

14 September 2014 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Our Gospel reading is Matthew 18.21-35 and the response after it is read is, “**Praise be to thee, O Christ**” spoken in unity aloud.

Call to Worship: Psalm 103.1-12

Hymns: Opening #338 Prayer #387 Closing #389

Bible Studies start this week:

Ladies of the Well –*Bad Girls of the Bible*– Tuesday, 10:00am or 7:00pm
The Book of Romans - Thursday 10:30am or 7:00pm

Mark your calendars for 18 October for our Fall Festival!! There are sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center for you to volunteer. There are also flyers for you to take and post. This will be a fun day to invite friends to come. Our next planning meeting will be tomorrow, Sept 15th at 10 am. Attend if you can or email or phone your ideas to the church.

Please keep Al Hill in prayer as his duties & presence at Nottoway Correctional Prison have increased. In addition to weekend retreats (the next one is Nov 13-16), monthly reunions & ministry to the inmates through letters, Al has begun participating 2 to 3 Sunday evenings a month. Let us continue to lift Al and his ministry up in prayer.

Please continue to submit any prayer requests for inclusion on the Prayer List. If you have submitted requests in the past, please review & let Pastor Tom know of any changes.

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Sermon Notes

The Greatest Block to Belonging

Matthew 18.21-35

Sin truly _____!

It affects our relationship with God and others.

Three Options:

- Ignore It/Forget It – “Easy”, not effective
- Resent It – “Effective”, but deadly
- Forgive It – “Deadly”, yet effective

Takes theological courage!

-Must deal with it - “Go _____!”

-Must let it go – “Move _____!”

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