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Through Jesus Christ  
AUGUST 31, 2014*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*All Creatures Of Our God And King*

1 All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise Him, alleluia  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice

3 And all ye men of tender heart  
Forgiving others take your part  
O sing ye alleluia  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear  
Praise God and on Him cast your care

O Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

4 Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him, alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three in One

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## ***I Will Boast***

Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom  
Or the strong man boast in his strength  
Let not the rich man boast in his riches  
But let the humble come and give thanks  
To the One Who made us  
The One Who saved us

*I will boast in the Lord my God  
I will boast in the One Who's worthy  
I will boast in the Lord my God  
I will boast in the One Who's worthy  
He's worthy*

I will make my boast in Christ alone  
I will make my boast in Christ alone

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*At this time, children 4k-2nd grade are invited to go to Kids Time. Kids Time is a dynamic worship service that caters to younger children and prepares them to participate in the main worship service. The children will return prior to Communion.*

## ***Jesus Name Above All Names***

1 Jesus name above all names  
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord  
Emmanuel God is with us  
Blessed Redeemer living Word

2 Jesus loving Shepherd  
Vine of the branches Son of God  
Prince of Peace Wonderful Counselor  
Lord of the universe Light of the world

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### First Reading

Philippians 2:12-18 (p. 831)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

*Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

**People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 5:13-16 (p. 683)

*Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## MESSAGE

### Sermon Series:

### Rejoice! The Letter to the Philippians

*"Shine Like Stars in the Universe"*

Curt Solomon

(There is a space for sermon notes on page 9.)

*For your convenience, there are sound speakers available in the Lobby and in the BabyBeams nursery cry room that allow you to hear the service if you have a child who is crying or needs to be fed.*

### Sermon Notes

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## THE APOSTLES CREED (said together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church\*, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*The phrase "holy catholic Church" means the Church worldwide.*

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Leader: Heavenly Father, we pray for Church of the Apostles, for the Gikomero parish in Rwanda and for the Church worldwide.*

**People: Carry on to completion the good work you have begun in the Church until the day of Christ's return.**

*Leader: We pray for those in positions of leadership in our nation, and for governing authorities throughout the world.*

**People: In your sovereignty, accomplish justice and peace through them. Lead us to submit to all in authority who are established by you.**

*Leader: Strengthen us as a church community to love one another sincerely, being devoted to one another in brotherly love and honoring one another above ourselves.*

**People: Make us joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. Lead us to share with God's people who are in need and practice hospitality.**

*Leader: For the work of our mission partner, International Bible Study at NC State.*

**People: That in your power you would reach students from every nation with your Gospel.**

*Leader: Heavenly Father, we bring before you the people of Syria and Iraq, asking you to be their defender and help in their time of need.*

**People: We ask you to prevent violence and evil against the Church in these nations, and we pray for your provision for the hungry, the homeless, and the bereaved, so that all people will see your glory and turn to you.**

*Leader: Father, hear us now as we humbly submit our needs to your care.  
(You are invited to boldly speak out your prayers to the Lord, aloud or in your heart.)*

*Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

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**CONFESSION OF SIN** (said together)

*Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.*

*Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you;*

**People: And also with you.**

**WELCOME and OFFERING**

***There Is Power In The Blood***

1 Would you be free from the burden of sin  
There's power in the Blood  
Would you o'er evil a victory win  
There's power in the Blood  
There's power in the Blood

*There is power power  
Wonder working power  
In the Blood of the Lamb  
There is power power  
Wonder working power  
In the precious Blood of the Lamb*

2 Would you be free from your passion and pride  
There's power in the Blood  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide  
There's power in the Blood  
There's power in the Blood  
There's power in the Blood  
There's power in the Blood

3 Would you be whiter much whiter than snow  
There's power in the Blood  
Sin stains are lost in its life-giving flow  
There's power in the Blood  
There's power in the Blood  
There's power in the Blood  
There's power in the Blood

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*(All baptized and believing followers of our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to partake in Holy Communion regardless of denomination. It is our custom to use wine during communion. **If you prefer, you may receive grape juice** from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines. If it would not be authentic for you to receive Communion, you may remain in your seat and contemplate the prayers on the following page.)*

*Leader: Is the Father with us?*

**People: He is.**

*Leader: Is Christ among us?*

**People: He is.**

*Leader: Is the Spirit here?*

**People: He is.**

*Leader: This is our God.*

**People: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Leader: We are His people.*

**People: We are redeemed.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and  
praise.**

Leader continues in Eucharistic Prayer...

*Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (said together)

**Our Father who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those  
Who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the Kingdom  
And the power and the glory  
Forever and ever Amen**

*Unable to come forward? Please inform an usher to request that Communion be brought to you.  
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING HOLY COMMUNION

*The Church of The Apostles welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, to receive Holy Communion with us by coming forward to one of the communion stations at the front. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.**

*Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Thank you.*

### **Prayer of Belief.**

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Please come into my life through the power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you.*

## COMMUNION SONGS (Please join in singing during communion.)

*A prayer team is available to pray with you at the back of the worship area.*

### **A Cloud of Peace (Ode 35)**

*A cloud of peace has risen  
Over my head*

**A cloud of peace has risen  
Over my head**

*My salvation, my salvation*

**My salvation, my salvation**

John Andrew Schreiner  
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### **Just As I Am**

1 Just as I am without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee

*O Lamb of God, I come, I come  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come*

2 Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each  
spot

3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many conflicts, many doubts  
Fightings and fears within, without

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve  
Because Thy promise I believe

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## You Alone Can Rescue

1 Who O Lord could save themselves  
Their own soul could heal  
Our shame was deeper than the sea  
Your grace is deeper still

*You alone can rescue  
You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

2 You O Lord have made a way  
The great divide You healed  
For when our hearts were far away  
Your love went further still  
Yes Your love goes further still

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (said together)

**Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

*May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, now and forever. Amen.*

## *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

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## DISMISSAL

*Leader: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon Notes

## Welcome Visitors and Newcomers...

We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Below are a few ways that you can become more involved at Apostles. If you have questions this morning, you can fill out the yellow card under the chair in front of you .

**Discovering Apostles Membership Class**—This class includes teaching about Church of the Apostles and information about becoming a member of this church. Our next class will be held September 13. *If you have any questions, please contact Marsha at 782-0550 x29 or [marsha@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:marsha@apostles-raleigh.org).*

**Join A Community Group**—Are you interested in connecting deeper into the community here at Apostles? Do you desire to have relationships in the church that go deeper than surface level conversations? Join a Community Group! *Please contact Lee Hilts if you have any questions ([lee@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:lee@apostles-raleigh.org)).*

**The Pulse Email Newsletter**—If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter with updates and announcements about what is going on at Apostles, simply fill out the yellow card under the seat in front of you with your email and drop it in the offering basket.

**PEARUSA eNewsletter** You can sign up for email updates about PEARUSA, the church movement of which Apostles is a vital part. Simply go to [www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up](http://www.pearusa.org/newsletter-sign-up) and enter your email address.

**ApostlesLink.org**—Are you a member or involved in the life of Apostles? Join our new online communication tool: Apostles Link. *To get a login, email Julie at [julie@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:julie@apostles-raleigh.org).*

**The Ebenezer: Apostles' Blog**—Would you like to hear stories about how the Lord is working in and through the people and ministries of Apostles? Check out our blog! [www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/](http://www.apostles-raleigh.org/blog/)

### Vision Sunday—September 7 at 10am

Please join us on September 7 at 10am in the Sanctuary for Vision Sunday. We will look at the what the Lord has been doing at Church of the Apostles over the past year and also look ahead to the coming year. There will be a special focus on our church plant in downtown Raleigh.

Please make every effort to attend as we will vote on the newest nominees of the Leadership Council and will need a quorum in order for the vote to count. Childcare will be provided for nursery-aged children (birth-4 years old) during the meeting. Older children (4K-5th grade) can attend the meeting. Coloring pages and crayons will be provided for children attending the meeting with their parents.

