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**Making Disciples
 of All Nations**

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**ARTICLES FOR
 JULY SKYWRITER
 DUE JUNE 13**

FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE

Come worship in the freedom and joy of the Holy Spirit on June 4 at 7:00pm. A light supper will be served at 6:15pm in the dining area.



SKYWRITER

From the Pastor's Desk

by Rev. John Freeland

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

As we enter the month of June we continue our study on the fruit of the Holy Spirit by turning our attention to the Holy Spirit fruit of Goodness. It is reasonable to wonder about the difference between kindness and goodness. The fourth century theologian, and translator of the Latin Vulgate Bible, Jerome, said of Goodness, "doing good to others is not necessarily by gentle means." The meaning of the Greek word we translate as "Goodness" emphasizes that it does not spare correction, discipline, or rebuke if it will bring about good in others. Of the Greek word that is translated as "Goodness," which, by the way, is only used four times in the New Testament, William Barclay noted that it is "a word that is peculiar to the Bible and does not appear in secular Greek." To me that makes "Goodness" pretty important. A word sparingly used in scripture and not used at all in secular Greek and yet is one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit is either very important or completely insignificant, and I find it hard to believe that any fruit of the Holy Spirit could be insignificant.

Looking at the only four uses of this Greek word, agathosune, which we translate "Goodness" will give us some insight into this marvelous fruit. Goodness, righteousness, and truth make up the trio of the "fruit of Light" (Ephesians 5:9). It is something by which we can be filled (Romans 15:14). Comfort and strength will come to our hearts when we put Goodness into action (2 Thessalonians 2:17). And finally, as you already know, Goodness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22). I'm impressed, and I want this fruit!

I believe we should buckle up, because, just as we found with the previous five fruit of the Holy Spirit, there is more to Goodness than we thought! During the month of June, we will look at these aspects of Goodness given in the paragraph above. We will also go to the Old Testament to see what Goodness we might find there. We will look particularly for Goodness as it relates to tough love by looking at some examples in both the Old and New Testaments. It's time to not only try to understand the meaning of this fruit. It's time to seek it. Join me on a quest for Goodness!

Your servant,



Prayer Walk

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! - Psalms 105:1

Join the Witness Committee for the next Prayer Walk on **Tuesday, June 1 at 6:00pm**. Please meet outside the Chapel doors - rain or shine! If you are unable or would prefer not to walk, please come and pray for us in the Chapel. This month's Prayer Walk is especially important as we have the opportunity to talk to our neighbors about the Block Party and VBS, and pray over the neighborhood for the Lord to send us those who need to come.



This June, be a part of Skyland's Vacation Bible School where kids (ages Pre-K - 5th grade) will explore the Mighty love of God! Get ready for a swashbuckling adventure through God's Word, and discover that God shows his powerful love throughout Scripture. Each day, kids will participate in small groups, called Crews, and dive into the Bible! Not only will they experience amazing Bible adventures but they'll also watch for God in everyday life. The kids will discover that God is active in our lives and that his fingerprints are everywhere! High Seas Expedition is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Get ready to embark on a journey that will change you forever! VBS will be held **June 9 - 13 from 9am - Noon** in the Chapel. To sign up or volunteer, please contact Andy Hammer at (770) 789-7932.



**BLOCK PARTY!
Saturday, June 5 (5-8pm)
Everyone Welcome!**

Everything is free!

Inflatable Ninja Train Playhouse, Bungee Run
Basketball Pop Shot, Bouncy Boxing
Dunk Tank, Sno Cones, Face Painting
Raffle Prizes

A Tithe of Your Time to the Lord!

We need **YOU** to volunteer. Each event listed above needs monitoring in 1½ hour time slots. Please consider covering an event from either **5:00-6:30** or **6:30-7:00**. This event is Skyland's mission outreach to the community. Remember, while it is not our main goal, we have gained many new and active members through this outreach. We need **YOU** to be the friendly face of the church to the community. Come, open your hearts, share the love of Christ. Set-up begins at 1:00pm. Come, give a tithe of your time to the Lord and let's have another Block Party that blesses those around us by sharing the love of Christ with them. For more information, please call Helen Pirkle at (770) 491-6495.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR RED!

Weekly Attendance

Date	Small Groups	10:00 Service	11:00 Service
4/25	65	45	59
5/2	67	48	66
5/9	64	65	57
5/16	64	48	53

Offerings

Date	Mile of Pennies	General Funds	Designated Funds
4/25	8.00	4,184.25	220.00
5/2	37.50	5,382.38	67.00
5/9	11.50	7,884.96	180.69
5/16	5.40	4,373.00	587.00

Designated Funds

Choir	20.00
Postage	20.00
Mission House	200.00
Good Samaritan	12.00
Utilities for Mission House	25.00
Jazz Concert Tickets	60.00
Property Maintenance	25.48
Flowers	75.00
Parsonage Fund	75.21
Youth Fundraiser	542.00



Mark your calendars and join us for some good food and fellowship **Thursday, June 10 at 11:45am** in the dining area. Music and singing provided by Cathy Peters. Please bring a covered dish to share.

The next Young Adult Fellowship event will be a bonfire and/or movie night hosted by Brian & Amy Medford on **June 12 at 7pm**. Please look for further details on the Young Adults bulletin board and in emails as the date approaches. Please invite friends to come along! All young adults are also encouraged to help with the Block Party on June 5 by attending set-up at 1:00pm and signing up for a shift on one of the attractions.



All ladies of the church are invited to a Wedding Shower for Leslie Pirkle on Sunday, June 13 at 3pm in Fellowship Hall

The Skyland Youth are calling the brave and the bold to join them in an all night jamboree of games and excitement. We'll play team games, eat and stay awake all night. Adults are welcome to stay for a part or the whole night. Please meet at the church on **Friday, June 25 at 7:00pm**. Parents may pick up on **Saturday, June 26 at 7:00am**. Youth must stay on the premises unless picked up by a parent. Please contact Andy Hammer if you're brave enough!



The United Methodist Women's Study "For the Love of God, The Epistles of John" will be held on **Saturday, June 26 from 9am - 1pm**. In the Fellowship Hall. Cathy Wages will lead the study. Books are being circulated, so please get a copy and read it before the study. Bring your Bibles and a sack lunch.