

No code necessary

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Have you noticed these days how few people answer their telephones? They let them go directly to voicemail. I understand this. Many have been "burned" by answering the phone only to discover a telemarketer on the other end. It can sometimes be awkward to interrupt the caller, to clarify you don't need what they're selling, and then hang up. Of course, if you want to be rude, you can just hang up without an explanation.

We have new phones in my office that will translate a person's voicemail and put it into a text. The system leaves the text in my email Inbox. It also leaves a recorded version of the voicemail. I have found it to be very important to listen to the call rather than depend on the translation into text. The other day, I read the text and was completely mystified as to what the caller was trying to say. The words were real words, but they didn't make sense. When I listened to the message, then I understood what the person was actually saying.

Have you discovered that if you want to communicate with your grandchildren, it's futile to call or even email. However, they will usually respond to a text. In fact, there are some people in our lives, if we want to talk with them by phone, we first send a text. The text is to determine when would be a good time to call.

Then, of course, texting is another interesting exercise. Do you have a smart phone that allows you to speak your message verbally, and then it converts your speech to text? Have you learned that it's a good idea to read over the translation before you send it?

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Do you have friends that leave text in code? TTYL means "Talk To You Later." BFF, of course, is "Best Friends Forever." LOL means "Laugh Out Loud," unless my wife is texting a family member, in which case they know it means "Lots Of Love."

Fortunately, we don't need code to talk to God. He understands our voices, our written prayers, and even our thoughts. The important thing is to communicate. "Call to me," he says, "and I will answer you" (Jeremiah 33:3 NIV). How great is that! The God of the universe will pay attention if you just communicate. Try it!

August 6, 2017

FOCUS Wesleyan Church

"Encouragement for the Journey of Faith"

Joshua 2 "Not who she once was - Rahab"

Sermon Notes:

Joshua 2:1-24

1. God can use _____ no matter their _____

Joshua 2:10a

2. Spiritual freedom is made

to _____

Hebrews 11:31

3. We too can experience _____ fulfillment

Joshua 6:20-25

4. Through salvation we are _____ into a new _____

Matthew 1:5

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

The Word of God directs us as we consider what the *next step* is for our lives. After hearing the story of Rahab, what baggage from your past will you let go of? What area of your faith is the Lord trying to grow? Will you trust in His plan?

Challenge: This week I will pray for following civil servants:

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

FOCUS Board Ministry Meeting - Tuesday Night

This Tuesday night, Aug. 8, 6:30 PM, the FOCUS Board will be meeting at the church.

Youth Group Tonight 6:30 - 8 PM!

Friends welcome, snacks provided!

FOCUS Family Fun Friday - August 11, 7:30 PM

FOCUS will be having a family movie night out on the lawn of the North side of the church building. Popcorn and water provided! Consider inviting some families and friends for a fun evening together!

Our Beliefs

Wesleyans believe in one God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and the Savior of all who put their faith in Him alone for eternal life.

We believe that those who are made new in Christ are called to be holy in character and conduct, and can only live this way by being filled with the Lord's Spirit.

We believe in the Bible and its sufficiency to establish our faith and conduct.

We believe God wills for people everywhere to know Him and be made new in Christ.

We believe that the purpose of the Church is to worship God in spirit and in truth, and to reach a lost and fallen world with the gospel of Jesus Christ through its worship, witness, and loving deeds.

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