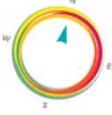


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A New Message Series Starts This Sunday/Monday



July 17/18:
Failure



ALICE DRIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

INASMUCH

DAY

SATURDAY

**JUL
23**

As part of the national Operation Inasmuch movement, Inasmuch Day is a day of community service conducted in the name of Christ. There are multiple projects to choose from. Sign up online anytime or in the lobby July 10-18.

**INASMUCH AS YOU DID IT FOR THE
LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID IT FOR ME.**
—JESUS



Race and Jesus...

DIRECTIONS
by
Dr. Clay Smith
Lead Pastor

I had a taste of being judged by the color of my skin. Just a small one.

I was a summer missionary in Mexico. My partner, Tom Nash, and I were catching a bus to take us from one mission outpost to another. We boarded and scanned for empty seats. The only pair of empty seats was in the back of the bus. Conversational buzz was replaced by energized whispers.

As we made our way down the crowded aisle, it seemed like every pair of eyes stared with the unspoken message, "Who are you and what are you doing on our bus?" We obviously stood out, our skin and our hair being much lighter than the rest of the travelers.

We were still making our way down the aisle, when the bus lurched forward. My momentum disturbed, I almost fell into a woman's lap. Forgetting I was in a country where English was not the first language, I quickly said, "I'm sorry," only to be met with a puzzled look.

We finally sat down on the back row of the bus, squeezing in with six other men on a bench built for five. There was no open hostility, but there were no smiles or friendly expressions. We were more than outsiders; we were "other."

The man next to me shifted to position his back toward me, and spoke to his neighbor. "Norteamericanos," he said. I was majoring in Spanish, but my classroom knowledge wasn't required for me to hear the contempt in his voice. I was walled out, shut out. This man did not know me. He did not know why I was in his country nor why I was in his space. He was judging me based on my race, on the color of my skin. He already decided who I was, and what place I held in his esteem.

The next fifteen minutes passed in uncomfortable silence. The whole rattling bus seemed enveloped by a blanket of silence. Mercifully, we reached our stop, again making our way back down the crowded aisle. I'm sure it was my imagination, but as the bus doors closed behind us, the voices on the bus resumed an animated chatter.

That day, I was racially profiled. I was not a person; I was a category. This happens everyday. Neurons race through our brains, pulling together memories and words, and we assess people before we blink our eyes twice. I do this. You do this.

In our country, police officers have to make snap judgments about life and death. They don't always get it right. Old threats, old fears whip through their brain. A trigger is pulled and innocent people die.

In our country, people with certain skin tones live with a fear that others do not know. It is the fear that simply because of a thought

in someone else's brain (a thought that could be incorrect), they could lose their lives. That kind of fear, over time, will cause you to react, even to overreact.

All of us – all of us – need a rewiring of our brains, our memories, our fears. This requires more than therapy; this requires God changing our broken brains, our broken souls.

This is why we are told to meditate on scripture, on the words of Jesus. We let His words, His thoughts, absorb our words, our thoughts.

So let me leave you with three sentences from Jesus:

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

"Love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you."

Jesus really does have the answer.

Grace,



GEAR UP FOR LEARNING
BOOK BAG DRIVE
SPONSORED BY SUMTER UNITED MINISTRIES

This annual drive helps low-income children in our community get a good start to the upcoming school year.



*Book bags must be new.

Place bags in the bin in the lobby through July 31.

STEWARDSHIP

Baptisms	5
Average Worship Attendance	1,343
Avg. LIFE Groups Attendance	812
Ministry Fund Needs	\$193,140
Ministry Funds Given	\$180,627
Over (Under)	(\$12,513)
Open Door Offering	\$185,601
Recreation Building	\$36,957

STARTINGPOINT

July 17 • 5:00-7:00pm | McManus Hall

Is Church Membership Your Next Step?

At Starting Point, you'll learn more about Alice Drive's mission, vision, and values, and have an opportunity to ask as many questions as you like. We want to help you find the right church for you... even if it's not us! We will serve stuffed pork loin, mixed veggies, wild rice, salad, and a special dessert. There's no cost, and childcare is provided.



