



FROM THE PASTOR

Summer is officially here-have you felt it yet? Sometimes with the summer comes the doldrums. The official definition of that word is “a spell of listlessness or despondency and a state of inactivity, stagnation, or slump.” We, as Christians, don’t need to be stagnant or inactive or in a slump. We have the best news in all the world-God loves us,



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God loves the world and He has made a way out of our restlessness and lack of peace by sending Jesus as our Savior! Just because it is summer doesn't mean we need to let down in any way. We continue to speak and spread the good news and live it out in our daily lives. One reason VBS has traditionally been in the summer is that it has been used as a way to keep children engaged in church, and to offer it to others outside the church.



May I offer this encouragement to you “Let us not become weary in well-doing, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9. Keep on keeping on even in the summer and the promise will come. I wanted to explain some more about Evangelism and how I see Evangelism working at Salem. Last weeks parade was an example.



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Bob Swickard used his truck for a float in the Chisholm Trail parade and it was decorated with signs about Jesus being the living water. Salem's name was on the truck and bottles of water were given out to people along the parade route. The bottles had Jesus-the living water on them as well as Salem's name and "come and worship with us".



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Over 400 bottles of water were given out. We did this to 1) remind people about Jesus and 2) invite them to come to Salem UMC. The word evangelism comes from the Greek word which means 'good news.'

Evangelism is spreading the good news about Jesus in a way that honors his name and invites people in. In the future we will be doing more evangelism in the hopes that people



who are not currently attending church will come to Salem. You are a part of this. Your job, if you choose to accept it, is to be inviting everyone you know with the goal of them beginning a relationship with God through Jesus. We're on our way- won't you come along? Serving Jesus together, Pastor Nancy