wyatt Olsen, Lilly Higgins, Hayes Whatley

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Lucie Butler

10 a.m.: Maria Gerry, Sheryl Wynters

Ushers: Tom Morris, Tiger Olsen

Lectors: Dixie Blue, Donna Wright

Vestry Rep: Kathy Kane

Altar Guild: Team 3

Children's Church: Carlin Kendrick

Altar Flowers: Stacy and Tommy Loyacono

Sanctuary Candle: Penny and Don Reinhardt

Coffee Hour: Sheryl Wynters

Babysitters: Austin Roldan, Sarah Roldan

Sunday July 21, 2019

Acolytes: Paul Opperman, Evelyn Pollet, Olivia Adams, Hannah Adams

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Sharon Gauthier, Cozette Stevens

10 a.m.: Dr. Landon Anderson, Joey Gammill

Ushers: Will Plettinger, Shannon Pollet

Lectors: Heather Howle, Ellen Klein

Vestry Rep: Tommy Loyacono

Children's Church: Lisa Foster

Altar Guild: Team 4

Altar Flowers: Coco and David Treppendahl

Sanctuary Candle: Betty and Charles Sessions

Coffee Hour: Dahn Savell

Babysitters: Grant Rome, Shiloh Felton

July 14, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour

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7:30am - Holy Eucharist

at Grace & St. John's

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour

Wednesday, July 17

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

Thursday, July 18

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, July 19

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

Sunday, July 21

7:30am - Eucharist at Grace & St. John's

8:45am - Bible Study

10:00am - Eucharist

Wednesday, July 24

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, July 25

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, July 26

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study