

Words from Harold . . .

“The Good News for America”

If someone asked you the question, “What do you think makes America great... what would you say? Our heritage? Our government? Our fortitude and resilience?

Recently I was reading book entitled, “Short Stories from the Heart”. One of the stories caught my attention. Early in the 19th Century the French statesman, Alexander de Tocqueville, made a study of democracy in our country. After careful review of America and our people he wrote the following comments:

“I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests, and it was not there.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her rich mines and her vast world commerce, and it was not there.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her public school system and her institutions of learning, and it was not there.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her democratic congress and her matchless constitution, and it was not there.

Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

As I recall from my American History classes, America was firmly established on religious principles. What makes American great is because God is good. According to the book of Genesis, when God was busy do his marvelous creating at the end of each day the Bible states, “And God saw it was good.” It doesn’t say God did a mediocre job, or a lousy job or a poor job...but a ‘good’ job. Everything about God is good. I

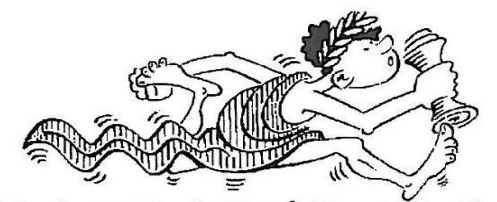
find it interesting that Jesus called himself the “Good Shepherd”. He doesn’t call himself the “Hard working Shepherd” or the “Watchful eye Shepherd”, but his personal description reveals and depicts a self-awareness of who He really was, is and continues to be “good”.

A segment of America’s beauty is our diversity. Just watch the News and you realize we are not boring citizens. Our country is made up of a “melting pot” of people. We aren’t all cut from the same cloth. Our religious, ethnic, and economic differences are apparent, yet we are all “Americans”. And, we don’t all agree. Republicans don’t “see eye to eye” with Democrats. The rich look at life through different lenses than the poor. And Christian denominations can’t agree on doctrine. In spite of all that diversity and controversy, we are still Americans who need a “Good” God to lead us, direct us and love us.

It seems to me, as long as America stays focused on a God that is in the business of creating “Good” and a “Shepherd” that is in the business of offering “Goodness” and a Holy Spirit that is in the business of spreading “Good”, I believe we will be in “good” shape. When we stray from the goodness that lies at the heart of God is when “bad” infringes upon our American nation. As for me and my house, we believe the future and the good news for our country lies in the “Good News” of Jesus Christ. And, I do believe that’s all I have to say about that!

from HAROLD

Running the Race with Perseverance,
Hebrews 12:1



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Here Is What's Happening:

Usher Volunteers: If you are interested in helping with worship by being an usher please contact Don Miller at

BMW (Boynton Mission Weekend) was a wonderful success. Pastor Harold would like to thank the 40 plus volunteers that assisted at the Habitat for Humanity site, Caridad VBS site and the Cros Ministry food warehouse site. A total of 200 volunteer hours were donated.

Youth Mission weekend Update: Twenty eight people from Faith UMC went to NC this month to help paint a house and do some much needed home improvement for a needy family. This fall the youth mission team will be presenting testimonies about their experience during worship.

Faith VBS is just around the corner. This year's theme is "High Seas Expedition". It all starts on Monday, August 2nd and runs through Friday, August 7th. Please contact Ms. Carol if your child would like to attend.

On-line giving: This summer, if you can't attend worship and drop your donation in the offering plate, Faith has established online giving for your convenience. Just go to www.Faith-UMC.org and you can donate via "PayPal"!

Preschool Registration: As you are probably aware, Faith UMC's preschool is considered to be one of the finest preschools in our community. If you or if you know someone who might be interested in enrolling their child in our school please contact Ms. Darlene at There are only a few spots still available.

Nursery Coordinator: The Staff Parish Committee is looking to hire a new person for this part-time position. If you have organizational skills and a passion for children please contact the church office. If you would like to know more about the position, please contact Mindy Mason at 965-0960.

Faith UMC's Drama Team is working on upcoming skits. If you'd like to join or help the Drama Team, show up on Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm, in the Family Life Center. For more info, call Russell Morris at 703-2793.

Facility Rental at Faith UMC: looking for a place to hold your next meeting, social event dinner, fitness class, wedding and/or reception, etc? Rent Faith's Family Life Center or Conference Room (located in the Administrative Building) Several areas available in the FLC, such as the main floor, balcony area, Café & Kitchen. For more information, contact Jennifer Davis @ 561-866-9196 or email @ fumcmm@faith-umc.org

The July Ram's Horn is available on line. Hard copies are available at the exits.

Open Adult Basketball: today @ 2:30.

