



## “Another Companion”

In a Charlie Brown comic strip years ago, Linus is dragging his blanket as he remarks to Charlie, “You look kinda’ depressed.” “I worry about school a lot,” says Charlie Brown. “I worry about my worrying so much about school.” Sitting on a log together, Charlie Brown then says, “My anxieties have anxieties!” Are you worried and anxious? Do you ever feel God does not care or that God is too far or too big to bother with your concerns? Listen to this:

“If you love me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know him, because he abides with you, and He will be in you.” (John 14:15-17 NRSV)

This passage, the companion Scripture to my sermon text this Sunday, follows verses where Jesus comforts His disciples. His ministry was winding down, and He offered some much needed reassurance to some shaky followers. Reassurance from Jesus – the guy who commands the sea, heals the sick, and raises the dead – that’s enough, right? Not enough for Thomas and Philip. They needed more. The

prospect of life without Christ was scary. The feeling and sense that God would not be near worried them. Notice, He never chides them with, “You need to toughen up!” or “Worrying is for sissies!” Instead, Jesus responds with encouragement to hang in there, keep working – “do the works that I do.” He addresses the disciples’ worry with a task and then a promise – “I will ask the Father, and He will send another Companion ... the Spirit of Truth.” Jesus’ physical life on earth was ending. He knew the troubles ahead for His followers. He also knew that God, the author of all Creation, could manage their worries. No need to go searching for God as if God were hidden and distant. God remains with us, within us.

Jesus used the word “forever” in this passage. That has today covered too. Today’s highs and lows aren’t yours to maneuver alone. The Spirit of Truth is there. Your Companion is there. Remember, God is near.

*Pastor Leonard*

## ADULTS

### Preschool End-of-Year Program

Thursday, May 18, 6:00 pm  
The evening will include a patriotic program honoring veterans from our church.

### Pause for Prayer

On the first Wednesday night of each month, beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup> during our evening prayer time, we will take time to “Pause” for Prayer. We will take these times at twilight, as we transition from work to rest, to pray the Psalms, express prayers for the people (near and far), and to simply connect with God in the midst of real life.

### Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed this summer at both Habitat for Humanity ReStore locations. Many different opportunities are available, most in the air conditioning. More info is posted on the church bulletin board, or call the church office at 927-5454.

### Memorial Sunday

May 28  
10:30 a.m.

### Deacon Meeting

Sunday, May 21  
5:30 p.m.

### Ladies Book Study

Monday, May 22  
1:30 p.m.

### Music Camp Collection

pine cones  
metal can tabs  
plastic six-pack holders.  
Baskets are located in the church reception area near the office to collect these items needed for Music Camp.

### Wednesday Night May 24

Dinner, 5:15 p.m.

Chicken Tenders with White Gravy, Oven Baked Sliced Red Potatoes, Broccoli, Green Salad, Rolls, Cookies

### Bible Study:

*Holy Spirit: The Trinity*  
*Holy Spirit-God with us*

### Memorial Day

Monday, May 29  
HOLIDAY-CHURCH  
OFFICE CLOSED

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### In Appreciation

Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:

**Leah Geheber**  
**Pam Morgan**  
**Sam Fishburn**

### Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to **Diane Livings** on the death of her sister.

### Wednesday Night Summer Schedule

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Now through June 14 | Regular Wednesday Nights                      |
| June 21             | Bible Study Only-No Meal                      |
| June 28             | Regular Wednesday Night                       |
| July                | No Wednesday Nights in July                   |
| August 2 & 9        | No Wednesday Nights                           |
| August 16           | Back to Broadmoor<br>Wednesday Night Kick-Off |

### Bible Survey Class

*God's Story: A Survey of the Biblical Narrative*

Sundays in May, 9:15 a.m.

Week Three, May 21: The New Testament

Week Four, May 28: The Church

The class is held upstairs in the old game room, west end.

## IN APPRECIATION

I am so grateful for the constant support that I receive from each member of this church. Constantly, I am asked how the fundraising for Italy is going. I am always received with a smile and words of encouragement telling me "you'll make it happen". Specifically, I would like to thank Paul and anyone else who was involved in helping set up the benefit concert. To all those who were able to attend, thank you. I will never forget the immense generosity that was shown to me and to Prentiss. Words could never express how thankful I am to each and everyone of you but thank you. I look forward to every Wednesday night and Sunday morning and I will continue to do so as long as you all will have me.

-Steve Valenzuela

## CALENDAR

### Thursday, May 18

10:00 A BBQilters  
6:00 P Preschool End-of-Year Program, CAH

### Friday, May 19

9:00 A Yoga  
7:00 P Youth/Parents Broadmoor Olympics, CAH

### Sunday, May 21

9:00 A Library Opens  
9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship

*Extended Teaching Care*  
Amanda & Zafer Goncu, Wanda Williams, Donna Patterson

4:00 P Francisco and Friends Benefit Concert  
5:30 P Deacon Meeting  
7:00 P College Bible Study

### Monday, May 22

1:30 P Ladies Book Study  
6:00 P Newcomer's Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, May 23

9:30 A Yoga

### Wednesday, May 24

7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast  
5:15 P Church Family Dinner  
6:00 P Children's Program  
Youth Bible Study  
6:15 P Adult Bible Study  
7:00 P Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, May 25

10:00 A BBQilters

### Friday, May 26

9:00 A Yoga

## YOUTH

### Broadmoor Olympics

Friday, May 19

7-8:30 p.m.

Both parents and Youth are invited to join in the fun as we play life-sized board games!

### Tubing

Thursday, June 8

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Messy Games

Saturday, June 17

5 p.m.-7 p.m.

### Passport Camp

July 8-15

Greensboro, NC

## CHILDREN

### 2017 Summer Music Camp *Holy Moses*

June 19-23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
For children who have completed Kindergarten-5th grade. Please register in the church office. Cost is \$75.

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## BBC Youth/Parent

# Olympics



**Friday, May 19**

**7-8:30 p.m.**

**Activities Hall**

## Francisco and Friends Benefit Concert

Featuring Dr. Francisco Silva, Sonya Feres Lloyd, and Bernadette Fitzpatrick

**Sunday, May 21**

**4 p.m. in the Sanctuary**