



STAYING IN TOUCH...  
HAPPENINGS WITHIN OUR  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH

### Steve's Corner

Hi, dear Grace, this week I am continuing my series from Matthew's gospel entitled: "A Field Guide For Befuddled Followers Of Jesus." This week's sermon is on Jesus' calling of his first four disciples to follow him.

The texts are, Matthew 4:18-22 and Luke 5:1-6. Some churches and ministers say today: We are not a "membership organization"; we are a "discipleship organization." That's good, but what does it mean and look like to be a disciple?! To quote the Velveteen Rabbit, "Does it happen all at once? Or do you BECOME a disciple over time?" If we are not a little puzzled about what it means to follow Jesus, I'm not sure we are paying attention to him.

Theologian Dallas Willard in his book on the Christian life, *The Divine Conspiracy*, likes to use the word "apprentice" for "disciple". I like it. So this week's sermon is entitled: "Apprentices Of Jesus."

See you Sunday !?Steve

### Calendar

Sunday School at 10:00 AM  
Worship at 11:00 AM  
Wednesdays - Choir rehearsal at 6:30 PM

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Our friends on homebound:*  
Tressie Starrette,  
Sarah Adams,  
Nancy Milstead.

*Those issues close to us:*  
Renaee's nephew, Jeremy, Bill Warren,  
Autumn Harris, Christian Viera,  
Gina Ellis, Laura Hall family,  
those affected by Hurricane Ian,  
Marian Archibald, Ray Smith,  
Bill Mashburn, Victor Sisk,  
Clara Rogers, Vera Webster,  
peoples of the Ukraine,  
Cameron Gray, Spencer Cox,  
caregivers, healthcare workers,  
homeless children, our nations  
immigrants.

*Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.*

*Those in the military:*  
Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam,  
Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,  
Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran,  
Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk,  
Brian Saxton, 30th Brigade.

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Celebrations:

Birthdays

16 - Worth E Williams II  
18 - Jon Christian Comer

#### Concerns:

Racial Healing.  
Our Nation.

There is a need to be "aware" of the gun epidemic going on right now.

Tara and her son, Bryson, with seizures.

Neil's cousin with kidney cancer.

Janice Berryhill's father, Bill, is in Hospice care.

Irene Shomaker family.

Peggy Waugh's cancer is back.

Mike Joines grandson, Tyler.

Will Fanjoy has pancreatic cancer.

All those getting over recent COVID exposures.

The week of January 15-21, 2023

## January Birthdays

- 1 - Aubrey Shoemaker
- 1 - Stephen Chesnut
- 5 - Chris Shuford
- 7 - Elijah Brown
- 12 - Tipton and Ezra Tosco
- 13 - Carole Hendrix
- 16 - Worth E Williams II
- 18 - Jon Christian Comer
- 23 - Paxton West
- 26 - Bryan Starrette
- 27 - Harlan West
- 28 - Madysen West

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## Budget

Needed year to date: \$6114.00  
Received year to date: \$5571.00  
UNDER budget: \$543.00  
Weekly needs: \$2038.00

Vulnerability is not winning or losing; it's having the courage to show up and be seen when we have no control over the outcome. Vulnerability is not weakness; it's our greatest measure of courage.

Brene Brown

**Church Maintenance**  
**Shaver/**  
**Salisbury**

## Scripture for the Week

Matthew 4:18-22 and  
Luke 5:1-6.

**Sunday's Sermon**  
"Apprentices Of Jesus."

**Leader**  
**Diane Hamby**

**Reader**  
**Doug Hendrix**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for  
righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of  
righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
"Blessed are you when people insult  
you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil  
against you  
because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great  
is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they  
persecuted the prophets who were before you.