

# Faith Calls...

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**Pastor's Thoughts**

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## The American Attitude

I have been observing recent events all over the nation following the violence in Charlottesville, North Carolina. I'm sure you have been following as well, as these events have made up the majority of news lately. News sources must report such events; they will not go away by ignoring them. When it is in front of you, it demands your attention.

The change in American attitudes is shocking. The attitude of racism is not new by any means, but it was not nearly as prominent as now. People proudly embrace their racism and the activities and visibility of white supremacy groups is at an all time high. This is not nationalism this is hatred. This disgusting trend must be reversed.

America is a nation of many peoples. If you are not Native American by ethnicity, your ancestors came from other nations as immigrants. Others came by force as slaves. It took the Civil War to end slavery and those former slaves became equal citizens as a result of a constitutional amendment. Even later (1941-1945), America entered World War II against Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, and Imperial Japan, to stop systematic governmental programs of genocide, hatred and racial superiority. Because of faith, America believed in the importance of fighting these evils. Yet today some Americans struggle with the concept.

Paul ended this discussion in his letter to the Galatians, saying, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28)." If you are or even claim to be Christian, there is no alternative to this verse. Jesus calls us to regard all people as our brothers and sisters and joint heirs, in other words, EQUALS.

There can be no room for hatred. As people of faith, you are charged to work for the prevention of hatred and its results. There can be no hesitation and there is no alternative. When politicians' rhetoric become hatred, whether veiled or direct, confront it. The same is true for clubs and organizations you belong to and even friends. Confront and stop the hatred. In this case, your silence means you accept their particular brand of evil.

Shalom,  
*Bro. David*

## Birthdays

9/9, Kisa Bellamy  
 9/13, Amy Dyer  
 9/20, Ginger Robertson  
 9/26, Cliff Stewart

## Anniversary

9/18, Robert and Anita Rutt

## WE ARE PRAYING!

Faith United Methodist Church members are in prayer for all of those who have lost so much during the storms in Texas. We give thanks for all of those who continue to offer help to the victims.

## What's Up...

Several events are on our calendar as fall approaches. Please be aware that your help will be needed in order for us to have a successful Pumpkin Patch, Fall Festival, the final Fish Fry for 2017, and Parent's Night Out.

Mark your calendar with the following dates:

9/15, final Fish Fry for 2017  
 9/26, Life Line Screening  
 10/28, Fall Festival  
 10/29, Potluck follows Worship

Watch for "**Something to Think About!**" on the back of your bulletin each week beginning Sept. 3rd. You will find a question. Give some serious thought to your answer. How will it effect your behavior each week? Do you care to respond? Send an e-mail to Office@faithumc-lr.org or place a note in the basket on the table near the Markham entrance. The Pastor would like to hear from you.

As you see, we have a lot going on at Faith. The weather will be changing and we will have some pleasant days to be outdoors. Join the fun. Your help is always needed!

Deadline for Oct. newsletter is Sept. 15, 2017

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