Racism an Ugly Scar on Our Soul

The events in Charlottesville, Virginia, are a reminder that racism is alive and well in this country and just as ugly as ever. A nationwide survey conducted by CNN and the Kaiser Family Foundation in 2015 found that 49% of Americans believe racism is “a big problem.” I suspect that figure grew larger over the weekend.

Racism—prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one’s own race is superior—is incompatible with Christian teaching. The first creation story affirms that human beings are created in God’s image. That does not mean that we physically look like God. It means that the essence of our being is patterned after the essence of God’s being. This is said of nothing else in creation. Humans alone are created in God’s image—all of us. Racism stands in direct contradiction to what God did in creation.

The story of Jesus reaffirms the worth of human beings. John 3:16 is the heart of our faith. It claims that God so loved the world that God sent Jesus. Not just some of the world. All of us. Racism stands in direct contradiction to the work of Jesus.

The apostle Peter learned this in a vision in Joppa. Peter’s tradition taught that Gentile people were inferior. What Peter learned in his vision was a profound turning point for the fledgling Church: “God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean.” Racism stands in direct contradiction to the mission of the Church.

Racism is an ugly scar on our soul. Let’s do our part to honor the teachings of our faith and model a higher way.

With much love,

David

Worship News for Next Sunday

Genesis 45:1-15; Matthew 15:21-28

Everyone loves a good revenge story, right? Some innocent person is done wrong, and eventually the bad guy pays dearly. The Old Testament character Joseph was done wrong by his brothers. Eventually Joseph became powerful enough to extract revenge. But he chose another way. Join us next week as the pastor talks about a better way than revenge. We will also elect new deacons. As always, invite a neighbor or friend to be your guest.

It’s Budget Time Again

It’s time to begin preparing for the 2018 budget. Committee chairs and others who have a budget line item are asked to begin preparing their budget request. Please submit the request to the Stewardship Committee by October 1. You may hand it to the Stewardship Committee chairman, Tommy Beason, or place it in the committee’s communication folder near the church office.
We pray for those in need

David Jones, son of Ray and Elsie Jones
Elaine Avery
Charles Blass, son of Joyce Egedy
James Hershberger, father of Bob Hershberger
Debbie Nore and Annette Owen on the passing of Laverne Owen
Philip Threlkeld, deployed to S Korea
Wilda Ray, sister of Rita Crain
Randy Hairston, brother of Dee Ann Creel
Gary White, uncle of Courtney Jeffrey
Betty Aderholt
Delaine Dendy, former member
Eva Mae Nunnally
Eloise Felty, sister of Evelyn Allen
Carolyn Hicks
Joy Hildebrandt
Jim Hearn
Norma Terrell
Jeff King, brother-in-law of Melanie Berbrier
David Hardin, father of Melanie Berbrier
Willodean Boyle, aunt of Beverly Olmsted
Alice Caruso
Meghan Still
Fred & Helen McDaniel
Brian Parker, son-in-law of Bobby & Pat Williamson
Family & Friends in the military

THE RECORD SPEAKS

Sunday School 159
Morning Worship 189

Budget Update
Weekly Requirements $11,242.00
Offering of August 13 $8,718.90

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

Deacon on Call
Week of 8/13 Jina Long
Week of 8/20 Linda Meigs

TELLERS
Dorothea Dunham, Connie Stevens

ACOLYTE
Keira Young, Cody Brothers

NURSERY
Beverly & Ashley Olmsted

CHILDREN’S CHURCH
David & Michelle Little

August 15
David Durst, David Ivey, Jill Sharp

August 16
Todd Baldwin, David Childers, Ray Sells

August 17
Leeann Childers, Amy Mingleдорff

August 18
Karen Ivey, Benny Jackson, Cliff Plaxco

August 19
Charolette Adkins

August 21
David Ledbetter, Gwen Lemley
Jan Beason
I've been a member of WHBC since 1974 and been involved on lots of committees during that time. I was ordained as a deacon in 2011 and served two years then. I love being a part of the Chancel Choir and consider the people at Weatherly my family!!

