



Direct From Dave

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Psalm 105:4

Colossians 2:6-7

**THIS YEAR
I WILL**

- STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD -

This year I will...Do No Harm. How you doing with that? On Sunday we challenged you to be intentional about "Doing All the Good You Can." How you doing with that one? I want to encourage you on Sunday to bring your list of how God moved you to do good this week. It can be simple things from picking up litter, holding doors open, or helping those who need assistance of some sort. Sunday in the lobby, as well as the side door, there will be a basket for you to anonymously place your lists. There will also be note-cards and pencils there for you to anonymously

let us know how God motivated you this week to "do good."

This week I have been at our United Methodist Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg. Rev. Cathy and I are on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry that interviews candidates for ordination in the United Methodist Church. It is a rigorous and intensive process. We feel honored and humbled to have been asked to be in this role. Sarah has been asked to be a Hostess to the candidates, before and after their interview, to pray with and help de-stress them. Well, this week Rev. Cathy, Sarah, and I just about got into a fight. We were holding doors open for each other, taking each other's lunch trays up, etc. We kept saying, "No let me do good," and the other would say, "No let me do good." Then the other, "No let me do it, so I can fill it out and report it on Sunday." Now we did it in a fun way, but it made me think: Wouldn't it be interesting to be 'fighting over which one of us is going to do good?' What if we had that type of intentional attitude among ourselves every day?!!!!

This week we finish the sermon series with: "This Year I Will...Stay in Love With God." This at first seems like a silly statement. Of course we want to stay in love with God. But then I have to ask, if you want to stay in love with God, what are you doing about it? What practical things; what spiritual disciplines are you doing to stay connected?

Psalm 105:4 (NLT) says, "Search the Lord for His strength; continuously seek Him." What do we do to **continually** seek Him? What do I mean by spiritual disciplines?



I have been blessed that Sarah and I will have been married 37 years this July. In a marriage relationship, I never want to take anything for granted. I need to continually tell and show Sarah that I love her... 'til death do us part. This is an ongoing continual process. It is a relationship based on love. In our loving relationship with God, how do we continually let Jesus know of our love?

We go even a step farther and realize that we must continue to grow in Christ as we deepen in our love. How do we continually do that? On Sunday we will explore some practical ways of how you can "stay in love with God."

I really believe we can make a Kingdom difference if we: Do No Harm, Do All the Good We Can, and Stay in Love with God.

Excited to worship with you on Sunday,
Pastor Dave

PARABLES OF JESUS

Learn more during Pastor Dave's Wednesday Night Bible Study. All are welcome.

Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. Room A202-203

Childcare is available.

Pray together

WEDNESDAY MORNING

I would like to invite you to grow in your prayer life and enter into prayer as the Body of Christ. We hold a weekly prayer time in the chapel for the purpose of coming together in one accord to pray for our church, our nation and our world. There will be a time of devotion, corporate prayer, and silent prayer. Please join us every Wednesday at 7:30 AM in the chapel. For more information, please contact Rev. Cathy in the church office.

727-785-7487 or email chart@phumc.net

"SOUP"er Bowl

Sunday

Bring in cans of soup or other non-perishable food items to benefit FEAST Food Pantry.

Please donate on Sunday, Feb. 3

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