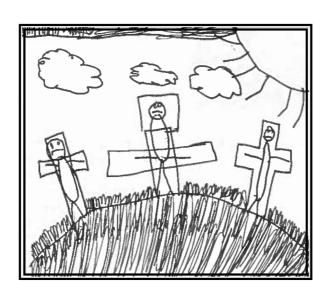


**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 

# August 20, 2017



Name: Jackson Cooper Age: 7



# Just a word from Mr. Mac!

#### Claude E. McRoberts III • Senior Minister

Dear Children.

For what are you most thankful about your daddy this morning? Name something you are most thankful about your father:

Daddies are strong. Daddies work hard. Daddies always seem to be there for us. Daddies love us so much. Daddies punish us, but they punish because they love us. Daddies give us gifts. Daddies tuck us in at night. Daddies play ball with us, play in the yard with us, ride bikes with us, come to our games, maybe even coach our games. Daddies love our mommies.

Daddies are great! But there is One Daddy – one Father who is the best Father of all! He is God our Father! Our Father is His name, says the Psalmist. He has loved us forever. His love for us never changes! He is compassionate and kind and patient. Our heavenly Father IS love! He protects. He provides. He listens. He's always there.

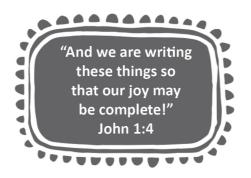
One thing our heavenly Father does not want us to do is "wallow" in sin. Do you know what that means? It's kind of like a pig floundering in mud. Or you might say a fish "wallows" in the water. Other words that are similar are splashing, struggling, flapping, staying around. You know what I'm trying to tell you: God, our Father, does not like it when we "splash around in sin." In other words, He doesn't like it when we sin, and we know we sin, and we just keep doing that sin even though we know it's wrong.

What does God want? He wants you first to know He loves you. And because HE loves YOU, and you in return love Him, you want to please Him; you want to stay away from sin as much as you possibly can. And when we don't, we tell our Father how sorry we are, and turn away from that sin and we turn toward God.

This morning, our passage in Romans is hard to understand, but if you can grasp what I just wrote to you about our Father, it will help you understand. Paul says that we are actually "dead to sin" which means it cannot take over our lives. And THAT is wonderful news!! And that helps us be "alive to God." (Hopefully, all that will make better sense after my sermon this morning.)

Please pray for me as I preach, and I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Mr. Mac



# Do you have a: Prayer Request? Is there something you need prayer for? Praise Report? Has God answered a prayer?

Is there anything else you would like Mr. Mac to know?

#### Mr. Mac wants to know!!

Please write to him here and place your message in his box.

Dear	Mr.	Mac,	
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#### A Guide to Family Worship

August 20-26, 2017

# Opening Scriptures to Be Used to Open Family Time Psalm 103

[Read all or portions of this Psalm all week.]

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### Read the Word

Read Romans 6:1-14
Read it in the ESV, then read it in *The Message* 

#### **Tell the Story**

Mr. Mac told a story about his children jumping in the pool for the first time each summer; he talked about the shouts and laughter because the water was so cold. He also told a sad story about a friend of his who was a Jewish man, and when he became a Christian, his Jewish family cut him off as if he were dead.

Our heavenly Father would never do that to you, His child.

Do you have a story to tell?

#### Other passages to consider this week:

See the bulletin sermon outline insert for many, many Scriptures from which to choose.

#### **Prayers of Adoration**

Often a bit more difficult than *thanksgiving*, adoration is telling God things you admire, adore, appreciate, and of which you stand in awe.

God, I adore you for ... being holy. God, I adore your beauty.

God, I adore your majesty. ETC.

#### Sing Favorite Hymns, Songs and Spiritual Songs

Yes, use the hymnal and/or a song book; but don't forget that great hymns and songs with music are so readily available to you on the internet.

Just make sure you are singing together as a family! You can do it!

#### **Discussion Time**

Mom and Dad, ROMANS is not an easy book. Perhaps you could tell your children why it is that Romans means so much to you, and/or how you get things out of it week-by-week; and/or your favorite verses in Romans we have already covered in our series.

Prayer Time: pray around the room; pray for one another by name.

The Head of the Home ~ Jude 24-25

# Sermon Art

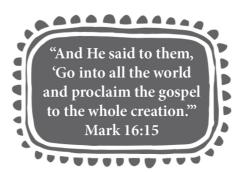
use this page to illustrate something that Mr. Mac preaches on during the sermon this morning!

