



The Chimes

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Remembering What Got Us Here

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ABOUT A DECADE ago, the news outlets told us that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled that the phrase we use in our pledge of allegiance, “one nation under God,” is unconstitutional. Those familiar with the “disestablishment clause” in the United States Constitution will certainly understand the ruling that court made, although they may disagree with it.

My favorite defense of “the way things were” is

the interesting statement that “under God” is not really a religious avowal, just like Christmas trees and menorahs are not essentially religious, as some of the courts have asserted. Oh, boy! Clearly this is a discussion that will continue for a long time.

However, the practical outcome produced amusing circumstances like the one I experienced one morning. Drinking coffee at a local restaurant, I overheard a group of older men speaking

about the court decision as a symptom of exactly what was wrong with America today. The words “socialism,” and “Communist” were thrown around with righteous disgust. One man said, “Once they take God away from us, then what will be next?”

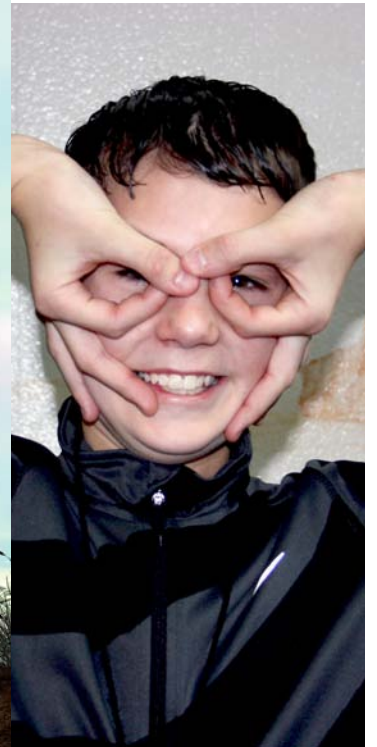
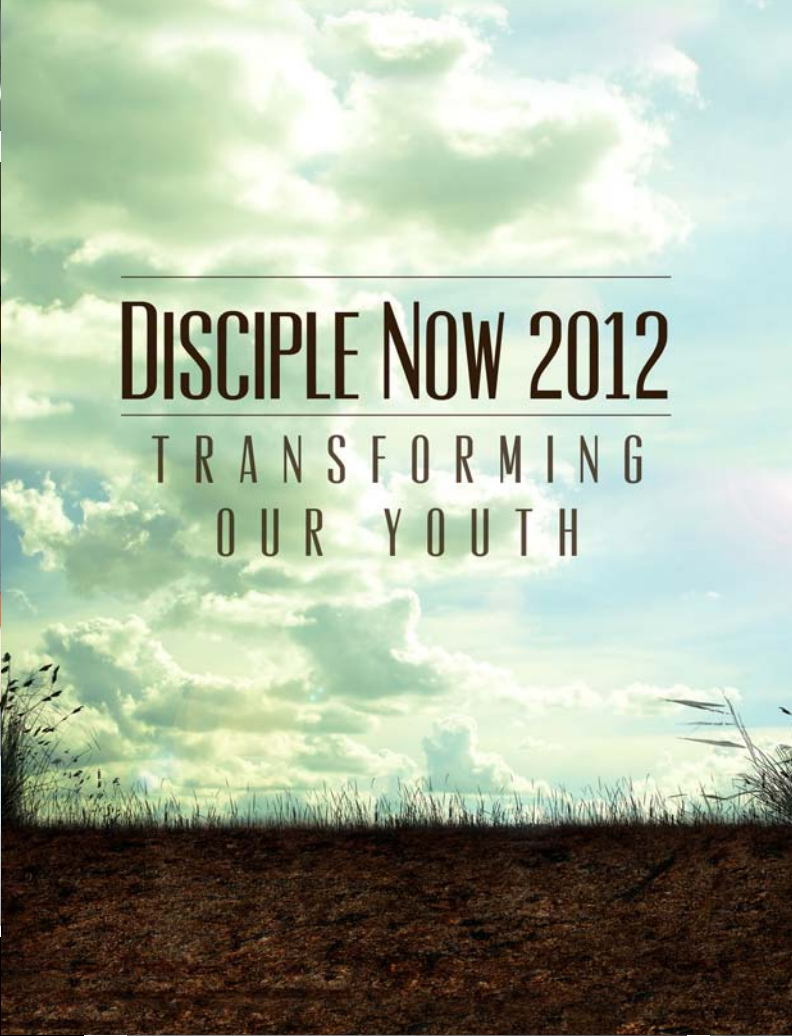
The waiter, with clear mischief in her tone, said simply, “Sam, when was the last time you were in church for something other than a wedding or a funeral? It seems to me, it is people like you who have left

