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HCC Newsletter

SPRING/SUMMER SERIES - D.I.S.C.I.P.L.E.

Daring - When you look at the Bible, you realize that anytime someone said “Yes” to following God, their lives were radically altered.

Intentional - Following Jesus isn't accidental.

Sacrificial - Being a disciple involves leaving some things behind.

Committed - At some point in the walk of faith we are called to commit.

Inclusive - There is nothing like meeting Jesus and learning to follow after him that so confronts our prejudice and judgementalism.

Public - Though our faith may seem to be a private matter, there is nothing in the Bible that suggests our discipleship is only a matter between us and God.

Life-long - There are numerous comments made by Jesus and later by the

Apostles that suggests that a true believer is one who follows to the end.

Engagement - Jesus didn't come to take us out of the world, but rather to conquer our enemy the devil, keep us from evil, and send us out to bring in the Kingdom of God.



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ROATAN MISSION TRIP



**Roatan Mission Trip
July 17th-24th 2017
We will be collecting a special
offering through May 21st.**

As most of you know, along with our regular offerings on Sundays, twice a year we stretch into new areas of giving through **special offerings designated to particular projects**. We attempt to alternate our focus between outwardly focused needs, and internal projects our church intends to accomplish. This spring we have announced our outwardly focused **special offering is to help support the Roatan Mission's Team** which is traveling to Honduras in July of 2017.

Our **goal is \$5,000.00** to contribute to the \$15,500.00 in overall anticipated expenses

for those going on this trip. We have **special envelopes to use for this offering available in the seat back pockets on Sundays**. We will be receiving this offering **through Sunday, May 21st**.

We have a team of 16 people going on this trip to support the ongoing work of the Greenfield Children's Home at Sandy Bay in Roatan, Honduras. The Children's Home is expanding the school they run for children living on site. In addition, they hope to expand the school to include service to children in the surrounding neighborhoods near the school. They need more space as the population of their home grows and as the children are growing and needing specialized schooling in the arts and sciences. They are beginning to build the new portion of the school this spring. Our team will arrive this summer in July to continue the construction. We desire to help our team get there, and to **provide funds for the construction project** they will be doing.

This offering is a great opportunity for some teachable moments. Maybe you can have a family meeting to discuss the needs in other nations where only rich children have access to education. Children who live on the streets have no chance to learn to read or write, do basic math, or learn anything about computers or have a chance to play a game on a team. You can look up <https://sblmroatan.net/> (Sandy Bay's website) and check out the video, see what is going on there with your children, friends or coworkers. So, maybe you or your children, or a team at work will want to offer to clean up a neighbor's yard, or create a craft to "sell" to friends, or join up with another church family or two and decide on some chores that need to be done to make some funds to contribute across the next few weeks. Maybe you can talk to the boss at work and have a donations cup with a write up about the Mission or do an office pool to support the trip. We want to be difference makers in the name of Jesus. Here's our chance...

The children at Greenfield are incredibly fortunate to have a school on their property that actually has a curriculum, and teaches them English. Children who learn to speak English in Roatan have a much better chance to earn a living in the tourism trades, working for Cruise ships, and other international businesses. They can go to college or trade schools and have opportunities others simply don't have. Greenfield not only feeds and houses these former street kids, but sets them up to succeed on many levels. And the greatest blessing is that they learn about the love of God for them and they can come to know Jesus.

MEN AND WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS



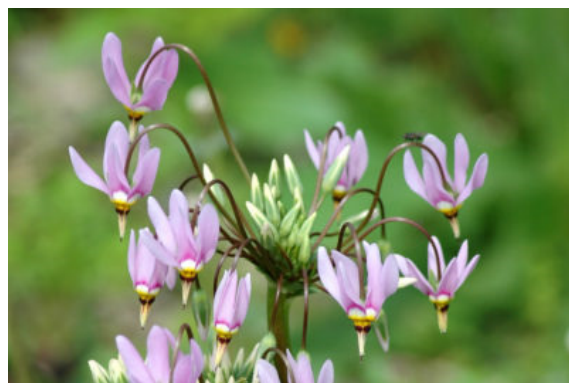
Wednesdays - 11am
Home of Sara Sappington
Thursdays - 7pm
Fellowship Hall



Saturday Mornings - 8:00-9:30am
Youth Room



COFFEE AND CONNECTION



AA MEETING



There is an AA group that meets here in the Fellowship Hall every Tuesday at 7:30pm, and another group that meets every Thursday at 5:30pm. You are welcome to join at any time.

HOME GROUPS

Home Groups are a great way to get connected to others. If you aren't in a home group, check out what you're missing by visiting one!

Grace - Bel Air and Havre de Grace
Zachary and Lydia Browning
Meets every other Wednesday, 7pm
gracehomegroup@gmail.com

Lifeline - Forest Hill
Allan and Peggy Gorman
Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:45
peggyandallan@gmail.com
rarist33@hotmail.com

Being Transformed - Location Rotates
Paul and Darlene Stutelberg
Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7pm
paulstutelberg@verizon.net
dstutelberg@verizon.net



GRADUATE SUNDAY



We will be celebrating our graduates on May 21st this year. If you have graduated from high school or college, please email me with the following info:

High School

Name - School name
What college and degree program, trade school, or job you plan to do once you graduate

College

Name - University name
Degree