



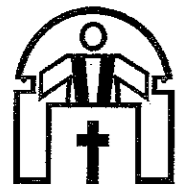
# EASTMINSTER MESSENGER

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## "When Jesus Makes You Mad"

Does the suggestion above trouble you? Is the thought of being mad at Jesus simply unacceptable to you? I think we have trouble being mad at God but, for the most part, many of us can get beyond that and recognize that it's a very scriptural thing to do – Job, the writers of the Psalms and most of the Old Testament prophets being prime examples.

Being mad at God is something we talk about on occasion. But being mad at Jesus is something else. Why is that, I wonder? Why, even though it's difficult, do we find it more acceptable to be mad at God than at Jesus? Is it because with Jesus we're considering a real, live, flesh and blood person?

I must confess there are times when I read some of the things that Jesus said in the gospels that I'm left in consternation. I find myself perplexed, scratching my head and wondering why he would say what I just read. When I'm honest enough with myself, though, those are simply nicer ways of saying "I'm mad at Jesus for saying that." I know it's crazy and I know I can't question the very Son of God, but – well, I do.

One of the things he says that bothers me is found in Matthew 20:1-16, a familiar and troublesome parable. Read it and give thought to what you do "When Jesus Makes You Mad."

Blessings,  
Dennis



## Operation Inasmuch

Please plan on joining us on Saturday, October 1, 8-1, for a great experience in serving Christ! Some of you have already signed up & we'll have brochures available in the office and we'll include them in our newsletter and bulletin next week.

## Celebrating Children & Youth!

Last Sunday in worship we had the opportunity to celebrate Grandparents' Day (along with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11 and Fall Kick-Off). What a blessing grandparents are in the life of the church and what a blessing they are to their family.

This Sunday we'll go the other direction chronologically and celebrate our children and our youth. Our special music – the introit and the anthem – will be presented by our children and it will be all young people serving as ushers and greeters.

Something else that will be a bit different this Sunday will be the inclusion of two other worship participants at the beginning of the service. We have traditionally used an acolyte at the 10:30 service to light the candles at the beginning of worship. It's always a young person, usually someone in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. I know many of our younger children look forward to the time they can serve as an acolyte in worship.



Within the old Presbyterian Scottish tradition of worship, there were two other participants at the beginning of worship – a crucifer and a beadle. The crucifer leads the processional, carrying a cross that is stationed at the front of the sanctuary and the beadle carries the Bible, which is placed on the communion table.

This Sunday, we'll incorporate both of these extra participants in worship. With the number of children in our church family, it may be a good idea to be giving consideration to this being an ongoing procedure. Just as the young children aspire to being an acolyte, our acolytes can aspire to being a bit older and being a beadle and they in turn can aspire to being a crucifer.

Please celebrate our young people at the 10:30 service this Sunday!

## DONATIONS NEEDED



Fall is in the air and deacons' Christmas Basket thoughts are tuning to food. This month, as garden bounty continues, we're asking for donations of canned vegetables and fruits. Remember to check expiration dates when shopping. Take advantage of grocery coupons, two for one specials, etc. and let's stock the cupboards of our Christmas Basket families!



American Red Cross

## Eastminster Blood Drive Results

Thank you to all who donated blood on Sunday, August 7th. Because of our efforts we were able to provide 12 pints of blood for patient care. Our goal was 15 and 14 people presented to donate resulting in 12 productive units. The American Red Cross appreciates our continued support of their life-giving mission.



## Loaves & Fishes For The Fall

Our fall session for Loaves and Fishes is now being coordinated. If you are a past participant and want to be included, or if you have not been a participant in the past, but would like to join the fun, please fill out the form below and drop in the offering plate on Sunday. We are looking forward to an exciting new session.

## Loaves & Fishes



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Wayne Fiester at 490-9101 or by email at: wfiester@wowway.com for more information.

## PRAYER WALL

Please pray for the following individuals:  
Martene McGinnis, Vicki Allen, David, Linda Coleman.

For more specific information, please stop by the prayer wall located in Fellowship Hall.



Thank you!

Staff, members and friends at Eastminster,

We are so very grateful for your concerns and prayers during Pat's fall and injury last week. You were a major contributor to her healing which is going very well. Praise Be to God!

Sincerely,  
The Hodges

## BEGINNING BRIDGE

Beginning next Wednesday, September 21st from 2-4 in Fellowship Hall, Jo Chaddock will be teaching beginning bridge. Anyone interested in learning the basics of bridge is welcome to attend.



## Armchair Travelers Resuming for the Fall Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 PM

Please join us on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. for a trip down under by Ron & Patsy Sproatt. Ron & Patsy will be sharing their trip to New Zealand & Australia. Everyone is welcome!

