### Pastor's Peace

#### **Knowing me**

I am excited about the future and the journey that next we are about to embark upon. My first day is September 15. I will take the first two Sundays in September to rest and relax with my family and attempt to re-center. While I have been with you for a year, there are a couple of things that I want you to know about me. These are just a couple of things that I am going to share with you over the few weeks and months to let you know what makes me tick.

First, I am intensely protective about my time with my family. This is one of the reasons why I was willing to leave full time ministry. If I cannot take care of my family, support them in their goals and dreams, and place them first, it does not work. I have seen your support for families in this church and the younger members as they chase their dreams. That is where the hope lies in this church. It is in your continued willingness to support youth and families in events that take them away on weekends. This does not speak to their commitment to church. We hate they are not here, but we support them as they are in church everywhere. The community at East Columbus High School was impressed with your support not only of Bailey, but how you yelled for and supported the entire team.

Second, I am different. This is not only what I tell you, but even my own sister will tell you this. I never have wanted to be a cookie cutter for a pastor. I was a part of one church that wanted me to preach a certain way. I could not do it. I have been a part of churches that have many different beliefs. For sure, I have had Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Pentecostals that have been a part of churches I have preached too. But I also have had atheists, agnostics, philosophers, and seekers that have come to worship. I truly believe that the salvation found in Christ is Salvation found in the body of Christ. If believe that if the good news is heard, it will permeate our souls that leads us to something better, something that makes us whole.

These just a couple of things for you to think about. I will share more. I hope you will be able to hear the good news. I don't want you to hear it in the sermons or the writing. I hope you hear it in each other through words, glances, hugs, handshakes, etc. For the salvation found in Christ lies not only in the Bible, but in our willingness to let the Holy Spirit speak to us through the Bible and the entirety of God's creation then live through us and be shared in many different ways.

Blessings & Peace,

## HURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, September 10th Women on Mission Mtg & Luncheon

TUESDAY, September 12th - 10:00am Super Seniors - Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, September 12th - 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, September 13th - 6:00pm <u>Dinner & Business Meeting</u> Dinner: 6pm (\$5), Meeting: 6:30pm

THURSDAY, September 14th—11:00am Super Seniors Trip—Arts Council

SUNDAY, September 17th - 9:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, September 17th—12:00 noon Fall Festival Meeting

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, Sept 21st-23rd Photos taken for New Church Directory

SUNDAY, September 24th after Worship <u>Lunch Bunch</u>—Paradise Acres

#### **SEPTEMBER SERMONS**

September 3

Dr. David Elks (No Communion)

September 10

Dr. David Elks

September 17

Communion

Matthew 22:1-14

"Know by who sits at your table"

September 24

Matthew 20:1-16

"Your First, Your Last"







**Luncheon/Meeting** September 10th following worship



10:00am

Meet at church. Games, planning session and lunch.

All members of Super Seniors are on the committee, so come share your ideas on things to do, places

## Thursday, September 14th

11:00am

Meet at church. Carpool to the "Lunchtime **Community Chamber** Music Concert" at the Arts Council on Hay Street.

# **BE A PART OF OUR NEW**



#### PHOTOS TAKEN

Thursday, September 21st—5-8pm Friday, September 22nd—5-8pm Saturday, September 23rd—10am-2pm

Sign-up sheets on bulletin board or call church office 910-485-5681