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Having Words with Jesus

— WORSHIP SERIES —

Have you ever wished you could sit with Jesus and have a conversation about some story he told in the gospel? Some of those hard to hear, hard to understand, stories? In the month of September we will be doing just that. Well, obviously we can't have a conversation with Jesus, but we can try to better understand the stories and the meaning behind the telling. Maybe the story is telling us something about ourselves we don't like to think about. Maybe it is saying something about our world that is hard to hear? I like how Derick Webber described it in UMCdiscipleship.org. He says:

"Why do we tell stories? For lots of reasons, you're no doubt thinking. We tell stories to share experiences, to teach lessons, to create community, to reveal ourselves, to gain attention, to lighten a heavy moment, or . . . lots of reasons. Stories have power and have an effect beyond the words of the story.

Stories shape our experience of the world; they shape us in that world. Sometimes, stories dream of a world that could be or might be. Everyone leans in when stories are told.

So, why did Jesus tell stories? For all the reasons above, no doubt. Something is happening when Jesus tells stories, something beyond the words of the stories themselves. Even when the words are hard to hear.

Let's face it, sometimes talking with Jesus is a difficult task. Or maybe we should say, listening to Jesus can sometimes be hard. Jesus has a way of getting to difficult, hard-to-hear issues quickly and easily. Sometimes it is in a story where he is revealing to us our own secret sins; other times, it is the answer to a question that catches us in our prejudice or blindness. Sometimes, it is a teaching that we struggle to wrap our heads around. These are his words -

words we believe are valuable, words with which we need to wrestle, words that we need, somehow, to learn to live by.

Our September series is called "Having Words with Jesus" to reflect a variety of moods and meanings. Maybe we want to argue, or turn away, or give up. Or maybe we really want to know, to spend some time in his presence to understand and to explore, and finally, we hope, to hear. This is a call to listen again, even to the more difficult passages that we sometimes want to skip over. Join in this month as we have words with Jesus in worship."

Join us for the month of September as we celebrate "Back to Church Sunday" and we explore the stories of Jesus in "Having Words with Jesus."

Grace and peace,

Rich

BACK TO Church Sunday

**Special
Worship
Event**

SEPTEMBER 11—ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM FOLLOWED BY A COVERED DISH LUNCH.

Please **BRING A DISH AND WE WILL PROVIDE THE MEAT.** The first letter of your last name determines what type dish you should bring: **A - F Salads, G - O Vegetables, P - Z Desserts**

CHILDREN'S FALL PROGRAMMING

Children ages 4 years through 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School, 9:45-10:45. In September we will start a new series on the prophets called *Animated*.



CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Sunday School Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Children's Church* Fellowship Hall * Beginning later this fall



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Later this fall we will begin holding Children's Church at the 11:00 a.m. service time. We are looking for a few adults and teens who would love to walk-with and guide the children through their own order of worship. This will include prayers, scripture readings, story and music. If interested, please contact Holly Richardson.

Students bring your backpacks for a *Blessing of the Backpacks* during the worship services!

Adults bring your devices, briefcases, etc. for a special blessing too!

Third Graders will receive their Bibles.



SEPTEMBER 2022 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

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| 9/1 Leah Powell | 9/13 Michael Beale |
| 9/1 Bitsy Hallman | 9/14 Rob Harry |
| 9/2 Paige McCauley | 9/15 Alex Powell |
| 9/3 Chuck Fisher | 9/15 Jennifer Crytzer |
| 9/4 Cabell Birdsong | 9/15 Heather Joerger |
| 9/4 Massimo Soto | 9/16 Cindy Garner |
| 9/5 Bodhi Dixon | 9/16 Abigail Bassey |
| 9/5 Charles Birdsong | 9/17 Trent Holland |
| 9/5 Ginny Blair | 9/17 Maksim Seleznev |
| 9/5 Mary Beth Johnson | 9/18 Karla Brown |
| 9/6 Brook Birdsong | 9/18 Kandice Majette |
| 9/7 Miriam Birdsong | 9/19 Peyton Harrell |
| 9/7 Jacque Edwards | 9/20 Warren Birdsong |
| 9/7 Pam Hill | 9/20 Hugh Cross |
| 9/8 Cara Brinkley | 9/20 Debbie Williams |
| 9/8 Rachel Callis | 9/21 Frances Kelley |
| 9/9 Mike Michael | 9/21 Riley Pruitt |
| 9/9 Stephanie Strouse | 9/22 Karen Wills |
| 9/11 David Livingston | 9/22 Jackson Henry |
| 9/11 Cameron Hill | 9/22 Joanna Johnson |
| | 9/23 Meredith Michael |

[ANNIVERSARIES]

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| 9/1 Dale & Peggy Bradshaw |
| 9/6 Jimmy & Katie Hicks |
| 9/9 Scott & Heather Carr |
| 9/9 Jimmy & Leah Powell |
| 9/11 Rex & Anne Rooker |
| 9/14 Tom & Megan Taliaferro |
| 9/14 Bo & Liz Russell |
| 9/17 Ken & Gail Williams |
| 9/19 Hugh & Lynn Cross |
| 9/21 Todd & Suzanne Pruitt |
| 9/26 Dan & Jennifer Myers |
| 9/27 Blake & Kelly Baker |
| 9/27 Carl & Karen Savage |
| 9/29 Jay & Kim Butler |
| 9/30 Matthew & Kelly Franklin |