God out in the cold. Now this court decision seems to have built a little fire under you!”

Quickly Sam replied, “I’ve got to get going.”

Perhaps this court decision can make us look more deeply into both our belief and the faith practices our belief generates.

Excerpt from Rev. Mosser’s blog *One Mile Mosser*. Read the full article at davidnmosser.blogspot.com





By: Caroline Eudy
Church Youth

MY NAME IS CAROLINE EUDY, AND I am a senior in the youth group at FUMC of Arlington. This was my seventh year to go to Disciple Now, also known as DNow. DNow is a weekend of fellowship, learning, worship and fun! Each year we have a different verse and theme. This year the theme was “Transform,” with the verse 2 Corinthians 3:18:

“And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.”

We had Bible studies throughout the weekend where we talked about this verse and what it meant to us. This verse gives me a great challenge to become more like Christ every day. DNow is always in the middle of the school year, so it is a perfect time to reconsider and think about how you are living your life.

We had worship both Friday and Saturday night. Every year, our youth band plays some songs from youth worship in The Underground. Everyone in our band is so talented and it is great to worship like we usually do on Sunday mornings. We also have a guest band come and play for us every year. This year, FUMC of Arlington’s contemporary praise band, LifeSong, played for us. This was my favorite part of the weekend. LifeSong played some really great songs, both reflective and just fun. I see God the most through worship, and I know I felt him when LifeSong played.

On Saturday, we had a reflective time. Nick Scott and Juddie Rice, director and assistant director of the youth and young

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adult ministries, and all of the wonderful parents and helpers set up stations around the church that we could go to. Each station had a different activity with a Bible verse and message. My favorite station every year is the letter one. We write a letter to ourselves and the Youth Ministry sends it back to us in a year. In the letter, we write about our spiritual life, where we are and where we want to be with God, what our goals for the year are and more. Every year, I get so excited to receive this letter and see how I have changed. This year, I wrote a lot more about my relationship with God than I think I ever have. I can’t wait to read it next year and remember DNow.

Everyone that goes to DNow has fun. We are with friends experiencing new and great things. I have brought two of my friends from school, and they have just as much fun as me; they always want to come back. It is so cool to watch your friends grow closer to God over just one weekend. I think it makes my relationship with God stronger as I watch my friends connect with him too. DNow is an amazing experience, and I thank everyone who helped with time, money and support. It wouldn’t be possible without you. Many lives were changed during this weekend; I know mine was.



“A person’s name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language.

- Dale Carnegie
*How to Win Friends
and Influence People*



By: Rev. Estee Valendy
Associate Pastor

IS THERE SOMEBODY IN YOUR LIFE you “know,” but don’t really *know* — because you can’t remember their name? Maybe it’s a coworker or someone you see at the gym every week. Or could it even be—*gasp*—someone you “know” at church?

Not knowing one another’s names prevents us from connecting; it prevents us from growing in relationships.

I remember a *Seinfeld* episode where Jerry was dating a woman whose name he couldn’t remember. All he knew was that her name rhymed with a part of the body. He and George tried brainstorming to remember the name: “Mulva? Celeste? Gipple? Aretha?” Then, when Jerry was with the woman, he tried to look through her purse, and even ask her leading questions to try to figure out her name. Finally, at the end of the episode, it hits him. He opens his window and screams out into the street “DELORES!”

