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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER **September 29, 2016**

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introducing **Travis Pruden**



Welcome Travis Pruden as our new Outreach Minister. Travis is joining our team to take charge of our outreach and missions efforts. He has been a part of Alice Drive in almost all areas: Vision Council, Deacons (even serving as Chairman), LIFE Group leader, Co-leader of a Capital Campaign, Worship ministry, and much more. For some time, Travis has been sensing God calling him to a new role. As we discussed this next move with him, it seemed clear to us that God was calling Travis to serve in the Outreach Position as Jock Hendricks takes hold of the responsibilities for Pocalla Church and for multi-site ministry.

Travis is a graduate of NC State and has served in the US Army. He started with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, then moved into Medical Supplies and sales. He has also served as the director for the Clarendon Medical Center Fitness Center. He is married to Rhonda and has one daughter; Caroline.

Bringing *HOPE* to SC Inmates This Season



Many incarcerated men, women, and youth have no one who cares for them. They have no visitors, nor do they receive gifts at Christmas. In this simple act, you show them that they matter to God. You provide hope and love. As a result, some have received the true Christmas gift. They have come to know Christ because you care!



There are very strict regulations for what is allowed, so we've made it easy for you. Pick up a ziploc bag with instructions from the lobby, fill the pack with the listed items, and return it to the church by **Tuesday, October 18.**



Hitting Back...

DIRECTIONS
by
Dr. Clay Smith
Lead Pastor

When I was in first grade, I was scared of Joby Skitka. It was his third time through the first grade, so he was bigger than the rest of us. He got into fights, and was always winning when the teachers intervened. He was sent to the office so often, there was a chair reserved outside the principal's office with his name on it.

I told my brother I was scared of Joby. Steve told me that if he hit me, I should hit him back. Somewhere in my mind, there was a pause. Though I was five, I learned in church that I was supposed to turn the other cheek. I protested to Steve that Jesus told me I wasn't supposed to hit back, but turn the other cheek. Steve, whose theology had advanced to junior high level, told me "turn the other cheek" was for church, but "hitting back" was for school.

Maybe it's this election, or maybe it's just where we are as a people, but sometimes I feel like the whole world has gone crazy. There are tragedies of black men being shot by police compounded by greater tragedies of protests that turn violent.

From Ferguson, to Minneapolis, to our backyard in Charlotte, people turn to violence to express feelings of resentment and powerlessness. In one week, a lawyer shoots people in Houston because he dislikes his job, nine people are stabbed in Minnesota, and seven are stabbed in Boston. No one is turning the other cheek. Everyone is hitting back.

I watched the first debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. I know it's politics, but it felt more like a first grade playground: "You attack me and I'll attack you back." Couples come to see me about their problems and after a few moments it feels just like the debate: "You hurt me, I'll hurt you."

When I got better teachers than my brother, I learned Jesus meant it when he said "Turn the other cheek." Not only did he say it, he did it. Spat upon, beaten, nailed to a cross, he did not tap into all his power and hit back. Somehow that day, Jesus' refusal to hit back meant violence and hate were stopped in their tracks. It took incredible strength for Jesus to turn the other cheek and not look back. It always takes more strength to not hit than to hit.

As we move into the post-Christian phase of our culture, we've lost this core teaching of Jesus. We're reverting to old ways of believing violence is the answer. That's why it is imperative that those who follow Jesus live by His way, not the way of the this world. That's why we need to grow our strength and trust. We need strength to receive the blow and not strike back. We need trust so we can believe God's way is superior. It's time for the people of God to do something counter-cultural and not hit back like everyone else.

A couple of years ago in my hometown newspaper I saw this headline: "Man Killed by Grandson in Domestic Dispute." Turns out Joby Skitka was killed by his grandson in an argument over a knife. It made me sad, for Joby and for his grandson. They never learned Jesus' way is the way to life; hitting back leads to death.

Have you learned Jesus' way?

Grace,

The Message Series
Continues
This Week

October 2/3:
Remodel



TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP

We are offering a 4-week Next Steps FISH Discipleship class that will be comprised of Starting Point, GROW Character, and GO Share classes. This class will run 6:00-7:30pm in room 208.

October 5: Starting Point

Learn the mission, vision, and values of Alice Drive. This is a required class for church membership.

October 12: GROW Character Class Pt. 1

Learn about healthy spiritual habits: Bible reading, prayer, giving, and fasting.

October 19: GO Share Class

Find your spiritual gifts, learn to share your story and resources, and learn how you can use them to serve the Lord.

October 26: GROW Character Class Pt. 2



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

SHARE
LIGHT

THURSDAY
OCT 27
6-8 pm

DJ HOWIE D
CANDY CANDY CANDY
THE FAMOUS TREAT STREET
HUGE DOOR PRIZES
BOUNCE HOUSES
LOTS OF FOOD
IT'S ALL FREE!



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For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Buddies

The Buddies program exists to help children and families with special needs so that parents can attend church or a LIFE Group while their child is safe.

If you have a heart to help in this area, contact Mandy Easton: measton@adbc.org | x250

CALENDAR

Friday, September 30

6:00p Parent's Night Out, Kids Halls

Sunday, October 2

Christmas Packs for Prisoners Collection Starts

Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)

LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)

5:00p Deacon Outreach, Worship Center

Monday, October 3

6:00p Quest LIFE Group, 118

Prayer Group, 119

7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center

LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade

8:00p Sermon Discussion LIFE Group, 118

Tuesday, October 4

6:55a Men of Impact Bible Study, Worship Center

10:00a Grief Share Class, 119

James Book Class, 118

6:30p Precepts: Romans Pt. 1 Class, 208

7:00p Celebrate Recovery Worship, studio4.3

8:00p Celebrate Recovery Shared Groups, studio4.3

Wednesday, October 5

2:00p Praying Ladies, 119

4:00p In-Depth Bible Study, 202A

5:00p Fellowship Meal, Worship Center

6:00p Adult Discipleship Classes

Awana (newborn-5th grade)

The Mix (Middle School), studio4.3

7:30p the Mix (High School), studio4.3

Thursday, October 6

9:00a MOPS, Worship Center

10:00a Thimble Thursday, 104A/B

5:30p Tech Talk, Balcony

6:00p Vocal Team Rehearsal, Green Room

7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

Saturday, October 8

10:00a Stitches of Love Quilting, 202C

12:00p Crafters' Escape, 202C

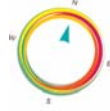
Sunday, October 9

Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)

LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)

4:00p HELPS Ministry Team Meeting, 201

5:00p Deacon Outreach, Worship Center



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CELEBRATE THE SERVANT LEADERS OF THE WEEK Vision Council & Stewardship Team

Ready to find your purpose in serving others, but not sure where?
We can help! Contact Stacy Wright: swright@adbc.org

ATTENDANCE 9/25 & 9/26

8:30am.....238

9:45am.....532

11:00am.....512

Monday Night.....148

Total.....1,430

LIFE GROUPS 9/25 & 9/26

Adults.....393

Students.....139

Children.....170

Preschool.....170

Total.....872

Wednesday Fellowship Meal | October 5

Fried chicken, mac-n-cheese, green beans, & dessert

Kids' Menu: same as adults

\$5/adults, \$3/kids under 12, \$15/family max

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WORSHIP
TIMES

SUNDAYS

8:30am Classic

Childcare for 5 & under

9:45 & 11:00am Contemporary

LIFE Groups for all ages

MONDAYS

7:00pm Contemporary

LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade

8:00pm Adult LIFE Groups