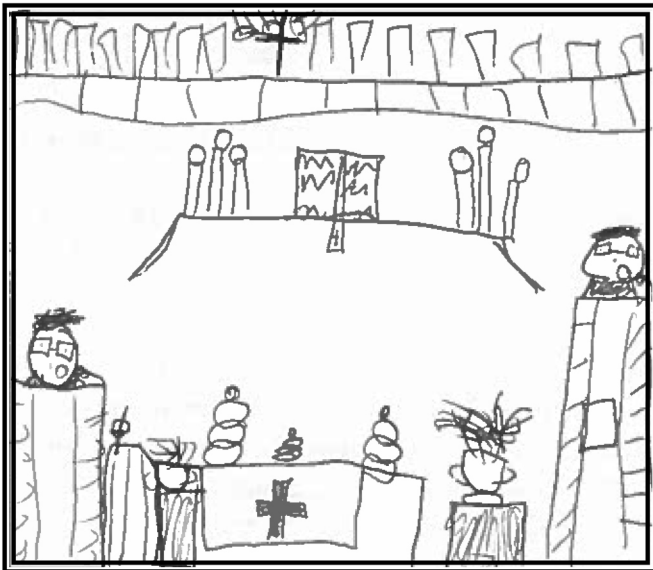


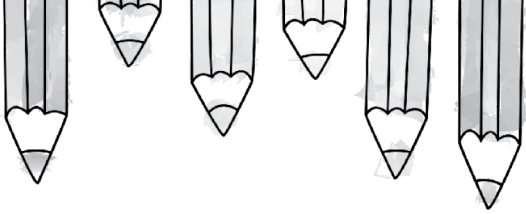
The Children's Worship Bulletin

Trinity Presbyterian Church

September 17, 2017



Name: Elizabeth Burton Age: 8



Just a word from Mr. Mike!

Michael Howell • Minister of Pastoral Care

My dear young friends,

I want to tell you a true story about a young man who lived a long time ago.

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, there lived a young man named Augustine. One day, he and a group of his friends climbed into a neighbor's field at night. In that field, there was a pear tree that was covered in pears. Augustine and his friends wanted to steal the pears. So, they shook the tree, causing many pears to fall on the ground. Then, they ran off with as many pears as they could carry. Some of the pears they ate, but most of the pears were thrown to some pigs. Now, why did Augustine and his friends steal the pears?

Was it because the pears were so beautiful? No.

Was it because Augustine & his friends were hungry? No.

Was it because Augustine had friends who were hungry & didn't have anything to eat? No.

Was it because Augustine & his friends wanted to be approved or admired by others? That is part of the reason. But it does not explain why approval or admiration would be given for doing something wrong. Why should stealing be worthy of praise?

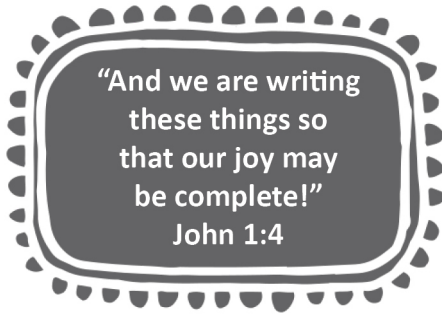
Finally, Augustine tells us the real reason. He said that he stole the pears so he could steal! It was not the pears that he enjoyed; rather, it was the stealing that he enjoyed!

Wow!

This story is a picture of the passage for the morning sermon. God tells us "You shall not steal." But, sadly, sin in our hearts will take what God has told us ("You shall not steal") and use it for evil, that is, making us want to steal. That is sin's sad use of God's good commandment.

Wow! We certainly need the Lord Jesus Christ and all that He did. He always kept every word that God said. He never stole anything. He never broke any of God's commands. Rather, He always enjoyed obeying His heavenly Father.

Mr. Mike



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,

Name: _____ Age: _____

SERMON QUESTIONS

There are several stories that I want to tell during the sermon on Romans 7:7-12. Perhaps you can listen for them. I think that you may like them.

1. There is a story about a friend, who is a cowboy, and his very bright & powerful flashlight. Why did he need such a powerful flashlight?

2. There is a story from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. The story is about a room and a person sweeping. What happened to all the dust when the room was swept? How was the dust settled?

3. There is a story about Augustine and the pear tree. Why did Augustine steal the pears?

I hope that these stories will help you as you learn to love & worship God.

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know. I will do my best to try and give you an answer.

