

Being More than Christian: The Practices

Mark 6:1-13, 30-46 (NLT)

Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown.² The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?"³ Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

⁴ Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family."⁵ And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them.⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people.⁷ And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits.⁸ He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveler's bag, no money.⁹ He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.

¹⁰ "Wherever you go," he said, "stay in the same house until you leave town."¹¹ But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate."¹² So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God.¹³ And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught.³¹ Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat.

³² So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone.³³ But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them.³⁴ Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late."³⁶ Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat."

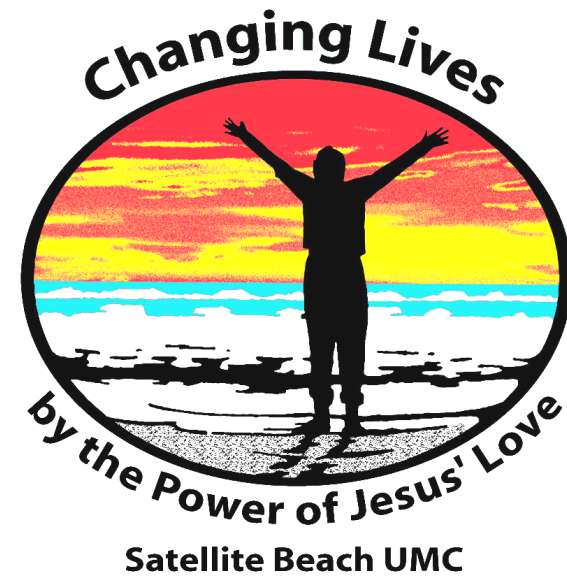
³⁷ But Jesus said, "You feed them." "With what?" they asked. "We'd have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!"³⁸ "How much bread do you have?" he asked. "Go and find out." They came back and reported, "We have five loaves of bread and two fish."³⁹ Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass.⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred.

⁴¹ Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.⁴² They all ate as much as they wanted,⁴³ and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.⁴⁴ A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed.

⁴⁵ Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while he sent the people home.⁴⁶ After telling everyone good-bye, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

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Pastor Richard Jones

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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11:00 am Traditional Service

9:00 am		
Contemporary Service		
Responsive Greeting	Gathering Music	Amanda Avey
Gathering Song	Welcome and Announcements	
<i>Your Grace Is Enough</i>	Prelude	Amanda Avey
Welcome & Announcements	Responsive Reading	
Songs of Worship	Hymn # 139	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Vs. 1-3)</i>
<i>Mighty to Save</i>	Affirmation #881	Apostle's Creed
<i>1000 Tongues</i>	Response # 507	<i>Through It All (x2)</i>
<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>	Pastoral Prayer	
Pastoral Prayer	Children's Church	
Children's Church	Special Music	
Offertory Prayer	Offering Prayer	
Offertory Song	Hymn # 526	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Vs. 1,3)</i>
<i>O Worship the King</i>	Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
Message	Choir Anthem	<i>O, The Deep Love of Jesus</i>
The Practices	Message	Being More than Christian: The Practices
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Closing Song	Hymn # 467	<i>Trust and Obey (Vs. 1,2)</i>
<i>Your Grace Is Enough</i>	Benediction	
Benediction	Postlude	Amanda Avey

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OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	September 29	THURSDAY	October 3
9:00 am	Contemporary Service	1:00 pm	Prayer, Share & Quilt
10:10 am	Sunday School	FRIDAY	October 4
11:00 am	Traditional Service	10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting
5:00 pm	Youth Group	12:00 pm	Football Spaghetti Dinner 
MONDAY	September 30	4:00 pm	Scouts Robotics Group
6:30 pm	Scout Troop (COC)	6:00 pm	Children's Fam. Game Night
7:00 pm	Leadership Mtg	SATURDAY	October 5
TUESDAY	October 1	9:30 am	Parent Focused Al-Anon
4:00 pm	Grief Group	SUNDAY	October 6
5:30 pm	LTP2 Bible Study (COC)	9:00 am	Contemporary Service
WEDNESDAY	October 2	10:10 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Missions Mtg	11:00 am	Traditional Service
6:30 pm	Praise Band Practice	5:00 pm	Youth Group
6:30 pm	Choir Practice		

The following prayer requests and concerns represent only the most recent additions to our prayer list. For a list of ongoing prayer, see the Prayers/Concerns section of our monthly newsletter, check the Prayer Room, or call the church office.



Jean Denney, Cara Evers, Ada Fields, Pat Foster, Ruth Miles, Barb Stasko, Pete & Judy Wehner

PRAYER FOCUS: Those affected by Hurricane Helene

Save the Dates

Pumpkins Arriving—October 12 @ 9:00 AM (Subject to change, depending on driver)
Movie on the Lawn—October 12 @ 7:00 PM
10th Annual Trunk or Treat—October 23 6-8PM

PECANS! It's our 22nd year of selling pecans for the Women of Worth Ministry. We get plain 16 oz. Mammoth (fresh crop), 12 oz. chocolate covered and cinnamon glazed pecans from Mascot Pecan Co. In Georgia. They make great gifts for the holidays. There are orange order forms on the tables as you enter the sanctuary, in the lobby and office. Complete the form and leave it in the box. **Deadline to order is Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024**, to get them to you for your Thanksgiving Pies and gift giving. Questions - call Kyle Henderson, 321-446-4674

Charge Conference: October 20th @ 1:30 PM. Grace UMC in Merritt Island. 65 Needle Blvd. Merritt Island, FL 32953 Rev. Jad Denmark, Residing Elder