This weeks lesson is on Romans 6:1-14

Want to see your artwork on the FRONT PAGE?

Put your artwork in the Sermon Art mailbox in the church office (bottom left hand side).

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# Meet Our Missionaries!



William Stabler

Serving with
A Campus Ministry

in

Asia

William was raised in Montgomery and began attending Trinity Church when he was in high school. While he was in college, he became interested in telling other college students about Jesus. He went to another country during one of his college summer vacations to do that. After graduating from college, he went to an Asian country for a year so he could learn their language and also tell other college students about Jesus. This weekend, he is returning to that country for another year to do the same thing.

While you are not yet able to go to a college in another country, there are people from other countries who come to the United States. Some of them may have children in your school or live on your street, or play on your soccer or baseball team. You can do many of the same things William does to help those people learn about Jesus by being their friend, playing games and sports with them and explaining how we worship God. People in some other countries don't worship God because their laws prohibit that or they just don't know about Him.

# Write a letter to our missionaries!

Would you like to write a letter encouraging our missionaries or thanking them for the work they do for God? A letter from you would make their day! If you would like to write a letter to the missionary or family shown this week, please write in the space provided below and put it in Mr. Tom's box. He will make sure they receive it!

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# Music and Hymns

#### #111 "This Is My Father's World"

This is God's world. He created it and He created you. This hymn speaks of seeing God in the birds, the flowers, and even the rocks. You can see God's creation all around you. Stop and take the time to look at the flowers and how intricate they are. Think about the amazing fact that there are 10,000 different species of birds. Not one of them is the same and the Bible says the Lord cares for each one and provides for them. God's fingerprints are on everything and everyone!

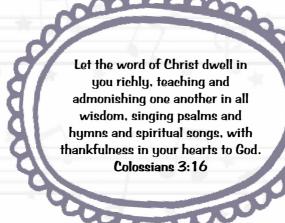
Praise Him for making you and for loving you!

#6 "O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"

This hymn speaks of so many wonderful attributes of our Lord. He is "full of kind compassion," "slow to anger," "rich in His grace," "plenteous in love," "tender and kind." This hymn begs us to remember His mercy and pardoning grace. God loves us so much and we should return the love by praising Him!

"Sovereign Lord...You made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them."

**Revelation 4:8** 



# Hymn Word Unscramble

Try to unscramble these words from this week's hymn:

### #111 "This Is My Father's World"

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# Learning Together!

# Dead to Sin, Alive to God

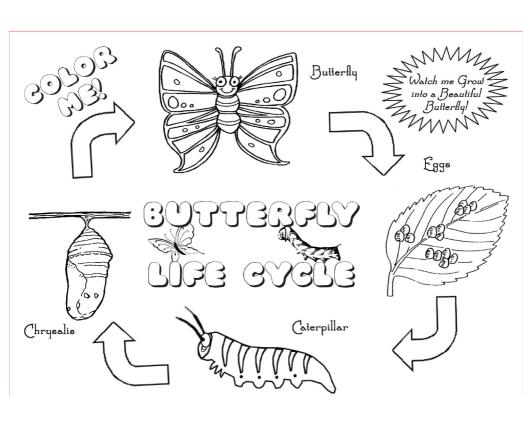
It is very difficult to understand that we are dead to sin, because we sin everyday, but God has the power to transform us into a new creation. By placing your faith in Jesus Christ, you become a new creation.

#### 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

You have the righteousness of God in you. Do you know what righteousness means? Well, to be righteous means to be upright and moral. The word "right" is in righteousness, which can remind you that it means to do the right thing. To become the righteousness of God means to be free from sin. This does not necessarily mean that we will never sin. We fall short daily. This means that God does not hold our sins against us. We are made righteous through our faith in Christ.

A Christian being made into a new creation can be compared to a caterpillar becoming a butterfly. The butterfly starts off as a caterpillar, but then wraps itself up in a cocoon called a "chrysalis" and emerges as a beautiful butterfly. Is a caterpillar anything like a butterfly? No. Caterpillars walk around in the dirt eating leaves; Butterflies fly and soar above the ground eating nectar from flowers. Can a butterfly turn back into a caterpillar? No. Once it is a butterfly, it is always a butterfly. This is the same with being a born-again Christian. We were once sinners, but God has made us a new creation. You cannot see the difference by our outward appearance like you can with the butterfly, but there is a difference on the inside and we are completely different than who we were before.





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