August 1-3 • 9:00am-noon | studio4.3

A morning full of fun in the sun for preschoolers ages 3 by Sept. 5 - 6 years old We'll splash all around in the water, make exciting crafts, and learn Bible stories! Be sure to bring a towel, wear a bathing suit, and get ready to get wet!
Cost: \$25 - includes a t-shirt, bag, water bottle, and a snack.
Register online or on the preschool hall now through July 29.

FUSION Lock-In August 4-5 • 6:00pm - 9:00am | Meet in room 218

FUSION is our summer program for completed 4th and 5th graders designed to get kids ready for middle school. We're finishing off the summer with a bang, and we're inviting the rising 4th graders to join in the fun!

There will be lots of pizza, games, movies, and of course, Jesus!

This is for kids that have completed 3rd-5th grade.

Cost: \$10 - register online or on the kids' hallway now through August 3.



GO Share Light in Honduras

Register now for a Honduras mission trip February 11-18, 2017

Areas of ministry include medical, dental, optometry, nursing, pharmacy, veterinary w/ large animal experience, kitchen, children's church, and evangelism.

Contact Dan Tindall: 803.468.0765 | dan.tindall@me.com

FOOD COLLECTION

for Sumter United Ministries

July 17/18

This month's item:

Jelly



Place items in the bin inside the carport entrance.

▶ **Watch/Listen Online**

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(click on Media and then Watch & Listen online)

vimeo.com

(search Alice Drive Baptist Church)



August 11 & 12 • 9:30am - 5:30pm | Live Simulcast at Alice Drive Baptist Church
Cost: \$119 ▶ Register at alicedrive.org/gls16 ▶ Use Discount Code **Premier16**

CALENDAR

Saturday, July 16

Student Mission Team leaves for New York

Sunday, July 17

Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)

LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)

*Outreach Visitation Canceled

5:00p Starting Point, McManus Hall

Monday, July 18

Student Mission Team leaves for Kentucky

7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center

Bible Study with the Interns, 218

LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade

8:00p Adult LIFE Group, 118

Tuesday, July 19

7:00p Celebrate Recovery Worship, studio4.3

8:00p Celebrate Recovery Shared Groups, studio4.3

Wednesday, July 20

2:00p Praying Ladies, 119

*Wednesday Programming has ended for the summer

*No Fellowship Meal

6:00p Middle School Coffee House, studio4.3

7:30p High School Coffee House, studio4.3

8:30p College Bible Study, Off Campus

Thursday, July 21

10:00a Thimble Thursday, 104A/B

5:30p Tech Talk, Balcony

6:00p Vocal Team Rehearsal, Green Room

7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal, Worship Center

Saturday, July 23

Inasmuch Day, Meet at the project sites

Sunday, July 24

Worship Services (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am)

LIFE Groups (9:45 & 11:00am)

5:00p Outreach Visitation, Worship Center

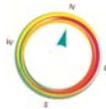
Monday, July 25

7:00p Worship Service, Worship Center

Bible Study with the Interns, 218

LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade

8:00p Adult LIFE Group, 118



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CELEBRATE THE SERVANT LEADERS OF THE WEEK VBS Volunteers

Ready to find your purpose in serving others, but not sure where?
We can help! Contact Stacy Wright: swright@adbc.org

ATTENDANCE 7/10 & 7/11

8:30am.....259

9:45am.....498

11:00am.....611

Monday Night.....138

Total.....1,506

LIFE GROUPS 7/10 & 7/11

Adults.....367

Students.....145

Children.....146

Preschool.....245

Total.....903

Wednesday Programming has ended for the summer.
We will resume August 24.

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WORSHIP
TIMES

SUNDAYS

8:30am Traditional

Childcare for 5 & under

9:45 & 11:00am Contemporary

LIFE Groups for all ages

MONDAYS

7:00pm Contemporary

LIFE Groups for babies-5th grade

8:00pm Adult LIFE Group