Are you like Jerry Seinfeld? Are you missing out on a relationship because you don’t know someone’s name?

This February, we have an easy way to help you. At FUMC of Arlington, February is “wear your nametag month.” We invite you to wear your red FUMC of Arlington nametag each Sunday. Hopefully, this will help us all get in the habit of wearing our nametags. Nametags not only help us remember each other’s names, they also contribute to the hospitality we show to guests who join us for worship.

If you lost your nametag or your dog ate it, please contact Judy Amthauer (jamthauer@arlingtonmethodist.org) in the church office to request a replacement.

This February, show some love and wear your red FUMC of Arlington nametag!

HOW TO REMEMBER NAMES

Listen

Commit to listening and remembering. If you’re concentrating on what you’re about to say when someone introduces themselves, their name will go in one ear and out the other.

Repeat

When you first meet someone, repeat their name as soon as you learn it.

Spell it out

Hearing a person spell their name can help you remember it, especially if it’s unusual.

Practice

Remembering names is a skill that takes practice to develop, so put yourself in situations where you’ll have to learn new names.

New Members and Baptisms



Cheryl and Jim Franck



Karen and Kerry Wiggs



Daphne Garcia



Katie Parris



Leah Hatton

First Prayers

We pray for those who have experienced an illness:

Ed Adams, Bill Atkins, Stephen Barnes, Daylon Bruce, Jackie Bundy, Glenda Caldwell, Jerri Cutler, Frankie Gale, George Harrison, Cassie Holmes, John Jones, Carol Nicol, Troy Rasor, Charleene Smith, Dorothy Spraberry, Rowena Taliaferro, Larry Von Wald

We pray for those who have experienced a loss. Condolences to...

- Martha and Roger Brown on the death of Dennis Hecker on 1/15
- Herbie Wilbanks and family

on the death of her father

- Vince Davis and family on the death of his wife, Mary, on 1/19
- Betty Dalton and family on the death of her mother, Lula Mae Love, on 1/22
- Sonjia Fields, Lisa Barnard and families on the death of their father, N.L. Brown, on 1/23
- Amy Brook on the loss of her brother, Stephen Baylor, on 1/27

Blessings for those who have a new addition to their family. Congratulations to...

- Danny and Regan Knapp on the birth of their daughter,

Grace Ellen, on 1/25. Proud grandparents are Rhonda and John Knapp

- Adell and Jordan Nolen on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Violet, on 1/26. Grandparents are Lou and Don Richards and Lori and Scott Nolen.
- Ally and Ben Phillips on the birth of their son, Tanner Austin, on 1/27. Grandparents are Kathy and Jerry Thomas and Elaine and David Phillips. Great grandparents are Margaret and George Muller.
- Becky Stumbaugh on the birth of her first great-grandchild, Riley James Hornsby, on 1/29

February Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31 Financial Peace University Begins	1	2	3	4
5 Sensational Journey Volunteer Training	6	7 UMW Meeting	8	9	10 Family Movie Night/ Confirmands visit Beth Shalom Synagogue	11
12 Scout Sunday/ Chancel Choir Bake Sale	13 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night/ Book Club Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 Marriage Retreat
19 Chili Cook-Off	20	21 Inspiration Tuesday Lenten Study Begins	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26 Confirmands Visit Waco/ Celebration Potluck Lunch	27	28	29 Kids In Mission/ Final Words Lent Study	1 Parables and Passion Lent Study	2	3

For more information on these events, visit arlingtonmethodist.org

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Benefiting
UTA Wesley Foundation

Awards

- Best overall chili
- Judges' choice
- People's choice
- Best vegetarian
- Spiciest
- Best alternative
(any meat except
beef)

Bring your trusted family recipe for your spiciest, meaty-est
or bean-iest chili

When: Sunday, February 19
Time: 5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Where: First United Methodist Church of Arlington
Cost: Chili entry fee: \$25
Admission: \$3 each or \$10 per family

Register and learn more at UTAWesley.org