

Faith Calls...

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Pastor's Thoughts

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Let There Be Peace

With news of the terror attack at the Arianna Grande concert in Manchester, GB, have come additional calls to further close our borders. Any time an incident such as this is reported the fear and distrust of persons of the Islamic faith increases dramatically.

Please understand these attacks are not about religion. These are highly radicalized persons who are pursuing terror to bring about political ends. A study done by British Intelligence services in 2008, indicates the majority of the attackers were not devout in their religious practices prior to their becoming part of a radicalized sect.

It is important to know that the perpetrator of the attack in England was born there to parents of Middle Eastern descent. In Florida recently, a young white man killed his roommates for insulting his Islamic faith. The young man was born in the U.S. to white parents and was a former member of a neo-Nazi group and had converted to Islam. Makes it tough to spot the bad guys.

Persons of faith should remember that your neighbor is your neighbor. They might be people of different cultural and ethnic heritage; they may be of different religions or speak another language. This does not make them dangerous. And a healthy Christian faith will not let you use a broad-brush approach to attempt to resolve this grave matter. The only responsible consideration should be conduct that indicates ill intentions.

This does not require you to put aside your personal security or that of our country. You should always be aware of potential dangers and act as necessary for the safety of yourself, your family and your nation. It does call upon your faith to resist the urge to stereotype and further the causes of hatred.

"Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me. (Sy Miller and Jill Johnson, 1955).

Shalom,
Bro. David

Birthdays

6/2, Hannah Cozart
 6/6, Mary Theilen
 6/12, Kaitlin Hoffman
 6/14, Jan Brummett
 6/15, Bro. David Hoffman
 6/17, Nicholas Cozart
 Donna Scroggin
 6/21, Bryan Cozart
 6/22, Joyce Booth
 Mona Whitney
 6/25, Courtney Traxler
 6/26, Teresa Cozart
 Gayle Jones

Anniversary

6/29, Cliff & Norma Stewart

Pentecost Sunday, June 4

One of the principal days of the Christian year is celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter. The Greek word *Pentecoste* means "fiftieth day." It is the day on which the Christian church commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and others assembled in Jerusalem. It is referred to as the birthday of the church. The liturgical color is red. Celebrate with us in FH after Worship Service.

April Stats

Date	Worship	Gen. Fund
4/2	56	\$ 5,889
4/9	61	\$ 1,579
4/13 Holy Thur.	42	\$ 114
4/16 Easter	114	\$ 2,425
4/23	53	\$ 1,424
4/30	42	<u>\$ 1,369</u>
		\$12,800
Noisy Offering		\$ 142
Roof		\$ 620

Thank you. The donations for "Books for Brady" allowed our shoppers to purchase over 500 books for the students to enjoy this summer. Thank you!

Special Events: June 3, Sat., 11am, Church-wide Picnic, Maumelle Park

June 10, Sat., 2-4pm, Open House at the Hoffman's, in Roland

June 16, Fri., 6-7:30pm, Fish Fry and Birthday Party for Bro. David

June 18, Sun., Father's Day and Annual Conference (begins in evening)

June 24, Sat., 11:00am, Service of Thanksgiving Marking the 60th Anniversary of the Ordination of Reverend Nathaniel T. Grady, Sr. Potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall follows service.

Deadline for July newsletter is June 15, 2017

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