



The Creek Courier

Weekly Update September 25, 2020

Loving God

Learning Together

Leading Others to Christ

Church Family,

Back in June, 2017, then 19-year old Hunter Hostetler was approaching his one year anniversary of employment at a Mac-Donald's in Scottsburg, Indiana. On that Sunday, working the drive-thru, Hunter had an unexpected encounter with one of his customers. The lady placed her order, pulled up to the window and paid her \$6, then proceeded to tell Hunter that she also wanted to pay for the order of the van behind her. She had noticed that the van was occupied by a man and four children and since it was Father's Day she decided to pay the \$36 bill as an act of kindness. She told Hunter to tell the man and his family, 'Happy Father's Day.'

The woman's spontaneous act of kindness caused quite an amazing chain reaction. The man in the van paid for the two cars behind him, and those two cars did the same for those behind them. One customer after another passed along the blessings and by the end of the day, 167 customers had paid for the orders of vehicles behind them.

It has been said that kindness is the persistent effort of the Lord to reach His people and enable them to turn to Him. When we demonstrate kindness, we are emulating our Lord Jesus, who was kindness incarnate. He came to express it; lived to model it; died to offer it; and returns by His Spirit to impart it to us.

Writing to the believers at the church in Galatia, Paul recorded these familiar words: ***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things. Galatians 5:22-23.***

Paul knew of the kindness of Christ from his personal experience. Once rigidly hostile to the Lord's Church, he had experienced the unsurpassed kindness of the Savior. This is a great reminder that the Lord never demands anything of us that He is not willing to give us. Kindness is implanted and ingrained into the nature of our heredity in Christ Jesus, hence the code name "fruit." It is ours to develop and express along with the other *fruits of the Spirit*. Kindness can, and should be, reflected in all our relationships. We should strive to be as merciful and gracious to others as our Savior has been to us.

Kindness begets kindness, as demonstrated in Hunter Hostetler's story. When we are intentional in extending kindness to others, we never know but that a chain reaction will start, or where it will end.

There can be no doubt that kindness is in short supply in our culture today. Let's make a conscious effort to pass along some kindness to those we encounter on the journey this week.

-Bruce

Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m.

In-person

Face Coverings Required

Drive-In

FM 107.5

Facebook Live

[New Sandy Creek](#)

Homecoming 2020

Our annual Homecoming celebration is set for October 11. Pastor Josh will be preaching. This year will be different as we will not have a fellowship meal following Worship.

Trunk or Treat is being planned for Friday, October 30 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. If you are interested in doing a Trunk for this drive-through event and/or donating candy, please let Jackie Ayscue know by October 1. Jackie can be reached by email at Jayscue@hotmail.com and by phone at 252-767-3257(call or text)

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

6:30

Meeting in Larry Johnson's LifeGroup Classroom

Family Life Center

Face Coverings Are Required

Churchwide LifeGroup

Sunday mornings 9:30-10:15

In-person in the sanctuary

or Facebook livestream.

Pastors Tim and Josh and your deacons are available to help with any needs you might have. On-call deacon for the next week is Danny Wright.

Danny can be reached at 252-432-1141.

Pastor Tim can be reached at 252-432-6780.

Pastor Josh can be reached at 919-606-0537