



TUMC August 2021



“Together we LIVE to see our lives, our community, and our world transformed by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

2021 Missions **August**

ABOVE AND BEYOND
SUNDAY Offering

Project Formation (Youth)



When we give from the heart,
we receive unexpected blessings—
especially the joy of making a
difference in someone's life.

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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary (please wear your mask if you are not fully vaccinated), FB live, YouTube

New Seekers Faith Mtng.
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
Zoom room

Pastor-led Bible Study
5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays
Zoom room

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ENROLL NOW!



Sunday—10:00 a.m. August 8, 2021

The Hummingbird Story

A parable of the Quechuan people of South America, this hummingbird story encourages us to do what we can when we can.

How many times do we look at the world around us and become overwhelmed? Do we ever look at what "big" things other people are doing and compare ourselves thinking our efforts are too small?

Be encouraged by this parable that our small efforts become big in the hands of God!

"Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

Colossians 3:17

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people, knowing that it is from the Lord that you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve."

Colossians 3:23-24

"Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct."

Galatians 6:4-5

Once there was a great forest fire.

All the animals fled to the edge of the forest and froze in fear not knowing what to do. They watched as the flames began destroying the beauty of their home.

Finally a tiny hummingbird flew to a body of water and took a few drops into its beak. It then flew quickly toward the fire allowing the drops to fall on the roaring flames.

Over and over the tiny bird continued.

Drop by drop.

Back and forth.

Again and again.

The other animals watched from the edge of the forest, and called to the little bird, "What are you doing?"

The hummingbird replied, "I am doing what I can."



How often we can become overwhelmed by fear or the sheer size of problems and become paralyzed to do nothing. Or we may compare ourselves to others and feel too small to matter.

Small. What we consider to be small and insignificant may actually be huge in God's scheme of things. Have you ever noticed how often God's view and the world's view are opposite? The world says, "Be first!" God says, "Be last." The world says, "Go, go, go!" God says, "Be still." The world says, "Bigger is better!" God says, "Small is important."

The widow giving her offering of two small coins in Luke 21:1-4, was affirmed by Jesus when He said she had given more than all the rest. Jesus went on to say in Luke 16:10, "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much."

In God's hands, small can become big just like in John 6 when a boy's lunch of five loaves and two fish became enough to feed over 5,000 and also have leftovers!

This little hummingbird story can remind us to do what we can. Everything we do for the Lord Jesus matters. It counts!

Every word.

Every prayer.

Every act of kindness.

Every hug.

Every penny.

Small counts in the hands of our BIG God!

W. Maathai
S. Smart
Creative Bible Stories

Going back to school is a day that inevitably comes each year. Some love it, others just go through the motions indifferently. School is an incredible meeting place. That presents an amazing opportunity to witness and share the gospel with so many people. In fact, the best people to reach out to these students are students. The conversations can be very powerful.

School ought to be looked at as one of the ultimate mission fields for Christians.

So as another year starts and the weekly cycle begins again, let's unite in prayer for all going back to school to make a difference.

Jesus died for all our sakes, and he has sent us out to make disciples of all people.

Hebrews 10:25 1 Peter 3:15 Matthew 5:16
Colossians 4:2 -inspired by
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Why Does God Say, "No"?

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader

I know we have all prayed to God for many things. I have prayed so much for healing for family members, for friends, and even for people I hear about on TV that I don't even know. It's actually very rare that I pray for myself. (I tend to feel guilty about doing that).

The question I continue to ask is, "Why does God say, "No"? I know God is all powerful so God has the ability to say, "Yes." I know God is all knowing, so God has the knowledge of what people are experiencing; and I know God is love, so God cares. So, what's the problem?

I have said before and will continue to believe that we are here on earth to learn lessons. Apparently, some lessons are just more difficult to learn than others! In school I had no problem learning English grammar and punctuation, but maybe because I had little to no interest in it, I had trouble learning chemistry. (I'll admit that the only time I had even a taste of chemistry was in one chapter of college biology). We all have strengths and weaknesses. Maybe some of us are just slow learners, and some get the lesson immediately.

I also believe that God often doesn't really say, "No" but, "Wait." Sadly some lessons are learned only when we pass into the Other Side, but we still learn them. Some people seem to struggle or have a serious ailment for most or even all their lives. Others have a "bout" with something, and then it's over. Pastor Margaret Decker seemed to always use the phrase "in God's own time." I know we all want answers in our OWN time! I truly believe one of the lessons I still need to learn is patience.

Yes, sometimes God simply does say, "No." How many of you have said, "No" to one of your children, not because you are trying to be mean or to inflict a punishment or because you are not able to grant his/her wish, but because you know that granting that wish would be very bad for your child. We are nowhere near as wise as God, but we DO have some experience and knowledge that children simply don't have. What kind of parent would we be if we said, "Yes" to something that would endanger a life or cause irreparable harm?

One more thought on this theme is that when we pray, we usually mean "not thy will but MINE be done." (You know we do). We really need to turn that around and say "not my will but THINE be done." There is only one God, and none of US is! Therefore, when you pray, be prepared for an answer that is not what you hoped for. Try to remember that it might very well be the answer we (or someone we are praying for) need.

*Lead me to the
Rock
that is higher than I.*

Psalm 61:2

This 'N That

- ⇒ **Sandwich Ministry resumes starting this Sunday—August 1, 2021 at 9:30am..**
- ⇒ **A worship service led by our Youth/Young Adult will be on Sunday, August 8th, 2021.**
- ⇒ **New Iglesias Family Church Yard Sale is on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 8:00am– 12noon in the parking lot facing Wurzbach Rd.**
- ⇒ **Cub Scouts Pack 20 Spaghetti Fundraiser is on Saturday, August 14, 2021 from 12noon-3:00pm. Price: \$10.00/plate.**
- ⇒ **Ushers Needed! Now that we are passing out the bulletins on Sunday, we need ushers to hand them out. Please contact Cynthia in the church office or Harriet Phillips.**
- ⇒ **Need volunteers to broadcast our Sunday worship service live on Facebook. This task is by rotation. Please contact Cynthia in the church office.**
- ⇒ **Need volunteers to water the victory garden. Please contact Don Ketchum.**
- ⇒ **Church office volunteers needed! If you are interested to serve, please contact Cynthia. Hours: 11:00am-2:00pm (Mondays or Wednesdays).**
- ⇒ **Work Day is coming up. 😊**
- ⇒ **New Seekers faith meeting meets on Thursdays at 3:00pm via zoom. Please pick up your book.**

Happy Birthday to: MISHAEL MEANDE 1-Aug, JOYCE PARKE 2-Aug, JOHNETTA L.H. GOANEH 4-Aug, MARY ELIZABETH FRIZZELL 6-Aug, TINA AZBILL 6-Aug, BOB PARKE 14-Aug, LYNN FRANCIS 14-Aug, LAURIE A. RODULFO 18-Aug, MARY ELLEN KELLER 19-Aug, BOB ICENOGLE 20-Aug, BECKY LAMBERT 23-Aug, KAY AGUILAR 26-Aug, FRANCISCO J. RODULFO JR. 27-Aug, MARY BETH CALK 27-Aug, EMMA MAY 28-Aug, JUANITA SCOTT 28-Aug, CHARLIE SETTLES 28-Aug, ERICK BENTON 30-Aug,

Happy Anniversary to: TOM & CYNTHIA SETTLES 4-Aug, REV. JOHN & FELICITE MEANDE 8-Aug, DWIGHT & MARY HALE 26-Aug.

(If we have missed your special day, please notify Cynthia in the church office).