

## Notes from Pastor Dan...

### Jesus Calls Four Disciples

1. Why does Jesus call these four ordinary men to become disciples?
2. Why do these ordinary men follow Jesus?  
“The initiative in calling here, as always, is solely in Jesus’ hands. People don’t volunteer for discipleship. They are invited. They are called.” (Jensen).

**Mark 1:16-18 “Follow Me!”**...“As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee” (v.16a) “Jesus saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.” (v.16b) “Jesus’s call is intrusive and disruptive; their status as disciples is confirmed... not attained” (Boring). “The chief allegiance of rabbinic students was to the Torah rather than to a particular rabbi...But Jesus calls the four to himself” (Edwards).

**The Call of Simon and Andrew**...to let go of everything that they know so that they can step out into a pathway that he will show them – a pathway that he does not define for them in advance – a pathway that they will not understand until they have walked it. That is what discipleship involves – faith to step into the unknown, trusting Christ to lead us to the right destination. “The Leap of Faith”.

**The Fishing Metaphor:** “Jesus is calling followers and creating a kingdom people. The disciples will be trained to do precisely what Jesus is doing right now: proclaiming the kingdom, recruiting people for it, and drawing them into a community that experiences God’s reign.” (Geddert).

**The Call of James and John**... to leave their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and follow him. (The story of the call of Elisha in I Kings 19).

**Peter, James and John Become the “Inner Circle” of support for Jesus.** Peter preaches at Pentecost, (Acts 2) Died in Rome. James will be killed by Herod Agrippa, (Acts 12). John: key member of Jerusalem church, (Gal. 2:9). Andrew, Patron Saint of Ukraine, Romania and Russia, (Eusebius). *They all, but John, died a martyr’s death!*

## Worship Schedule

### June 2

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:11;  
Luke 12:15-20, Galatians 5:22-23  
Sermon: “Generosity Enlarges the Soul”

### June 9

Scripture: Psalm 130; Mark 3:20-35  
Sermon: “Widening the Kingdom “

### June 16

Scripture: Psalm 92:1-8; Mark 4:26-34  
Sermon: “The Growing Kingdom”

### June 23

Scripture: Psalm 133; Mark 4:35-41  
Sermon: “Calming the Kingdom”

### June 30

Scripture: Psalm 30:1-6; Mark 1: 21-43  
Sermon: “Healing the Kingdom”

## Greeters

Billy & Anne Galloway

## Offering Counters

Mark Bolden & Dora Jane Duncan

## Ushers

Billy Galloway & Lily Zeigler

## Worship Leaders

June 2 Marisa Bardwell  
June 9 Donna Barrett  
June 16 Dora Jane Duncan  
June 23 Adam Kelley  
June 30 Greg Kelley

June 9 Rylee Riggins  
June 14 Willodean Hamm  
June 16 Dora Jane Duncan  
June 16 Cindy Franks  
June 16 Greg Stewart  
June 23 Thomas Friar  
June 25 Mary Beth Wall



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## Shelter Service Sunday, June 2, 5:00 p.m.

### MEN'S BAKEOFF

Back by popular demand.

Join us as our men and boys compete for the Golden Wisk, Championship Apron, and their name to be added to the Frank Kelley Memorial Golden Wisk trophy.

Rules are simple: Men & Boys are invited to prepare a baked desert to share with those in attendance as well as our panel of guest judges. A sign-up for competitors will be posted in the hall through Worship, Sunday June 2.

We will gather at 5:00 p.m. and judging will begin at 5:30 p.m.

## Lunch with W.A.T.T.

*On Wednesday, June 5, after the W.A.T.T. Bible Study, they will meet for lunch at **Rails 133** at 12:40 p.m. The restaurant is located at 115 Broad St, across the tracks from Main Street Central.*

**Everyone is invited to attend!**

## June & July Mission Project Collection for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry for Children

Lists of approved items are provided on the hall tables. A box will be in the hallway to collect the items.



# June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>REGULAR SCHEDULE</b> 9:00 am, Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship			<b>REGULAR SCHEDULE</b> 11:00 am, W.A.T.T.		<b>REGULAR SCHEDULE</b> 11:00 am RDDB Delivers Meals on Wheels	1
2 11:00 am Quarterly Business Mtg 5:00 pm Shelter Service Men's Bake Off	3	4	5 Lunch with W.A.T.T. 12:40 p.m. Rails 133, Central <b>Youth at 6:00 pm</b>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	17	18	19 <b>Youth at 6:00 pm</b>	20	21	22
23	24	25 <b>Newsletter            Information Due            Today!</b>	26	27	28	29
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## Looking Ahead

July 7 Patriotic Shelter Service  
 September 4 CC&A Resumes



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 A welcoming family of faith,  
 With Jesus our example,  
 Discipleship our goal,  
 And love our action.*