### This Week @ Apostles

*The following are some events taking place at Apostles. If you would like more info, please visit our website.*

#### Sunday, August 31

Worship Service—8:30am & 11:00

#### Tuesday, September 2

Prayer—1-3pm: Sanctuary

### CCDA Conference

The CCDA National Conference is being held at the Raleigh Convention Center from September 24-27. CCDA is a network of Christians who live, work, and minister in some of America's neediest neighborhoods so that people can be restored to God and each other.

**Deadline for sign-ups at a lower rate is September 9. After that, you will have to register at the event for a higher price.**

*To learn more about getting involved with the CCDA Conference, visit our website: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/outreach-and-missions/>*

### Wednesday Morning Childcare

An opportunity to share the Gospel with sweet little ones or rock adorable babies!! Our Wednesday morning Bible Study, Growing In Grace, is needing 3-4 more childcare helpers. Wednesdays from 9:15-11:35, beginning September 10th. Get paid \$30/day or serve as a volunteer. Stories and simple activities/crafts are already planned. Easy schedule to follow. Even if you can't commit to every Wednesday, but would like to occasionally help, please contact Suzanne Garrison at [suzgarrison@me.com](mailto:suzgarrison@me.com) or 919-607-0267. We would LOVE to have you!

### Apostles Children's Ministry

**Nursery**—Our memory verse is Deuteronomy 6:5. This week we are learning about how God helped David defeat Goliath (I Samuel 17).

**Kids Time**—This week we are learning about how God helped David defeat Goliath (I Samuel 17).

**Big Time**—3rd-5th grade students are invited to join the Big Time Challenge, a chance to learn more about God and work as a team toward a party! Check out the instructions in the lobby today! BigTime will resume September 7th.

**Mission Focus**—We are collecting healthy after school snacks (non-perishable), postage stamps, and tall kitchen trash bags for House of Hope, a ministry that helps share the love of Jesus with teenage girls.

**Volunteers**- We are filling our 2014-2015 volunteer calendar, and would love to have you join us! We need 200+ volunteers per month in the Children's Ministry, so we're always looking for new members to our team! Email [robin@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:robin@apostles-raleigh.org) to find out how you can serve!

**Children's Ministry Newsletter**—Don't receive the newsletter? Email [robin@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:robin@apostles-raleigh.org) to be added to the list.

## *Upcoming Fall Kick-Off at Apostles | Getting Involved at Apostles*

**Vision Sunday**—Sunday, September 7 at 10am (see opposite page for details)

**Student Ministry Kick-Off Cookout**—September 7 at 4-7pm—Pig Pickin' at the Parker's House (2213 Black Walnut Court—27606)

**Discovering Apostles Membership Class**—September 13 | 9am-12pm—RSVP to [marsha@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:marsha@apostles-raleigh.org)

**Sundae Sunday**—Sundae Sunday will now be the kickoff and first Sunday of Sunday School. Parents and kids will pick up their ice cream and head to class to create their sundae and hear about the coming year. Adult Sunday School participants can pick up doughnuts and coffee and meet their "classmates" and classes will start at 10:20.

**Adult Sunday School**—Begins September 14 at 10am— You can read more about the classes being offered and also register for a class online: <http://apostles-raleigh.org/adult-sunday-school/>

*Parenting Teens* – Led by Dale & Anne Armstrong & Team

*Apostles In Rwanda: Learning from Our Partnership* – Led by Sue Koehler & Team

*Ecclesiastes: What Matters & What's Meaningless* – Led by Eric Bolash & Eric Oltman

*That The World May Know* – Led by John Farwell

*Families with Special Needs* – Led by Jeanne & Jackson Moore

**Children's Sunday School**—Begins September 14 at 10am—For ages birth through 5th grade

**The Vine—Apostles 20s/30s Community**—Contact [curt@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:curt@apostles-raleigh.org)

**Want to join a Community Group?**—Contact [lee@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:lee@apostles-raleigh.org)

**Silver Saints**—For anyone over 50 | Dinner at Sasool (formerly Neomonde) | September 28 @ 5:45pm | RSVP to Betty Edwards at [ejeraleigh@aol.com](mailto:ejeraleigh@aol.com) or 919-787-4565

**Women's Bible Studies | <http://apostles-raleigh.org/womens-community-groups/>**

(All women's Bible Studies meet at Church of the Apostles)

**Muffins 'n More**—Studying 1 Corinthians | Begins September 8 | 2nd & 4th Mondays 10:00-11:30am in Room 208 at the church. Contacts: Sue Barclay ([suebarclay@juno.com](mailto:suebarclay@juno.com), 783-5043) and Cheryl Andrassy ([candrassy@nc.rr.com](mailto:candrassy@nc.rr.com), 781-4370). No childcare is provided.