Michael Bowe
Michael has been a member of Weatherly for almost 3 years. He is involved in the Bible and Breakfast Sunday school class and is one of the instructors in the Discovery Center. He is currently working on his Doctorate from Memphis Seminary and in his free time he enjoys being an official in various sports, football, volleyball, wrestling, boxing, and mixed martial arts. His proudest achievement though is being the dad of 3 kids, Reanna, Christian, and Elijah.

Karen Ivey
Karen has been a member of Weatherly for twenty years. She has served on numerous church committees and has also been involved in missions projects. She is a member of the Chancel Choir. Karen is married to David and has 3 children and 3 grandchildren. She has been a nurse at Huntsville Hospital for 25 years. Karen is from Ft. Payne and grew up actively involved at First Baptist Church in her hometown. She is also a Sacred Harp singer.

Delores Shelton
Delores and Harvey joined Weatherly in 1973. Delores has been involved in many aspects of the church. She has taught Sunday School and served as Sunday School Superintendent, Vacation Bible School Director, and Children’s Lesson Coordinator. Throughout the years, she has served on and chaired various committees, currently serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee. She has sung in the Chancel Choir most years that she has been a member.
Delores and Harvey have two sons; Brent who lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Ben, who lives in Hoover, Alabama, and three wonderful grandchildren, Emily, Jack and Wells.
Delores is retired from Huntsville City Schools, where she taught Kindergarten and music.

Judy Swaim
My husband, Glen, and I are both happily retired. I previously taught secondary math, then preschool and kindergarten at our church’s weekday program, and was a school counselor for many years.

I have been a member of WHBC for 42 years. During those years, I have taught various Sunday School classes from preschool through adult. I have also served on various committees, including kindergarten, preschool, youth, personnel, and nominating. I currently sing in the choir and help teach the 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class.

Matthew Tucker
Matthew has been attending Weatherly since he was 4 years old. He was active in the children’s and youth ministries. He graduated from Grissom in 2013 and started attending Jacksonville State University, expecting to graduate in the spring of 2018 with a kinesiology degree. While attending college, Matthew coached softball at McGuicken Park. You will find him racing on Saturday nights at Huntsville Speedway. Matthew is looking forward to serving his church as a deacon.

Katie White
Katie is the wife of Chris White and mother to Brianna, Ella, and Eliza. She is the daughter of John and Pattie Buckley. Katie has attended WHBC for at least 4 years. She serves on the Families with Children Committee and Koinonia Team. She is in the rotation to teach children's church and serve in the toddler room. She loves this church and the congregation and is excited about this opportunity to serve them!

Your Deacon Nominees
Weatherly Heights Baptist Church
1306 Cannstatt Drive
Huntsville, AL 35803

While the calendar says “back to school,” the weather still says “summer.” And what better way to celebrate summer that a picnic at the water?

The WHBC social committee invites everyone to the last church social of the summer to be celebrated on August 20 at the pavilion at Ditto Landing. The church is providing burgers and dogs for the grill. Attendees are asked to bring side dishes such as chips, vegetables, and desserts.

Come join us for the fun and fellowship of a farewell to summer.

Directory Update

It is time for us in the office to start preparing the new church directory. We will be sending a survey through the e-group to collect up-to-date information on you and your family. Members who are not in the e-group may pick up a form from the office or at Worship Service. Please fill out and return the forms with expediency.

Called Business Meeting

We will have a called business meeting on August 23 to hear the following reports:

1. From the Deacons Council, a motion to amend the bylaws concerning the role of deacons;
2. From the Church Council, a motion to amend the bylaws concerning the size of the Youth Committee and the Families with Children Committee;
3. From the Church Council, a motion to make miscellaneous amendments to the bylaws to bring the bylaws into compliance with current staffing.