

**JULY
2019**

**GRACE NOTES
YOUR ACCESS TO
GRACE CHURCH
NEWS & EVENTS**



**ABOUT THE TWELVE
FROM THE 2019
MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICE**



**PASTOR'S NOTE
SUMMER IS THE
SEASON FOR
GROWTH**



**SCRIPTURE
THROUGH THEIR
EYES
CHILDREN'S COLUMN**

GRACE NOTES

About the Twelve Disciples of Jesus...

From the 2019 Lord's Last Supper Reenactment on Maundy Thursday

The 12 disciples of Jesus were the foundation stones of His church, and several of them wrote portions of the Bible.

In Revelation 21:13 we are told that, in the New Jerusalem, there were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west. The wall of the city had 12 foundations, and on them were the name of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. It is evident, therefore, that God attaches great importance to these 12 men of Jesus.

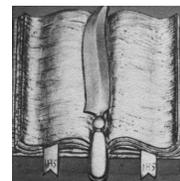
Bartholomew or Nathanael

Bartholomew Nathanael, son of Talmai, lived in Cana of Galilee. His apostolic symbol is three parallel knives.

Bartholomew's name appears with every list of the disciples. This was not a first name, however; it was his second name. His first name probably was Nathanael, whom Jesus called "An Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile" (John 1:47).

The New Testament gives us very little information about him. Tradition indicates he was a great searcher of the Scripture and a scholar in the law and the prophets.

A number of scholars believe that he was the only one of the 12 disciples who came from royal blood, or noble birth. His name means Son of Tolmai or



Bartholomew

Talmai(2 Samuel 3:3). Talmai was king of Geshur whose daughter, Maacah, was the wife of David, mother of Absalom.

He developed into a man of complete surrender to the Carpenter of Nazareth, and one of the Church's most adventurous missionaries.

Tradition says he was a missionary in Armenia. The Armenian Church claims him as its founder and martyr. He also preached in India, and his death seems to have taken place there.

He died as a martyr for his Lord. He was flayed alive with knives.

Philip

Philip came from Bethsaida, the town from which Peter and Andrew came (John 1:44). The likelihood is that he, too, was a fisherman.

Although the first three Gospels record his name (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:14; Acts 1:13), it is in the Gospel of John that Philip becomes a living personality.

The Gospel of John shows Philip as one of the first to whom Jesus addressed the words, "Follow Me." When Philip met Jesus, he immediately found Nathanael and told him that "we have found him, of whom Moses ... and the prophets, did write."

Nathanael was skeptical. But Philip did not argue with him; he simply answered, "Come and see." This story tells us two important things about Philip.

Scholars disagree on Philip. In Acts 6:5, we have Philip as one of the seven ordained deacons. Some say this is a different Philip.

Some believe this is the Apostle. If this is the same Philip, then his personality came more to life because he had a successful campaign in Samaria.

He led the Ethiopian eunuch to Christ (Acts 8:26). He also stayed with Paul in Ceasarea (Acts 21:8) and was one of the major figures in the missionary enterprise of the early church.

It is said that Philip preached in Phrygia and died by hanging. While he was dying, he requested that his body be wrapped not in linen but in papyrus, for he was not worthy that even his dead body should be treated as the body of Jesus had been treated.

The symbol of Philip is a basket, because of his part in feeding of the five thousand.



Philip



Pastor's Note:

Summer is the season of growth.

When the temperature gets warmer in the spring, most families begin to maintain a garden around their house. People turn up the earth, sort out pebbles and leaves from the precious dirt, mix garden soil, and plant various seeds of flowers and vegetables.

In summer, plants and flowers grow through photosynthetic action by which they use sunlight to synthesize nutrients from carbon dioxide and water. Sunlight, nutrients and water are the essential substances for the growth of plants.

Like plants, humans need certain substances for growth. The human spirit requires rich nourishment for transformation and continuous development, because it is concerned with an outlook on the world, perspective, and way of life and choice.

For Christians, particularly for Vermonters, summer is the perfect time for growth. Having plenty of sunlight and fresh air surrounded by green mountains and blue lakes, we are meant to praise the beauty of creation and the Creator of heaven and earth.

There is one thing of importance that we should be mindful of, however. Our simple words of praise and thanksgiving are not enough for spiritual growth. It is the same as when we smack our lips over a banquet meal table.

Spiritual growth occurs when we actually eat good, healthy meals and when all nutrients are digested for our body.

What is the food for our spiritual photosynthesis? The answer is Scripture and spiritual writings! Reading these books are essential to change your perspective, to expand your thoughts and to deepen your understanding of God, faith and the world.

So I suggest you one summer project: Reading the whole book of Psalms!!

Psalms is my favorite book of the Bible. It contains rich nutrition for human spiritual life: poems, prayers, petitions, praise, lament, thanksgiving, hymns, history and hope, etc. No other books in the Bible include such diverse and realistic human life situations than the book of Psalms.

In this summer, therefore, I am going to preach the book of Psalms, choosing 8 Psalms per Sunday.

Do you want to grow spiritually?

Take your bible, turn pages to the book of Psalms and read 1~2 Psalms per day.

You will find nutritious food there that will nourish you.

Bon Appétit!

Your Pastor, *Kyu*

Pastor's Sermons for Month of July

JULY PRAYER

Thank you for this beautiful new day, Help me to live today, hand in hand with you.

July 7— Psalm 1 “Blessed is the One”

July 14—Psalm 13 “How Long O Lord”

July 21—Psalm 23 “Lacking Nothing”

July 28—Psalm 46 “Be Still and Know”

BibleWise

Peter Walks on the Water

Matthew 14:22-33

Read the Scripture passage.
Peter trusted Jesus and the Lord took care of him.
Use the code to find out what we should do.

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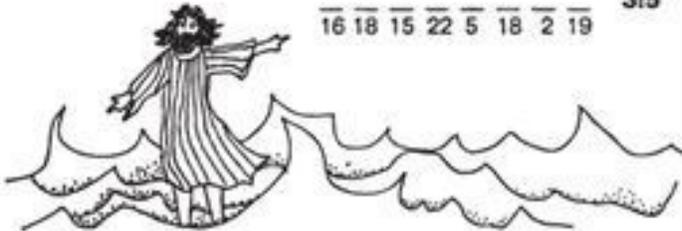
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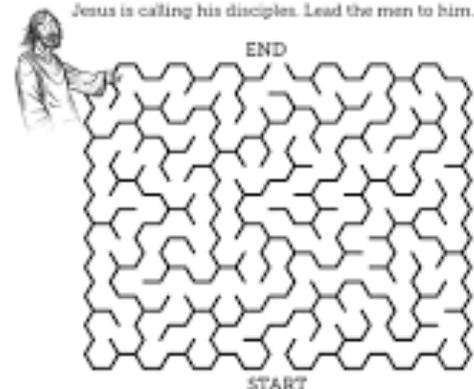
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KID'S CORNER



JESUS CHOOSES HIS 12 DISCIPLES

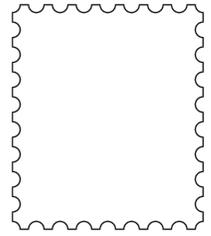
Jesus is calling his disciples. Lead the men to him.





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