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*"I Have Called You Friends"*

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*John 15:15*

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**A Message from your Pastor - August 1, 2022**

**Of Storms and Calm Seas**

On Sunday, July 31, the Fifth Sunday, Ben Hurley brought our message at worship and shared with us about prayer. After the service I was chatting with Ben and JD Smith. Ben mentioned about floating on Badin Lake many years ago when he was reminded that the bottom of the lake was some eighty feet below. JD then told about serving in the US Navy aboard the *USS Cacapon* in the Pacific Ocean. They stopped to allow the sailors to swim for recreation. At that location the sea floor was about *two and half miles* below.

As I have thought about that conversation I am reminded that this is an apt metaphor for life. We see only what is on the surface of someone's life, just as we only show other people the surface aspects of our life. If we see only the calm surface we are unaware of any turmoil that may exist far below the surface. Conversely we encounter folks who are enduring obvious trials and tribulations. We wonder how anyone could endure such a storm, but these folks have a depth of faith that enables them to not only weather the storm, but emerge triumphant as a stronger and better person.

When we see a fellow traveler in distress we may be able to render aid to them in some physical or tangible way. At other times our only recourse may be to lift them up in prayer. Do not underestimate the power and efficacy of prayer.

*There is what is called the "cushion of the sea." Down beneath the surface that is agitated with storms, and driven about with high winds, there is a part of the sea that is never stirred. When we dredge the bottom and bring up the remains of animal and vegetable life, we find that they give evidence of not having been disturbed for hundreds of years. The peace of God is that eternal calm which lies far too deep down in the praying soul to be reached by any external disturbance.*

—A. T. Pierson

*They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;  
These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.  
For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.  
They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths:  
their soul is melted because of trouble.*

*They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.  
Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.  
He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.  
Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.  
Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,  
and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*

—Psalm 107:23-31 (KJV)

Cover painting *Waiting Out The Storm* by *Barnie Slice*.

**COVID-19 Vaccine** inoculations are available to everyone over age 5. Vaccine booster shots are also available. Go to: [www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19](http://www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19) or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 336-318-6227.

**Feeding Locals First** USFW is collecting for the homeless:

Pop Top Cans of:

- Chicken Noodles
- Spaghetti & Meatballs
- Canned Fruit
- Tuna Pouches
- Vienna Wieners
- Pork n Beans
- Mac and Cheese

Individual Snacks:

- Chips, etc.
- Cookies
- Breakfast Bars

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

A Lee & Mandy Davidson — August 3

B Tabitha Ownsby — August 5

B Lynn Pierce — August 6

B Lisa Vaughn — August 6

B Emily Pell — August 14

A Doyle & Linda Vaughn — August 18

**CUOC for August:**

Tuna / Tuna Helper

**June Financial Report:**

Income:	\$ 10,112.50
Expenses:	\$ 7,743.42
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 12,099.52

**Faith Fellowship** will meet again on Wednesday, August 3 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Faith Fellowship began in 1975 with the intent to meet for worship, study, crafts, and tours. Come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship, with an occasional adventure.

*Everyone is welcome!*

*Mysticism and the Experience of Love*

[Human beings] do not love in general, but they do love in particular. To love means dealing with persons in the concrete rather than in the abstract. In the presence of love, there are no types or stereotypes, no classes and no masses.

An intrinsic interest is therefore not possible apart from a sense of fact where other persons are concerned. This sense of fact means that the other person is dealt with as he is and in the light of the details of his life. It does not mean becoming so involved in the bill of particulars of other human beings that we cannot get through to them. But it does mean defining the other person in his context and establishing a perspective with regard to that context and where he is located in it. To state it conventionally and categorically, it means meeting a person where he is and dealing with him there as if he were where he should be.

From "Mysticism and the Experience of Love," page 191 in *For the Inward Journey*, by Howard Thurman — available to purchase from the FUM Bookstore.

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*"In the secret of God's tabernacle no enemy can find us, and no troubles can reach us. The pride of man and the strife of tongues find no entrance into the pavilion of God. The secret of his presence is a more secure refuge than a thousand Gibaltars. I do not mean that no trials come. They may come in abundance, but they cannot penetrate into the sanctuary of the soul, and we may dwell in perfect peace even in the midst of life's fiercest storms."*

— Hannah Whitehall Smith

*And he (Jesus) awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"*

— Mark 4:39-41 (ESV)