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Looking for new ways to grow in your discipleship this summer?

Then we invite you to join us for these worship, study and prayer opportunities, as we focus on our value to be

# dedicated missionaries who open doors for deeper relationships with Christ, one another and our neighbors.

## **WORSHIP SERMON SERIES**

#### "Hit the Road"

# Sundays 8:15 am and 10:45 am

Just before he ascends into heaven, Jesus gathers his disciples together one last time to give them his final instructions. He leaves them with the directive to "go and make disciples of all nations." Join us to explore the adventures of being a follower of Jesus. Are you ready to GO?

#### June 30 "Hit The Road"

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sent out his apostles to make disciples of all the world. We have been sent to do the same. How do we prepare for this lifelong journey of faith?

# July 7 **"Worth Stopping For"**

Acts 2:1-4

When taking a road trip, the journey matters as much as the arrival at your destination. Every road trip should include a "can't miss" stop along the route. In our faith journey, it is just as important not to miss the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

#### July 14 **"U-Turn"**

Acts 9:1-6

Have you ever thought you were headed in the right direction, only to discover you were way off course? This week we will examine the story of the Apostle Paul's U-turn in life. Paul's life takes a radical turn when he hears Jesus. How does Jesus direct us to turn around?

# July 21 "Road Less Traveled"

Luke 10:25-37

When Jesus sends us out, sometimes the road is difficult - even dangerous. We can avoid the Jericho roads of life, or we can take them in order to serve Jesus. We are invited to travel the Jericho Roads in our communities with eyes open, and offer our service to another in need.

## July 28 "Headed Home"

Luke 15:11-32

Sometimes we leave home with great expectations and hopes. But somewhere along the road we get off track, and the best decision is to head home. Many important lessons in life can be found on the road home.

#### STUDY

#### **Sunday School**

Our regular Sunday School classes for adults will continue to meet through the end of June on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Look in the weekly bulletin for more details regarding all class choices.

On July 7 we will begin our combined adult class in the multipurpose room. All are invited to join us for "**Gospel Shaped Living**". Each Sunday we will discuss some of the specific ways that we live out the gospel every day. We may find areas where we are still too much like the world, or areas where we have grown too distant from the world. Either way, the intention is to help us discover how to effectively engage in our world as the **light of Christ** so that new people will walk away from the darkness of sin and be drawn into the light of the gospel.

#### Summer Book Club

A story is always better if you have someone to share it with, and who doesn't enjoy reading a good book in the summer? If you are a book lover, pick up a copy of "**Life is Good**" by Bert and John Jacobs, then come to relax and discuss at the Eaton home on <u>Monday</u>, <u>August 5 at 7:00 pm</u>. Life is not always easy and life is not perfect, but life is good. Find out why these brothers, who founded the "Life is Good" clothing company, have made it their mission to spread the power of optimism through values like simplicity, humor, compassion and gratitude.

# Summer Bible Study

Summer is here! And with all of the travel and inconsistent schedules this time of year, we need a Bible study that we can take with us anywhere we go. If this sounds great to you, consider this awesome online Bible study opportunity... Starting Tuesday, June 18, we'll be studying "No Other Gods" by Kelly Minter for eight weeks online.

Learn to identify the functional gods we unknowingly serve and the lies they tell. As we dethrone our modern-day idols, we'll be set free for the deeper, more abundant life Jesus came to give—discovering that Jesus can do what no other god can. Contact Tina Eaton if you would like to participate. You will have access to teaching videos online and will work through the workbook at your own pace, then come together for discussion and fellowship at the Eaton home on July 15 and August 26 at 7:00 pm.

#### PRAYER

# **Prayer Walking**

Summer is a great time to take a break from the busy-ness of life, catch your breath, be outside and get to know your neighbors. That makes it a perfect time to try prayer walking as a way to focus on listening for the voice of God as you walk in order to discern His desires for you and for the neighborhood in which you have been placed.

Try walking in the neighborhood where you live AND try walking in the neighborhood surrounding First Church. You'll be surprised what you see and hear as you intentionally open your hearts, minds, eyes and ears to the needs around you. Once God places something on your heart, the next question will be, "how can I help to meet these needs?" Pick up a prayer walking guide at the church Welcome Center display and get going today!

# Daily Bible Reading Plan

Join us on this adventure as we read through the Bible together using this plan, which has been specifically designed to go along with the sermon series schedule for 2019. Then come worship with us on Sundays to grow closer to God and one another.

#### Need a Bible?

Pick one up today at the Welcome Center display.

## Week of June 10

Monday Proverbs 8:1-4 Tuesday Proverbs 8:22-31

Wednesday Psalm 8

Thursday Romans 5:1-5 Friday John 16:12-15

Sunday "Celebrating the Trinity"

## Week of June 17

Monday 1 Kings 19:1-15 Tuesday Psalm 42:1-4 Wednesday Psalm 42:5-11 Thursday Galatians 3:23-29 Friday Luke 8:26-39

Sunday Re-Creation leads worship

# Week of June 24

Monday
Tuesday
Psalm 77:1-2
Wednesday
Psalm 77:11-20
Thursday
Friday
Luke 9:51-62
Sunday

Z Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2

Galations 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

"Hit the Road"

Week of July 1

Monday 2 Kings 5:1-14 Tuesday Psalm 30:1-5



Wednesday Psalm 30:6-12
Thursday Galatians 6:1-16
Friday Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Sunday "Worth Stopping For"

## Week of July 8

Monday Amos 7:7-17
Tuesday Psalm 82
Wednesday Colossians 1:1-8
Thursday Colossians 1:9-14
Friday Luke 10:38-42
Sunday "U-Turn"

# Week of July 15

Monday Amos 8:1-12 Tuesday Psalm 52:1-7 Wednesday Psalm 52:8-9 Thursday Colossians 1:15-28 Friday Luke 10:25-37

Sunday "Road Less Traveled"

# Week of July 22

Monday Hosea 1:2-10 Tuesday Psalm 85

Wednesday Colossians 2:6-15 Thursday Colossians 2:16-19 Friday Luke 11:1-13

Sunday "Headed Home"