### The Righteousness of Faith

hat must I do to be saved?" This question was asked of Jesus over and over again, and folk in our day still pose this concern. "What rules must I obey, what regulations do I have to follow, in order to inherit eternal life?" Or "What will happen to me if I do not keep all of God's commandments? Will I still be saved?"

In writing to the new Christians in Rome, Paul struggled to provide them with a response that would put their minds and hearts at ease. We too need to hear Paul's answer; and we, like those Roman Christians, must accept and live by that answer.

To respond to their question, Paul reminded the Roman Christians, formerly Jews, of their heritage. He took them back to Abraham, the father of the nation of Israel—and several other nations as well. Paul reminded his readers, and us, that God made a promise to Abraham long before the law existed. (The law did not come until the time of the Exodus, perhaps five hundred years after Abraham.) That promise (read about it in Genesis 12:1-3) did not depend on Abraham performing any rituals, undertaking any tasks, or achieving any goals. That promise was fulfilled in Abraham simply because Abraham believed, that is, trusted God completely and had faith, confidence, absolute certainty, that God would fulfill God's promises. God counted that belief, that faith, that absolute trust, as complete righteousness, as even more important than obedience to laws and rules. Read Genesis 15:6.

We too can and will be counted as righteous, as perfectly, completely, totally acceptable to God, not by our own efforts at external righteousness but by our faith, our total faith, in God and in God's love.

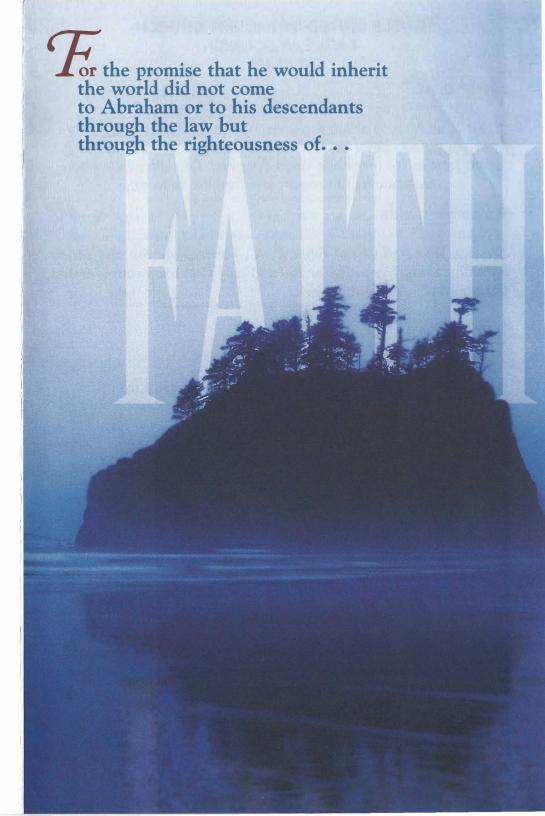
"What must we do to be saved?" Believe that God loves you! That's righteousness!

—John P. Gilbert

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#### EAGLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EAGLE, WISCONSIN 8:30 AM

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

1st Sunday in June

Our Mission is to share the presence of God to all people by nurturing each other in Faith and Christian Love, by providing opportunities for growth through Worship, Christian Education, Community Outreach, and Faithful Witness.

Welcome friends! As we worship today, we pray for Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts to the grace, wisdom and strength of God. If this is your first visit to Eagle UMC, we welcome you and please introduce yourselves to Pastor Bill and may God bless your worship today and your upcoming week.

\* Introit Prayer

\* Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

No. 189

(Please join us in singing Amen after the opening hymn)

\* Statement of Faith

No. 884

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and redeemer, the Savior of the world We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting.

Welcome/Announcements Kid's Message

#### Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

My Impossible Situation:

Date:

**Offertory** 

Please sign our Ritual of Friendship pad during the offering.

\* Doxology

**No.** 95

**Special Music:** 

"You Are My Hiding Place"

**Sermon Scripture:** 

Psalm 96: 1-13

Bible pg. O.T. 934

Message:

The Essentials of Worship

\* Hymn:

**Spirit Song** 

No. 341

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

Money is one of God's gifts to people.

"Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and he happy in his work < this is a gift of God" (Feel 5:10)

\* = Please stand as you are able

#### **COMING EVENTS**

All Church Picnic June 5<sup>th</sup>
Church Council Meeting June 6th
Saturday Service moving to Thursday on June 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Church Office Hours**

6:00pm to 8:00pm Monday & Wednesday 9:00am to 5:00pm Saturday If you need office services at another time, please call the Church Office to schedule an appointment at 594-2111.

# Please stop by the resource table in the back of the church. The materials are for your spiritual enrichment and are free for you to take.

