

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion, which means you do not have to be a member to receive with the rest of the church congregation. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies. For a list of ingredients, please see Linda Griffith.

FOCUS Youth Group -

Tonight 6:30-8PM

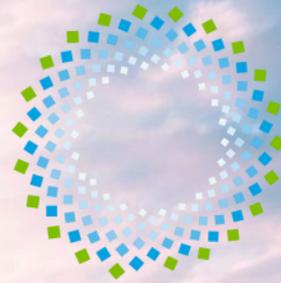
FOCUS Youth Group will be meeting at the church tonight, 6:30-8PM. For further details or if you have any questions, please contact pastor Anton.

See You At The Pole "SYATP"

Wednesday Sept. 28, 2016

Global Day of Student Prayer. See You at the Pole™, the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with ten students praying at their school. Twenty years later, millions pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September.

See You at the Pole™ is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. See You at the Pole™ is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event.



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thanks for coming



Lessons from Peyton Manning

By Ron McClung | Mar 15, 2016

As I listened to Peyton Manning's retirement speech from professional football the other day, I was impressed by several things he said. Of course, living near Indianapolis, it's almost impossible not to be a Manning fan, after the great success he had as a Colt and then as a Bronco in Denver.

I appreciated his positive attitude toward the next phases of his life. Since he is not yet 40 years old, "retirement" is a strange word to use, although that's the way it is with football players. Most don't have as long a career as he had.

His statement about this time of transition is classic: "I'm totally convinced that the end of my football career is just the beginning of something I haven't even discovered yet. Life is not shrinking for me, it's morphing into a whole new world of possibilities."

I've had a few transitions in my life. It was my privilege to serve as a pastor for five different congregations as well as to serve a two-state area as district superintendent. It was always difficult to move from one group of people to the next. At every point, we left behind people whom we had grown to love. But soon life opened up new possibilities and we greeted them with gratitude and enthusiasm.

People have asked me, "Don't you miss being a pastor (district superintendent)?" And someday when I leave my current job, someone may ask me if I miss what I'm doing now. I always miss the relationships and certain parts of each responsibility. But again, as Peyton said, there's always that "whole new world of possibilities."

I have come to this conclusion: The best job in the world is to be where God wants you to be at the time he wants you to be there.

This attitude helps with all the adjustments required when we face another transition. The new position is, by definition, different from the previous one. What lies ahead offers different challenges from what we just experienced.

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But facing that new world of possibilities is an exciting adventure – if you're where God wants you to be.

So let's embrace life and live so we can ultimately quote the Scripture Peyton Manning quoted: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7 NIV). Rev. Ron McClung is assistant general secretary for The Wesleyan Church.

September 18, 2016

FOCUS Wesleyan Church

Counter Culture

“Prophet on the run”

Main Scripture passage: 1 Kings 18:41-46, 19:1-9

Deuteronomy 13:5

Notes:

1 Kings 18:41-46

1) We ought to _____ and
_____ God in the midst of
great victory

1 Kings 19:1-9

Notes:

2) Loss of _____ can
lead to unrealistic _____

Hebrews 12:2

Notes:

3) Isolation can lead to
further _____ and

Isaiah 40:28-31

Notes:

4) God _____ for His
servants

Notes:

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

What is your **next step** upon hearing God's Word? What is your current default when you are stretched to your own personal limit? In what areas are you weak and in need of God's strengthening right now? What could help aid you in setting your focus on God alone during low seasons?

Challenge: This week I will pray each day for the following local business: