



Happy Summer!

It is amazing to me that we are even in the warm days of summer – especially since it feels like we just celebrated Christmas, then Easter, then Pentecost – oh, wait! We just did!

As we go into this summer I have a chore for you. Yes, it's true, I would like for you to continue to try something new and **BOLD** during these coming three or four warm months. In the event that may not happen, I would like you to think about what our church and the surrounding area has coming up in September. We will be hosting the Mission Saturation weekend. It is a weekend that is filled with missions – not in another country, but right here near our own corner of Concord and South Arlington. If you are able to help in any way, we need you. If you are in **need** of help, we need you. If you are a child of God and are able to pray for those involved in this mission field, even if you cannot be with us in person - we most definitely need you!

There is an old saying that says something along the lines of, “whatever doesn’t kill you will make you stronger.” Well, there is a great piece of Scripture that makes that statement much more clear – and easier to take in:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. *Romans 5:1-5*

Some of us have been blessed with the ability to work for others; some are in great need of the blessing to have others work for them. No matter what side you are on, know that God is walking with every one of us.

The Mission Saturation weekend is a great opportunity for us to work with others from our Cluster Group – the same folks we worship with during the Lenten Season. It is a great time to try out the mission field in our own back yard if you have a calling for something like that. It is a wonderful time to watch how God works through others helping their fellow man. Wow! It sounds an awful lot like “love your neighbor,” doesn’t it?

I pray you consider helping during September, so that we can “show the love that has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” and to give that love freely as it has freely been given to us.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Nan