Mr. Mike

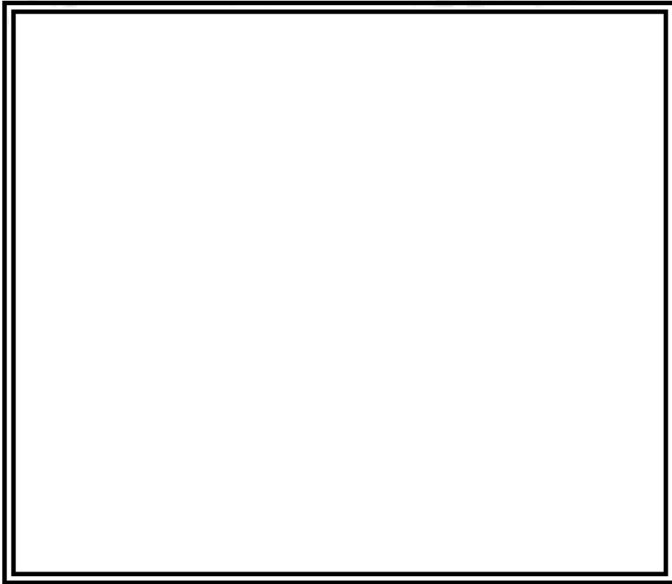
Sermon Art

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

**This weeks lesson is on
Romans 7:7-12**

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).



Name: _____

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“And He said to them,
‘Go into all the world
and proclaim the gospel
to the whole creation.’”
Mark 16:15

Meet Our Missionaries!



**Nancy and Jay
Matsinger**
serving with
Mission to the World
in
Prague, Czech Republic

Jay and Nancy met while college students. He served in the Army for 3 years while Nancy completed nurse training, and then Jay taught high school, but realized that God was calling him to become a pastor. After completing seminary, they went to France to tell people about Jesus and help start and strengthen churches.

Several years ago they began praying about another place where God would like them to work. They decided to move to Czech Republic where their son James serves as a missionary because there are more people in that country who don't believe in God than any other European country. Their plans were interrupted when Nancy became very sick and they returned to the United States for two years while she received medical care. Now, Nancy is regaining her health and they plan to go to Prague, which is the capital city in Czech Republic. They will work with a Presbyterian church and tell people about Jesus in English, French and the Czech language.

*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!

Dear Nancy and Jay Matsinger.



A large, light gray graphic of an open book with a world map on the pages. The map shows continents and several location pins. The book is open to two pages, each with horizontal lines for writing.

Name _____

Age _____

Music and Hymns

#642 "Be Thou My Vision"

The author of this hymn is asking Christ to be several things. The things he asks of the Lord are wonderful and they are things He promises to be to us. Why don't you ask Jesus to be those things to you too? He will! Pray to the Lord: Lord, be thou "my vision," "Lord of my heart," "my wisdom," "my true word," "my great Father," "my battle shield," "my dignity...my delight...my soul's shelter," "my inheritance," "my treasure," and "Heart of my own heart." Jesus longs for you to follow Him!

#523 "My Hope Is in the Lord"

Who do you place your hope in? Your parents, your teachers, your doctors, your friends? Who do you run to when you have a problem? Jesus cares about every single part of your life and He is the One Who died for your sins so that you could have eternal life. Hope in Him! Verse 3 says "And now for me He stands before the Father's throne. He shows His wounded hands, and names me as His own." Jesus is praying for you every day. Place your hope in Him!

"Christ in you, the hope of glory."
Colossians 1:27

Let the word of Christ dwell in
you richly, teaching and
admonishing one another in all
wisdom, singing psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, with
thankfulness in your hearts to God.
Colossians 3:16

Hymn Word Unscramble

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

#523 "My Hope Is in the Lord"

PEHO _____

RCGEA _____

LVACAYR _____

GLIHT _____

LIEVEBE _____

EIDD _____

HRISCT _____

HRONTE _____

YJO _____



Learning Together!

The Ten Commandments

The scripture this week talks about God's Law. Did you know there are different types of laws in the Bible? There are three different types: Ceremonial, Civil, and Moral. Most of the Ten Commandments are moral laws and we should still abide by them today. These are commandments that outline the way we should live. Try to fill in the blanks from memory or go to Exodus 20 for the answers (some of these have been shortened):

1. You shall have no other _____ before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a _____, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth...
3. You shall not take the _____ of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the _____ day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your _____ and _____ ...
6. You shall not _____ .
7. You shall not commit _____ .
8. You shall not _____ .
9. You shall not bear false _____ against your neighbor.
10. You shall not _____ your neighbor's house.

Events

Fall Bible Conference

October 1-3

Union with Christ

**with guest speaker
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer, Minister of Discipleship
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi**

Children will have their regular Sunday night activities. On Monday night, preschool children will have a Bible story and craft, and on Tuesday night, children will have their usual Wednesday night choir activities.



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