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## New Sermon Series



### Seeking the Kingdom: *Lessons from Luke*

**July 18 – “Seek Christ in Everything”**  
Luke 10:38-42

**July 26 – “Seek God in Prayer”**  
Luke 11:1-13

**August 1 – “Seek Higher Things”**  
Luke 12:13-21

**August 8 – “Seek Greater Things”**  
Luke 12:32-40

We are born seekers. There’s a reason why we’re drawn to games like “peek a boo” and “hide and seek” from a very early age. Children love the thrill of discovering something new (even when that “new” thing is really an *old* thing hiding behind a pair of hands).

The Gospel of Luke contains several stories about seeking, which we’ll look at each Sunday for the next four weeks. Mary was a seeker, her sister Martha more of a hider. Jesus taught his disciples to seek God earnestly in prayer. He also advised us to seek and store up treasures in heaven, rather than on earth.

Where’s your treasure? What are you seeking?

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## The Children’s Corner

### M & M’s

(Music and Missions)

August 18

**Wednesday Night Kick-Off  
for Children’s Ministries**

### Children’s Splish-Splash Outing



Watch for more details in the next newsletter.

## Congratulations Claire Feener



*Thank you for ten years  
of faithful service as our Organist!*



## From the Pastor

*"But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

Luke 10:29 (NRSV)

This past Sunday, we heard one of my favorite parables from Jesus—the parable of the Good Samaritan. Indeed, I think it's one of the greatest stories ever told. What a master storyteller Jesus was! Luke's Gospel leads us to see that this story is an answer to the question: "Who is my neighbor?"

The law scholar who asked Jesus this BIG question was looking for a SMALL answer. Something that would limit his love liability, so to speak.

But Jesus gave him a BIG answer. The parable's point is not "be nice to strangers," as many people imagine. Rather, it intends to answer the question, "who is my neighbor?" in an explosive new way.

So I've been thinking. Who are our neighbors at Island View? God has given us many neighbors who need care, support, and love. I've been making a list. And it's the kind of list that has no end. I hope you'll add to it.

Grace and Peace,  
Kevin

### Some of Island View's Neighbors:

- ◆ Almost 80 children in the Child Care Center and their families
- ◆ A growing congregation composed of Haitian believers
- ◆ Transient people of varying faith backgrounds in need of food, housing, and other assistance
- ◆ Military families, often here for a short time, but looking for personal and spiritual connections
- ◆ The unemployed and under-employed
- ◆ The invisible homeless, who don't sleep on the street but still don't have a home
- ◆ Conservatives
- ◆ Liberals
- ◆ Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution
- ◆ Immigrants
- ◆ Every denomination that can fit in a phonebook
- ◆ Most religions you can think of
- ◆ Atheists, agnostics, skeptics, and seekers
- ◆ The elderly and homebound
- ◆ The mentally and/or physically handicapped

*(The list continues, but runs off the page!)*



## Ron's Notes

I have always enjoyed watching someone perform the art of juggling; perhaps that is because it's a skill I have never devoted the time it would take to become proficient (to me that's more than two objects in the air at the same time). While serving in a church in Mississippi, I met a banker that had a juggling act which he performed for church groups. It was free and that really sounded good to me. I invited him to come and perform for our senior adults at one of our Bible studies. He was amazing and performed with all the objects you'd expect for him to use for juggling.

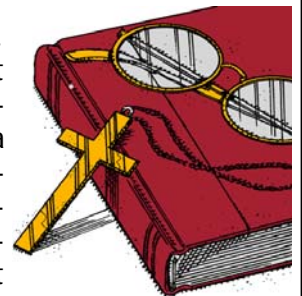


I've always thought that there is a secret to juggling, and last week I found an article sharing the secret. The writer of the article, a professional juggler said, "it is all about focus; but not just focus, but where the juggler must focus. Most people focus on the objects in the air, but the focus must be on the hands." I find

that interesting as it really relates to our Christian life. There are many things going on in and around us that attract our attention, some good and some not so good, but in the midst of it all, we as Christians, are instructed to keep our focus (eyes) on Jesus. For example, there is one that didn't. He was walking on water toward Jesus, and took his eyes off of Him, and if Jesus hadn't reached to pick him up, it would have been the deep six for him. Then there was another person that kept his focus. As he was picking up five stones for his sling to face a giant, he never lost sight of God and His power.

The question comes to mind. Do you feel that you are about to go under the troubled waters of life? Are you facing a giant of discouragement, depression or some other distraction? If either of these situations are true for you, right now, it's all about focusing on HIM!!!

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Let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

# Welcome



Dylan Rivera

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

It's not too late to join on Wednesdays for Family Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 and Bible study at 6:15. The topic is "Baptists and Religious Liberty." We are studying the unique role of Baptists in spurring the United States towards upholding religious liberty for everybody. Join us for a look back at the Scriptures which support religious liberty and the people who argued and even died to secure religious liberty.

### Mark Your Calendars



The next two quarterly business meetings following the morning worship service will be held on August 15 and November 14.

### YOUR Faithfulness Makes A Difference!

	July 4	July 11
Worship Attendance	163	172
Sunday School Att.	92	122
Weekly Budget	\$8,669.06	\$8,669.06
Budget Receipts	\$14,251.10	\$6,030.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$225,816.98	\$231,846.98
Expended to Date	\$202,982.85	\$211,859.00
Property Enhancement Receipts	\$2,190.00	\$205.00
Property Enhancement Balance	\$28,308.10	\$28,513.10



## Extended Session

July 18 10:15 a.m.	Matt & Scarlett Spicer	Babies/Toddlers
	Stephanie Messman Pat Zacharias	2's and 3's
	Pete Peters Julie Pope	Children's Church
July 25 10:15 a.m.	Mae Anderson Dare Jones Barbara Miller	Babies/Toddlers
	Sylvia Ealum Bette Alexander	2's and 3's
	Peg Brown Joan Burtch David Yearwood	Children's Church

### Women On Mission Night Meeting



Monday July 26 San Jose Baptist Church

Dinner at 5:45 (\$6.00) Program at 6:45

Guest speaker: Arlene Skinner, Multi-Housing Ministry Director for the Jacksonville Baptist Association.

Special Feature: Jacksonville Christian Women's Job Corps

RSVP to Sylvia Ealum by July 22, 714-9771.

Carpool will leave Island View at 5:15.



Thank you for continuing to support the summer Mission Project to collect pennies for Haiti. They will go to support various ministries in Haiti, including the orphanage. We will have an updated total on what we've collected in the next newsletter.



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Sun. 18	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
Tue. 20	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to CCC Parents
Wed. 21	5:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Adult/Youth Prayer Time
	6:30 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 22	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group
Fri. 23	6:30 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner
Sat. 24	11:00 a.m.	Maggie Woodlief/Trey Curry Wedding
Sun. 25	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Missions Committee
	5:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee
Mon. 26	6:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Tue. 27	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to CCC Parents
Wed. 28	5:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Adult/Youth Prayer Time
	6:30 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 29	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group

Sun. 1	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
Tue. 3	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to CCC Parents
Wed. 4	5:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Adult/Youth Prayer Time
	6:30 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 5	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group
Sun. 8	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Church Council
Mon. 9	7:00 p.m.	Adult II at Consulate Health Care
Tue. 10	6:30 a.m.	Coffee Outreach to CCC Parents
Wed. 11	5:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship Supper
	6:15 p.m.	Adult/Youth Prayer Time
	6:30 p.m.	Adult/Youth Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 12	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Group
Sun. 15	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Quarterly Business Meeting