United Methodist Women are collecting for Blessing Bags. Drop donations in the box in the back of the sanctuary. Wish List: money, tissues, socks, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, gum, mints and snack bars. Also collecting cancelled stamps.

Faith's "Blessings & Bargains" is open Tues-Sat from 10 am to 5 pm and is located in Meadows Square Plaza at Hypoluxo & Congress, next to Publix. **Need donations of household goods, jewelry & linens really bad.** Do not need any clothes donations right now, thanks! If you have donations, contact Alice @ 561-296-9935. We still need volunteers to work 4 hours once a week, can you help?

Bereavement Group Ministry – New at Faith UMC! Hospice of Palm Beach County will train facilitators to lead this vital ministry. Need more info, please contact Pastor Parker at 738-1902

Celebrate Recovery –Ministry at FUMC that addresses people's hurts, habits and hang-ups. This program is based on the eight principles from the Beatitudes. Meetings are Saturdays at 5 pm for Dinner, 6 pm for Group Worship and 7 pm for Small Groups. Childcare is available. Come as you are. For info, email CelebrateRecoveryBoynton@gmail.com.

Celebrate Recovery will begin a Step-Study Group in July. If interested, please sign up at the office or email us at CelebrateRecoveryBoynton@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Bible Study with Pastor Harold has taken a summer break and will resume meeting in the fall.

Disciple VI Bible Study is taking a summer break and will resume on August 24th. This group gets more thought provoking and interesting with each session. Childcare is available.

Young at Heart is an active senior group that enjoys socials, visitations & outreach projects. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 am. Call Pastor Parker at 738-1902 for meeting locations.

FUMC is accepting donations towards the purchase of hearing equipment that will help those in our congregation that have a hearing impairment. If you would like to donate towards this cause, please contact Darl Williams via email: wilwible@comcast.net or Rhonda Oliva @ Rhonda_oliva@hotmail.com or drop your donation in the offertory plate, noting "Hearing Aid" donation.

Stewardship will meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Please contact Julia Kelley @ 736-8938 if you have any questions.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Emily Oliveras | 16 James Carr |
| 1 Cameron Sydenham | 17 Lyric Sparacino |
| 1 Austin Silva | 17 Janine Peacock |
| 3 Charles Kimmel | 17 Jordan Page |
| 3 Katherine Phillips | 17 Alex Ashkin |
| 3 Christian Gerding | 17 Jonathan Lucas |
| 4 Pat Labelle | 18 Mike Ginger |
| 4 Chris Trauschke | 18 Cameron Kardashain |
| 5 Carlos Vazquez | 18 Brianna O'Connor |
| 5 Kayleigh Shelton | 19 James Vernon |
| 5 Brandon Peterson | 19 Gerri Herbst |
| 6 Kristen De La Rosa | 19 Jake Boyer |
| 7 Malcolm Rowe | 20 Christopher Merrill |
| 7 Walter Nelson | 20 Allen Aubrey |
| 8 Elinor Casucci | 21 Barbara Lebel |
| 8 Julia Chikopa | 21 Tim Waters |
| 8 Eric Audette | 21 Pastor Harold Hendren |
| 9 Janet Schooley | 21 Dana Rathmanner |
| 9 Darsey Kelly | 21 Mason Marshall |
| 10 Jon Watkins | 21 Jonathan Burton |
| 10 Paul Casson | 22 David Combs |
| 10 John Hurley | 22 Travis McMillian |
| 11 Blake Walters | 22 Anthony Russell-Digiliu |
| 12 Wes Morris | 23 Chuck Hohner |
| 12 April Buber | 23 Kaitlyn McCrerey |
| 12 Frank Mariano | 24 Dawn Anderson |
| 12 Jackie Wood | 25 Chris Constable |
| 13 Mindy Mason | 25 Nicholas Constable |
| 13 Richard Parker | 26 Kevin Edwards |
| 13 Danae Silva | 27 Ray Romigh |
| 13 Peter Tiano | 27 Ken Trivison |
| 13 Donald Ferring | 27 Michelle Facciola |
| 13 Jessica Bolera | 28 Pat Edgeworth |
| 13 Ethan Miller | 28 Lauren McDonald |
| 14 Judy Walters | 28 Timothy McDonald |
| 14 Julia Joy | 28 Joseph Townsend |
| 14 Sandy Morris | 28 Giovanni Tiano |
| 14 Thomas Konash | 28 Max Rathmanner |
| 14 Calvin Castro | 29 Shirley Johnston |
| 15 Lori Loughrey | 29 Donald Fahnestock |
| 15 Sarah Aubrey | 30 Adam Gotthelf |
| | 30 Robin Gerardi |
| | 30 Megan Nichelson |
| | 31 Michele Loconsole |