Last week, all the Pastors spent time each day with the Cliff Drive Care children, doing skits and singing songs. There were about 80 kids, ranging in age from 2 to 10. We call it B.I.G. week, which stands for Be Imitators of God. To help them understand what that means, Pastor Doug says, “If I ask you to be like a dog, what do you do?” Instantly, they all start barking and woofing. Then, he moves on to a monkey, elephant, and duck and we all imitate those animals. It’s so fun! How do we imitate God? We choose to be kind. We tell the truth. We love each other. One of the four year olds said, “We can love someone even when they are ugly on the outside!” We said, “Yes, and especially when they are ugly on the inside!”

What a special time to sing silly songs and tell stories. We focused on some of the Bible passages about parties and banquets, so each day we would talk about our favorite food. In God’s kingdom, being at the table is a big deal. Everyone is invited by the Lord to His house. All who would want to come are graciously welcomed to be part of His family and to eat and drink with Him. Jesus ate with sinners and many who society frowned upon. There were no exceptions. The only kinds of people He didn’t spend time with were those who didn’t want to see Him. The same is true today.

This has made me think about how I look like God and how He helps me do that, even when I am ugly on the inside. It has made me examine if I am excluding some people on the list of those Jesus loves. It’s a short list because it says, “Everyone.” Lord, help us to practice welcoming all people to Your presence, no matter what.

Happy Summer. Take some time to practice childlike, trusting faith.

~Pastor Colleen
Dial - A - Prayer

Friends! We look forward to connecting with you each week on the phone. Pastor Nikki will be available each Wednesday at 1:00pm for conversation and prayer. We will continue this ministry through August. We are here for you every Wednesday until then from 1 - 2:00pm.

Pastor Nikki: (949) 241-7851
We want to hear what is going on in your lives. Let’s support one another.

Lunches in Sept!

Lunches

Our first lunch will be Thursday, September 16th! For the month of September, due to scheduling logistics, we will only be offering one. Yet, what a one it will be! Mark your calendars for SALMON! We look forward to time together in the upper room. More on this to come.

Sabbatical

For the months of July and August, I will be taking time away in sabbatical. This is a time designed for rest and spiritual rejuvenation. In addition, I will be getting ready to start a Doctor of Ministry program at Portland Seminary at the end of the summer. I look forward to seeing you all in September!
The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2021 is on Sunday, July 4, 2021; the federal holiday will be observed on Monday, July 5, 2021.

The first fireworks were used as early as 200 BC. The tradition of setting off fireworks on the fourth of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship’s cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The Pennsylvania Evening Post reported: “at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated.” That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.
Fourth of July Cookout

APPLE PIE
BARBECUE
BEANS
BEER
BIKES
BROWNIES
BURGERS
CHARCOAL
CHICKEN
CHIPS
COLESLAW
CORN ON THE COB
CUPS
DEVILED EGGS
DIP
FIREWORKS
FLAGS
FORKS
FRUIT
GRILL
GUACAMOLE
HOT DOGS
ICE CREAM
ICED TEA
INSECTS
KETCHUP
LEMONADE
MATCHES
NAPKINS
PARADE
PASTA SALAD
PIES
PLATES
POPSICLES

PULLED PORK
RELISH
RIBS
SALADS
SALSA
SAUCE
SAUSAGES
SEAFOOD
SHRIMP
SODA

SPOONS
STEAKS
STREAMERS
TOMATOES
WATERMELON
WINE