

WORD FROM THE CREEK

TAKING THE CHURCH TO THE COMMUNITY

“Struck By Compassion” by Pastor Kevin Taylor

During the weekend services of June 25-26 Silver Creek Church celebrated Compassion Sunday with a special love offering for Kindles for Cuba and the African Oasis Project. So far over \$1,500 has been given. I am thrilled at the response. Thank you for your generous giving! During the service I had the privilege of being a missionary for the day and sharing pictures from my recent trip to Haiti with the Convoy of Hope. While in Haiti I visited numerous orphanages which were a part of Convoy’s feeding program. 18 months ago Haiti suffered an earthquake which killed an estimated 250,000 people. Before the earthquake Convoy of Hope was feeding 19,000 children each day. Now Convoy feeds 54,000 children every day in Haiti.

During my presentation I shared the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke chapter 10. Specifically there we three phrases or words which really stood out to me in this story. The phrase “half dead” was the first thing that I want to mention. When the Good Samaritan came upon the man Scripture says that he found him “half dead”. The Greek word is written in the form that denotes that his condition was in the process of becoming dead. It is no

stretch to assume that without intervention by a compassionate individual this man was going to die. Haiti is a nation which is in essence “half dead”. In 1791 a voodoo ceremony was held at which time the people called upon voodoo gods for freedom from the French government. In 1803 it became the first black republic. Despite its freedom Haiti is completely in bondage. The nation is unable to help itself. The nation cannot feed or educate its own people. The Miami airport is filled each week with teams of students and leaders from churches around the USA destined for missions work in Haiti. Without these Non Government Organizations, or NGO’s, the nation would most certainly cease to exist.

The next word that stands out to me is the word “pity”. The Bible says that the Good Samaritan took pity on the man. The word “pity” means compassion and refers to being affected “as to one’s bowels”. The word is written in such a way that it communicates that the Good Samaritan did not possess the emotion of pity or the ability to work up a feeling of compassion. Instead he was affected by or struck by compassion for the man. During my trip to Haiti it was impossible to go away unaffected. As the church we must be struck to the core with compassion the way the Good

Samaritan was struck with pity.

The last word that I want to draw to your attention to is the word “wounds”. It was the man’s wounds that drew the attention of the Good Samaritan. The Greek word is “trawmah” from which we get our English word “trauma.” Trauma is defined as “an extremely distressing experience that causes severe emotional shock and may have long-lasting psychological effects.” Wounds can be physical or emotional. We all know people who suffer physical and emotional wounds. When we encounter those walking wounded we must be impacted to a point of action. The Good Samaritan used his own bandages, wine (disinfectant), oil (medicine), and finances to help the wounded man! Compassion costs! If we allow ourselves to become impacted by the wounds of others it will cost us something. In Haiti the average annual income is \$730 a year. They do not have the resources to care of their own wounds. As the church we must be struck by compassion and moved into action! Thank you for taking part in Compassion Sunday. God bless you!

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Dates of Interest:

- **July 4th Independence Day—Office Closed**
- **July 18th-22nd Five Day Club**
- **June 31st Outdoor Service & Church Picnic**
- **August 7th Calling Levi**

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00pm
3 Java Connection 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am	4 Independence Day  Office Closed	5 Neighborhood Block Party Mtg 5:30pm Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	6 One Way Student Ministries 7:00pm	7 Softball Game 7:00pm	8	9 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00pm
10 Java Connection 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am	11 Neighborhood Block Party Mtg 5:30pm	12 Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	13 One Way Student Ministries 7:00pm	14 Softball Game 6:00pm	15	16 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00pm
17 Java Connection 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am	Spencer Lake Summer Camp 5 Day Club					23 Saturday Night Worship Service 6:00pm
	18 Neighborhood Block Party Mtg 5:30pm	19 Call to Prayer 7:00 pm	20 No One Way Due to Youth Camp	21 Softball Game 6:00pm	22	
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Summer of Joy

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

It is easy to forget during the summer just how brutal and cold winter was. Just think a month ago we were just getting leaves on the trees and before that we wore hoodies for months waiting for 70s and 80s to come up north; however, waiting is necessary and is a part of God's plan when creating the four seasons. Each season has a purpose and certain feel to it. Let me explain the season that we're experiencing here as students get ready for summer camp.

This is a summer where we experience unspeakable joy and excitement. I don't think it's as much weather related as we make it out to be but I do think it's a byproduct of the season we are in. The apostle Paul said in Philippians 4:4 to "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" He said this while he was in prison and in chains. Why on earth would he tell others to have joy? Its like a kid who's grounded for the summer watching from his window as all his friends have fun and he screams out the window, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" I think the apostle Paul was on to something.

True joy isn't based on circumstances or what we have going for us. It isn't based on our feelings nor can we manufacture it by getting psyched. True joy comes out because we choose to possess it. We choose to experience joy even if we're grounded. We choose to experience joy even though were sick or oppressed. True joy comes from knowing the truth about your circumstances and feelings that God is still God no matter what!

Pastor Shaun Hardie

Youth Group Calendar

July 18-22
Summer Camp

This year's speaker will be Reggie Dabbs.

Wednesday, July 27

One Way will be meeting in Marquette



Children's Ministry

June was quite the month. Lila came into the world on May 26th, and while she is a wonderful blessing, she has decided to limit the amount of sleep we get at night. Other than being tired, she is a great addition to our little family.

We are currently doing our P.U.S.H. curriculum which stands for "Pray **U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens". It has been encouraging to see the kids learn about prayer and how it is our way of talking with God. It has also been an opportunity for the kids to learn how to pray for others.

I hope that your summer is going well and will continue to do so. Remember to GO B.I.G. (GO Believing In God) this summer and P.U.S.H. (Pray Until Something Happens).

God Bless,
Nick Rye
Children's Church Director



Upcoming Summer Events

Spencer Lake Family Camp

July 3 - July 10

Spencer Lake Summer Youth Camp (Junior/Senior High Camp) July 18-22

The youth will be leaving for Summer Camp Monday, July 18th at 7:30am and will return Friday July 22nd at 8:00pm

Spencer Lake Kids Camp (Grades 3-6) August 8-12

The Children's Church kids will be traveling to Waupaca, Wisconsin for Kids Camp August 8-12. The registration cost is \$175 and forms can be found in the church office. Contact Nick Rye for more information.

Neighborhood Block Party

Silver Creek Church Outreach Event
August 20th 11:00am-2:00pm
Set-up 9-11am Tear Down 2-3pm

**Block Party meetings are
Monday at 5:30pm**

Outdoor Service & Church Picnic Sunday, July 31st from 10:00-2:00

Join us for a time of worship, fellowship and good food. Mark your calendars! This is one event that you will not want to miss.



In Concert

Sunday, August 7th at 10:00am

Calling Levi will perform at Silver Creek Church. The group consist of 4 gifted vocalists who have traveled across the country and the world lifting up the name of Christ and pointing others to him through their music. Bring your family and friends. You won't want to miss this!

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