PRAYER LIST UPDATE

PRAYER LIST: 8/21/22: Carolyn Horst, Ricky Nelson, Joseph Medeiros, C.J. Johnson, Brooke & Susan Pruden, Pat Huber, James Butler, Denise Jackson, Roberta Tripp, Nicholas Medeiros, Rev. Kenny Newsome, Anne Branch, James Diggs, Ken Taylor, Nury Janania (Honduras)

ONGOING: Steve Clark, Heather Lawrence, Bob & Leila Tompert, Erin & Michael McPherson and Family, Carolyn Davis, Bob Callis, Liam Grant, Herman Terrell, Harold Wald, Louise Elliott, Stan Waterfield, Helen Barsch, Martha Callis, Beverly Drapalik, Randy Hicks, Jim Dowaliby

CANCER: Pam Askew, Linda Argust, Ray Holland, Al Bremer, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine

Medeiros, Carol Coleman, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Julie Nance, John Nodeen, Richard J. Peko, Shannon Rivera, Juel Carr, Nancy Spring Parker, Anita McLemore, Gary Graham, Glen Harrell, Ralph Knapp, Judy Gales, Eli Dowaliby, Lynn Foster, Brian Clark, Marea Bishop, Jay Robbins, Filmore Brinkley, Kenny Hirsch, Kevin Driscoll, Jennifer Skipper, Lorrie Staples, Carol Lynne Shotton, Tuffy Braithwhite, Donald Blount, Bev Rooker, Michael Ross

HOMEBOUND: Jean Sutphin

ASSISTED LIVING: Ray Shamburger, Frances Kelly

OUR NATION AND WORLD: Military Troops & Families: Chris Smith, Anthony Hickler, Adam Waddell, Kent Brooks, Bryanna Grant, James Russell III, Kristi Kilborn, Wesley Linder, Duncan Bevan, TJ Argust; First Responders; CAPS (Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk); Our Schools; Main Street Day Care & Preschool; Workplaces & Homes; social justice, unity and peace; students, parents, teachers and administrators in local schools; safety and well being of our college students and professors; our President and national leaders; Volodymyr Zelensky

**CAPS FUNDRAISER - TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE
OR ON SUNDAY MORNINGS IN THE ATRIUM**

PICK UP A PLATE OF BBQ

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 18
11-2
PICK UP ONLY**

CAPTAIN BOB'S

BBQ, Fried Chicken, Coleslaw,
Hushpuppies, Mac 'n cheese

\$13.00

**Pick up at
Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church
3488 Godwin Blvd
Suffolk, VA 23434**

**Support the
Coalition Against Poverty
in
Suffolk**

Purchase tickets through any CAPS member church
or call the office at 757-935-5497
Purchase online at www.capsuffolk.org/bbq





September 2022

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Day Care Teacher Workday

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Neighborhood Dialogue & Dessert

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Day Care Teacher Workday

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 am In-Person Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 | LABOR DAY

Church Office & Day Care Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 am Happy Hands

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Christian Women's

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

11:00 am Taste of Suffolk/Taste of

Main Street

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | BACK TO

CHURCH SUNDAY

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Combined Worship

11:30 am Covered Dish Lunch

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 pm Church Council

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 am Needlework Guild

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Mtg

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 am In-Person Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual

12:15 pm Stewardship Committee

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 pm SPRC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 am Happy Hands

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Mtgs

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 am In-Person Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting

7:00 pm Trustees

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00 am Happy Hands

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA

SEPTEMBER

BIBLE READINGS

1 Ezekiel 25 – 27

2 Ezekiel 28 – 30

3 Ezekiel 31 – 32

4 Ezekiel 33 – 35

5 Ezekiel 36 – 38

6 Ezekiel 39 – 40

7 Ezekiel 41 – 43

8 Ezekiel 44 – 46

9 Ezekiel 47 – 48

10 Daniel 1 – 3

11 Daniel 4 – 5

12 Daniel 6 – 8

13 Daniel 9 – 12

14 Hosea 1 – 4

15 Hosea 5 – 9

16 Hosea 10 – 14

17 Joel 1 – 3

18 Amos 1 – 4

19 Amos 5 – 9

20 Obadiah 1

21 Jonah 1 – 4

22 Micah 1 – 4

23 Micah 5 – 7

24 Nahum 1 – 3

25 Habakkuk 1 – 3

26 Zephaniah 1 – 3

27 Haggai 1 – 2

28 Zechariah 1 – 5

29 Zechariah 6 – 10

30 Zechariah 11 – 14



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TASTE OF SUFFOLK DOWNTOWN STREET FESTIVAL WITH

TASTE OF MAIN STREET MINISTRY FAIR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 11AM-5PM

We are excited to get to know our community better by hosting an outside ministry fair in conjunction with the Taste of Suffolk. We will feature Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministry, CAPS, Scouting Ministries, Main Street Day Care and our church.