

Sunday July 15 through Sunday July 22

- Please make sure that the children take their activity packets with them over the next couple of weeks. These are perfect opportunities to have some quality time with the family and to reinforce the sermons over the next couple of weeks. We hope that they will be conversation starters at home.
- Pastor Robert will continue his Sermon Series *Entering the Kingdom of Heaven*. This week he will focus on gaining the Kingdom View. Please extend your invitation to your friends and family in the community to come take part during the lessons of this series the next several weeks.
- Special Musical Guest Eddie Davis will be providing service music today. Please take the time to listen to each piece fully as they were chosen for enjoyment.
- UMYF will be meeting this evening at 5 pm.
- Ashbury Circle will be meeting this evening at 5 pm.
- Garden Club will be meeting Monday evening at 6 pm.
- The United Methodist Youth will be at the Wise Fairgrounds to volunteer with the Remote Area Medical free health clinic.
- Pastor Robert's sermon series continues next Sunday with Part 3 of 8. The focus will be on reconciling the two views by living in the World but not of it.



This WEEK at Trinity

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Sunday July 15

- 10:00 am—10:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
- 5:00 pm—UMYF Meeting
- 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle

Monday July 16

- 6:00 pm—Garden Club
- 7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

Tuesday July 17

No Scheduled Activities

Wednesday July 18

- 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
- 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

Thursday July 19

No Scheduled Activities

Friday July 20

UMYF volunteering at RAM

Saturday July 21

UMYF volunteering at RAM

Sunday July 22

- 10:00—10:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am—12:00 pm Morning Worship
- 5:00 pm—UMYF Meeting



FROM OUR PASTOR

The Kingdom View Begins with Asking WHO? Matthew 13:18-23

Sermon Outline

Who are you? Who am I? If we have ears to hear Jesus explain the parable of the sower, we hear who we are according to the world, and who we are in Christ Jesus.

I am the path! Have you ever read a passage of scripture that you simply didn't understand? Those difficult passages call us to believe.

I am the rocky ground! Have you ever experienced trouble or persecution. Have you experienced shame? How about guilt? Do you ever use blame as a way to defend yourself? If we ask God, we will find that trouble and persecution call us to Faith.

I am the thorny ground! Have you ever spent time trying to get ahead? You know, to keep up with the Jones, or Smiths... The way of the world will turn us into a living "What?" Such as: What do you do? What kind of car do you drive? What educational degrees do you hold?

I am the good soil! In Christ Jesus, I am the fruit of belief; I am the fruit of faith; I am the fruit of hope; I am love.

Commentary

The headwaters of the Hiwassee River cuts its way through the granite mountains of Western North Carolina. Miles downstream the Calhoun United Methodist Church parsonage sits on a hill overlooking the calm, deep waters of the river. Near the property line, the river built a terrace. This rich, sandy, loam is ground of Biblical proportions. The seed sown on this terrace produce crops 100, 60, or 30 times what was sown.

Anyone who has studied soil science knows that the rich, sandy, loam took thousands of years to make. Over time the turbulent river reduced the mountain's granite into sand. Every Fall thorns, twigs, branches, and leaves clogged the river to be transformed into layers of organic matter. The Spring floods deposited this sand and organic matter on the river bank. Hopefully you see how God works for good in all things.

It takes a life time to fulfill The Great Commandment. Love is made of belief, faith, and hope. Belief in Jesus Christ gets us on the path to love. Along the way faith, like a river, cuts through our hearts of stone. Hope transforms our judgmental minds into the same grace filled mind that was in Christ Jesus.

I am the path who experiences belief as something like a flowing stream. I am the rocky ground who experiences troubles and persecution call. These painful experiences call me to Faith in Christ, not myself or neighbor. I am the thorny ground who gets distracted by the worldly possessions and wealth . These distractions hold the blessing of Hope.

Belief teaches us that which we hold to be true. Faith teaches us the power of God's presence. Hope teaches us that relationships are of more value than possessions and wealth. Love is patient, kind, and discovers hope in all things. God's will is that we experience the fulness of Love. Once we are transformed by belief, faith, and hope we reflect the image of God. The image of God is Love.

Who are you? In Christ Jesus you are belief, faith, hope, and love.

One in Christ,

Robert