

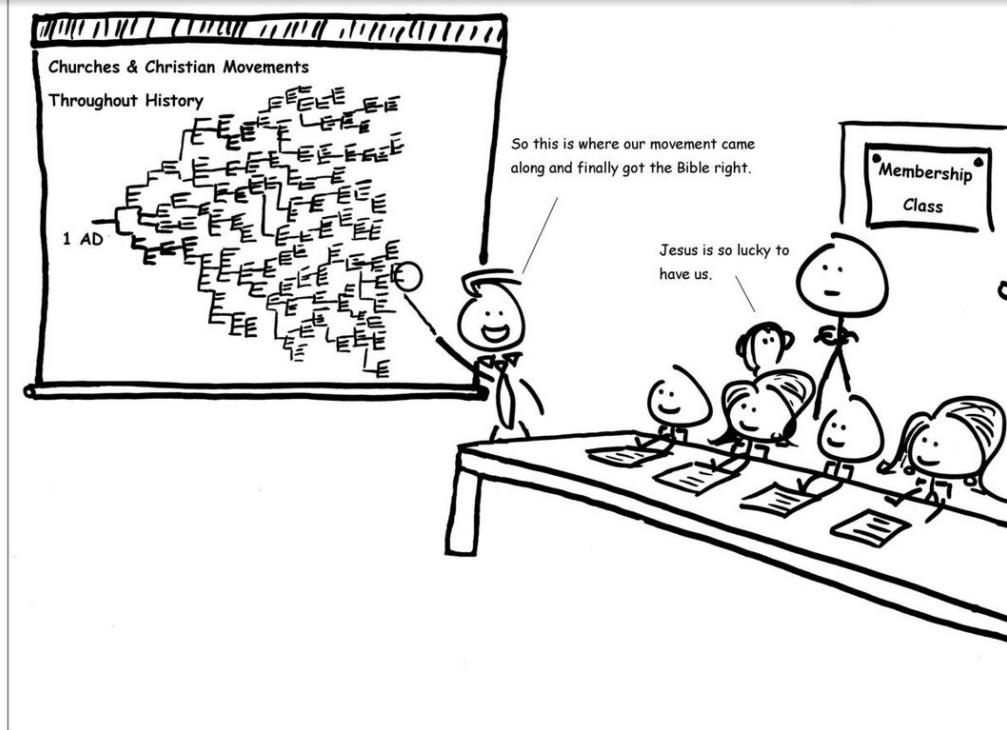
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June 10, 2021



By Rev. Katy Walters



"Who's Right?" I was asked this once by a youth while in a very long car ride from Atlanta to St. Louis for a Mission Trip. I was with a great group of high school students who were all so different from one another it made your brain hurt a bit. But there we were, driving on a long stretch of highway while they debated "who was right" in...scripture. One of my youth had a Nigerian preacher father and knew her scripture just about better than any pastor. She and another youth, a young man who I believe is on track to be a lawyer, were arguing which scripture was "right" when some of the verses seemed to contradict one another.

I was perfectly content to be on a fly on the wall, when I heard them ask, "Hey Katy, who's right?"

"Well," I began, setting cruise control and buying time while I thought of how to respond. I finally started with, "I think you're both right." As I heard the intake of breath from them to argue, I continued on.

"I think one of the gifts from the Holy Spirit is each and everyone's ability to hear God's Divine Word." Always looking for an opportunity to teach, I added, "And remember, while we believe the authority of scripture to be wholly upon God, we understand that the Spirit is at work through our hearing and understanding of God's Word."

(I was summing up what the Westminster Confession of Faith says: "The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men. **Nevertheless, we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word:** and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature, and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed. *See why I summed it up!?!?*")

I told them where the Word of God was used to break down or oppress, that probably was not the intention of God, for example, the crusades, slavery, etc. I believe God's Word to inspire us in our living out of our faith. While it's hard for me to imagine a man in a whale's belly, I admit I don't need to know every single detail of Jonah's story to believe God is at work when prophets run away and don't listen, and I believe, as we hear time and time again, our God is a saving God.

So who's right? I'd say, those who read scripture and apply it to their living to the glory of God and benefit of God's creation. And too, I think those who allow God's Word to take root in their heart and change their lives...or even let it rule their lives!

And how we hear it, understand it, might be different from someone from a different church, town, state, or country. I think that's pretty cool, as it allows us to be in conversation and allows for the Spirit to be at work so that we might grow and change in understanding who God is.

At the end of the day, I'll be honest, it doesn't really matter to me who's right and who's wrong. What matters is that we remember who's Word we're reading and what that demands of us.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we read Your Holy Word, may we remember it is indeed Your Word for us. Center us on You. Send Your Spirit in our hearing and keep us from using Your Word as a weapon against others. May we remember how Your Word is a lamp unto our paths. Amen.



[\(Click here for more scripture verses on agreeing.\)](#)

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Join us for Worship this Sunday at 10:30 am in person or online. We're continuing our sermon series exploring God at Work in the story of Samuel and Saul. Our bulletin will be shared tomorrow on Facebook.



Beginning this Sunday!



We've missed seeing your face! Join us on Sunday Mornings before worship for some fellowship time all together.

