

Bay City Wesleyan Church
October 16, 2016

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Sunday Morning 10-16-2016
Special Guest Speaker, Rev. Tom Schmidt, District Superintendent of the North
Michigan District of The Wesleyan Church
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News about our Wesleyan family in Haiti
Haiti is one of the poorest nations in the world.

Haiti has over 10 million people in a country smaller than the state of Maryland.
We have 137 churches, many schools, a hospital, and other ministries there.

The direct force of the category 4 hurricane hit the southwest region, which has been cut off from the country by collapsed bridges, overflowing rivers, collapsed cell towers, and no electricity. Although the interior minister refers to 283 confirmed deaths, there are many more missing, and unfortunately, there are no comprehensive reports even yet from the area of greatest impact, which will no doubt multiply this number.

Tens of thousands have lost homes and are in tents or temporary shelters or have no shelter. It is believed that nearly all roofs were ripped off buildings in the swath that received hurricane-force winds. This is the first major hurricane to hit Haiti in 50 years. Clean water is going to be the most immediate need for humanitarian response and to head off spread of disease. We are partnering with World Hope and Global Partners to purchase up to 10,000 ceramic water filters and hygiene kits.

Water Filters for Haiti
General Superintendent Dr. Wayne Schmidt has authorized the Wesleyan Emergency Relief Fund to launch an appeal for prayer and financial support for the HURRICANE MATTHEW HAITI DISASTER RESPONSE. Your donations will help families and churches trying to recover in Haiti. Thank you for your generous giving during this time of crisis.
<https://www.wesleyan.org/relief>

Luke 15:1-7 NIV
Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

A. The View of the Tax Collectors and "sinners" - Vs. 1
The world is full of these people who are in search of the truth.
They are looking for the hope found in Jesus.

B. The View of the Pharisees and teachers of the law - Vs.2
The view of condemnation
Sometimes we point fingers not open our hearts to welcome others

C. The View of Jesus

Jesus wants us to see the one that is lost

Jesus said, "Go out to the highways and byways and compel them to come in."

Matthew 25:31-46 NIV

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Luke 14:16-24 NIV

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.' "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.' "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.' "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' " 'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.' "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.' "

Jesus, Friend of Sinners, Casting Crowns

Oh Jesus, friend of sinners

Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers

Let our hearts be led by mercy

Help us reach with open hearts and open doors

Oh Jesus, friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks yours

https://youtu.be/ipwEtvWL_3c

Who would Jesus say that we are a Friend of?

More than What's Your view, What is your action?

Sermon in a Sentence:

What you do reveals your true point of view.