**Women in the Word**—"Gideon: Your Weakness, God's Strength", taught by Priscilla Shirer | Begins September 8 | Mondays 7pm-9pm. Contact Elizabeth Nichols ([enicholssp@gmail.com](mailto:enicholssp@gmail.com) or 919-266-1930) or Prissy Stufflebeam ([prissy@nc.rr.com](mailto:prissy@nc.rr.com) or 919-876-0429).

**Tuesdays at Noon**—Studying 1 & 2 Thessalonians with Beth Moore | Begins October 7 | Tuesdays 12:00-2:00 | The cost is \$16 for a workbook. Contact Liz Rickner ([eb2926@nc.rr.com](mailto:eb2926@nc.rr.com) or 252-671-6205).

**Growing in Grace Bible Study**—Studying the Gospel of Matthew | Begins September 10 | Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 | Childcare for a small fee. Contact Suzanne Garrison at [suzgarrison@me.com](mailto:suzgarrison@me.com).

**Men's Bible Studies | <http://apostles-raleigh.org/mens-community-groups/>**

**Men's Fraternity**—Thursdays | 6:30-7:59am | Begins Sept 4 | Location: Apostles | Topic: "The Spiritual Journey of a Man" | Contact Barney Ford (608-239-8182 | [cbf1945@gmail.com](mailto:cbf1945@gmail.com)) & Bruce Berger (919-783-5900 | [bruceberger@mac.com](mailto:bruceberger@mac.com))

**Blackwater Group**—Thursdays | 7am-8am Location: Ragsdale-Liggett Conference Room: 2840 Plaza Place, Suite 401, 27612 | Contact Eric Bolash | 919-368-5234 | [eric@apostles-raleigh.org](mailto:eric@apostles-raleigh.org)

**Band of Brothers Group**—Wednesdays | 7am | Location: Panera Bread at Crabtree Mall | Contact Curt Blazier | [curtblazier@gmail.com](mailto:curtblazier@gmail.com) | 919-280-5753

**Branch & Vine Relationship**—2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 7pm | Andrassy's House | Love One Another Bible Study | Contact: Frank Andrassy ([fandrassy@nc.rr.com](mailto:fandrassy@nc.rr.com), 781-4370 (home), or 649-5480 (cell)).

**Sleepy Heads**—Wednesdays 7:15-8:15am | Begins September 10 | Church of the Apostles, Room 208 | Contact T. Ed Bailey 919-832-7305 or [bailey@redeagle-co.com](mailto:bailey@redeagle-co.com)

**Search and Rescue** - Fridays 6am-7am | Begins September 5 | Church of the Apostles Room 201 | Contact Jim Hinkey [yojimmyh@gmail.com](mailto:yojimmyh@gmail.com)

## *Apostles Student Ministry*

### **Upcoming Events:**

**The Deal**—We start back at 11am on September 7

**Kick Off Cook Out Pig Pickin'**—September 7, 4-7pm at the Parkers' house! (2213 Black Walnut Court—27606) Join us for the kick off to our 2014-2015 school year, where leaders are introduced and the fall calendar will be announced. This will also be a time to meet our new Director of Student Ministries, Chris Hendricks.

## ***Welcome to Church of the Apostles***

We pray that you know God's presence as you worship with us today. The words to the songs and the order of service are printed in this bulletin.

*Holy Communion* is open to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent's discretion. It is our custom to use wine during communion. If you choose not to partake of the wine, you can receive grape juice from the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines.

Please fill out a yellow Connection Card found under the seat in front of you and place it in the offering basket when it comes around. We invite you to use the card to inform us of any prayer requests or questions about Church of the Apostles.

Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. While our members and regular attendees will be participating, we do not want you to feel that it is required of you. Thank you for joining us today.

### **Apostles Church Staff**

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