## THANKS, ROLAND!



Our deep appreciation is extended to Roland Small for providing the patriotic flowers last Sunday in commemoration of 9-11 and for his display in Fellowship Hall that very poignantly showed us the rich history of our nation that has enabled us to endure trouble and tribulation for more than two and a half centuries. Great job, Ro!

# Christian Education



WHAT A WAY TO  
KICK-OFF OUR  
C.E. PROGRAMS  
FOR 2011-2012!

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS—  
WE GET TO DO IT AGAIN  
EVERY SUNDAY!

It would not have been possible to have had such a smooth start to our fall programs without the help of many, many people. To each of you we say a heartfelt thank-you!

...Special thanks to Dennie, Marian and Ashton LaChance for their untold hours on work on our classrooms.

...To Susan Shelton and Helen Reed who helped with our Opening Assembly.

...To Melissa Mattingly who made sure our donuts and juice were in place.

...To our secretary, Mary Fulkerson for her help with our mail-outs and our office volunteers who help in so many ways!

...To Nancy and Allen Sanderson for decorating our children's hallway.

...To all of our teaching staff — Laura Nicholson, Susan Riley, Barbara Kuykendall, Linda Moore, Kim Weil, Brent and Amy Van Zandt, Mark Nicholson, Emma Sue Davenport, Dennis Davenport, Dusty Fiester, Steve Fritz and Jim and Diane Van Cleave for the expertise they bring to our Sunday School.

...To Barbara Ferguson who is heading up our newly structured Children's Worship.

...To Kim Weil (our faithful S.S. Superintendent) and Keaton for decorating with balloons.

...To Grace and Elise Crecelius for handing out our bulletins.

...To everyone who was in attendance this past Sunday. We couldn't have had such a wonderful start to our new programs without you!

## CAN I TRY OUT DIFFERENT S.S. CLASSES?

Every year I am asked if it is "really" all right to try out different Adult Sunday School classes to see which one is right for you. The answer is YES! We want you in the class that is right for you!

WISH YOU HAD  
BEEN  
PART OF THE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
EXCITEMENT?



It Isn't Too Late To Join the Fun!

Did one of our adult classes sound appealing to you? Do you kind of wish you had tried it out to see if it was something you might like to have been part of each week? It isn't too late to join any of our adult classes.

You will find a warm welcome waiting for you in our adult classes which are listed by name below:

- 101 The Pioneer Class led by Jim Van Cleave
- 203 Christian Doctrine led by Rev. Dennis Davenport
- 201 Young Adults led by Dusty Fiester
- 205 The Christian View by Emma Sue Davenport

If you are a bit timid to come on your own, bring a family member or friend with you. Everyone is welcome!



## Goodbye to A Very Successful Summer Sunday School!

We are extremely pleased to report that our Summer Sunday School was a big success. It takes many people to staff our Summer Sunday School program and we want to say a huge THANK YOU to each of them for a job well done!

A bushel basket of thanks to each of our adult teachers for introducing us to great men and women of faith and for bringing their own expertise and style of teaching to our summer program (in the order in which they taught): Emma Sue Davenport, Max Fiester, Bob Parsons, Marlene Huffaker, Barb Ferguson, Laura Nicholson, Vaughn Murray, Barb Kuykendall, Pam Doerter, Sabrina Holden, Mark Nicholson, Jim Van Cleave and Steve Fritz.

A bushel basket of thanks also to our Sunday School teachers for children and youth — Amy Van Zandt, Dedra Settle, Susan Kuhs, Heather Greenwell, Megan Kuhs, Patti Garcia, Melissa Mattingly, Sarah Crecelius, Jo Cohorst, Emma Sue Davenport, Pam Doerter, Deveta Miller, Marilyn Ellsperman, Sabrina Holden, Donna Cooke, Mary and Trey Fulkerson, Dennis Davenport, Barb Kuykendall, Barb Ferguson, Linda Moore and David Davenport.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH FOR HELPING MAKE  
OUR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL A SUCCESS!

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Sunday, September 18, 2011

**8:00 A.M. SERVICE**

**USHERS**

Tim & Anne Fiedler

**10:30 A.M. SERVICE**

**USHERS**

Trey Fulkerson & Isaac Holden  
Nicely & Clyde Tsianguebeni

**GREETERS**

Savannah Stauth & Noah Viner  
Daniel & Maddie Holden  
Meredith, Jack & Ian Garcia

**CRUCIFER**

Keaton Weil

**BEADLE**

Annie Engelbrecht

**ACOLYTE**

Samuel Viner

**LITURGIST**

Ron Ison

**NEW MEMBER ELDERS**

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**FLOWER DEACONS**

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