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Pastor's Corner – *Pastor Jack Rager*

Gone Fishing

As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, Follow Me and I will make you become fishers of men.

Mark 1: 16-17

I was sharing with someone last week about when we lived in Sierra Leone West Africa, we would go down to the beach and watch the fishermen. They would launch off in their boat, dropping their net as they made a wide semi-circle eventually coming back to the beach. Then, they get out of the boat and begin to pull the net to shore hopefully, full of fish.

I believe that this is the method or at least similar to the method that the disciples fished because when Jesus saw Simon and Andrew, they were casting their net. The word “casting” means net for fishing. When he saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee, they were in their boat mending their net.

There are several things about fishing in the way we should take note of. First, it was a team effort. It would be impossible for one person to fish in this manner. Second, the bigger the net, the more fishermen required. The number of people in a boat varied, depending on the size of the net. Generally, it was four sometimes, six. Once the net was casted, the very hard laborious work of pulling the net began.

Fishing is hard work requiring skill, knowledge and perseverance.

Sometimes, the fishermen would cast their net and discover that they had caught very little. Other times, they would catch a good number but when they did, the work was even harder. One thing you quickly learn about fishing, fish do not jump into the boat and do not jump on the beach while you are relaxing, drinking lemonade. You have to get into the boat and you have to cast the net and you have to work hard together to catch the fish.

It is critical that we understand this very important principle on the first lesson that Jesus taught His disciples. He taught them that fishing, getting into the boat, casting your net and pulling the net together has to be done or there are no fish. If there are no fish, then fishermen in Sierra Leone and first century Galilee did not survive.

We have gone fishing, would you please join us?

Bro. Jack


WMU NEWS

Upcoming WM&M Events:



May 18th – WMU Rinaldi Convalescent Ministry at 10:00 a.m.

May 20th – WMU Meeting & Luncheon at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Have you ever wanted to be involved with missions in your community? Here are some mission ideas for you:

Coffee House – This is a great place to hang out and build relationships. Go there the same time and day of the week, notice the people, interact, be friendly, engage in conversations and share stories that could lead to deeper spiritual conversations such as prayer requests, answered prayers and so on. Continue this ministry each week at the same time.

Blessing Bags – Fill with soap, wash cloth, socks, toothbrush & toothpaste, tissue, fruit cups and spoon, lotion, chapstick... be creative. This winter seems colder so hand warmers would be great too. Then distribute to people in need.

Miscellaneous Acts of Kindness – Pick up groceries for a neighbor, help someone with yard work, bake cookies and take them to a neighbor or a clerk at the store, take flowers to someone who is having a bad day.

Upcoming Dates...

- May 2** Ruth Class Brunch 11:00 a.m.
- May 3** Crafty Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
- May 5** Awana Clubs 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- May 7** Church Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- May 10** Crafty Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
- May 12** Awana Clubs 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- May 17** Crafty Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
- May 18** WMU Rinaldi Conv. Home 10:00 a.m.
- May 19** Awana Clubs 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
(Graduation Day)
- May 20** Men's Breakfast/Study 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- May 20** WMU Meeting/Luncheon 10:00 a.m.
- May 20** Women's Life Group Study 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- May 24** Crafty Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
- May 28** Deacon's Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- May 31** Crafty Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER MEETINGS are held Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Please email your prayer requests to us at admin@fbcgh.net so we can be sure to pray for you during this time.

CHOIR PRACTICE is held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Ted Osborne for details.



BIRTHDAYS

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| 5 - 09 | Dorothy Brock |
| 5 - 11 | Kazue Kagami |
| 5 - 19 | Michael Ackerly |
| 5 - 20 | Jewell Ingwersen |
| 5 - 22 | Dulce Peabody |
| 5 - 24 | Dawn Curry |
| 5 - 31 | Carole Ball |

FBCGH Sunday School Department
invites you to join us in learning God's word by attending one or more of the following:

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday morning 9:45 am to 10:45 am.

Classes for all ages:

- Nursery – Sheryl Osborne (Teacher)
- Children – Eugenia Rodriguez/Karla Couto (Teachers)
- Youth – Eli Avege (Teacher)
- Young Adults – Sarah Rager (Teacher)
- Middle Aged Men – Richard Sepulveda (Teacher)
- Middle Aged Women – Loretta Barnwell (Teacher)
- Senior Men – Tom Peabody (Teacher)
- Senior Women – Loretta Barnwell (Teacher)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – Sunday morning from 11:10 am for ages 5-13. Children are dismissed to class during offering time.

SMALL GROUPS:

Women's Life Group – third Saturday of the month from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Currently studying "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman." Contact MarilynKoziatek@gmail.com for more details.

Men's Life Group - breakfast and study every third Saturday of the month from 8:30 am – 11:00 am.

Awana Clubs – every Friday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Open to children and teens.

Come and be a part of our Christian family!

