

# CONVERSATIONS



OCTOBER 15, 2023

11:00 AM WORSHIP

CALLING

## Greeting & Upcoming News

### Prelude Feature

*Reverberations*

### Hymn 559

*Rescue the Perishing*

### Morning Prayer

### Hymn 591

*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*

### Music Feature

*Morning Grace*

### Hymn

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,  
Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when You but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

## Message

*Conversations: Calling*

Mark 1:16-29

### Hymn 486

*Lord, Here Am I*

### Prayer of Commitment

### Music Feature

*I Will Go*

### Recognition of Decisions

### Benediction

### Postlude

Mrs. Karen McAmis

Sanctuary Handbells

Sallie Lloyd

RESCUE

Rev. Susie Reeder

ELLESDIE

Sanctuary Handbells  
Grieg & "New Britain"/Scholes

KELVINGROVE

Pastor Blake Bengé

BECK

Rev. Geron Gambill

Sanctuary Choir  
Keveren

Pastor Bengé

Miss Merritt Coggin

Mrs. Davenport, organist

## INVITATION TO RESPOND

- Comment on Facebook
- Share this worship service on your social media
- Email a decision or prayer request to [info@snydermbc.com](mailto:info@snydermbc.com)
- As comfort and common sense allows, reach out to your next door neighbors. Be a neighbor. Share and show Christ.

Are you visiting with us today? Just scan the QR code for more info. We'd love to get to know you!



## TAKE IT WITH YOU

In the book entitled **Unlikely Friendships** by Jennifer Holland, writer for National Geographic magazine, there are nearly 50 stories of animals who become *unlikely friends*. From an African elephant and a sheep to the owl and a greyhound, accounts of varied animal species demonstrating unexpected compassion and friendship spill across the pages, not to mention beautiful photography. One story included of a baby hippo and a 130 year old tortoise made the rounds on Facebook a few years ago! They actually have their own book, **Owen and Mzee, A True Story of a Remarkable Friendship**. In her observations, Barbara King, animal behaviorist, describes Owen's and Mzee's mutual communication as sophisticated, *"It's a dynamic dance between two species with no present program on how to deal with each other. And it can't just be instinct, because one was shaping its behavior to the other."*

That a Holy God would choose to have a relationship with me, a sinner both flawed and fractured, simply boggles my imagination. This Amazing Grace pours over the dark and ugly parts of my nature making me a new creation in Him. Christ wraps me in a robe of righteousness inviting me to sit at His Table. Jesus says, "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Remain in My love." Responding, I confess my inability to know absolute goodness or unconditional love apart from Christ. A spiritual dance begins between ancient holiness and growing faith. My heart desires to be more like Christ with His presence teaching me to love completely, His grace influencing me to live abundantly. The Savior and a sinner ~ this is truly an *unlikely friendship, one shaping its behavior to the other*.

Lord, it is hard to believe in Love this real! It is hard to accept Love so pure! You are Perfect Love offered to imperfect me. Words come and go, heard and not heard, written and forgotten, but when I choose to love others, touching their everyday wounds and weariness, dilemmas and decisions, fears and failures - I am loving You and offering Your love to others. Use me, Lord. Amen.

~ Donna Oswalt

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NC STATE FAIR TRIP:** There are a few seats left! Call Lyn in the Church Office to sign up.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR FALL FEST NEEDED:** We will be having this fun community event on Friday, October 27, from 5:30- 7:30pm. There are many ways to help out! You can sign up by going to Snyder's website and clicking on the Fall Fest Volunteer slide.

**CANDY COLLECTION FOR THE FALL FEST:** People may still contribute peanut-free candy for the Fall Fest by dropping it off in the container in the Gathering Hall or bringing it by the Church Office.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES:** Come by today and pick up some boxes to fill! We will be collecting them until November 17. Snyder's goal is 2300 boxes.

**UPWARD BASKETBALL:** All participants are required to have an evaluation to play. They will be held October 21, 28 and November 4 from 9am - noon. Practices for basketball/cheer will begin in December and the season will begin on January 13. See *The Bell* on how to register or sign up as a volunteer.

**GOLF OUTING:** Tuesday, October 24, Cost \$29 at Cypress Lakes Golf Course Tee-off at 10am Sign up by calling George Holden at (910) 977-4626 by Monday, October 23.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT - GRADES 6 - 8 - NOVEMBER 3 -5:** \$125 per person Register at [www.snyderstudents.com/events](http://www.snyderstudents.com/events).

**ORPHAN SUNDAY CHILD SPONSORSHIP:** As we recognize Orphan Sunday on Sunday, November 5, we will be providing you with the opportunity to sponsor children from our international partners in Haiti, Kenya and Myanmar.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Operation Inasmuch Mission Packing Day will be on Saturday, November 18.

**PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION IN BOTH SERVICES ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19:** See *The Bell* on ways to register for this special dedication time.

Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?

- Mark 2:16

"When someone sees Jesus rightly, repentance is impulsive."

Jackie Hill Perry

## When in a Good News Conversation

- Be full of the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Be genuine.
- Connect with the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Their personality & point of need.
- Share the Good News in a way \_\_\_\_\_ can understand it.
- Leave the results to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Leave their response to \_\_\_\_\_.

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

- Mark 2:17

Your Concern/Care:

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## HOW TO GIVE TO SNYDER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

### Cash or Check

- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

### Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to [www.snydermbc.com](http://www.snydermbc.com); select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)

*or*

- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions

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SHARING CHRIST, AND SERVING OTHERS."