The prayer chain procedure is as follows; the congregation will be instructed through the worship bulletin to call Harry Bowey to start a prayer request. From there, each person will call the next individual on the list with Pastor Bill being last, and he will call Harry Bowey to finish the prayer chain. If it happens that the person who you are to call on the prayer chain is unavailable, please leave a message on his or her answering machine (if available) and state that you will be calling the next person on the prayer chain. Then call the next individual on the prayer chain. Preferably (if you are led) it is good to pray on the phone with the person whom you are calling; and after you receive the prayer request, please continue praying as long as the Lord leads you. Also, if a person who is on the prayer list places a prayer request on the chain, it is not necessary to call that person.

#### Prayer Chain call list:

Harry Bowey	594-2486
Mabel Finney	594-2378
Myrtle Bohlman	594-2670
Pat Hawes	594-2410
Karen Sagert	594-3233
Ellie Hall	594-2716
Claire Josten	414-507-8034
Nancy Blomiley	594-3022
Pastor Bill	262-224-2581

Ministers: Everyone
Pastor: Bill Busch
Choir Director: Carol Kugel

Musicians: Jim Langreder & Jim Foster

Church Phone: 594-2111
Pastor's Phone: 594-5292
E-mail Address: eumc@wcf.net

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Sunday	6-5-2005	8:30am 12:00p.m.	Worship Service All Church Picnic
Monday	6-6-2005	6:30p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Thursday	6-09-2005	5:15p.m. 6:30p.m	Praise Team Practice Contemporary Service

\*\*\*Please note: Sat. service will move to Thursdays on June 9<sup>th</sup> for the summer months.



#### STAIR LIFT

If you need to use the stair lift; Please have a companion see the usher for assistance.

Please note: Bulletin information needs to be placed in the bulletin folder outside the office no later than Tuesday for inclusion in the next Sunday's

#### Pastoral Care

If you are in need of Pastoral care, please call the church at 262-594-2111

In case of an emergency, please call Pastor Bill's cell phone at 262-224-2581.

To e-mail Pastor Bill - <a href="mailto:eumc@wcf.net">eumc@wcf.net</a>.

#### **Prayer requests**

Ray – Heart Brian – Stroke Tom- mind & spirit

Kevin – Spinal cord Megan – Brain Dan-Aneurysm

Brynn- Stomach Lisa – Cancer Anna Kugel-good health

Donna – Cancer Dale Howard – mind/spirit

Andrew Lang – Full Recovery Marie Knowlton – surgery

Mark Williams - employment Jeremiah-Leukemia

Marg – comfort Steve- Cancer brain tumor

Edward Toby – Amputation Kathy – Stroke Ben - grace

Victor – heart Laura- cancer Dick S. -- cancer

Missy-pregnancy Carly-mind/spirit

## Please pray for these soldiers who are connected with our congregation.

The bible tells us in 1 Timothy 2:2 to pray, "for rulers and for all who have authority so that we can have quiet and peaceful lives full of worship and respect for God." So pray for our government leaders as well as for peace and justice. Also pray for God's will regarding military conflict in the Middle and Far East.

Christopher	Rett Baldwin	Zachary Holbus
David & Heather Berg	Adam Ballie	Tim Beck
Matthew Hall	John Hall	Jake Lucht
Benjamin Holbus	John Kuehl	Dan Bennett
Jon & Suzanne Kristof	Tim Loucks	Josh Kalvin
David Overstreet	Eric Peterson	Doug Loucks
John Pflugradt	JoAnn Schedler	John Wilson
Jessie Szombathelyi	Tony Whitaker	Jenni
SawyerNathen Trussoni	Scott Merriner	Jon Rutschky
Justin Rondorf	Bob McMahon	

#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Ray DeCaluwe 6-2 Glenn Furst 6-3, Kaitlyn Kuhl 6-4, Anna Kugel 6-4, Nathaniel Mueller 6-15, Gillian Mecca 6-16 James DeCaluwe 6-16, Glenn Wright 6-18, Jean Bowey 6-19 Laura Loucks 6-21, Aaron Kuhl 6-22, Katie Roller 6-25 Eric McElroy 6-29

#### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Russ & Pat Chapman 6-11, Steven & Tracy Sorge 6-15, Mel & Carol Kugel 6-22, Jerry & Karen Sagert 6-24, Dexter & Marlys Badinger 6-28

#### Club 9

Club 9 is an organization for youth ages 13 to 18, and meets on the  $1^{st}$  &  $3^{rd}$  Sundays at 5:00pm (dinner included).

For more information call Ken Rheingans at 593-5616 Ken.rheingans@disciplefarm.com

#### PRAYER CHAIN

If you are in need of prayer and would like to have that need placed on the prayer chain, please call Harry Bowey to begin the prayer chain at (262-594-2486).

If you have the desire to pray for others and would like to be on the prayer chain; please call the church office at 594-2111. Thank you.

#### **Food Pantry Collection**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and Sunday of each month.

Next collection June 4th & June 5th

Items most needed:

All tomato products
All types of paper products
Meals in a can

Please make all checks out to EUMC And, in memo area, write food pantry.

**Volunteers Needed for Parades** 

3 or 4 people are needed for the EUMC float for both the Mukwonago Parade on June 19<sup>th</sup> and the Eagle Parade on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Please see Harry Bowey if you are interested.