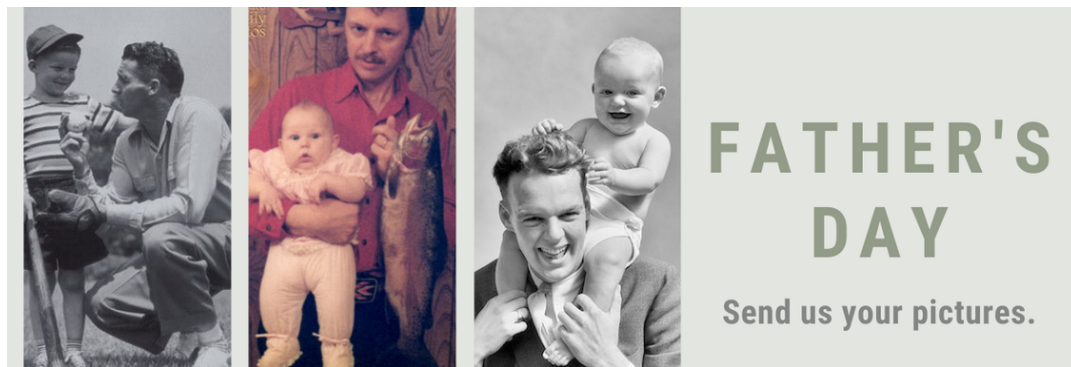
We'll have water and pre-packaged breakfast snacks, and encourage you to bring your coffee or breakfast drink of choice. There's plenty of seating with our new picnic tables, too!

Summer Sunday Mornings

9:45 to 10:15 am



Even though she's been here since February, we're making Rev. Katy Walters official! **Join us on Sunday, June 27th, at 3:00 pm for an Installation Service with a reception to follow.** All are welcome to join us!



On June 20th, Father's Day, our Sunday Worship will acknowledge the men in our lives who have encouraged us in our faith journey. We're asking for submissions of pictures of fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, sons, uncles, men who have played a role in our life. In sending your picture, please identify who is who in the photo.

Please send your photos to Pastor Katy (pastor@fhpconline.org) by Tuesday, June 15th to be included in the video.



Our Fellowship Committee is working on new name tags for our church body. After a year of only seeing half of our faces, these new magnetic name tags will help us greet one another by name. Place your order online or in-person using the form provided and pay online or through check/cash.

Cost is \$7.00 per nametag.

Please let Rev. Katy Walters know if you need financial assistance towards your name tag.

[Click here for the online order form.](#)



WORSHIP SURVEY

On behalf of the Worship Committee, we appreciate you taking the time to fill out this short survey regarding comfort levels in returning to worship and returning to singing in worship.

Click here to take the survey.



The Gamesters are back and ready to play!

Bring a sack lunch, any game to play, and join in the fun the Third Thursday of the month, beginning Thursday, June 17th at 11:30 in the CWNC Building. Not into games? Come and visit!

Community Blood Drive

JUNE 26 AT 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Helotes House of Neighborly Service is sponsoring a Community Blood Drive in partnership with the San Antonio Blood and Tissue Center. Join us at this important community event and help save lives in our community!

Ready to schedule your appointment?
Simply call Joe Beach at 210-394-4240.





Free Fans

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Anyone over 60 years of age, and is in need, can receive a free fan from our Helotes House.

If you are in need of a fan, please call our Helotes House of Neighborly Service representatives: Cathy McCoy at 210-954-7603, Edna Molina at 830-734-6349

The criteria to receive a free box fan:

- 60 years of age and older
- Bexar County resident
- Critical need of this assistance
- Register with the Helotes House of Neighborly Service

Ladies Lunch Out

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30
11:30 AM AT FISH CITY GRILL
7010 W LOOP 1604 N SUITE 111, 78254



Forest Hills Presbyterian Church

VBS
2021

**You've Got a
Friend in Me!**

July 26-29 from 6:00-8:00 pm
Dinner is served from 5:30-6:00 pm.



- Volunteer to help! We need greeters, group leaders, assistant group leaders, station helpers, nursery, set up and clean up helpers
- Donate an item from the Giving Tree (located in the narthex) or from the Amazon Wishlist
- Collect small 12 oz Gatorade bottles (with lids) and cardboard boxes no smaller than 8x10 inches and no larger than 10x14 inches

Click below to view the 2021 VBS Amazon Wish List

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Please place donations in the narthex no later than July 11. Contact Emily or Cami to volunteer or for more information.

To register for VBS, simply click on the button below!

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Ryan McEntire & Linda Rose Klar.

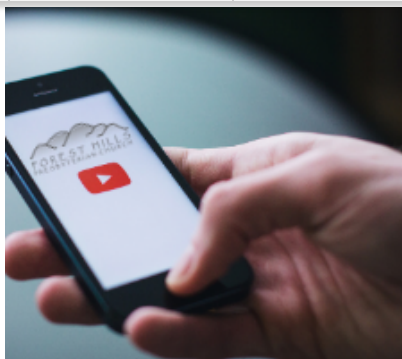
Happy Anniversary to Randal & Jean Cude, Toxie & Carole Andrews and Chuck & Judy Vinton.



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You can also join our weekly prayer email by clicking below.

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