

The Lyons Community Church Mid-Week Message

Thursday, July 14, 2016

Dear People of God,

What a joy it was to be in worship with you this past Sunday. My family and I felt so welcomed by everybody and are really looking forward to being in ministry together with each of you.

This week we begin a new worship series on the Parables of Jesus. The first parable we will be looking at is the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:4-15). This is a parable that looks at how different people react and act upon hearing the Word of God. Everybody has the opportunity to hear and receive the Word of God, but what we do with that knowledge is different for different people, and even at different times. Some listen, but do not feel any different. Some listen, but then when times get tough abandon their faith. And some listen and allow it to become a part of who they are, deep down in their soul.

As we have seen in the past few weeks, our world is a place that is ever in need of the love and grace of God. As Christians we must find ways to be beacons of God's light and love in the world. My message this week will get us thinking about ways in which we can be like the seeds in the parable that are in the good soil, bearing good fruit. How we can truly sink our roots into God's Word and live our lives accordingly. We will also look at how we are sometimes like the farmer in the story sowing many seeds of goodness and kindness, knowing that some will not bear fruit, but also knowing that we must still continue to share the Good News in all the ways and places we can!

I am looking forward to journeying through the Parables of Jesus with you in the coming weeks!

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Sunday, July 17, 2016

Message: *Parables of Jesus: The Parable of the Sower* - Pastor Emily Kintzel

Scripture: Psalm 5:1-8 and Luke 8:4-15 (NRSV)

Reader: Diana Boulter

Refreshments: Steve Good, Christine Boys

Greeter: Christine Boys

Prayers

Birthdays of Jani Little (7/17) and LaVern Johnson (7/23); Pam and Mark - Joy that Mark's parents are visiting; Holly Beck - Upcoming 3-week road trip (California & Utah), prayers for traveling mercies; Geneva Thomas - Joy for coming visitors from Texas, concern for the loss of homes in the fires; Rachel - Family Vacation in Las Vegas; Prayers for peaceful demonstrations and gatherings in response to recent acts of violence; Prayers for gentle rains to bring relief to the fires; Joy for our new pastor; Prayers for the Wilcox family for the recent loss of their son and brother last week